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A Message from our Deputy Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please come and join the Winter Disco this coming Friday organised by the Friends!





The Empathy Project

This Autumn Term, the children began the 'Empathy Project', where each class read a selection of books with the theme of 'empathy'. During their 'Reading for Pleasure' sessions, classes explored each of the stories and how the characters displayed empathy, or discussed what they would have done to show empathy.

We then began creating artwork to display what each child thought 'empathy' would look like. Here is Willow Class completing their artwork on what empathy means to them.





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 "Winter". 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!

Ladybird	Phebe for working hard on writing her name.
Caterpillar	Oliver for working really hard to manage his emotions and having a brilliant week! Lola for reciting numbers to 10 and trying her best to count accurately.
Willow	Ayesha for being a kind and caring friend, always looking out for others and making sure no one is left out of a game. A friend of Ayesha is very lucky! Oliver for having an enthusiastic attitude towards phonics and making excellent progress in the last 2 weeks. Well done Oliver, it is amazing to hear you reading with confidence!
Elder	Amelia & Aliyah and Efehan & Zayan for fantastic movie making skills using stop motion animation
Beech	Edidiong for working hard to build his resilience at school. Callum for excellent focus in all his work
Cedar	Chikaima for her positive energy in group activities and rehearsals for our winter show. Ariyah for her empathic attitude towards her peers
Hazel	Urian for excellent work on coding using the Scratch program at Alleyns. Mohamed S for always having a conscientious attitude towards all of his school work
Maple	Samad: for setting a good example to his peers showing active engagement during lessons and treating others kindly around the school. The whole class for their maturity and fantastic behaviour on the trip this week, I was really impressed with the way they conducted themselves in public.



EYFS and Year 6 Breakfast!

The children in Year 6 and EYFS came together to design and make a healthy breakfast to share with each other! Take a look!





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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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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!



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.



Attendance

Reception	83.2%
Year 1	75.9%
Year 2	82.2%
Year 3	96.7%
Year 4	91.9%
Year 5	78.2%
Year 6	88.6%

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



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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.

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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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SUCCESSFUL MUMS

Career Academy

Newsletter Words

Subject / Headline:

💡 **Exciting Opportunity for Parents – Join Our Skills Bootcamp in Education!**



We're thrilled to share that parents from NEST Academy now have the chance to join the *Successful Mums Skills Bootcamp -Working in Education and Early Years!*

This six-week programme is designed to help parents explore family-friendly careers in schools and early years settings. Participants will:

- Receive 1:1 career coaching and application support
- Gain a recognised Level 3 unit in Supporting Learning in Education, including SEND
- Have a guaranteed interview with a local school or early years provider
- Get hands-on guidance to secure flexible, part-time, or term-time roles
- Meet friendly employers including NEST Schools during the sessions
- Build confidence and create a professional CV showcasing transferable skills

Six-week programme, 3 days a week, 10-2, face-to-face and online in Bromley & Croydon.

With **50+ roles** in schools, colleges and early years settings, from admin and teaching support to SEND, pastoral roles, and hundreds of hidden opportunities, you can find a role that matches your skills, experience, and availability. Full support is provided to help you find a job you love. Start dates: Nov, Jan & Feb.

No experience needed, just motivation and a passion to make a difference.

Spaces are limited, so don't miss out!

🔗 Register your interest [here](https://successfulmums.co.uk/our-courses/work-in-education/) or email hello@successfulmums.co.uk.

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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!

Wednesday 26 November, 15:30 – 17:00
Ellen Brown Children's Centre, SE1 3EU

Thursday 27 November, 16:00 – 17:30
Ellen Brown Children's Centre, SE1 3EU

Saturday 29 November, 11:00 – 15:00
Brixton Library, SW2 1JQ

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





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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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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*

SCAN ME



Find out more

1stplace.uk.com/rosevouchers

 rosevouchers@1stplace.uk.com



 Alexandra Rose Charity

 Southwark Council

 Impact on Urban Health



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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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To book please scan the QR code
or visit
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dwallace@wildlondon.org.uk





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40 years

PLAYER PATHWAY

JOIN US ON THE MILLWALL GIRLS PLAYER
PERFORMANCE PATHWAY

EMAIL US ON

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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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SOUNDSTEPS
MUSIC SCHOOL



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



London Borough Centres

**Limited
Spaces
Available
For Next
Term**

Kent Centres



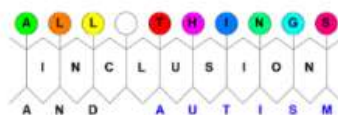
Contacts us Now by Email, Phone, Whats App or
via our Website/QR Code to Book Your "FREE
TASTER SESSION"



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<https://allthingsinclusionandautism.com>

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

<p>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</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>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</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>All things behaviour - supporting positive behaviours for autistic children Tuesday 7th October 2025 9.30am - 12 Online via Zoom £51 plus VAT per person</p> 	<p>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</p> 



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<p>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</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>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</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>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</p>	<p>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</p>

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