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ttA Message from our Deputy Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

School Council had an opportunity to discuss, hear each other's views, put forward opposing views, collaborate and finally then voted on the preferred design. They were so mature, considerate and reflective during their discussions.



We are pleased to inform you that they have now selected the new logo for the school and it is:



This was the logo that had the majority of votes. It was chosen based on the following comments from the children:

- It has more than one tree (cluster of trees called 'Grove').
- The smaller tree represented that children start in Nursery and then grow into the big tree before secondary school,
- The design is modern

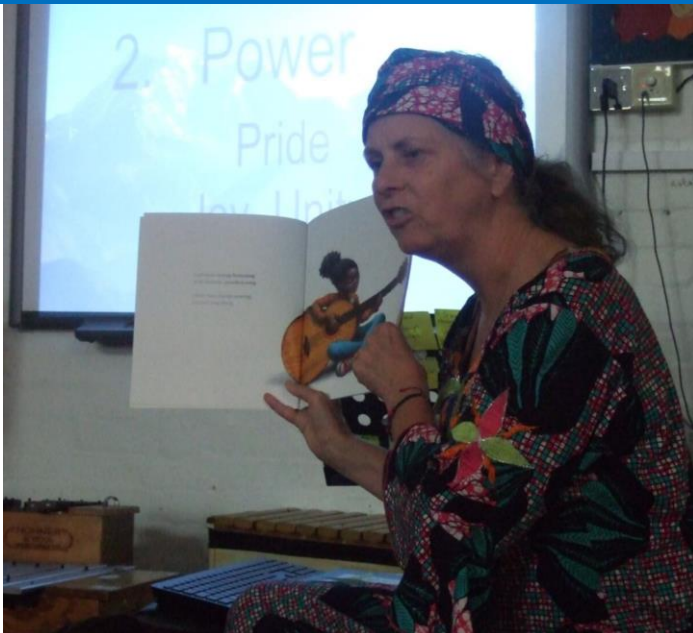
We would like to thank the school council for their input and for making one of their first important decisions as a school council.

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This week we began lots of fantastic activities for Black History Month! Take a look at just some of the wonderful events that **Mr Darren Lalchan** and Ms **Marie Kelly-Roberts** have organised!



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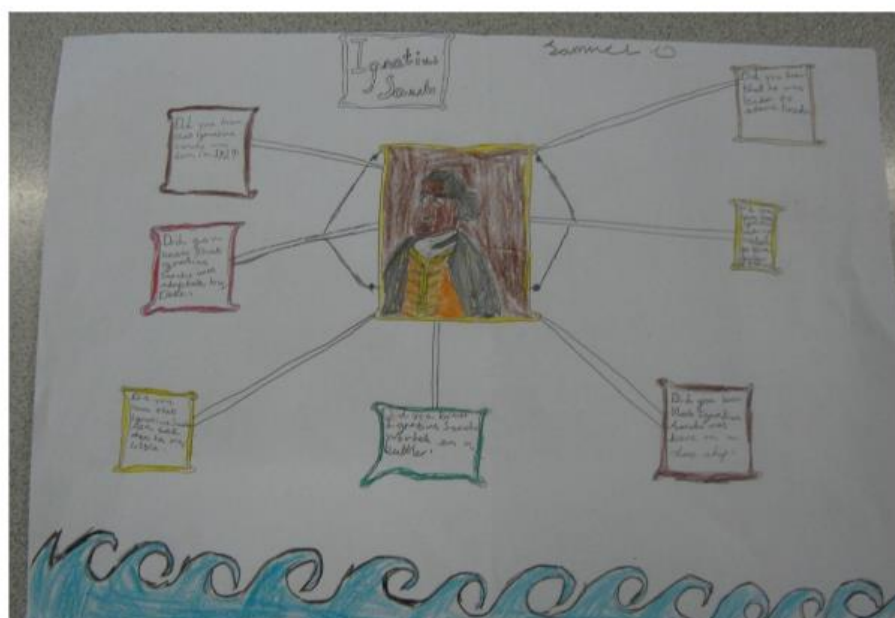
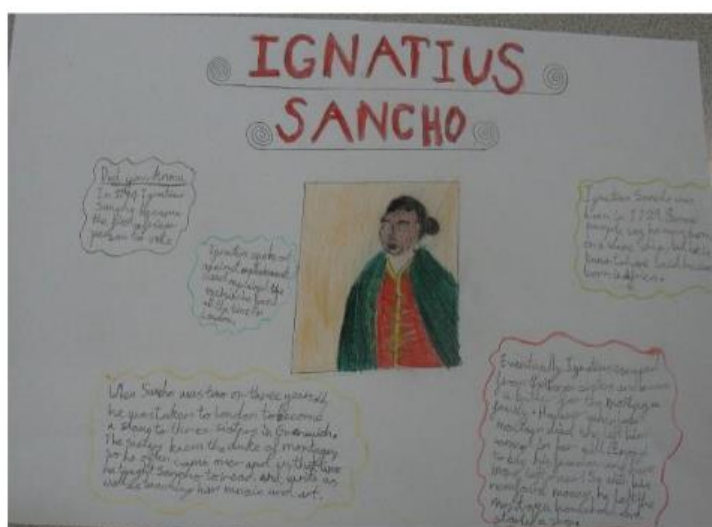


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Year 5 Black History Month 2025

The theme of this year's Black History Month is 'Standing Firm in Power and Pride.' Year 5 focused on 'Ignatius Sancho', who was one of the first black people to have voted in Britain and he was the first Black person to have an obituary published in a British newspaper. Sancho was born on an enslaver's ship carrying Africans to the Caribbean and he was brought to London as a young child. When Ignatius Sancho got the chance, he escaped to freedom, educated himself and worked for the wealthy Montagu family.

We researched and created fact files on Ignatius Sancho.



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Year 5 also took part in a Dance and Culture workshop, where we read a story from Ghana and create a dance sequence from it.



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Year 4,5 and 6 Inclusion Talk

Years 4, 5 and 6 received an inspirational presentation from Millwall FC, they spoke to us about inclusion in sport and provided us with strategies on how we can help to strive to achieve anything that we want to do.



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Breakfast and Afterschool Club



Come and join us for our Breakfast and Afterschool Clubs!

Club is led by Millwall Community Trust with Lucy Lucas as club lead.

Children participate in various sports, child led play, homework club, movie afternoon and dance.

Breakfast club will start at 7.45am- This will include breakfast of cereal or toast and will cost £5.50 per day

After School club- Light snack and sports activities and games and will cost:

1 Hour £6.30 (collection at 4.30pm)

Full session (2 1/2 hours) £13.65 (collection at 5.45pm)

Snack will only be offered to children staying over 1 hour.

We are able to offer a discount to families that wish to book full week after school club and this is charged at £66.00 per week.

Wraparound Care (ASC) will not be suitable for Nursey pupils (5 years old+) we may be able to offer wraparound care for Reception children, based on numbers.

Please see Carrie in the Office for more information!

Club Donations

We would really welcome donations of games and jigsaws for our clubs! Please drop any off to the Office!

Makaton Sign of the Week

Every Monday the staff and the children will be learning a Makaton sign. Makaton is a language with speech, signs and symbols used to support people who have difficulty communicating. We teach it to all of our children and staff so that we can become even more inclusive as a school. This week our Makaton sign is "Autumn". Please practice this at home too!

Autumn



Stars of the Week



We would like to recognize the children who have been great examples of our School values and have shown a true commitment to their learning. Well done!

Caterpillar	Patrisha for hearing initial sounds in words and writing these down from memory Raf - Can segment the sounds in simple words and blend them together - WOW!
Willow	Alaiyah for settling in well to Willow class and being super brave and confident. Island for working hard and being so dedicated in learning how to write his name independently. I am so proud Island :)
Elder	Jassar for persevering with his Maths work with great results! Keep it up! Jeffrey for working hard to improve his letter formation
Beech	Jedell for his excellent focus and contributions during our carpet time discussions Kiyah for a superb setting description in English
Cedar	Karsten for showing resilience during our cricket sessions. Coach John was very impressed! Hania for creating a wonderful story with so much enthusiasm.
Hazel	Ameila for settling in well into Grove Primary Hannah for writing a character description of Beowulf using similes.
Maple	Elizabeth for her tremendous efforts and enthusiasm this term when learning about world war 2. Jeremiah for always being respectful and showing a ready to learn attitude

Reception Learning



This week in EYFS, we have been learning all about Diwali, the Festival of Lights! The children enjoyed exploring this special celebration through lots of fun activities. We created beautiful rangoli patterns, decorated and made (from clay) our own diva lamps and tried some delicious food. The children were especially excited to design henna patterns for their hands, using their creativity and fine motor skills. It's been a joyful and colourful week of learning! We also continued learning about Black History Month, in particular Floella Benjamin and Marcus Rashford.

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Cedar Class Visit Courtauld Gallery

On Thursday, Cedar Class had a great time discovering the beautiful Impressionist paintings that adorn the walls of this lovely central London gallery. They used complementary colours and explored how tone is used. They also had a go at self-portraits.



Year 3 and Year 5 Dance Performance

On Wednesday, Year 3 Beech Class and Year 5 Hazel Class performed the dances that they had been practicing in their Dance sessions with Chantal from Pioneer Dance. The children performed with such passion- it was fantastic to watch!



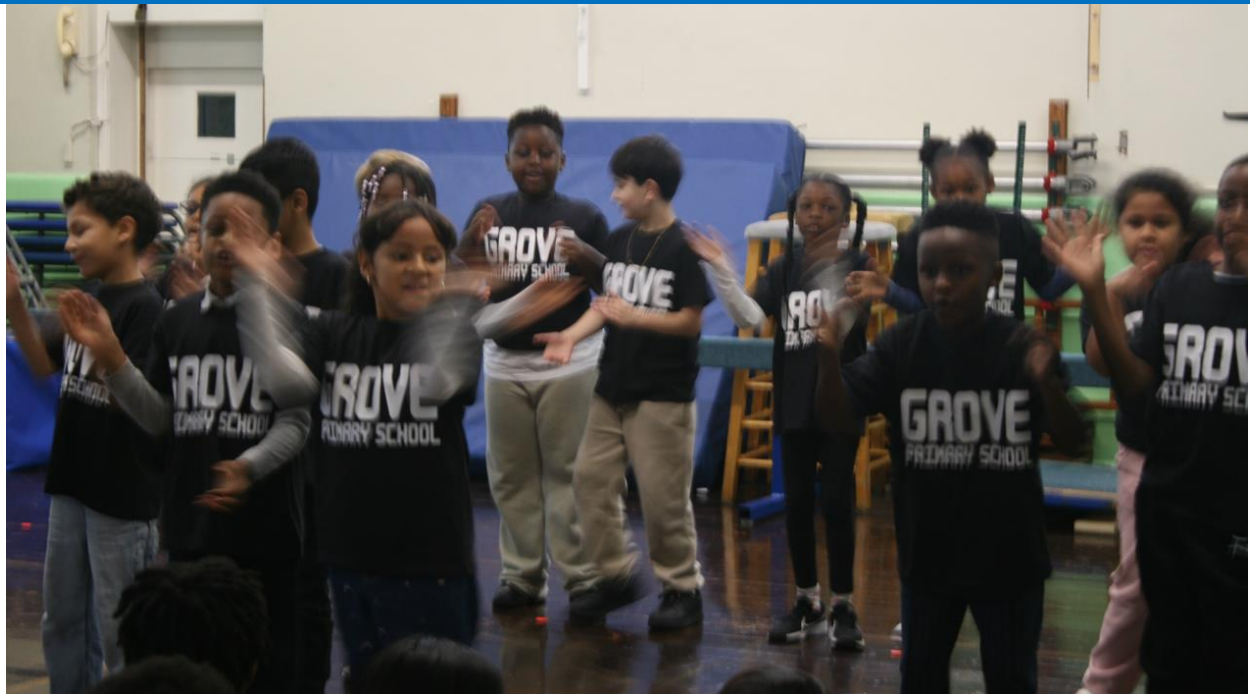
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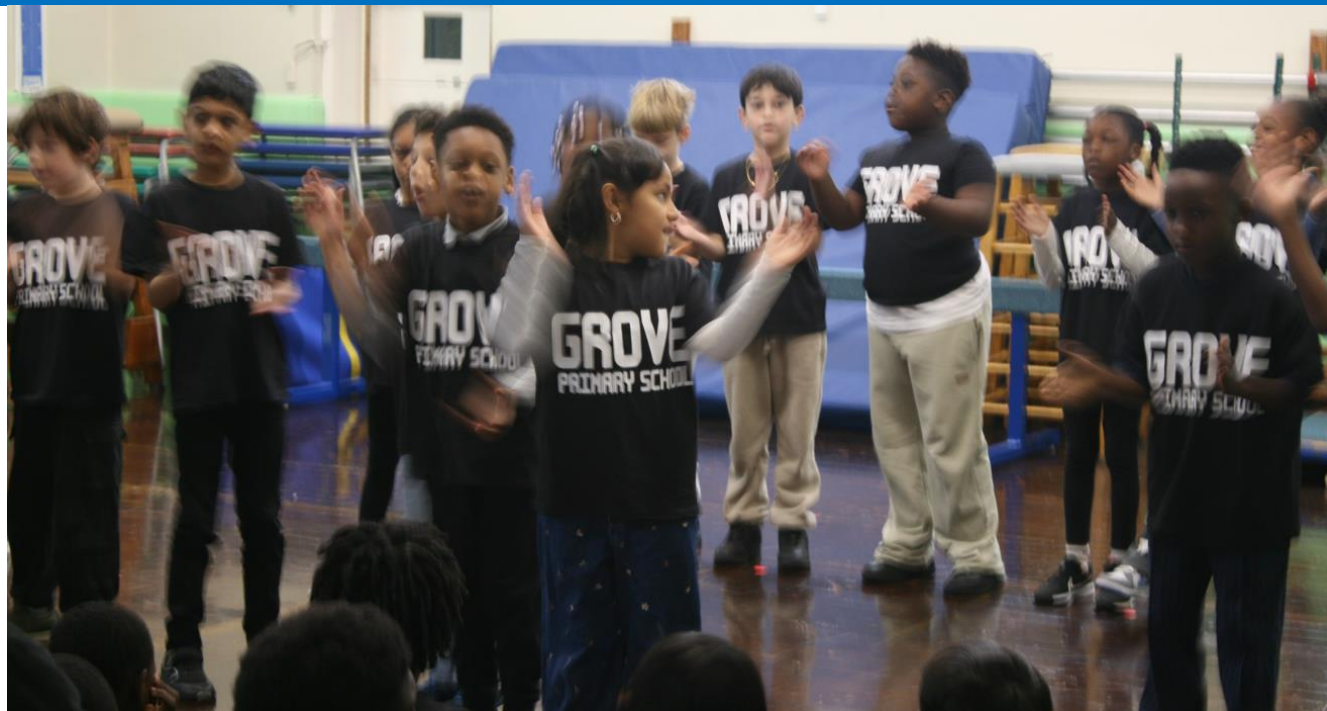
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Half Termly Home Learning Project

Autumn 2025- Design and make a winter animal puppet.

At Grove Primary, we are introducing a whole school home learning project which can be completed over the half term holiday.

For our first project, we would love the children to make their very own winter animal puppets. When it is completed, please return your child's creation to the class staff. We look forward to seeing your creations!



Glove puppets made from materials
(old clothes, felt, scrap materials)



Sock puppets bring an old sock back to life!



Stick puppets – use an old stick (lolly, twig, dowling) and make a great puppet!



Paper puppets you can use old paper bags

Scooter and Cycle Safety and Parking

If you are Scootering or cycling to school, please remember to wear your helmets! We have seen a number of children who are not wearing helmets as they are riding their bikes or scooters to school. It is essential that you wear one to protect your head from injury incase you accidentally fall off.

1



Eyes: Put the helmet on your head. Look up. You should see the bottom rim of the helmet.

2



Ears: Make sure the straps form a 'V' under your ears when buckled. The straps should be a little tight but comfortable.

3



Mouth: Open your mouth as wide as you can. Does the helmet hug your head? If not, tighten the straps.

Please also be advised that parking or idling is not permitted in Karen Court Carpark, neighboring residential parking spots or on the zig zags directly outside of school. There is free parking available in the surrounding areas.

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Dates for your Diary

17/10/2025	Last day of term
20/10/2025 - 31/10/2025	School Closed for Half Term
31/10/2025	Secondary School Application Deadline
3/11/2025	School Begins
3/11/2025	DT Week Begins
4/11/2025	Parents Evening
5/11/2025	Parents Evening
6/11/2025	Cedar Class Swimming Begins
10/11/2025	Anti-Bullying Week Begins
12/11/2025	Open Day for Prospective Parents
17/11/2025	Maths Week Begins
19/12/2025	Last Day of Term
20/12/2025- 5/1/2026	School Closed Christmas Holidays
6/1/2026	School Open First Day Back

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 Dog Kennel Hill Adventure Playground

AUTUMN ADVENTURES @ DOG KENNEL HILL ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND

WE ARE OPEN
THROUGHOUT
THE HALF
TERM
HOLIDAYS



11AM
—
6PM



- JOIN FUN ACTIVITIES -

TABLE-TENNIS TOURNAMENTS • COMPUTER GAMES • LIVE MUSIC SESSIONS • SPOOKY ARTS & CRAFTS ON THURSDAYS • ARCHERY • KNITTING AND ALL YOUR USUAL ADVENTUROUS FUN!

01/10/25-THE PAINTERS PLAYGROUND/ FROM 11AM

Charity Community Jam, Live Art, DJs and Performers
Open Mic, Art Market, Street Food & Bonfire

07/10/25-BONFIRE NIGHT/ FROM 3.30PM

Open Mic, Food & Fun! Gather your friends and family for a cozy evening filled with warmth, fun and the magic of a crackling fire.

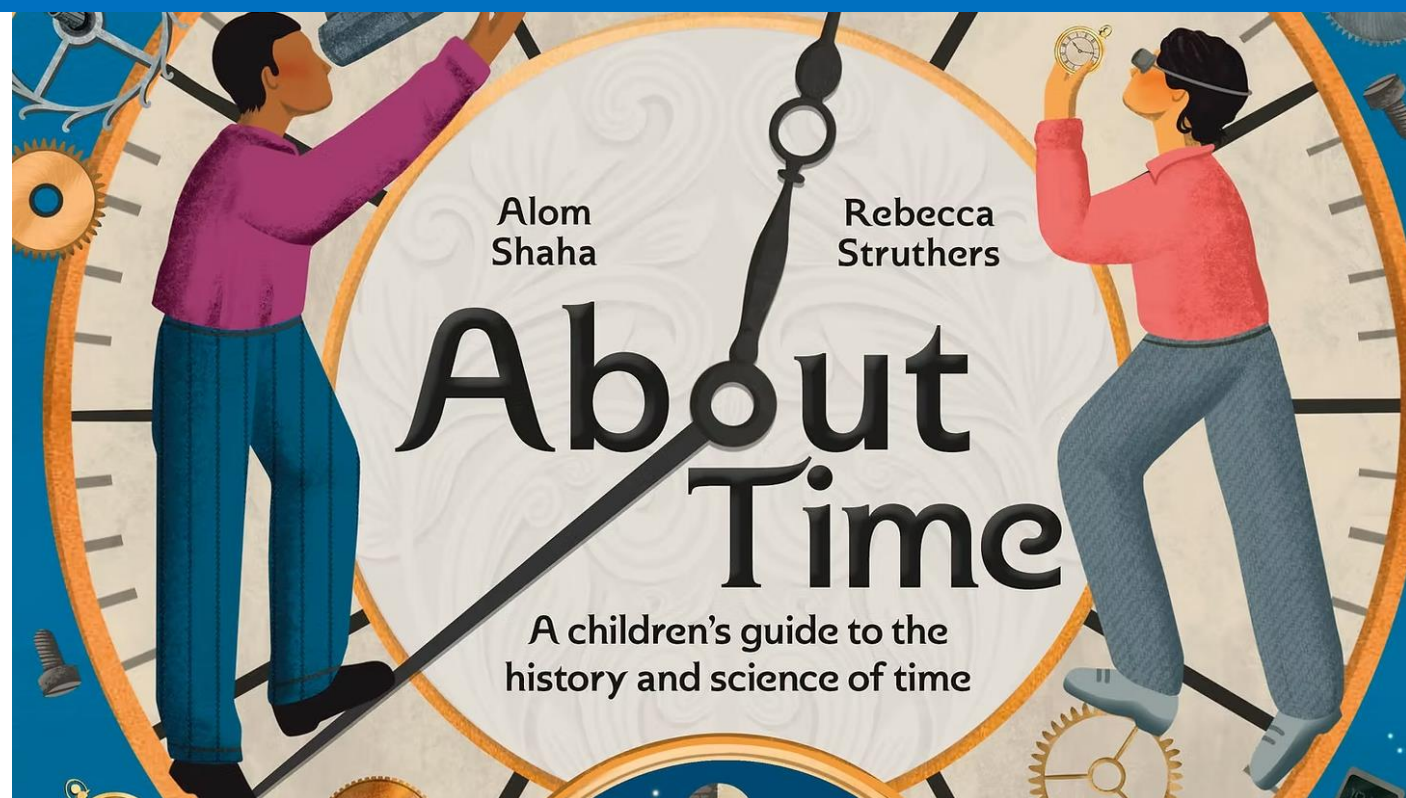
FREE ENTRY

**SUPPORT OUR AUTUMN
ADVENTURES BY DONATING
SCAN THE QR CODE!**

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Make and Decorate Your Own Clock with Alom Shaha!!

Sun 26 Oct | Moon Lane Books

Join Alom Shaha, author of "About Time", to learn more about time-keeping and a chance to make your own working clock!

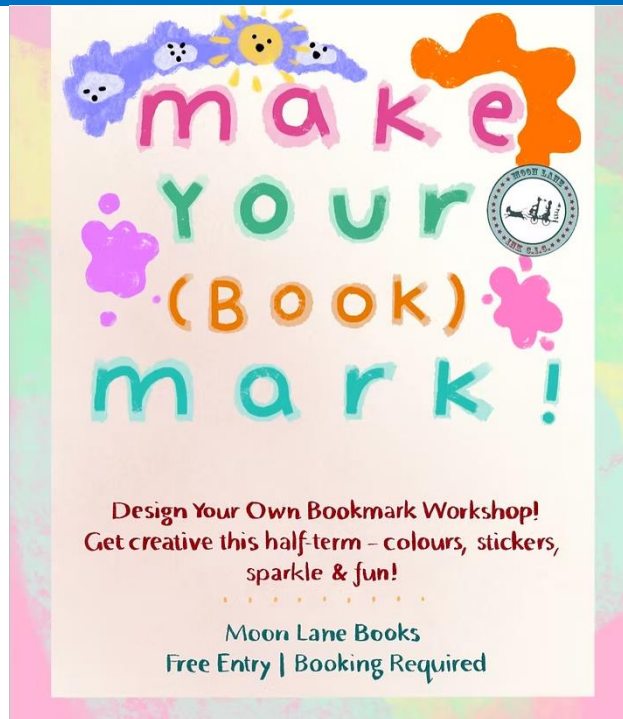
26 Oct 2025, 15:00 – 16:00

Moon Lane Books, 300 Stanstead Rd, London SE23 1DE, UK

Sign up here!

https://www.moonlaneink.co.uk/events-1/make-and-decorate-your-own-clock-with-alom-shaha?utm_campaign=091e789e-6180-4e1e-b2e1-be82173c21d3&utm_source=so&utm_medium=mail&cid=e6868b70-ce87-417a-ade3-b2eee79638ad

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Make Your Own Environment-Friendly Bookmark!

Wed 29 Oct | Moon Lane Books

29 Oct 2025, 14:00 – 15:00

Moon Lane Books , 300 Stanstead Rd, London SE23 1DE, UK

Join us for a fun, crafty afternoon! Let's make environment-friendly bookmarks, using cutouts from old picture books and reusing cereal boxes.

Sign up here!

https://www.moonlaneink.co.uk/events-1/make-your-own-environment-friendly-bookmark?utm_campaign=091e789e-6180-4e1e-b2e1-be82173c21d3&utm_source=so&utm_medium=mail&cid=e6868b70-ce87-417a-ade3-b2eee79638ad



World Building Workshop

DULWICH ART GROUP PRESENTS

A TWO DAY CREATIVE WORKSHOP DURING

HALF TERM FOR CHILDREN AGED 6-7

with Artists and Teachers Nancy and Purdey

This workshop will be an opportunity for your child to explore the power of storytelling and nurture their imagination as we build our ideal world together in the studio using recycled/found materials.

Monday 27th October - Tuesday 28th October 2025

2pm - 4:30pm

For more info and to sign up, visit www.dulwichartgroup.co.uk/

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AutismSupportTeam@
Southwark.gov.uk

AUTISM SUPPORT TEAM TOILET TRAINING FOR PARENT/CARER ONLY

HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR AUTISTIC CHILD TO DEVELOP TOILETING SKILLS

In partnership with the Autism Education Trust (AET) we are offering Developing Toileting Skills Training for Parent + Carers of autistic children.

Aims:

- To develop knowledge of how to support autistic children to achieve toileting independence.
- To understand the importance of working with others to support autistic children to develop independent toileting skills

Learning objectives:

- Understand how autism can impact on children developing independent toileting skills.
- Understand the importance of all adults working together to support the development of independent toileting skills.
- Consider how to remove barriers to developing toileting skills and how to make reasonable adjustments to support further toileting independence.

Free Training Online Dates:

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| • 21 st October | 9.45 – 11.45 2025 |
| • 15 th December 2025 | 12.30 – 2.30 2025 |
| • 9 th February | 9.45 – 11.45 2026 |
| • 23 rd March | 12.30 – 2.30 2026 |
| • 18 th May | 9.45 – 11.45 2026 |
| • 23 rd July | 12.30 – 2.30 2026 |
| • 6 th August | 9.45 – 11.45 2026 |
| • 13 th August | 12.30 – 2.30 2026 |

Register [here](#)

Online Microsoft Teams Training Link will be sent to your email 2 days prior to start date of training.

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London Wildlife Trust
**Centre for
Wildlife Gardening**

28 Marsden Road,
London SE15 4EE

Half Term Family Workshops with London Wildlife Trust



Bushcraft

Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th October
10am till 3pm

Two days to learn how to survive in the wild! On the first day you will make shelters and filter water and on the second you'll seek wild food and make fires. Crafts and activities. You can book for either day or both.



Natural Inks and Scrapbooks

Thursday 30th October

Have fun making inks from turmeric, wild grapes and oak galls, and grind charcoal to make paint to produce your own unique art pieces to take home. Make a scrapbook with inspiration from the garden.

All courses are for **families living in Southwark**. Suitable for primary aged children but you are welcome to bring your younger and older ones too. £3 booking fee but let us know if this is too much for you. Only one free Southwark workshop per academic year (Sept-July)

Booking required: visit our website www.wildlondon.org.uk/events or use the QR code
email: dwallace@wildlondon.org.uk for any queries.

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OCTOBER HOLIDAY CAMP
Booking Now
20th - 31st October
www.jaegarhc.co.uk

The banner features a central image of a young boy looking through a magnifying glass at a spiderweb. The background is black with white spiderweb patterns. There are two small bat icons in the top corners, a glowing jack-o'-lantern on the right, and two ghost icons at the bottom. The Jaegar logo is on the bottom left, and the Ofsted logo is at the bottom center.

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OCTOBER HALF-TERM FOOTBALL HOLIDAY CAMP



St Paul's Sports Ground, Rotherhithe, SE16 5EF



10am-3pm



Monday 27th October - Thursday 30th October



£12 per day or £40 for four days



Age 5-13 year-olds



Contact: Nfarrell@millwallcommunity.org.uk/
07932877303 for more information



Register here or visit:
<https://tinyurl.com/3zxy8uvh>



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OCTOBER HALF-TERM MULTI-SPORTS HOLIDAY CAMP



The Lions Centre, Bolina Rd, SE16 3LD



10am-3pm



Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October



£12 per day or £50 for five days



Age 5-13 year-olds



Contact: Epoole@millwallcommunity.org.uk/
07958026876 for more information



Register here or visit:
<https://tinyurl.com/dn7wy4ph>

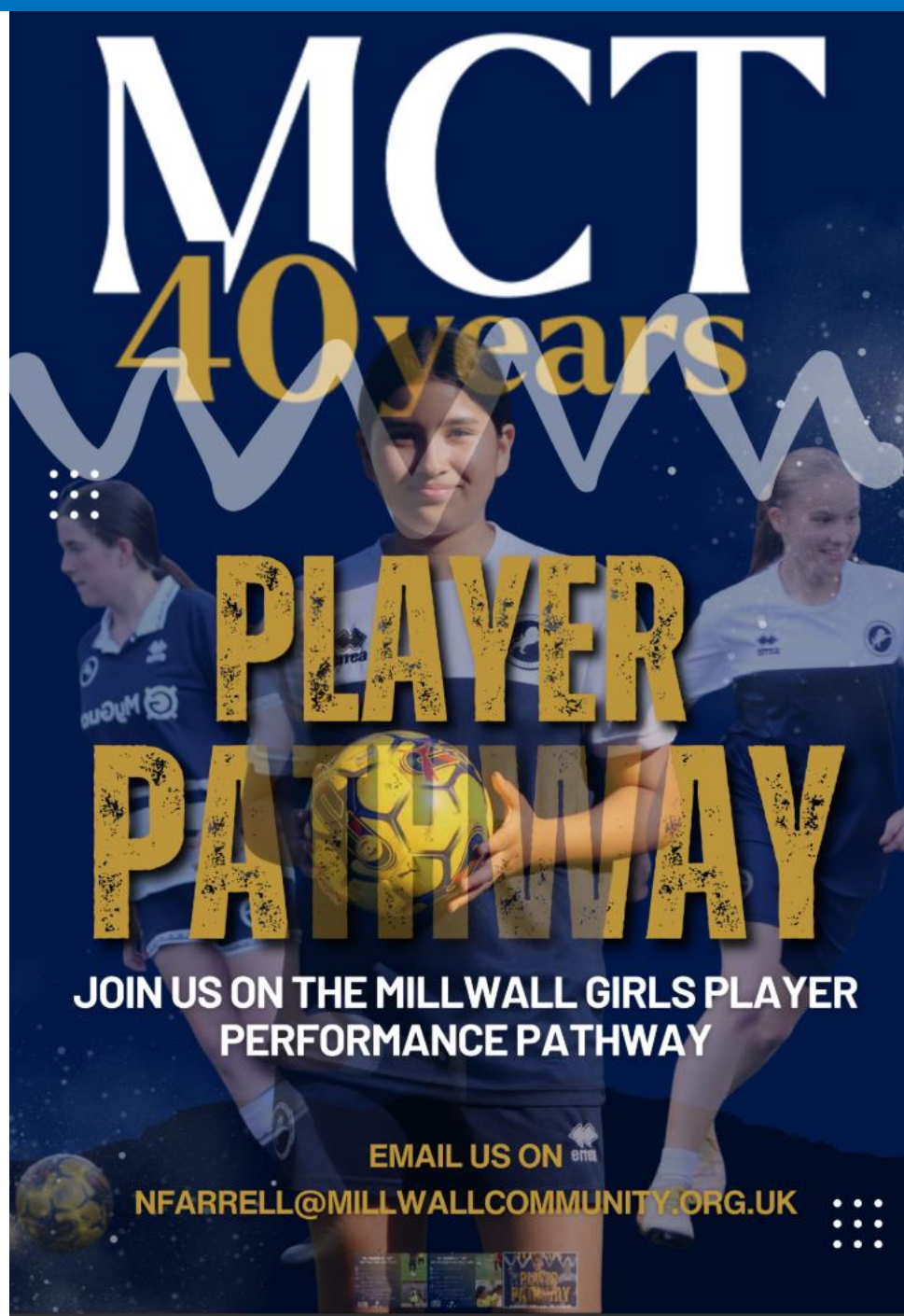


MCT
40years



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A promotional poster for the Millwall Community Trust (MCT) 40th anniversary Player Pathway. The background is a dark blue night sky with stars. In the center, a young girl in a white and blue football kit holds a yellow and blue football. To her left and right, other girls in similar kits are visible, some in motion. The text 'MCT' is in large white letters at the top, with '40 years' in yellow below it. A large, stylized white 'W' is behind the central girl. The words 'PLAYER' and 'PATHWAY' are in large, bold, yellow, distressed font. Below this, the text 'JOIN US ON THE MILLWALL GIRLS PLAYER PERFORMANCE PATHWAY' is in white. At the bottom, it says 'EMAIL US ON' and 'N.FARRELL@MILLWALLCOMMUNITY.ORG.UK' in yellow. There are small decorative dots in the corners and a small image of a football at the bottom left.

MCT
40 years

**PLAYER
PATHWAY**

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PERFORMANCE PATHWAY

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South London Children and
Young People's Community
Immunisation Service

Missed your flu vaccine?

**Live or attend school in the borough of
Southwark? Aged 4 – 16?**

Come down to a flu catch-up clinic and
protect yourself!

Monday 27 October, 10:00 – 14:00
Rye Oak Children's Centre, SE15 3PD

Tuesday 28 October, 10:00 – 14:00
Stockwell Children's Centre, SW9 9TG

Thursday 30 October, 10:00 – 14:00
Rye Oak Children's Centre, SE15 3PD

Friday 31 October, 10:00 – 14:00
Hitherfield Children's Centre, SW16 2LN

**Our clinics are walk-in.
Call 020 8614 5495 for
more information**



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TYPING'S COOL
TOUCH TYPING SCHOOL

Touch-typing courses for 7 – 16s



Half term and Christmas touch typing courses for 7 – 16s

Dulwich College, London SE21 7LD

Autumn half term: 27 – 30 October 2025

Christmas holiday: 5 – 8 January 2026

Course session times: 10:00 – 12:15 pm daily

Beginners, improvers and advanced typists are warmly welcome. We mix formal technique with the latest app games to make learning effective and fun.

Typing proficiency makes a huge impact on academic attainment at all ages.

Cost per place: £176.00. 10% discount for siblings/ bring-a-friend/returners/DofE

OFSTED registered – childcare vouchers accepted. Duke of Edinburgh Award skills assessor

Apply at www.typingscool.co.uk

HER TRIBE

A Community of Support for Women

Looking for connection, support, and a space to just be you?
Join our welcoming women's group right here in your
community.

★ **What to expect:**

- Monthly workshops on wellness, growth & empowerment
- Weekly drop-in sessions: every Wednesday, 6–8 PM
(We start on 24 September)
- A chance to meet like-minded women, share stories & build friendships
- Creche provided – so you can come stress-free

Venue: Albrighton Community Centre, SE22 8AH

**Come for the workshops, stay for the connections —
Together, we lift each other.**



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Free Children Piano/Keyboard Taster Available Now

- Weekly 1 hour lessons available Monday to Sunday for children aged 5-13
- Children learn to read, write and play music in every lesson. we also provide keyboard at every lesson
- Termly Exams and certificate along with opportunities to sit at internationally recognised exams and perform at live events



Contacts us Now by Email, Phone, Whats App or via our Website/QR Code to Book Your "FREE TASTER SESSION"



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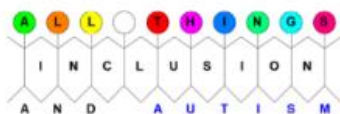


**Limited
Spaces
Available
For Next
Term**



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allthingsautismld@gmail.com

01895 649211

<https://allthingsinclusionandautism.com>

Workshops for parents / carers (and practitioners) - Autumn term 2025

All things visual strategies Supporting autistic children / those with communication difficulties with visual strategies - why use visuals, which visuals to use and how to use them? Thursday 23rd October 2025 10 - 11.30am Online - via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person	Pathological Demand Avoidance (PDA) Understanding PDA and practical strategies to support Monday 10th November 2025 9.30 - 11.30am Online - via Zoom £44 plus VAT per person
All things communication and play: Supporting autistic children with communication and play skills - laughing and learning together Tuesday 4th November 2025 9.30am - 12 Online via Zoom £51 plus VAT per person	Autism and Girls Exploring differences and diagnosis . Understanding how autism impacts on girls and strategies and ideas to support them Thursday 13th November 2025 10 - 11.30am Online via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person
All things behaviour - supporting positive behaviours for autistic children Tuesday 7th October 2025 9.30am - 12 Online via Zoom £51 plus VAT per person 	All things sensory processing - a workshop exploring the sensory needs of autistic children and practical strategies to support their needs Wednesday 26th November 2025 9.30am - 12 Online via Zoom £51 plus VAT per person 

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All Things Toileting Exploring the challenges around toilet training for autistic children and practical strategies to support them Friday 17th October 2025 10 - 11.30am Online via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person	Gestalt Language Processing How to support early language skills for young children including Gestalt learners Tuesday 18th November 2025 10 - 11.30am Online via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person
All Things Mealtimes Looking at the challenges around food and eating for autistic children and practical strategies to support Tuesday 4th December 2025 10 - 11.30am Online via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person	ADHD Understanding ADHD in young children and practical ideas to support them Tuesday 25th November 2025 10-11.30am Online via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person
Supporting children with Bereavement and Loss Looking at the impact of bereavement and loss on young children and strategies to support them Thursday 2nd October 2025 10 - 11.30am Online via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person	Promoting positive mental health in young children Examining causes of mental health difficulties, learning about anxiety and trauma Tuesday 11th November 2025 9.30 am - 12 Online via Zoom £51 plus VAT per person

Contact Jaci Smith or Nikki Duhig at allthingsautism ltd@gmail.com or 01896 649211 to book your place/s