

26th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are already halfway through the first half-term of the school year, and it has been wonderful to see our pupils settling so well into their routines. I trust that our new families are already feeling part of the Spa Camberwell community. For returning families, we're glad to see you back into the swing of things. We love having parents and carers involved, so please do keep an eye out for opportunities to join in with school activities.

Highlights from this week

- **National Fitness Day**

Our pupils embraced *National Fitness Day* with great enthusiasm! A big thank you to our staff for supporting them to enjoy the benefits of being active and healthy.



- **Steel Pan Band Performance and Workshops**

Key Stage 3 pupils enjoyed a vibrant steel pan band performance and even had the chance to try the instruments themselves in workshops. Well done to everyone who took part and gave it a go.



- **Coffee Morning**

It was fantastic to see so many parents and carers at our coffee morning. We hope you enjoyed the chance to relax, connect, and share with each other.



Looking ahead

- **Meet the Speech Therapists**

Next week, families are invited to join our ongoing series of sessions with the Speech and Language Therapy team as well as workshops on autism and starting school:

Tuesday 30th September

- 9:30 am – Reception & Key Stage 1: *Meet the Therapists*

Thursday 2nd October

- 9:10 am – *Autism and Starting Secondary School* (KS3 & KS4 families welcome)
- 2:10 pm – *Autism and Starting Primary School* (Belair, Sunray & Neptune classes)

School Photographer – Friday, 3rd October

Each pupil will have an individual photo taken. Photos will be sent home once available.

Home School Communication

Our primary class diaries have finally arrived – thanks for your patience with this. Class teams will update you in your child's diary each day and please do write back with any comments or queries. From time to time we send home letters and additional information in the diaries, so do please check them daily. In the diary today, you will find your child's class timetable.

Flu Vaccination

The school nursing team provide flu vaccinations at school. The vaccination is not an injection; it is a nasal spray. All pupils are supported by staff from the class team when the nurses are here. More information from the nursing team is attached at the end of this letter. Do give us a call if you have any questions. Please complete the online consent form at:

<https://cypcis.kingstonandrichmond.nhs.uk/flu/2025/southwark>

Community Updates

- **Southwark Disability Hub Short Break Activities for the October Half Term**

The Short Break activities for the October half-term will soon go live on the EEQU platform. From Monday, 29th September at 10 am, you will be able to make bookings for the holiday period using this link: [Book an Activity](#)

If you haven't registered for the platform yet, you will need to do so before booking any activities. You can [join for free on the EEQU website](#). If you need support with this, please contact the Disability Hub: email disabilityhub@keyring.org or give them a call on 020 3457 7580.

- **Young V&A Workshops**

Young V&A (Bethnal Green) are offering free SEND workshops on Saturdays until December, free of charge, funded by the Lego Foundation.

Use this link for more information: [SEND Play \(September -December 2025\) - Drop-in at Young V&A · V&A](#)

Celebrating Success – Autism Accreditation Advanced Status

This week's highlights describe our excellent approaches to Social Communication, interactions and relationships:

- *Total communication seen throughout all observations, use of visuals, modelling, Makaton, gestures, and limited spoken word.*
- *Clear progression of communication support through the school journey.*
- *Staff supported appropriate interaction with unfamiliar adults.*
- *The commitment to scaffolding and facilitating staff and student and student to student interaction is evident within the learning space and during unstructured time.*



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A special school for pupils with autism



As always, please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Steph Lea

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Dear parent or carer,

Your child's flu vaccination is now due.

The Lambeth Immunisation Team will visit your child's school on xxx

This vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and can cause serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family and friends by preventing the spread of flu. If you would like to know more about the flu vaccine, [please visit the NHS website](#). A leaflet can also be collected from your child's school.

Please discuss the vaccine with your child, and use the link provided to access and complete the electronic consent form:

<https://cypcis.kingstonandrichmond.nhs.uk/flu/2025/southwark>

Your child will be offered the live nasal flu spray or the injectable porcine-free flu vaccine. The nasal spray vaccine is a quick and simple spray up each nostril. Alternatively, you can choose for your child to have the injectable porcine-free vaccine. This is given as an injection into the upper muscle of the arm.

It is recommended that your child have the flu vaccine every year due to changes in flu strains circulating each year, even if they had the vaccine last year.

Please ensure you complete the consent form, even if you choose not to vaccinate your child this year. NHS England requires that we provide numbers of parents that do not consent to their child being vaccinated. If you do not complete your consent form, you may be contacted by phone, text, or letter, to offer your child future opportunities to receive a vaccination. If you return a 'no' consent, we will not make any further contact this year. For more information on this, [please see our privacy notice](#).

Children and young people with special educational needs or disabilities

We understand children and young people with special educational needs or disabilities may find vaccination sessions particularly stressful. Our immunisation nurses are experienced at supporting children and young people who have additional needs and may be anxious about vaccinations. We welcome discussions with parents or carers prior to the session date to make the experience less stressful.



We offer all children and young people the opportunity to receive their vaccinations in an appropriate and comfortable environment. Our teams hold clinics over the school holiday periods, some weekends, and after school sessions. Please contact your local immunisation team to book a clinic appointment, or for more information.

We have included some frequently asked questions about the flu vaccine below. If you have any queries about the flu vaccine, please contact your Immunisation team:

- 020 8614 5496
- HRCH.Lambethimms@nhs.net

Yours sincerely,

Lambeth Immunisation Team

The Flu vaccine Frequently Asked Questions

Are there any side effects?

Possible side effects include:

- a blocked or runny nose
- feeling tired
- a headache
- a slightly raised temperature

More serious side effects, such as a severe allergic reaction are very rare. You cannot catch flu from either of the flu vaccines.

Does the vaccine contain gelatine?

The most common flu vaccine for children is the nasal flu spray. This contains a small amount of porcine gelatine.

If you do not consume porcine gelatine, you can choose to have the injectable flu vaccine. It does not contain any gelatine. Your parent or carer will have to select this option on the consent form.

What if I miss my vaccine at school?

Our Immunisation teams run catch-up clinics after school, at the weekends, and during the school holidays. Head to our website to see all the details of our clinics:

www.kingstonandrichmond.nhs.uk/services/service-search-z/immunisations-childrens

I had a flu vaccine last year - do I need another one?

Yes, every year, scientists predict the most likely flu strain based on flu seasons in other countries. Last years vaccine will not protect you against this years flu strain. Getting your annual flu vaccine is the best way to stay protected.

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