

Spa Bermondsey Newsletter



autumn

It is certainly beginning to feel like Autumn. We know that this time of year can be difficult, with the darker nights drawing in, the clocks going back and the weather turning colder. To support our pupils with these changes, we ensure we keep to our very clear routines all through term, use calendars to count down to important events (such as school holidays) and ensure we bring as much joy as possible into our curriculum!

We took a group of Key Stage 3 and 4 pupils to Parliament at the beginning of October. Pupils had a tour of the House of Commons and House of Lords and took part in a workshop learning about the functions and workings of Parliament. Pupils met Bermondsey's MP and were able to ask questions and make suggestions (including asking why we don't have longer school holidays!)



parliament



school council

Following on from the theme of democracy, our School Council met on October 17th. The week before, each class had voted for a representative and as a class they had discussed the agenda and agreed what they wanted their Rep to discuss at the meeting.

Pupils discussed the Spring menu and asked that pizza is included in that menu. It was agreed that a pupil working party would be created to explore new menu items following the success of jerk cauliflower added to the menu this term. Pupils made suggestions about improvements to the playground including requesting the installation of fairy lights to the newly rebuilt shaded area and asking for new scooters to be bought. Pupil happiness was discussed with the overwhelming majority of the school council sharing that students in their class were happy. Some even better ideas shared included having more trips and having another quiet lunch area. We are very proud of our School Council and are in the process of implementing these suggestions.



We took a group of pupils in KS5 to Lambeth Town Hall to participate in a transition event held by Lambeth and Southwark organisations to showcase what is on offer to young people after they leave school and College. Representatives were there from Health, Social Care and employers. We hope this was the first of many events that support our young people learn about the

opportunities provided by local authorities.



preparation for



adulthood

I hope you all have a restful half term. We look forward to seeing everyone on Monday 3rd November.

Georgina

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Parent Coffee mornings

Tuesday 4th November at 10am - *School Food Matters*

We will be joined by guest speaker and nutritionist Adaeze Ezeji, who will be delivering talk with you all on budget-friendly packed lunches, snack options as well as sharing some tips and tricks on how to encourage your child to try new foods. This session will also allow for a Q&A where you will be able to ask her any questions you have regarding food and nutrition.

Wednesday 10th December at 10am

Further details pertaining to our December parent coffee morning will be shared with you all next term. If there are any topics you wish to discuss please give the school a call on 02072373714 or email Shervinia; ssullivan@spa-education.org to give your suggestions.

Earwig

The parental portal for Earwig is the main way we communicate progress and achievement. If your child was here last year and you have not yet logged into Earwig please contact Shervinia for support. For new families, your Earwig login will be sent to you in Week 2 of Autumn 2. Our first record release is scheduled for Week 1 Autumn 2.

Upcoming Dates for your Diary

- INSET Day: Friday 24th October
- Autumn Half Term: Monday 27th October—Friday 31st October
- Parents Evening: Monday 10th November 2025
- Children in Need: Friday 14th November 2025 (Pupils can wear yellow if they choose)
- Last day of Autumn term: Friday 19th December 2025
- Pupils return: Tuesday 6th January 2026

Local Offer

The Short Break activities for October half term are live on the EEQU platform:

Every Step - Dance Project: Dance classes for children with mild SEND aged 9 to 16 years old. Southwark are offering adapted, slower-paced classes to build movement skills, coordination and body awareness with the benefits of: developing dance skills, building teamwork skills and improving agility.



Date: Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October **Time:** 4:30pm to 6:30pm - **Scan the QR code for further information and to register**

Computing and Programming Academy: Step into the world of technology with CAPA's welcoming and inclusive Coding Club designed specifically for SEND young people aged 16 and over. Whether you're completely new to coding or have tried it before, this club offers a supportive and relaxed space to explore digital skills at your own pace. **Further information and sign up details can be found through the link below.**

Endorphins Holiday Club Spa Camberwell: Endorphins encourage young children to make friendships and flourish by offering activities such as painting, colouring, building and have allow for lots of fun together doing this. **Date:** Monday 27th October **Time:** 10am—3pm—**Further information and sign up details can be found through the link below.**

For more offers and information, head to: <https://eequ.org/southwarkshortbreaks>

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