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A Message from our Deputy Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic jam-packed term we have all had!

In the Spring Term, we are looking forward to a range of our extra-curricular activities beginning!

Year 5 (Hazel Class) will be starting their **Swimming lessons** on a Thursday.

Year 1 (Willow Class) and **Year 2** (Elder Class) will be starting their **Dance sessions** with Chantal from Pioneer Dance on a Wednesday.

On Tuesdays, Ms Ulker Hassan will be working with **Year 4** (Cedar Class) and **Year 2** (Elder Class) for **Forest School sessions!**

We will also be offering a bigger range of after school clubs for the Spring Term! More information will be provided after the holiday!

We want to wish all our families a wonderful holiday period. It has been another successful term and we hope that everyone has a well-deserved restful break!

Miss Leah Grant-Muller



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	Zayan for making excellent progress in their first term in Reception. River for making excellent progress in their first term in Reception.
Willow	Everyone from Willow for their incredible performance!
Elder	Hendrixx & Efehan for taking care of our classroom and showing a responsible attitude.
Beech	Joseph for some very creative greetings card art work Ariana for being a kind and thoughtful friend
Cedar	Ishaq for writing a wonderful diary entry in our Antarctic explorers unit Aaryan for super focus during our writing tasks this week.
Hazel	River for being able to compare two physical environments in Geography Aiya for good work on how to identify prime numbers.
Maple	Amirah for always treating her peers with kindness and respect! Izzy for her incredible efforts with her learning this term - well done!

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EYFS Learning



Nursery and Reception have had a brilliant final week of the Autumn term! We have thoroughly enjoyed our Christmas parties and meeting Santa Claus. The children have taken part in lots of festive activities, including making baubles, writing Christmas cards and learning about the Nativity. Reception have loved reading *The Jolly Postman* this week and wrote about Santa in their writing books! We wish you a very Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you in the New Term.

Well done for all of your hard work.





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This week in Forest School...





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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 "holiday". Please practice this at home too!



Attendance

Reception	86.7%
Year 1	98.5%
Year 2	91.4%
Year 3	90.6%
Year 4	89.1%
Year 5	97.1%
Year 6	97.6%

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



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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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Reception Reading Café



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.



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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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Dog Kennel Hill Adventure Playground

ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND

Christmas Opening Hours:
We are open every day this week
3pm - 6pm
Closed 20th Dec - 5th Jan.
Open again from 3pm 6th January 2026

Seasons Greetings

From Patrick & all the DKHAP Team



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Hello! Autism Support team here wishing you a very happy holidays!

The end of term can be both exciting and daunting for autistic young people, the excitement and anticipation of seeing family and friends and a 2 week holiday followed by the big chunky gatherings and social expectations.

It's important to keep an element of structure when out of school. Bedtimes and wakes up are a good place to start. If you are finding that your child is sleeping in later and later and going to bed later and later a great way to break this cycle is to wake your child up on time, using light and breakfast. This restarts your usual routine again.

Hands twist at wrists, move up for 'To Celebrate'

Fun things to keep kids busy!

Some ideas we have cooked up which might hit the spot!

- **Kinetic sand** - not as messy as it sounds
- **Salad spinner** - sounds bonkers, but put some fair lights inside and it is fantastic! [Video Link](#)
- **Fake snow** - This one is fantastic and easy to clean!
- **Visual timetable** - Having a visual timetable (scroll to 'Visual Supports that can be used in the home) will support structure and routine throughout the holidays.

The Local Offer

This video by Morgan Foley (@Morganfoley) is a young autistic woman who has a huge following on social media. She created [this video](#) which you might find interesting about presents



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Top tips for supporting your child through a social event

- **Soft Entry:** If possible, come to the party at the start before the space is full of people.
- **Safe Space:** Identify a quiet safe space for your child to go to if they become overwhelmed.
- **Grounder:** Bringing a favoured object or activity for your child to centre onto will support their ability to regulate through familiarity.
- **Exit:** Give your child a code word which helps them say its time to go without having to say its time to go
- **Structure:** Create elements of certainty, first we will do X then we will do Y then its time to go home

Training links and sign ups

[Link to the Autism Support page where there are links to parent training, resources and links](#)

Activities over the holidays

[The London Transport Museum](#)

This is a big space, lots of interactive activities and a real hands on museum, children are free! There is a virtual tour to prepare your child to [watch here](#)

[The Postal Museum](#)

This place is fantastic, it has a train, pre visit video and sensory bags available at the ticket desk for your children to access, well worth a visit!

[Here is a link](#) of some accessible museums

Contact us here

[autismsupportteam
@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:autismsupportteam@southwark.gov.uk)



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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**](#) 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>



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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.



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



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



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
Tuesday 6/1/2026	School Open First Day Back



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The poster is for 'Southwark's Winter of Food and Fun'. It features a central blue wavy shape containing a snowflake, the text 'Southwark's WINTER OF FOOD AND FUN', and various winter-themed illustrations like a red mug with steam, a chef's hat, a green apple, and a bowl of soup. The background is dark blue with white stars. The Southwark Council logo is in the top right. The text at the bottom left describes the activity programme for children and young people aged 4-16 who get benefits-related free school meals. It specifies the dates from 22 December 2025 to 2 January 2026, excludes weekends and bank holidays, and provides the website www.southwark.gov.uk/foodandfun. The bottom right is funded by the Department for Education.

Activity programme for children and young people aged 4-16 years who get benefits-related free school meals

22 December 2025 to 2 January 2026

Excluding weekends and bank holidays

www.southwark.gov.uk/foodandfun

Funded by



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Contact our providers to sign up

North East Southwark

AUTISM VOICE

- ⌚ Ages: 5 to 15
- 📍 Neckinger Tenants and Residents' Association (TRA) Hall, 87 Spa Road, SE16 3SG
- 📞 07460 399 290
- 📧 autismvoice1@gmail.com
- 🌐 www.autismvoice.org.uk

BALLERS ACADEMY

- ⌚ Ages: 6 to 14
- 📍 Peter Hills Primary School, Salter Road entrance, SE16 5ED
- 📞 07400 543 210
- 📧 info@ballersacademy.co.uk
- 🌐 www.ballersacademy.co.uk

BLUE YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

- ⌚ Ages: 8 to 16
- 📍 The Blue Youth Club, 190-192 Southwark Park Road, SE16 3RP
- 📞 07901 617 189
- 📧 holidayclub@springcommunityhub.org.uk

MILLWALL COMMUNITY TRUST

- ⌚ Ages: 5 to 13
- 📍 Site 1: Lewisham Lions Centre, Bolina Road, SE16 3LD
- 📍 Site 2: St Paul's Sports Ground, Salter Road, SE16 5EF
- 📞 07958 026 876
- 📧 epoole@millwallcommunity.org.uk
- 🌐 www.millwallcommunity.org.uk

PARENT SKILLS2GO

- ⌚ Ages: 4 to 16
- 📍 Lewington Community Centre, 9 Eugenia Road, SE16 2RU
- 📞 020 3536 9609
- 📞 07394 662 602
- 📧 admin@parentskills2go.com
- 🌐 www.parentskills2go.com

PRO TOUCH SA

- ⌚ Ages: 6 to 13
- 📍 Harris Academy Bermondsey, 55 Southwark Park Road, SE16 3TZ
- 📞 07874 872 053
- 📧 farrakh@protouchsa.co.uk
- 🌐 www.protouchsa.co.uk

PRO TOUCH SA - TEENAGERS

- ⌚ Ages: 14 to 16
- 📍 Harris Academy Bermondsey, 55 Southwark Park Road, SE16 3TZ
- 📞 07874 872 053
- 📧 farrakh@protouchsa.co.uk
- 🌐 www.protouchsa.co.uk

ZENOCH COMMUNITY HUB

- ⌚ Ages: 5 to 16
- 📍 City of London Academy (COLA), 240 Lynton Road, SE1 5LA
- 📞 07849 267 299
- 📧 zenochservices@gmail.com



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North West Southwark

FAST 58

- Age:** 5 to 15
- Location:** Roundhouse Hall, 2 Cardinal Bourne Street, SE1 4EJ
- Phone:** 07973 311 684
- Email:** dwalsh1503@gmail.com
www.fast58.org.uk

East Central Southwark

ANGELS BREAKFAST AND AFTERSCHOOL CLUB

- Age:** 5 to 16
- Site 1:** Pelican Plus Hall, Crane House, Grumman Road, Pelican Estate, SE15 5NF
- Site 2:** Parish Church of St Luke's, Chandler Way, SE15 6DT
- Phone:** 07957 472 504
- Email:** angelsbreakfastafterschoolclub@gmail.com

ASTLEY AND COOPER TRA COMMUNITY HUB

- Age:** 6 to 16
- Location:** 375 Old Kent Road, Wessex House, SE1 5JQ
- Phone:** 07780 383 563
- Email:** secretaryascotra@gmail.com

BIRD IN BUSH CHAMPS

- Age:** 5 to 11
- Location:** Bird in Bush Primary School, Bird in Bush Road, SE15 1QP
- Phone:** 07512 514 833
- Email:** iali@birdinbush.southwark.sch.uk

PARENT SKILLS2GO

- Age:** 4 to 16
- Location:** The Green Community Centre, 5 Nunhead Green, SE15 3QQ
- Phone:** 020 3536 9609
07394 662 602
- Email:** admin@parentskills2go.com
www.parentskills2go.com

ZENOCH COMMUNITY HUB

- Age:** 5 to 14
- Location:** Cossall TRA Hall, 48 Mortlock Close, SE15 2QE
- Phone:** 07849 267 299
- Email:** zenochservices@gmail.com
www.zenoch.co.uk

West Central Southwark

ACTIVITIES 4 U

- Age:** 6 to 16
- Location:** South Bank University Academy, Trafalgar Street, SE17 2TP
- Phone:** 07358 521 864
020 7735 8181
- Email:** admin@activities4u.org.uk
www.activities4u.org.uk

BETHWIN ROAD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAYGROUND ASSOCIATION

- Age:** 6 to 16
- Location:** Bethwin Road Adventure Playground, Bethwin Road, SE5 0YF
- Phone:** 07932 996 148
- Email:** steph@bethwin.onmicrosoft.com
www.bethwin.co.uk



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BURGESS SPORTS

- Ages:** 5 to 12
- Location:** Surrey Square Primary School, Surrey Square, SE17 2JY
- Phone:** 07384 336 925
- Email:** afruja@burgesssports.org
- Website:** www.burgesssports.org

PARENT SKILLS2GO

- Ages:** 8 to 16
- Location:** Camberwell Library, 48 Camberwell Green, SE5 7AL
- Phone:** 020 3536 9609
07394 662 602
- Email:** admin@parentskills2go.com
- Website:** www.parentskills2go.com

SPRING COMMUNITY HUB

- Ages:** 4 to 10
- Location:** St George's C of E Primary School, Coleman Road, SE5 7TF
- Phone:** 07901 617 189
- Email:** holidayclub@springcommunityhub.org.uk

SPRING COMMUNITY HUB - TEENAGERS

- Ages:** 11 to 16
- Location:** United Reform Church, Love Walk, SE5 8AE
- Phone:** 07901 617 189
- Email:** holidayclub@springcommunityhub.org.uk

UK LATIN COMMUNITY

- Ages:** 8 to 14
- Location:** Peller Hall, 19 Hillingdon Street, SE17 3UL
- Phone:** 07852 167 580
- Email:** info@uklatincommunity.org
- Website:** www.uklatincommunity.org/foodfun-holiday-camp

South Southwark

DYNAMIC COACHING

- Ages:** 4 to 11
- Location:** East Dulwich Community Centre, 46 Darrell Road, SE22 9NL
- Phone:** 07756 826 105
- Email:** admin@dynamicmail.co.uk
- Website:** www.dynamiccoachinguk.com/southwark-council-holiday-camps/

EXCEL BEYOND BARRIERS

- Ages:** 4 to 16
- Location:** Site 1: Ketra Community Hall, Telfer House, Seeley Drive, Kingswood Estate, SE21 8QW
Site 2: The Charter School East Dulwich, Jarvis Road, SE22 8RB
- Phone:** 07958 064 597
- Email:** info@excelbeyondbarriers.com
- Website:** www.excelbeyondbarriers.com

SPRING COMMUNITY HUB

- Ages:** 4 to 10
- Location:** Dawson Heights Community Centre, Ladlands, Dawson Heights Estate, SE22 0PW
- Phone:** 07901 617 189
- Email:** holidayclub@springcommunityhub.org.uk

ZENOCH COMMUNITY HUB

- Ages:** 5 to 14
- Location:** Goose Green Centre, St John the Evangelist Church, 62a East Dulwich Road, SE22 9AT
- Phone:** 07849 267 299
- Email:** zenochservices@gmail.com
- Website:** www.zenoch.co.uk

Choose a holiday club and book soon to avoid disappointment. Contact haf@southwark.gov.uk for any queries.



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SPRING COMMUNITY HUB



COFFEE MORNING
10am-12noon every 1st Monday of the month



CAMBERWELL CONNECT
Group for over 55s - every Wednesday 11am-1pm



FOOD BANK
Emergency food parcels for those in need



SOCIAL SUPERMARKET
Discounted food for those on low or no income

OUR OTHER SERVICES

- Heart icon: HOLIDAY & AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITY CAMPS FOR CHILDREN
- Heart icon: ADVICE, GUIDANCE & ADVOCACY SERVICES AND SUPPORT
- Heart icon: CLOTHES BANK Heart icon: SPRING UP WOMEN Heart icon: VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES*

* Email us at voluteering@springcommunityhub.org.uk or phone our office for more information

www.springcommunityhub.org.uk 

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CHRISTMAS ACTIVITY CAMPS



Food



Fun



Craft



Games



FREE!*
for ages
0-16



* Subject to eligibility.

SPRING
COMMUNITY HUB



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WHERE

- **Dawson's Heights Community Centre**
Overhill Road, SE22 0PN
Ages 4-13
- **The Blue Youth Centre**
190, Southwark Park Road, SE16 3RP
Ages 8-16
- **St George's CofE Primary School**
Coleman Road, SE5 7TF
Ages 4-10
- **Love Walk (Teens)***
United Reform Church,
Love Walk, SE5 8AE
Ages 11-16
- **St Paul's**
4, Lorrimore Square, SE17 3QT
Ages 0-10

STAY & PLAY
Parents/Guardians
must stay with
children*

DATES

- Mon 22nd Dec
- Tues 23rd Dec
- Wed 24th Dec

TIME

- 10am - 2pm
- 12pm - 4pm
(Blue Youth Centre)

* Parents do not need
to stay at Love Walk

REGISTER FOR ST PAUL'S AT:

eequ.org/springnonhaf



FOR ALL OTHER CAMPS REGISTER HERE

eequ.org/spring



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**junior parkrun –
where everyone is**



welcome

junior parkrun is a free, fun, friendly, weekly, community event organised by volunteers of all ages for children aged 4 to 14.

2k junior parkrun events take place on Sunday mornings and are for the whole community to come together to walk, jog, run and volunteer. Join in on the fun at junior parkrun!



junior parkrun



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Support your child's development for free

Get unlimited access by scanning the QR code*



Parenting advice and activity ideas for children aged from birth to five, shared by our community and experts.

Available for all parents and carers in Southwark.



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In Partnership With



Nexus Education Schools Trust Talent Pool

Looking to extend your talents to other schools
within NEST and provide more support?

NEST is now offering the opportunity for any staff wishing to increase their hours and to help provide greater support with their skills to sign up to our talent pool to be considered first for any vacancies across the Trust. All choices are yours to make, meaning you can highlight which positions you would like to work in and what schools you would be willing to commute to.

If you are interested in the chance to help make a difference and enjoy new experiences at an additional school within the Trust, please head over to MyNewTerm, create an account and search for 'Nexus Education Schools Trust' under employers in 'Find a Job' which will then allow you to sign up to the talent pool. Alternatively, you can head over to the NEST website where we have a link under staff vacancies which will direct you to our MyNewTerm page.

This is not just an exclusive opportunity to existing staff within NEST so if you know any friends or family who may be interested in this venture we would love to welcome them aboard!

Thank you for your interest!

Please direct any queries to recruitment@nestschools.org



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SUCCESSFUL MUMS
Career Academy

FIND A JOB YOU LOVE

A **FREE** event for parents

LOOKING FOR FLEXIBLE WORK?
A CAREER CHANGE? OR JUST
NEED A CONFIDENCE BOOST?

Join us for a friendly, informal coffee morning where you'll discover hundreds of part-time and flexible jobs in your area. Whether you're returning to work, starting a business or figuring out your next move, we're here to help!



Monday 19 January



9:30 to 11:00



Grove Primary School
(formerly Dog Kennel
Hill) SE22 8AB

What we'll cover

- How to update your CV after a break
- Where to find local part-time and flexible jobs
- 10 great career ideas including Digital, SEN, Green roles..
- The Working in Education Course with a guaranteed interview
- The skills from parenting that employers are look for
- Links to 7 local family-friendly employers
- A 5-step action plan to make it happen!



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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!

~~Saturday 6 December~~

~~10:00 – 14:00~~

~~IRMO Centre, Warwick House, SW9 7JP~~

Saturday 20 December

10:00 – 14:00

Big Yellow Flexi Offices, SE5 7SW

**For more information
or to book an
appointment call
020 8614 5495**





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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:

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

AutismSupportTeam@
Southwark.gov.uk

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

 [Google Translate](#)

 Alexandra Rose Charity

 Southwark Council

Impact on Urban Health



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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



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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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