

# Grove Primary Newsletter: 3rd October 2025

## A Message from our Deputy Headteacher

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

Congratulations to all of our Year 6 School Council representatives! After our elections this week, I can announce that the children voted for Austin to be Grove Primary's School Council Chair! Congratulations to all of our candidates who will work together to lead the rest of the School Council in their roles!



**Austin- Chair**



**Adam- Vice Chair**



**Rebecca-  
Secretary**



**Idris-Treasurer**

## Breakfast and Afterschool Club



Come and join us for our Breakfast and Afterschool Clubs!

**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 (ends 4.30pm)

Full session £13.65 (ends 6.45pm)

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.

Collect your child from the main office no later than 6.45pm

Wraparound Care (ASC) will not be suitable for Nursey pupils (5 years old+).

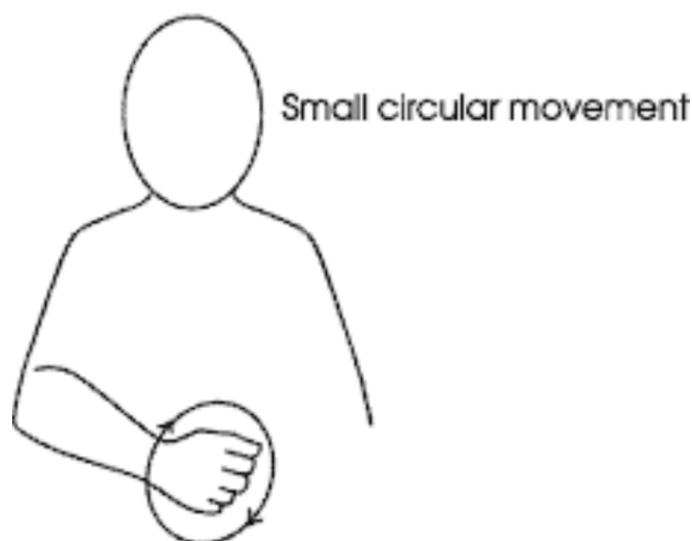
Please see Carrie in the Office for more information!

## 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 was "Hungry". We use this in our assemblies and when answering the register. Please practice this at home too!



## ★ 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!

<b>Caterpillar</b>	<b>Jason</b> for doing well with his phonics sounds and starting to blend <b>Afif</b> for trying his absolute best to sit wonderfully on the carpet
<b>Willow</b>	<b>Oliver</b> for showing great efforts in maths this week, using his star words and working well with partners. <b>Ava</b> for using the 'think it, say it, write it, read it' approach to help her write high quality sentences.
<b>Elder</b>	<b>Aliyah</b> for fantastic Maths work subtracting 2-digit numbers <b>Ellie</b> for beautifully neat presentation using a 'pre cursive' writing style
<b>Beech</b>	<b>Nahla</b> for a fantastic diary entry in the role of Smudge from our book Voices in the Park <b>Ace</b> for amazing focus during our Science work this work on the human skeleton
<b>Cedar</b>	<b>Garsha</b> for creating a wonderful vintage bus picture <b>Richlove</b> for showing kindness and empathy towards your peers
<b>Hazel</b>	<b>Yaseen</b> for settling in very well into Grove Primary with an excellent attitude towards all of his learning. <b>Chelsea</b> for good work on describing the Viking attack on Lindisfarne in history this week.
<b>Maple</b>	<b>Johnston</b> for working incredibly hard in Science showing great engagement and dedication towards his learning. <b>Layla</b> for always being super helpful and kind !

## Harvest Collection

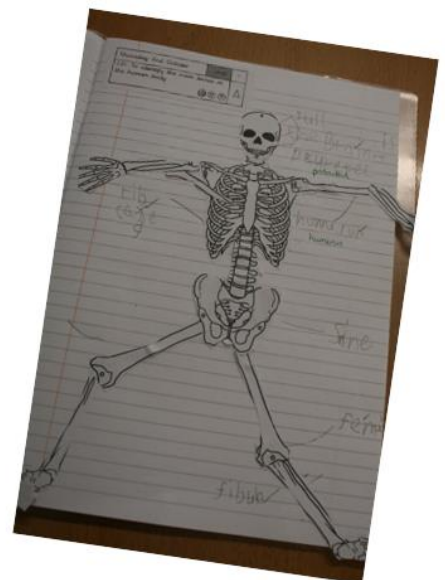
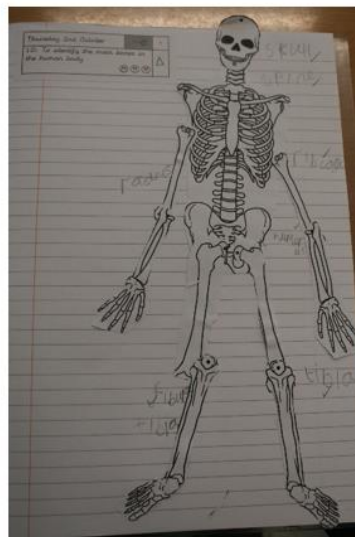


This Harvest, we will be collecting items for City Harvest Foodbank to support families, ensuring that no one in our community goes hungry, especially as the colder months approach. We will be collecting until **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> of October**. Please drop any donations into the Office. **Please see the following lists for suitable donations.**

**Cereal**  
**Tinned baked beans**  
**Tinned meat (no pork)**  
**Tinned tomatoes**  
**Tinned vegetable/ meat soup**  
**Tinned vegetables (sweetcorn, peas)**  
**Tinned fish**  
**Tinned fruit**  
**Tinned pulses**  
**Toilet roll**  
**Pasta sauce**  
**Teabags/ Coffee**  
**Jam**

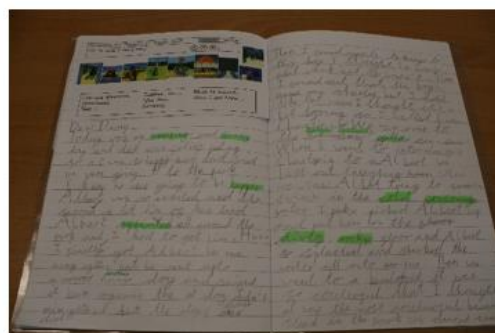
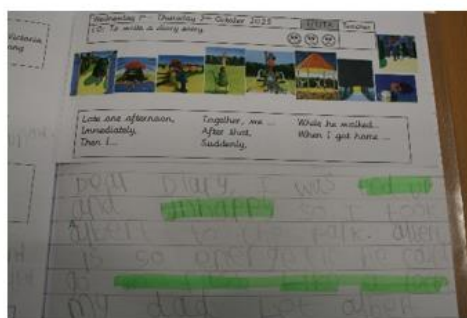
## Year 3 Learning

In Science this week we have been investigating the human skeleton. We found out the names of some of the important bones in our bodies and put together and labelled a skeleton in our books.

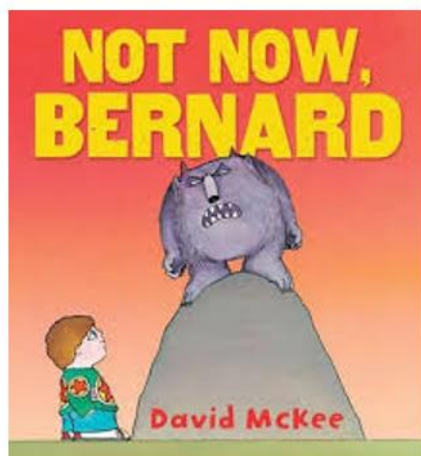


We found out that an adult human has 206 bones! Did you know that we have the same number of vertebrae in our necks as a giraffe - 7?

In English we have been writing a diary entry in role as Smudge from the book *Voices in the Park*. We've been using some powerful adjectives in our expanded noun phrases as we described everything that we saw, heard and felt on our trip to the park.

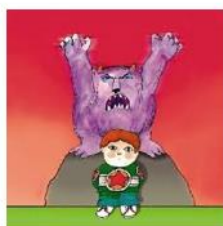


## Year 2 Learning



Year 2 have been reading 'Not Now, Bernard' by David McKee

We acted out the story and wrote diary entries in role as Bernard...



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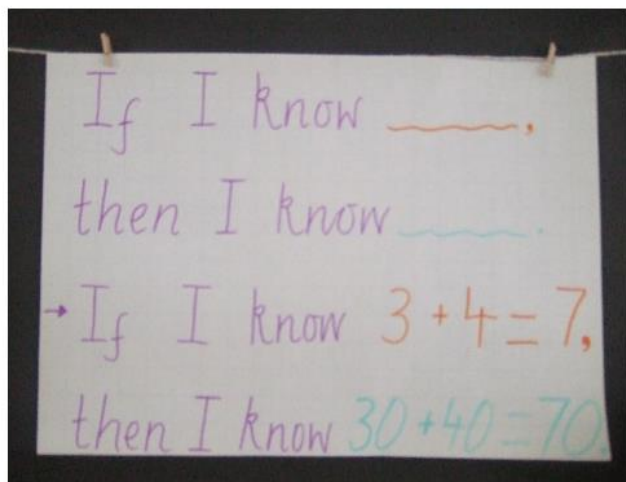
Dear Diary  
today I didn't have a  
very good day because  
I went to say hello but  
my dad ignored me and  
accidentally hurt <sup>his</sup> finger  
When he hammered his  
finger. Then my heart was  
broken because my dad  
doesn't love me at  
all. Then I went to my  
mum and said hello

Dear Diary  
Today is a bad day  
because my dad didn't  
listen to me and he  
hammered his finger.  
I went to mum and she was  
knocking a jug and I was  
saying hello and she said  
not now. I wish she would  
take me to the fun fair

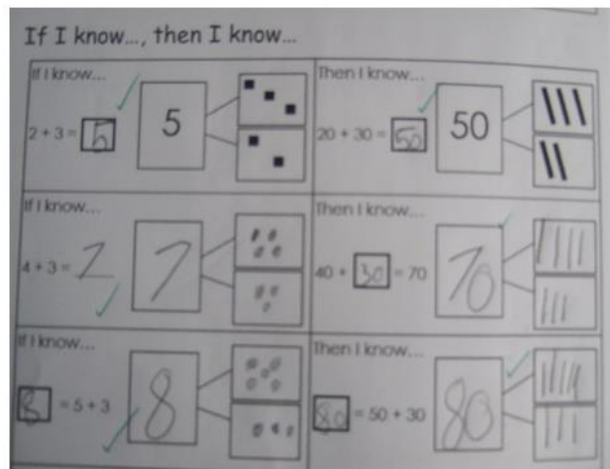
Dear Diary  
today I was angry  
because dad ignored me.  
I said hello but he didn't  
listen to me. Then I went  
to my mum but she  
ignored me. I wish my  
dad can play with me.

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In Maths, we have been using our knowledge of 10s and 1s to add and subtract numbers.

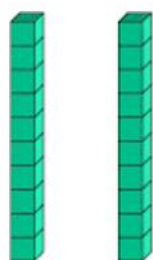


We have been learning and using a new strategy: 'If I know..., then I know...'

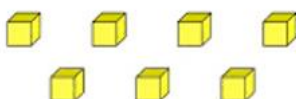


Known Fact	Derived fact	Draw it
$7 - 2 = 5$	$17 - 2 = 15$	
$7 - 3 = 4$	$17 - 3 = 14$	
$7 - 4 = 3$	$17 - 4 = 3$	
$8 - 3 = 5$	$18 - 3 = 15$	
$8 - 4 = 4$	$18 - 4 = 14$	
$8 - 5 = 3$	$18 - 5 = 13$	

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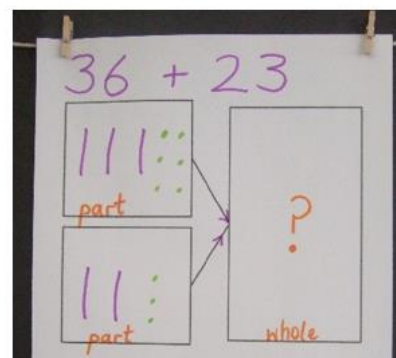


2 tens  
20



7 ones  
7

27



If I know..., then I know...

$46 - 40 = \underline{6}$ ✓	$42 - 40 = \underline{2}$ ✓
$46 - 30 = \underline{16}$ ✓	$42 - 30 = \underline{12}$ ✓
$46 - 20 = \underline{26}$ ✓	$42 - 20 = \underline{22}$ ✓
$46 - 10 = \underline{36}$ ✓	$42 - 10 = \underline{32}$ ✓
$46 + 10 = \underline{56}$ ✓	$42 + 10 = \underline{52}$ ✓
$46 + 20 = \underline{66}$ ✓	$42 + 20 = \underline{62}$ ✓
$46 + 30 = \underline{76}$ ✓	$42 + 30 = \underline{72}$ ✓

$56 - 45 = 11$	$76 - 15 = 61$
$56 - 55 = 01$	$86 - 15 = 71$
$79 - 25 = 54$	$79 - 24 = 55$
$78 - 25 = 53$	$79 - 23 = 56$

## 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

1/10/2025	Black History Month begins
06/10/2025	Multiskills tournament for Years 1, 2 and 3
10/10/2025	Black History Month Workshop for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
13/10/2025	Millwall Assembly for Years 4, 5 and 6
14/10/2025	Dance and Culture Workshop by Rhythms of the Diaspora for Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6
15/10/2025	Year 3 and Year 5 Dance performance in the Lower Hall @ 9:00-9:45 for Year 3 and Year 5 parents.
17/10/2025	Black History Month Art Day
17/10/2025	Last day of term
<b>20/10/2025</b> - <b>31/10/2025</b>	<b>School Closed for Half Term</b>
31/10/2025	Secondary School Application Deadline
3/11/2025	School Begins

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Southwark  
Independent  
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*Empowering families - creating brighter futures*

## Webinar: Dyslexia Awareness Week - A Parent's Guide

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

**10:30am - 12:00 noon**

**Online via Teams**

**TO REGISTER EMAIL [info@southwarkiv.co.uk](mailto:info@southwarkiv.co.uk)**

**This webinar is for parent carers of children and young people who live in Southwark**

### **Supporting Your Child's Learning Journey**

Has your child recently been diagnosed with dyslexia or are you a parent concerned about your child's progress with reading, writing, or spelling? Have you noticed they're struggling with homework, or that they seem to be working harder than their peers to keep up?

You're not alone. Many parents have the same concerns, and this session is designed to provide you with an overview of dyslexia and some easy to implement support strategies.

Join us for a 90-minute interactive workshop designed specifically for parents. We will explore:

- **Understanding Learning Differences:** We'll demystify what dyslexia and other learning difficulties are (and are not!) and provide you with a clear, jargon-free overview.
- **Recognizing the Signs:** Learn to identify common indicators of dyslexia, and how to tell the difference between typical learning challenges and those that might require additional support.
- **Practical Home Strategies:** Discover simple, effective techniques you can use at home to support your child's literacy skills and build their confidence.
- **Navigating the School System:** Get advice on how to talk to teachers and the school's Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCo) to ensure your child receives the right support.

This session will also include **breakout rooms** where you can share your experiences with other parents in a safe, supportive environment. You'll leave with practical tools, a greater sense of confidence, and the knowledge that you have a community of support.

*This webinar is being hosted by Southwark Independent Voice in partnership with Southwark Council and a Dyslexia Specialist*

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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](http://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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## All My Love is Bubbling Over



On Saturday 4th October 2.00–4.00pm  
Buchan Hall TRA, Buchan Road, Nunhead, SE15 3HQ

For more information and to book  
Use the QR code below  
[www.bookpebble.co.uk/activities](http://www.bookpebble.co.uk/activities)  
[www.margaretsmusicltd.com](http://www.margaretsmusicltd.com)  
[info@margaretsmusicltd.com](mailto:info@margaretsmusicltd.com)

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## Employment WORKSHOPS

September 2025 | Ages 15-18 (up to 25 SEN)



### 16

Tue | 17:00

#### Opportunity Hunt

Interactive session to connect and explore opportunities in work, volunteering, education and community involvement



### 23

Tue | 17:00

#### CV & Cover letter

Practical workshop where you'll learn to create a strong CV and Cover Letter that showcase your skills and experience



### 30

Tue | 17:00

#### Interview Skills

Build confidence and prepare for interviews through hands-on practice, tips and mock interview exercises



Scan to join!



Unit 4, Co-Operative House,  
Rye Lane, Peckham, SE15 4UP

More information:  
[youthwork@groundwork.org.uk](mailto:youthwork@groundwork.org.uk)

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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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**FREE TASTER SESSION AVAILABLE ACROSS  
THE FOLLOWING AREAS AND ONLINE**



London Borough Centres

**Limited  
Spaces  
Available  
For Next  
Term**

Kent Centres



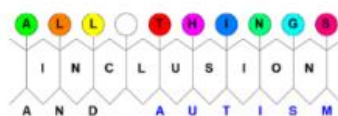
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via our Website/QR Code to Book Your "FREE  
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<https://allthingsinclusionandautism.com>

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

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

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

Contact Jaci Smith or Nikki Duhig at [allthingsautismuk@gmail.com](mailto:allthingsautismuk@gmail.com) or 01896 649211 to book your place/s

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## **OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY**

*Penny Noble – Senior Specialist Children's Community Occupational Therapy and  
Rebecca Hoffman – Children's Occupational Therapist*

## **NHS TRANSITION FROM CAMHs TO ADULT SERVICE**

*Danielle Ashley – Clinical Nurse Specialist for Adolescent Health & Transition and  
Bridget Nichola – Designated Clinical Officer for SEND in Southwark*

**THURSDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025. 10am until 1pm**

**VENUE: The Links Community Centre, 353 Rotherhithe New Rd, SE16 3HF**

### **TOPIC – WHAT IS OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY (OT) AND HOW TO ACCESS IT *plus* AUTISM SERVICE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

Occupational Therapy is often thought of as a service that helps with a "physical difficulty", this is true, but it is so much more than that. Their role is to help children and young people develop the skills needed to participate FULLY in school and everyday life. This can include fine and gross motor skills, sensory integration, and self-care skills, as well as addressing emotional regulation and social skills.

The Occupational Therapists will explain the ways they can help and how you can access their service plus how to reapply if you have previously had support.

Penny and Rebecca want to hear your experiences to help identify gaps in support for autistic children and their families throughout their journey from pre-diagnosis to post-diagnosis.

They want to hear from families on how the Occupational Therapy Service can improve their offer for autistic children and their families.

### **TOPIC – FAMILIES EXPERIENCES OF MOVING FROM CAMHs to ADULT SERVICES**

Danielle and Bridget want to hear your experiences of your child's transition from CAMHs to Adult Services. Did you feel informed and supported? What were the barriers you faced? Do you think there is support during this period and once your child leaves CAMHs? Do you know what happens once your child reaches 18?

*Refreshments available – please note our events are for adults only*