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A Message from our Deputy Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please see below our jam packed next few weeks at Grove Primary!

UPCOMING EVENTS @ GROVE PRIMARY

NOV 25 Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Trip to 02 Cineworld to see Wicked 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	NOV 27 Year 4 Cedar Trip to the Horniman Museum
DEC 5 Winter Disco 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	DEC 8 EYFS Performance in Mary Seacole 9:30 AM
DEC 10 Year 1 and 2 Performance in Mary Seacole 9:15 AM	DEC 11 Year 5 and 6 Performance at William Booth 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
DEC 12 • Christmas Jumper Day • Christmas Lunch • Christmas Panto Reception- Year 6	DEC 16 • Year 3 and 4 Performance in Mary Seacole 9:15 AM • Year 1 Trip to East Dulwich Playhouse • Year 3 and 4 Choir Performance
DEC 17 Class Parties	DEC 18 Year 6 Panto Trip



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WINTER DISCO

WITH SPECIAL GUEST: THE PREACHER

HO HO HO

5TH
DECEMBER
6-8PM

PRICE: £3.50
PER CHILD

BEAT THE COLD WITH A NIGHT BUILT TO KEEP YOU MOVING. STRONG RHYTHM, WARM ATMOSPHERE, AND A SET FROM THE PREACHER THAT HITS ALL THE RIGHT NOTES. BRING YOUR BEST WINTER VIBE AND LET THE MUSIC DO THE REST.



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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 (Collection at 4:30pm)

2 Hour £12.00

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!



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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!

Week beginning 10th November 2025

Caterpillar	Maiah - for being a superstar in phonics and beginning to sound out simple words. Ibraheem - for making excellent choices at school and always trying to do the right thing.
Willow	Ja'Naiya for showing determination with her writing, always working hard to do her best. Leo for being so brave when coming into school, always having a bright smile :)
Elder	Noah & Hendrixx for showing a fantastic attitude to all their learning this week by producing work of a high quality - keep it up!
Beech	Ariana for really applying herself to our addition and subtraction work in maths this week Rugved for consistent use of accurate maths language applying known facts
Cedar	Alice and Bene for creating wonderful detailed Antarctica posters.
Hazel	Kwaku for good work on using the column addition and subtraction method using 5 digit numbers. Evanny for good investigation work in Science on identifying which materials are soluble and insoluble in water
Maple	Izzy for producing an incredible persuasive letter. Nana for his incredible efforts with his handwriting this autumn term.



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Week beginning 17th November 2025

Ladybird	Lester demonstrated his AMAZING Maths skills this week. He counted and ordered numbers. Then he found the correct number of objects to match each number.
Caterpillar	Melissa for participating fantastically in carpet sessions. Adeez for making excellent choices and having a wonderful learning attitude.
Willow	Ivanka for working independently on her table, always trying her best by herself before putting her hand up for help. Well done for being such a hard worker! Godson for practising writing his name everyday so now he is confident.
Elder	Yemaya & Daud for making a huge effort to form letters neatly and correctly, and even starting to join some letters in words! Keep it up!
Beech	Mayowa for putting in lots of effort with his spellings homework. Chelsea for a very well written setting description for our Lion and Mouse fable.
Cedar	Mohammed for fantastic focus in his maths work this week Erdi for creating a wonderful empathy 3d art work
Hazel	Sofie for interpreting line graphs in maths, this week Kamron for writing a descriptive and emotive diary entry from our English unit on 'Street Child'
Maple	Micah for his excellent work in solving BIDMAS questions in maths. Zojen for her incredible commitment towards her learning always producing outstanding work to be proud of.



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 "when". Please practice this at home too!



When

Attendance

Reception	90.86%
Year 1	94.67%
Year 2	96.03%
Year 3	93.36%
Year 4	94.75%
Year 5	97.26%
Year 6	95.22%

Please note that as directed by the Department of Education, term time holidays will not be authorised.

Well done to Hazel class! Lets see which class can reach 100%



Year 5 Learning

Hazel Class has been involved in a lot of exciting learning opportunities this week. The whole school was involved in a healthy eating topic and we had a healthy breakfast with our nursery children. We made fruit kebabs, toast and croissants and discussed the nutritional value of each dish.



We acted out the first chapter of Street Child in our new English unit, as Jim Jarvis (the main character) going to the meat pie shop and bringing the pie back to his family. After this session, we will be writing diary entries of his experience as if we were Jim.

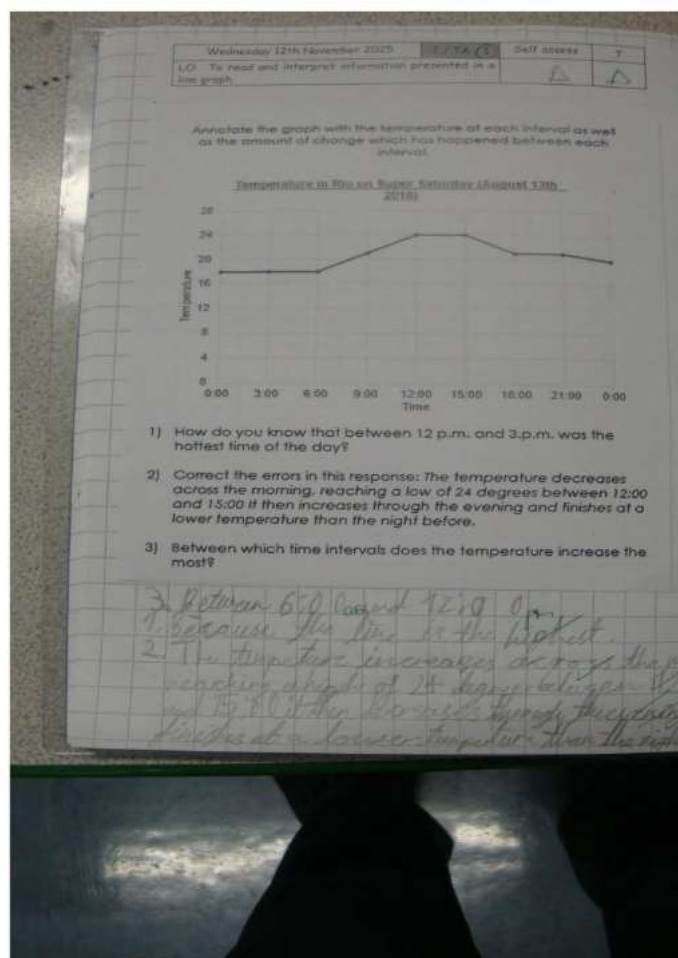




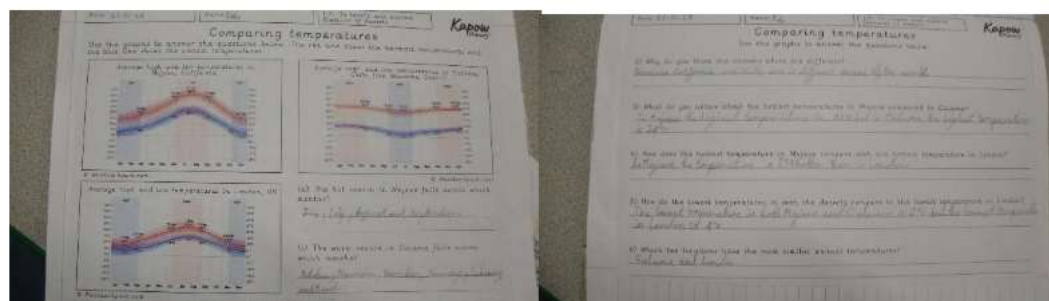
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In Maths, we have been learning how to interpret line graphs with reasoning.



Then we applied those same skills to compare desert climate graphs in Geography.





Meeting our Penguin!

Last week, our School Council came up with some names for our adopted penguin. Each class then had the opportunity to choose from these names. The votes are in- our penguin is called Coco!



Then, on Thursday, our Year 6's and School Councillors had the first opportunity to see our new penguin! Live from the South African sanctuary, we were able to meet Coco and learn about his journey to the sanctuary! The rest of the school will have the opportunity to meet Coco soon!





Remembrance Day

A huge thank you to Lucy Lucas for leading our Remembrance Day Assembly. Lucy explained what happens at a Remembrance Day service and shared why we remember this day every year.



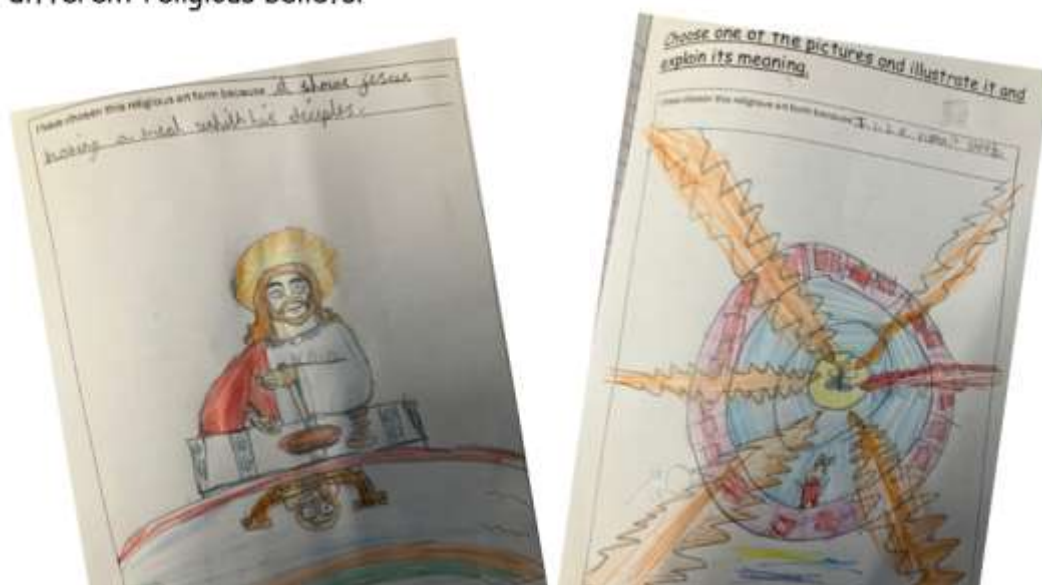


Year 4 Learning

Year 4 pupils have been very busy this week. In Science and English, the class have been learning about Antarctica and have created posters.



In Religion, we have been thinking about how artefacts and art represent different religious beliefs.





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In Science we are sorting animals and their habitats and are learning about how animals make adaptations in their environment.



Currently, we are discussing empathy and as part of the project, we have been exploring the book *The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse*. We are going to perform this in our Winter Show, so we have created some scenes from the book with empathic quotes.





Reception Reading Cafe



Our Reading Café has opened again in Reception! This week was our first session of the year and what an incredible turn out it was! Thank you for all coming along.

The Reading Café is an opportunity for you to support your child's reading development, learn new strategies to help them when reading and more importantly enjoy some quality time with your child over a book without the normal hustle and bustle of home life.

The sessions will be every week on a Tuesday 8:45 – 9am in the Classrooms.

You are invited to come along to the session with your child and share a book.



Study Bugs



Please continue to use Study Bugs when reporting your child's absence.

When stating the reason for your child's absence, please remember to specify the **exact symptoms** of the illness as these are required when marking them as 'illness' on our registers. If symptoms are not listed, it will be marked as an 'unauthorised absence'.

We are going to be phasing out using Arbor for text messages. To replace this, we will be using the in App messaging service in Study Bugs.



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Are you interested in working for NEST—or do you know someone who might be?

At NEST, we offer a wide range of rewarding roles across our schools. Whether you're an early careers teacher, an experienced educator, returning to work after a break, or simply looking for meaningful employment, we'd love to hear from you.

We have opportunities in **teaching, school administration, finance, HR, and estates.**

Click [here](https://www.nestschools.org/286/current-staff-vacancies) to view our current vacancies or register for our talent pool and learn more about joining the NEST team and the exciting career opportunities available.

<https://www.nestschools.org/286/current-staff-vacancies>



Year 6 Trip to Millwall FC

Last week, Year 6 had an incredible football session run by our Millwall coach Lucy at their home ground Millwall FC!





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

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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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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Empowering families - creating brighter futures

**Sunshine House and CAMHs
Autism and ADHD diagnosis pathways
Restricted eating including ARFID plus dietician**

**Thursday 20th November 2025
10am until 2.30pm**

**353 Rotherhithe New Road
SE16 3HF**

****Please note places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first serve basis on the day of the event.***

The Autism & Related Disorders (ARD) pathway

Come along and learn how to apply for an assessment: pre-assessment support available, what the process in the assessment includes and post-assessment support. This presentation including Q&A will be presented by a **Sunshine House Paediatrician, Speech & Language therapist plus clinical psychologist.**

ADHD pathway

Learn how to apply for an assessment: pre-assessment support what the process in the assessment entails plus post-assessment support. This presentation including Q&A will be presented by a **CAMHs Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist, Senior Clinical Specialist and Psychologist.**

Restricted Feeding including ARFID pathway

Learn what restricted feeding is and what support is available. Referral criteria: assessment and therapy offer. This presentation with Q&A will be presented by **Dietician, Occupational Therapist and Speech & Language therapist**

*This event is for parent carers only who live in Southwark.
Any questions email: info@southwarkiv.co.uk*



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Rose  **VOUCHERS**
for
fruit & veg

 **1st Place**

Free fruit and vegetables for families with young children

The Rose Vouchers Project gives vouchers to buy fresh fruit and vegetables from local markets and some other places. If eligible, you will receive at least £4 of vouchers every week.

Who is it for?

If you live in Southwark and have children under 5*, or are more than 10 weeks pregnant, you may be able to get Rose Vouchers if one of the following applies:

- You receive Healthy Start
- You have a low or no household income (less than £408 income a month if you are on Universal Credit)
- You have no recourse to public funds (NRPF)

** Children must be under 5 until 31st August*

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Find out more

1stplace.uk.com/rosevouchers

 rosevouchers@1stplace.uk.com



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London Wildlife Trust
**Centre for
Wildlife Gardening**

28 Marsden Road,
London SE15 4EE

Family Workshops with London Wildlife Trust



Terrific Trees

Sunday 30th November

10am till 3pm

Have fun learning about our garden trees and using them to make natural art. Printing, leaf art, crafts, minibeasts and games.



The Holly and the Ivy

Sunday 7th December

10am till 3pm

Discover the evergreen plants in the garden and use them to make a wreath and other decorations. Games, crafts, activities.

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) These are whole day workshops not drop-ins.
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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Evelina school nursing

This leaflet gives more information about the Evelina London school nursing service, available for school-aged children across Lambeth or Southwark.

Dear Parent or Carer

We'd like to take this opportunity to promote our school nursing service. As a parent or carer of a child in education, you may have a worry about an aspect of their health or wellbeing and be unsure of how to get the help you need.

School nurses are here to help. We work across Lambeth and Southwark mainstream schools and some special schools. You can contact us for non-urgent or emergency advice, and support on a wide range of issues:

- Support with managing medical needs in school
- Bedwetting
- Sleep
- Emotional health and wellbeing
- Healthy weight, nutrition and physical activity
- Immunisation advice
- Healthy lifestyles
- Dental
- Keeping safe
- Puberty and relationships
- Parenting advice
- Emotional-based school avoidance

Where we can talk to you

We can discuss your child's needs:

- in person at school
- in person at a local health centre
- during a home visit
- on the phone
- via our text messaging service

Text-messaging service

You can text a school nurse on **07520 631 130**. We're available Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm, except bank holidays. **We're available during the school holidays too!**



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You should get an immediate reply to confirm we have received your text. We'll try to respond promptly or within 24 hours. If you message outside of working hours, we'll respond the next working day.

We might tell someone if we're concerned about your child's safety, or the safety of someone else, but we would try to speak to you first. Your information is stored on secure electronic health records and can be seen by other healthcare staff, who will follow the same confidentiality rules.

If you need help before you hear back from us, contact your GP, nearest walk-in centre, or dial 111. If it's an emergency, call 999 or go to your nearest emergency department (A&E).

Support and more information

Evelina London school nursing service, [web https://www.evelinalondon.nhs.uk/our-services/community/school-nursing-service/overview.aspx](https://www.evelinalondon.nhs.uk/our-services/community/school-nursing-service/overview.aspx)

NHS information about immunisation, [web https://www.nhs.uk/vaccinations/nhs-vaccinations-and-when-to-have-them/](https://www.nhs.uk/vaccinations/nhs-vaccinations-and-when-to-have-them/)

Eric, bedwetting, [web https://eric.org.uk/](https://eric.org.uk/)

Parenting support, Lambeth, [web https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/children-young-people-families/parenting-support-service/parenting-support-service-programmes](https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/children-young-people-families/parenting-support-service/parenting-support-service-programmes)

Parenting Support Southwark, [web https://www.southwark.gov.uk/children-young-people-and-families/parenting/help-parenting](https://www.southwark.gov.uk/children-young-people-and-families/parenting/help-parenting)

Sleep – a guide for parents of autistic children, [web https://www.autism.org.uk/advice-and-guidance/topics/physical-health/sleep/parents](https://www.autism.org.uk/advice-and-guidance/topics/physical-health/sleep/parents)

Healthier families, [web https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/](https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/)

Southwark local offer, [web https://localoffer.southwark.gov.uk/](https://localoffer.southwark.gov.uk/)

Contact us

If you have any questions or concerns about your child, you can contact us Monday to

Our values: we are **Caring** | **Ambitious** | **Inclusive**

phone 0203 049 4777

email gstt.schoolnurseadmin@nhs.net

For more information on conditions, procedures, treatments and services offered at our hospitals, please visit [web www.evelinalondon.nhs.uk/leaflets](https://www.evelinalondon.nhs.uk/leaflets)

Evelina London medicines helpline

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's medicines, please speak to the staff caring for them or contact our helpline,

phone 020 7188 3003, Monday to Friday, 10am to 5pm

Lambeth local offer, [web https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/lambeths-send-local-offer](https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/lambeths-send-local-offer)



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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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THE FOLLOWING AREAS AND ONLINE**



London Borough Centres

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Term**

Kent Centres



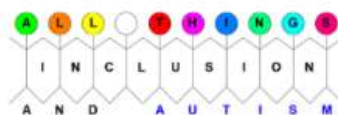
Contacts us Now by Email, Phone, Whats App or
via our Website/QR Code to Book Your "FREE
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<https://allthingsinclusionandautism.com>

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

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