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A Message from our Deputy Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Every Tuesday, children in Reception up to Year 6 have been having class assemblies called 'Talking Tuesdays'. The School Councilors in Years 1-6 are encouraged to lead their classes in a discussion around a question or 'silly' statement to debate. The children are also encouraged to use our 'Oracy Hand Signals' to support structuring their verbal debates.

We would love for our families to also have a go at debating at home! Our **'silly' statement** this week was themed around one of our school values **'resilience'**.

'Failing is a sign you should stop doing something, even if you really enjoy it.' What do you think?

ORACY HAND SIGNALS

- I agree because... 
- I disagree because... 
- I challenge that because... 
- I would like to build on what has been said... 
- Linking to what has been said... 

**Ever tried.
Ever failed.
No matter.
Try again.
Fail again.
Fail better.**

Samuel Beckett



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Year 5 Learning

In Science, our new topic this half term is on Forces. Our first lesson was learning about a famous scientist called Sir Isaac Newton, who is most famous for his scientific discoveries around gravity and the three laws of motion. We researched some information about him.

DE Year 5: Forces
Tuesday 13th January 2026
To explore gravity and the life and work of Isaac Newton 

Write a paragraph about Sir Isaac Newton, discussing his life and work.

Sir Isaac Newton was born in 1643, in Lincolnshire. His father died when he was young, and he was sent to live with his grandmother. He went to school in Grantham and developed an interest in mechanics and chemistry. In 1661 he began his studies at Cambridge University. Once he left university he began writing a book about light and optics, and published it in his first book. He then published a second book which was very popular. These books described many theories such as that of gravity. Gravity involves three laws of motion. He also used this to develop other theories such as that the planets orbit the sun due to gravity. He also helped to develop calculus, a way of problem solving in maths. Newton died in 1727. Today he is known for *and can*



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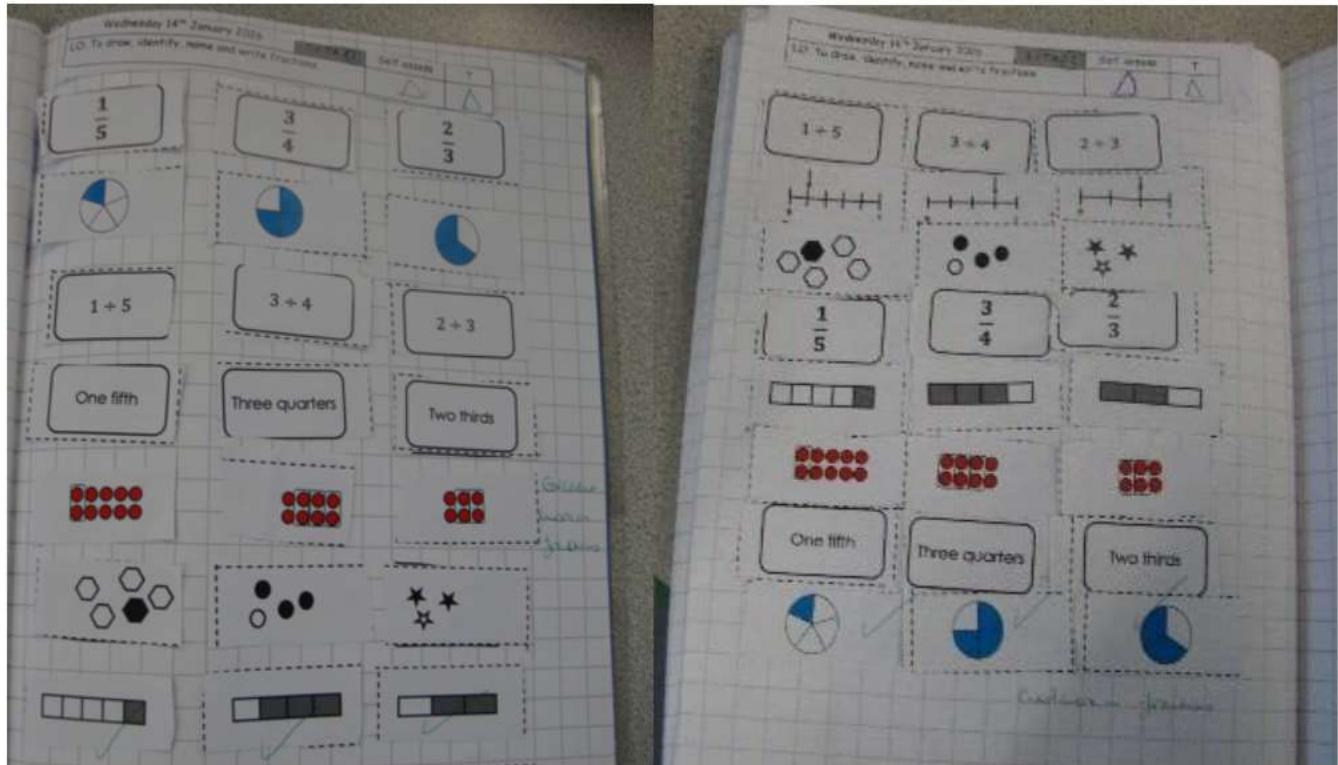
Sir Isaac Newton was a very skilled mathematician and a physicist famous for his scientific discoveries. He was a leading figure in the Scientific Revolution during the 17th and 18th centuries. Newton was born in 1643 in Lincolnshire, England. His mother remarried after his father died, and Newton went to live with his grandmother. This was an unhappy time for him. Newton went to school in Grantham and developed an interest in mechanics. He showed a talent in building machines such as windmills and windmills. In 1661, Newton began his studies at Cambridge University. He impressed his professor with his excellent work. He later became a professor of mathematics at the same university. Newton began writing theories about light and published them in his book. He believed that white light is





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In Maths, Hazel Class has been learning about naming, identifying and labelling unit fractions in our work this week.





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In Music, Hazel Class have been learning about reading notes and making notes.



In PE, we have been learning the skills of passing and shooting in hockey.





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Drama Workshop

This week, children in Years 1-3 had a drama workshop led by Drama4All exploring the theme of 'Midnight in the toyshop' using drama, dance and singing to help develop their confidence, concentration and social skills.





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Park Run Assembly

This Thursday, we had an assembly led by Park Run who came in to talk to the children about how they can join in with the weekly Park Run at Burgess Park. Details about how to participate are below. Some children even took part in the 'daily mile!' and learned how to be stewards who help run the events!





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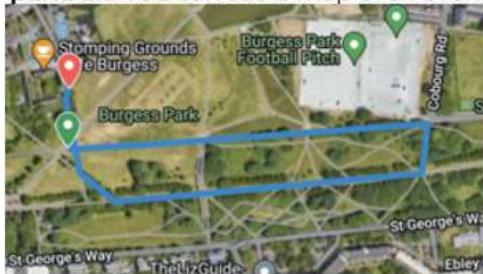
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Burgess junior parkrun x Grove Primary School

We had a special visit from parkrun this week, they spoke to us about junior parkrun and the exciting opportunities every Sunday to be active.

junior parkrun is a **free, fun, friendly, weekly, community event** organised by volunteers of all ages for children aged 4 to 14. The 2k junior parkrun events take place every **Sunday morning at 9am** in the UK, Ireland and Australia. It is a great introduction for **all the family** to be physically active outside together on the weekend. **Walk, jog, run, volunteer or spectate** with us, **it's for everyone!**

We encourage everyone at Grove Primary School to attend this Sunday, to see what it is all about! Here are details on one of the local events, **Burgess junior parkrun**. You can see a map of all events [here](#).



Address: **Burgess Park, Albany Road, Southwark, London, SE5 0RJ.A**

Every Sunday, at 9am (arrive at 8:45am for the fun warm up). We meet near the Park Life Café and it is a two laps course, then a short leg towards the playground to reach the finish line.

For more information on Burgess junior parkrun see the website here - www.parkrun.org.uk/burgess-juniors/

If this is your first junior parkrun or parkrun, please register for free here - www.parkrun.org.uk/register/

We'd love for you to join us as a volunteer and enjoy the uplifting atmosphere, even if you're not a parent or a grandparent. From marshaling to timekeeping, volunteering at junior parkrun is a fantastic way to meet new people, stay active, and contribute to something truly special. If you have any questions on volunteering, please email burgessjuniors@parkrun.com and our lovely team will be in touch.

We hope to see you soon!
junior parkrun



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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!

Ladybird	Nissi for her growing confidence and sharing her ideas more.
Caterpillar	Serena for always helping Caterpillar class to stay tidy Patrisha for showing excellent listening skills and always agreeing/disagreeing with her friend's answers
Willow	Fredel for having a good attitude with his writing and reading, working on a new table and trying his best to be focused. Ayesha for working hard on her handwriting, keeping it clear and using adjectives in her work.
Elder	Jody Ann for fantastic Maths working out missing number multiplication & division calculation Hendrixx for improving his counting in 2s, 5s and 10s to work out multiplication & division calculations
Beech	Rudi for excellent use of maths language explaining the commutative nature of multiplication Orrin for being an inquisitive scientist in our lesson about rock types
Cedar	Khadija for being calm, helpful and focused during music Aaryan totally fabulous behaviour for learning
Hazel	Jeremiah for good work on recounting the life of Sir Isaac Newton in Science Kartier for identifying the differences between life in Athens and Sparta in History
Maple	Hanah for always trying her very best and showing great resilience when undertaking any activity! Rebecca for being a supportive peer to her classmates and showing kindness always!

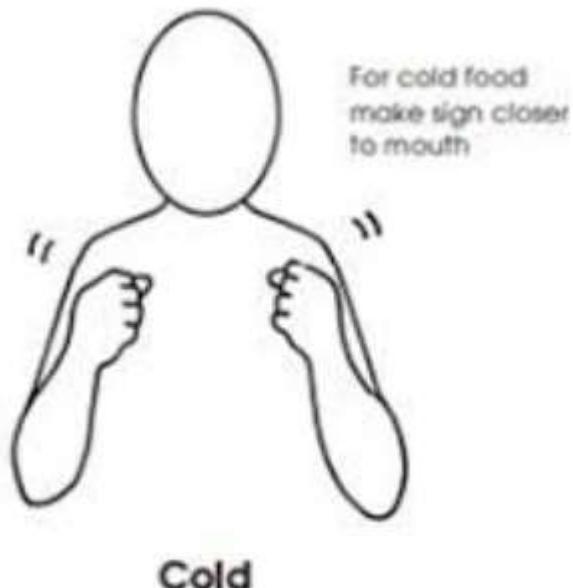


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Makaton Sign of the Week

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 "cold". Please practice this at home too!



Attendance

Reception	93%
Year 1	96.5%
Year 2	92.2%
Year 3	96%
Year 4	93.9%
Year 5	89.1%
Year 6	96.7%

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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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.



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

30/01/2026	Year 4 and 5 Dodgeball sessions
03/02/2026	School Photos
10/02/2026	Safer Internet Day
11/02/2026	Safer Internet Workshops
13/02/2026	Last Day of School
14- 20/02/2026	Half Term Holidays
23/02/2026	School Open First Day Back



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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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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!

**Please book an appointment using the QR code
below**

Saturday 10 January, 11:00 – 16:00
Brixton Library, SW2 1JQ

Walk-in clinic, no appointment necessary

Tuesday 13 January, 15:00 – 17:00
Rye Oak Children's Hub, SE15 3PD

Saturday 31 January, 10:00 – 14:00
IRMO Centre, Warwick House, SW9 7JP

**For more information or
to book an appointment
scan the QR code or call
020 8614 5495**





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**DIGITAL CREW
SATURDAYS**

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end2end TV

**FOR AGES 8-16 FORTNIGHTLY
SATURDAY 10.30-12.30PM**

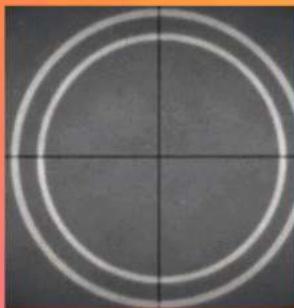
WWW.END2ENDTV.CO.UK



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#NEW for 2026 SCREENLAB

MONTHLY CLUB FOR YOUNG PEOPLE
AGED 10-18 INCLUDING DIGIFILMIX™



SATURDAY AFTERNOON

1.30-4.30PM

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EPEC BABY & US

Baby & Us is a 9 week peer-led group which helps parents gain confidence in parenting and everyday life with a new baby (0-9 months).

This includes supporting parents in understanding baby's cues, coping with challenges around feeding, sleep, and crying, interacting positively with baby and managing parental stress.

JOIN NOW



Contact: Claire Gager or Sunshine Brand

Email: Claire.gager@southwark.gov.uk or Sunshine.Brand@southwark.gov.uk

Call: 07547 659 646 / 07597 506 898

Or scan QR code to complete registration form



WHEN IS IT ON?

STARTING WEDNESDAY 14TH JANUARY 2026

RYE OAK BEST START FAMILY HUB
WHORLTON RD, LONDON SE15 3PD

What time?

10am - 12pm



Southwark Children & Family Hub



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EPEC BEING A PARENT 1-3

For parents of children aged 1 – 3 years

This 9 week course helps parents learn practical skills for everyday life.

- Looking after yourself as a parent
- Recognise and manage your children's emotions
- Learn positive parenting strategies
- Support your children's resilience

JOIN NOW

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or Sunshine.Brand@southwark.gov.uk

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WHEN IS IT ON?

STARTING TUESDAY 13TH JANUARY 2026

1ST PLACE BEST START FAMILY HUB
12 CHUMLEIGH STREET
LONDON
SE5 0RN

What time?
10am-12pm



 Southwark Children & Family Hubs

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EPEC BEING A PARENT

For parents of children aged 2 – 11 years

This 9 week course helps parents learn practical skills for everyday life.

- Looking after yourself as a parent
- Recognise and manage your children's emotions
- Learn positive parenting strategies
- Support your children's resilience

Contact: Claire Gager

JOIN NOW

Email:
Claire.gager@southwark.gov.uk

Call: 07547 659 646



WHEN IS IT ON?

WEDNESDAYS

STARTING 14TH JANUARY
2026

CRAWFORD BEST START
FAMILY HUB
5 CRAWFORD RD,
LONDON SE5 9NF

THURSDAYS

STARTING 15TH JANUARY
2026

COIN STREET
NEIGHBOURHOOD
FAMILY & CHILDREN CENTRE
108 STAMFORD STREET,
LONDON SE1 9NH

What time?
10am-12pm



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FATHER'S GROUP



Join a 10-week course to
improve your parenting skills.

Whether you are a father, grandfather or stepdad,
receive advice and tips on topics such as positive
parenting, improving relationships and role modelling.

Crèche provided.

When

Friday Morning's at 10.30am - 12.30
Starting 16th January 2026

Where

1st Place Best Start Family Hub
12 Chumleigh Street, Burgess Park, SE5 0RN

BOOK A PLACE

Email: tara.long@southwark.gov.uk or
jamal.jones-Thomas@southwark.gov.uk

Phone: 07513 713 090



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www.1stplace.uk.com





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TAP – IN SESSIONS

Free and stand alone information sessions for parents and carers on a range of topics.

Join us with Thinking About Parenting and TAP in to.....

Monday 19th January
10am - 12
MS Teams

[Parenting and Autism](#)

w/c 23rd Feb
10am - 11.30
MS Teams

[Parenting Foundations](#)

w/c 16th March
10am - 11.30
MS Teams

[Emotional-Based School-Avoidance](#)

Thursday 29th January
10am - 12
MS Teams

[Parenting and ADHD](#)

w/c 2nd March
10am - 11.30
MS Teams

[Parental Emotional Wellbeing](#)

w/c 23rd March
10am - 11.30
MS Teams

[Digital Safety](#)

Thursday 19th March
10am
MS Teams

[Parenting and Autism](#)

w/c 9th Feb
10am - 11.30
MS Teams

[Ages and Stages](#)

w/c 9th March
10am - 11.30
MS Teams

[Bullying Awareness](#)

Tuesday 24th March
10am
MS Teams

[Parenting and ADHD](#)

All sessions held online - link will be sent out 1-2 days before session via email

TO REGISTER FOR A PLACE
[CLICK HERE OR CONTACT](#)

Beth Gilbey

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earlyhelp@southwark.gov.uk





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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!

A QR code located to the right of the 'welcome' text, which likely links to more information about junior parkrun.

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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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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*

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rosevouchers@1stplace.uk.com

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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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