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23rd October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of our Autumn 1 term, it is good to reflect on the progress our pupils have made over the past eight weeks. It has been a term filled with learning, creativity and many joyful moments, and we are incredibly proud of each pupil's achievements. Thank you to our families and wider school community for your continued support and partnership. We would also like to thank everyone who took the time to complete our family surveys. Your feedback is invaluable in helping us understand what is working well and where we can continue to improve. We will share the feedback and outline any actions we plan to take in response during Autumn 2, ensuring that the voices of our families continue to shape our school community.

Looking Ahead

- **Monday, 2rd November -** School resumes and flu Vaccinations
- **Monday, 16th November –** Parent teacher meetings
- **Tuesday, 17th November –** Parent/carer training (2 pm – 2:45 pm)
- **Friday, 20th November –** Children in Need at Spa Camberwell
- **Monday, 23rd November –** Parent/carer training (2 pm – 2:45 pm)
- **Friday, 27th November –** KS2 family Assembly (10 am)

Online Safety

Helping Children Stay Safe While Gaming

Online gaming is an important part of many children's lives. It offers opportunities for fun, creativity and friendships, but many games also allow children to communicate and play with people they do not know offline.

Ofcom has produced practical advice for parents through its Parents Power Up campaign. The guidance uses three simple steps:

- Check – Review your child's account details, age settings and who they can communicate with.
- Chat – Talk regularly about the games they enjoy, who they play with and anything that makes them uncomfortable.
- Change – Review parental controls, privacy settings and communication options as your child grows.

This is a particularly useful resource for families approaching half-term, when children may have more time to spend gaming.

Link: Ofcom – Parents Power Up: Helping Your Child Stay Safe While Gaming Online

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Online Safety for Under-5s

Children are experiencing digital technology from increasingly younger ages, whether that's watching videos, playing simple games or using tablets and other connected devices.
To help with this, Internet Matters has a dedicated online safety resource for parents and carers of children aged 0–5.
The guidance covers topics including:

- choosing age-appropriate apps, games and content;
- setting up parental controls;
- managing screen time and developing healthy habits;
- sharing photographs and information about young children;
- helping children begin to understand online safety.

The advice is particularly useful because it focuses on building positive digital habits from the beginning, rather than waiting until children are older before discussing online safety.
Link:
Internet Matters – Online Safety Advice for Children Aged 0–5

Flu Vaccinations

The school nursing team will be visiting on Monday, 2nd November to offer flu vaccinations for pupils whose families have completed the online consent form. The vaccine is a quick nasal spray (not an injection).
You can find the online form here:
https://cypcis.kingstonandrichmond.nhs.uk/flu/2025/southwark

As always, please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

Wishing you all a restful weekend and week.



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Support and activities for families



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Click on the links below the poster to access the events listed in this poster.



Clubs and Social Networks
Follow the link to find information about different opportunities to join networks, take part in activities, meet other people and have fun.

Southwark SEND October Half Term Sport Activities
FREE fun, inclusive sports sessions designed for disabled children and young people aged 5-25, and their families. These sessions are free to attend but you must be registered in advance

ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN: KESA Sports Sessions from 1 to 8 years old
A new KESA space is now open at the Dechatlon (London Surrey Quays), created just for little ones to explore movement and play in a safe indoor environment.
- **Free sessions** for children aged 1–2
- **One free trial** for children aged 2–5

Black British Ballet Dance Workshop - Canada Water Library
The Black British Ballet mixes traditional ballet techniques with contemporary, African, and Caribbean dance movements. No previous dance training required, just come and join in with the fun. Suitable for children 3 to 8 years, Parents and Carers.

Playing up!
These free creative play sessions are for children aged 0 to 3 and their parents or carers. Workshops are running on Fridays until May. They can be delivered through Spanish as well as English.

Marcus Rashford's The Breakfast Club Adventure - Grove Vale Library

A session inspired by Marcus Rashford's The Breakfast Club Adventures. Children will enjoy a fun story time featuring the young detectives of the Breakfast Club, followed by creative craft activities based on the book's themes of friendship, teamwork, and adventure.

OneHub Youth Activitie Directory for Southwark
Southwark council's website offers a space for local organisers to advertise their youth and play activities for young people. For ages 8-18.

Family events at Southbank Centre
The Southbank Centre is hosting a range of family events this autumn. Pop in to help the Story-collector find everything they need to tell their tales (Search for a Story), or, if you are between 11-15 years old, you could join Southbank Centre's new Weekly Arts Club. Southbank Centre is also looking for music artists under 25 who would like to perform at their open mic event called Wavelengths in October - Sign ups are open now!

Roots & Routes
This half-term programme is designed for young people aged 8 to 16, welcoming children and teens from across South London. Run by ParentSkills2Go, this halfterm holiday club celebrates heritage and skills-building through drumming, storytelling, sport, hair craft and care, music and dance, plus plenty more exciting activities.

Green Shoots! Free Creative Family Workshops
Sunday mornings, 10am – 1pm, for free, artist-led creative workshops for families with children up to 12 years old. Join Artist Associates Abigail Hunt and Alexa Low to discover our local flora and fauna, make eco-friendly artworks and become ecology buffs!

Bandits Mixed Netball Club - Open Sessions
Mixed netball club indoor training sessions in Nunhead, taking place bi-weekly on Sundays, 1pm - 3pm. Males and females aged from 14 upward are welcome!

Spooky Stories & Live Draw-Along Event at Canada Water Library
Join author Farrah Riaz and illustrator Rosie Jon for this free family-friendly session celebrating the spine-chilling short story collection Beware This Book! Suitable for ages 8-12 years old.

Grotesques and Gargoyles: Family Clay Workshop at Southwark Cathedral!
In this fun family workshop, you will learn about grotesques and gargoyles and then use air-dry clay to create your very own fantastical creature to take home.

For more family events, visit https://www.southwark.gov.uk/southwark-presents



After school, weekend and holiday activities for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities, funded by Southwark Council. Many of the activities are for children and young people aged 5-19 with an EHCP who are unable to access universal provision. There are also a range of social clubs and special interest groups for young people aged 16+. You can find details of other services and activities at www.localoffer.southwark.gov.uk

Click HERE for a full list of upcoming activities and events.

Access Sport October Holiday Programme

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Access Sport is excited to be hosting a free October Holiday Programme for children and young people with SEND living in Southwark and the surrounding areas.
This is a fantastic opportunity for young people to try a range of local activities in a welcoming and inclusive environment. All sessions are adapted to meet individual needs and designed to be fun, accessible, and engaging.

Southwark Inclusive October Holiday Programme

When: Tuesday 27 October 2pm - 4pm and Thursday 29 October, 10am - 12pm
Where: Canada Water Leisure Centre, SE16 2AJ
Who: Children and young people with SEND aged 5–18
Cost: Free
Find out more and sign up:
Southwark Inclusive Sport & Physical Activity Network - SEND October Half Term Sports and Activities 2026 - Google Forms

Please note: Parents and carers must remain at sessions at all times, as we are unable to provide 1:1 support. Siblings are also welcome to attend; however, please complete a separate registration form for each child.

Black History Month Events in Southwark

There are many free and low-cost Black History Month events taking place across the borough, many of which have been funded by Southwark's Black History Month Grant.
Click here to find out more: Southwark Presents

Transport for London: Handy Links

- 11-15 TfL Zip Oyster cards – information and applications https://tfl.gov.uk/fares/free-and-discounted-travel/11-15-zip-oyster-photocard
- TfL Cycle skills - both online and with links to free in-person training for individuals and families via local boroughs https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/cycling/cycle-skills
- TfL Journey Planner – and the main TfL website with live travel updates and maps, plus route maps for all the different modes and accessible travel information https://tfl.gov.uk/plan-a-journey/

Health and Attendance

Click on the link for a health and attendance-related messages from the Department of Education

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_i5KxggkPTw