

Spa Bermondsey Newsletter

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

Happy New Year to you all. I hope your 2025 has got off to a fantastic start! We have started the new year with our annual family pantomime. We returned to the Peacock Theatre in Holborn to watch *The Little Mermaid* as performed by PwC staff. We had 98 tickets, and two coaches, and everyone had a fantastic night. Although we didn't get back until 10pm, pupils and families all shared that they had had a great night. A big thank you to PwC for providing the tickets and transport for us.



We had a day of West African Drumming on our first Friday back. We started with an assembly in which pupils got to see our drumming expert in action. We then had small workshops for groups of pupils to learn a range of techniques. We have added Drumming to our Special Interest offer for Friday afternoons. We have such talented pupils!

A group of our KS5 pupils have begun a series of work experience sessions at London Zoo. Pupils from our Animal Care Options group and pupils in 5B have been going to London Zoo one day a week and learning about how the different animals are cared for and the job of a zoo keeper. The pupils have really enjoyed it—they really enjoyed learning about the penguins. This program will continue into the next half term.



This half term we have had volunteers from Surrey Cricket Club, who are based at the Oval, coming to school once a week to teach our pupils table cricket. We hope to take a group of pupils to a tournament at the end of this half term. We will let you know how our team gets on. Pupils have really enjoyed learning how to play table cricket—it is a fully accessible version of the full game.

Georgina

Local Offer

The Southwark Local Offer continues to be updated frequently with lots of activities available under the banner of Thrive to 25. You can the full Local Offer here: <https://localoffer.southwark.gov.uk/care/thrive-to-25> and here <https://localoffer.southwark.gov.uk/>

Family Connect for families with Neurodiverse Children: A Sunday gathering for families and their children to play and bond. Mint Street Park, Se1 4QP. Please book here: <https://eequ.org/experience/8403>

Resources for Autism Self-Care Workshops for 16-25: Two sessions are being held for young people, both at the Summerville Youth Centre SE14 5JN. For more details and to book 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>

Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) Training: this is a two day course for all parents who provide direct support to children and/ or adults with a learning disability and/ or Autism. There are various dates available for you to attend. For parent/carers bookings, email - thriveto25@southwark.gov.uk

This newsletter is available on our website under the news and dates tab to allow you to access links.

Earwig

We held three parent sessions on Earwig, the platform we are now using to share progress information. Feedback was very positive and parents have shared how much they enjoying seeing photos of their child's learning. If you have not yet received a welcome email from Earwig Academic, please get in touch. We will be holding further sessions after half term, but are happy to provide tech support to anyone who needs it.

You should all now have access to the Autumn 2 learning records for your child. Spring 1 records will go live the first Friday after half term.

Upcoming Dates for your Diary

- *A parent organised coffee morning has been arranged for the 4th February at 9:30am-12noon in the School House Café—a friendly chat over a warm drink in a supportive atmosphere*
- Spring half term: Monday 17th—Friday 21st February 2025
- School reopens: Monday 24th February 2025 to Friday 4th April 2025
- Easter break—Monday 7th April 2025 to Monday 21st April 2025
- School reopens: Tuesday 22nd April 2025—INSET DAY
- Pupils return: Wednesday 23rd April 2025 to Friday 23 May 2025

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