

17th October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Harriet, our Family Support Worker, is currently on maternity leave (we'll be sure to share the happy news once her baby arrives). We are delighted to be welcoming Lola, who will be joining us soon. We value the important role our Family Support Worker plays in supporting families, and we appreciate your patience during this transition. In the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact us if there's anything we can help with.

Highlights from this week

Victoria & Albert Museum Workshop

This week, the V&A Museum visited Spa Camberwell. Students explored aspects of Japanese art and culture, enjoying a range of sensory experiences linked to the topic. The students are very excited to continue their learning with a visit to the museum next week.



Science Workshop

On Friday, students' imaginations were ignited during a "Science with Wow!" workshop, which featured hands-on experiments and demonstrations. There were plenty of wow moments as everyone was reminded — it's not magic, it's science!



Recycle Week

A big thank you to all our staff and students for their fantastic efforts during Recycle Week. While the environmental benefits of recycling are clear, this initiative also helps our students build important life skills — recognising themselves as active members of their community and developing an understanding of shared environmental responsibility.



On-Site Enrichment at Spa Camberwell

Yoga

Our weekly yoga sessions, delivered by trained school staff, provide pupils with a calm and supportive space to meet their sensory needs, aid regulation, and enhance overall wellbeing.



Dance

Delivered by the Royal Academy of Dance and Movement Works, our weekly dance sessions support motor skills, sensory integration, and emotional expression — while also promoting communication, confidence, and plenty of fun.



Karate

Led by Sensei Kevin, our karate lessons are tailored to our students' individual needs. These engaging sessions help improve physical coordination, focus, and confidence — and are always a highlight of the week.



Support for families

Southwark Disability Hub is offering *Junior Adventures Group* activities this half term, with some places still available. Find out more [HERE](#).

Resources for Autism is hosting a Coffee Morning for parents/carers of autistic young people living in Southwark or Lewisham. The session will focus on nutrition and exercise for self-regulation.

When: Monday, 3rd of November, 10.30 am to 12.30 pm

Where: Lewisham Music, Second floor, The Fellowship Inn, SE6 3BT

Book: Email nazia@resourcesforautism.org.uk

Refreshments will be provided

The **V&A South Kensington** are offering SEND Friendly family activities:

- Sensory Friendly workshops led by Groundswell Arts, this Saturday 18 October, free - you can [book here](#)
- Sensory Friendly Space this October half term – Monday 27 – Friday 31 October, free and drop in – [more info here](#)

Looking Ahead

- **Thursday, 23rd October**
 - 9:45 am – Primary families: Autism and Starting Primary School
 - 2:15 pm – Secondary families: Autism and Starting Secondary School
- **Friday, 24th October** - Last day of term.
- **Monday, 3rd November** - School resumes and flu Vaccinations

Flu Vaccinations

The school nursing team will be visiting on Monday, 3rd 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>

Celebrating Success – Autism Accreditation Advanced Status

This week we are proud to share highlights recognising our excellent work in supporting our students' emotional wellbeing:

- *Consideration for the wellbeing of the students is seen throughout the school and there was a calm feel with students presenting as feeling safe and at ease.*
- *Relationships between staff and students and peer to peer are friendly, trusting and curious.*
- *Engagement throughout sessions was high with students eager to participate and complete work.*



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A special school for pupils with autism



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

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steph Lea".

Steph Lea
Executive Headteacher