



# Spa Bermondsey Newsletter

Welcome to our monthly newsletter, keeping you up to date on all the events and activities at Spa Bermondsey.



We celebrated the achievements and successes of our KS5 pupils, and our recent leavers, at our Presentation Evening on December 3rd. It was a lovely evening and great to catch up with our pupils who have left to find out how they are getting on at College. We welcomed back Simon who handed out the certificates and were able to celebrate Tanika, our previous Family Support Worker, who was recognised with a Jack Petchey Leader Award for all her hard work supporting our families.

We had an evening of family festive fun on December 11th. We had around 20 families attend to enjoy some festive music, make a range of craft activities and have time to talk with each other. Families commented how much they enjoyed the time to talk to each other and met those who have a good understanding of their own lives and experiences.



Staff stayed behind to decorate the school on Monday 2nd December. Lights were put up in all the classrooms, library and dining room and we have a small forest of trees in the library. All we need now is snow!

We've had trips across the school this December. Some of KS3 pupils went to the Apple Store in Covent Garden to do a coding workshop. Pupils learnt how to use Garage Band to make their own tracks. They then presented their tracks to the school in their assembly on Friday. We have some very talented students!



Pupils in 5F went to London Zoo, following the win of the Jack Petchey Award by Erol. Erol knows that lots of pupils in his class love animals so wanted the class to visit London Zoo. The class had a great time and really enjoyed exploring the zoo. A firm favourite were the giraffes. We are excited that we have been able to arrange for some pupils in KS5 to attend London Zoo for a block of work experience sessions. This is due to start in the new year—look out for an update in the Spring!

*Georgina*

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## Local Offer

The Southwark Local Offer continues to be updated frequently with lots of activities available under the banner of Thrive to 25

**Endorphins** are running 2 Short breaks sessions on the 14<sup>th</sup> December at Spa School, Camberwell. Secure a space now as spots fill up fast!

For more information and to book a space please register <https://eequ.org/experience/6895>

### **Winter Food and Fun :**

Parents are invited to visit [www.eequ.org/southwarkfoodandfun](http://www.eequ.org/southwarkfoodandfun) to book a place if their child is in receipt of benefits related free school meals

More information can be found at [www.southwark.gov.uk/foodandfun](http://www.southwark.gov.uk/foodandfun)

A map of all funded holiday clubs is available [here](#)

**Navigating difficult emotions in family relationships workshop :** Join the therapeutic space for parent/carers of autistic young people aged 16 to 25. This workshop will be held on Friday 24th January. To book a space, contact nazia@resourcesforautism.org.uk or call 07791149874.

**Sportsworks** continue to offer an after school program at Spa Bermondsey each Wednesday. Free spaces can be booked here: <https://eequ.org/experience/6952>

**Sportsworks** also offer Saturday clubs for 12-18 year olds at St George's school, SE5 7TF and can be booked here <https://eequ.org/experience/6949/dates>

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### **Allergies: Nut-Free school and fish allergies**

We would like to remind all families that we are a nut-free school. We have pupils with severe nut allergies and we ask that both staff and pupils do not bring anything onto site that contains nuts. Please do check the ingredients of pupils' packed lunches before they bring them in.

We have staff and students who have an airborne fish allergy. We ask that fish is avoided in packed lunches wherever possible. If fish cannot be avoided, please speak with a member of the SMT so that a plan can be made.

### **Upcoming Dates for your Diary**

- Last day of Autumn term: Friday 20th December 2024—finish at normal time
- School reopens: Monday 6th January 2025—INSET DAY
- Pupils return: Tuesday 7th January 2024
- Pantomime: 22nd January—*please apply for tickets at the office*
- Earwig Information sessions: Monday 13th January at 9:30am and Tuesday 14th January at 2:30pm
- Spring half term: Monday 17th—Friday 21st February 2025

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