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A Message from our Deputy Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Summer Term. We hope you all had a lovely, restful break! This term we have some fantastic extra-curricular sessions starting in each of our classes!



On Tuesdays, **Forest School sessions** have begun with children in **Nursery, Reception** and **Year 3**, held in our onsite Forest School and led by Ms Ulker Hassan!

Kellie will be continuing with **yoga sessions** on Tuesdays with selected children in **Years 1- Years 6**. She will continue to do a yoga club after school!

Dance sessions have started for **Year 4** and **Year 5** on Wednesdays with Chantal from Pioneer Dance! The performance will be on **Wednesday 20th May @ 9:15 in the Upper Hall.**



Swimming sessions have begun with children in **Year 3** every Thursday afternoon.

We will also be beginning our Class Assemblies this Summer Term, starting with **Year 4 Cedar Class**, on **Thursday 21st May at 9:00** in the Lower Hall. We will have the remaining class assemblies in Summer 2!



Talking Tuesday

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 **question** this week was themed around our whole school value of 'Respect'.

"If I don't take care of something, it doesn't matter- we will get a new one anyway..." What do you think?





Year 5 Learning This Week

Hazel Class new focus book is called 'The Chocolate Tree', which is an ancient Mayan folktale on how chocolate was introduced to humans. This links very closely to our history topic on The Mayans. To start this unit, we role played the story of The Chocolate Tree then we wrote a direct address to the reader.





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Wednesday 15th April 2026
To write a direct address ⚡

Have you ever wondered where chocolate came from and its origin? How did people know that large brown pods would have many cocoa beans inside that can get turned into chocolate, a well-known treat? Can you imagine a world without chocolate? There would be no brownies, no hot chocolate, no chocolate bars or chocolate ice cream. The world would be a depressing place without chocolate.

Well, keep on reading if you want to find out about this tasty treat! This is a Mayan tale about how chocolate was discovered. It began nearly 1000 years ago in the rainforests of southern Mexico.

Excuse.com

Wednesday 15th April 2026
To write a direct address ⚡

Have you ever wondered where the wonderful/delicious treat that is chocolate comes from? Where did it all begin? Can you imagine a world without it? Without chocolate, ice cream, chocolate muffins, hot chocolate, chocolate cookies, chocolate bars or Easter eggs. The world would be a much more miserable place without chocolate.

Well, read on if you want to discover the amazing story of chocolate. But first, we have to travel back nearly 1000 years ago to the rainforests of Mexico.



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This half term, we have started dance lessons with Chantelle from Pioneer Dance.





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In Music, we have been learning to play the scales of the xylophones to a piece of music.





★ 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	Nakai-Tristan for having such a great attitude towards your learning!
Caterpillar	Rafferty for writing an amazing few sentences about the butterfly life cycle. Sarah for writing an amazing few sentences about the butterfly life cycle.
Willow	Teddy for challenging himself all week across all of his learning. Well done Teddy we are so proud of you. Ayesha for showing resilience when she was feeling tired this week and still tried her best - well done Ayesha what a great start to the summer term!
Elder	Noah & Jeffrey for being kind friends and great learning partners
Beech	Amira for some really focused work on equivalent fractions in maths this week Callum for an excellent report all about the importance of the river Nile to Ancient Egyptians
Cedar	Athen for focus during writing tasks this week. Mubarak for your positive attitude during our writing tasks this week
Hazel	Ioan for good work on understanding that percentages relates to a number of parts per 100. Kamron for identifying the differences between religious and secular laws in RE.
Maple	Seyram for his outstanding efforts with engaging and contribution to our reading lessons this week. Alicia for showing that she is an inquisitive learner and always diving deeper with her learning with her questioning.



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 "respect" Please practice this at home too!



Attendance

Reception	90.7%
Year 1	96.82%
Year 2	95.22%
Year 3	92.5%
Year 4	92.41%
Year 5	93%
Year 6	99.7%

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



SAINT GEORGE'S DAY

MAINS

Beef Cobbler
or
Vegetable Shepherd's Pie
(V)

SIDES

Mini Yorkshire Pudding,
Peas, Carrots, and Gravy

DESSERTS

Chocolate Crispy Bar
With Chocolate Sauce

*Menus may be subject to change



Chartwells



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!



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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Nexus Education Schools Trust

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>



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.



Dates for your Diary

04/05/2026	May Bank Holiday- School Closed
11/05/2026- 14/05/2026	Year 6 SATS Week 8AM Breakfast in Dining Hall Monday- SPAG Test Tuesday- Reading Wednesday- Arithmetic and Reasoning 1 Thursday- Reasoning 2
20/05/2026	Dance Performance @ 9:15 in Upper Hall
22/05/2026	Last Day for Children
23/05/2026- 31/05/2026	Half Term Break
01/06/2026	First Day Back



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Applications are now open to join the Royal Ballet and Opera's Youth Opera Programmes.

We are inviting young singers aged 8–11 (on 1 September 2026), living in and around London, to apply to join our **Young Voices** programme and **Youth Opera Company** this September. Applications close at **midnight on Sunday 10 May**.

Both programmes are **free** and offer an exciting opportunity for young people to develop their singing, performance skills, and confidence.

Young Voices (Ages 8-9)

A six-month singing training programme developing vocal skills and musical understanding and vocal skills, with performance opportunities in showcases at the Royal Opera House.

Youth Opera Company (ages 9–11)

A multi-year programme offering all-round training in the performing arts. Members develop vocal technique, language, stagecraft, musical literacy and creative skills. They also have opportunities to create and perform their own new operas, and to audition for the Children's Chorus, who perform in productions on the Royal Opera House main stage.

Current members say:

"YOC is really special because I've met lots of other young people who like singing, like me. I've also loved performing on the Royal Opera main stage in The Magic Flute and in Hansel and Gretel."

— **2026 Youth Opera Company member**

Find out more and apply here: [RBO Youth Opera Programmes](#)

Applications close at midnight on Sunday 10 May. If you have any questions, or run into any issues completing the application form, please do get in touch at youthopera@roh.org.uk.



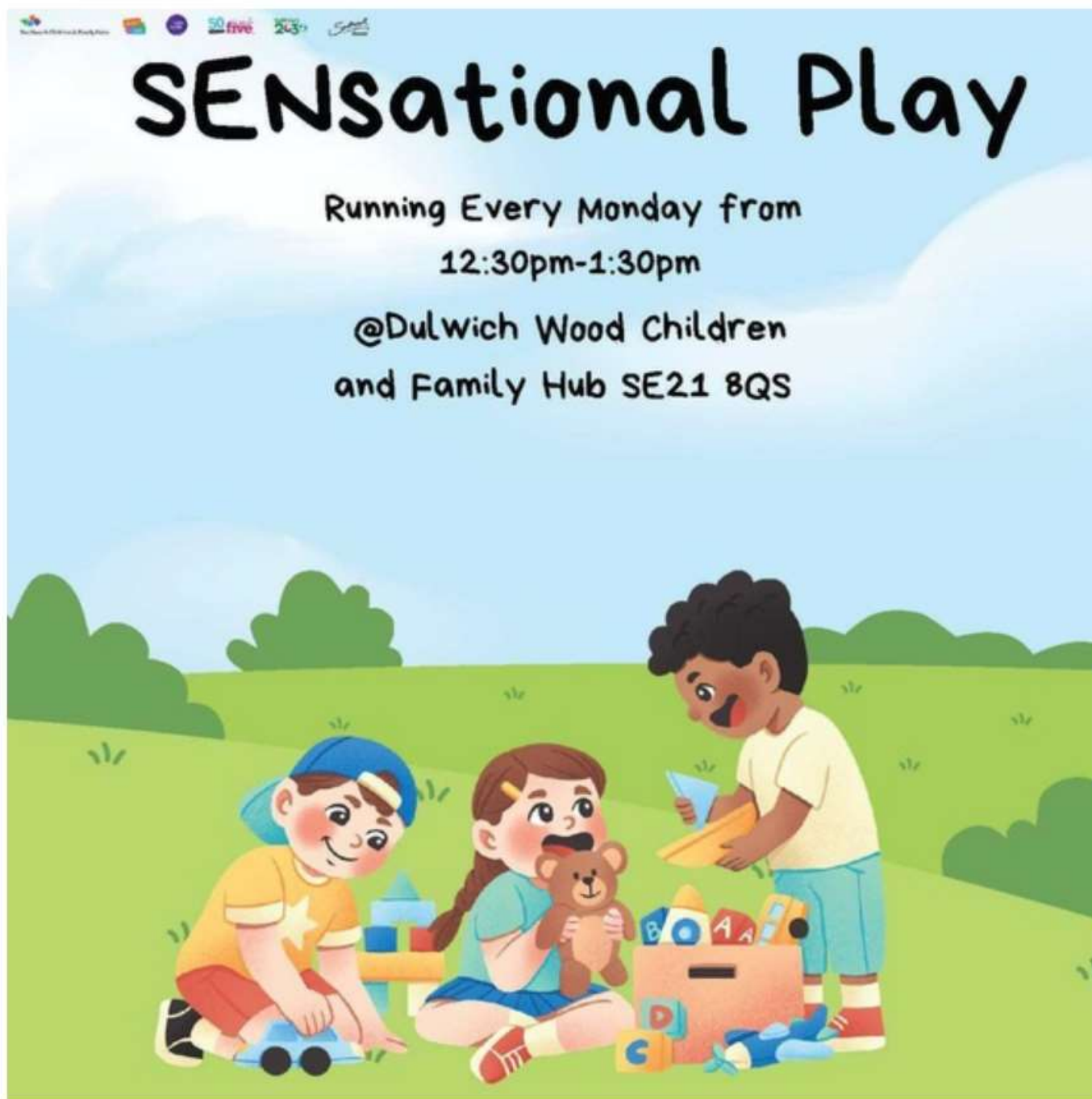
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SENSATIONAL Play

Running Every Monday from
12:30pm-1:30pm

@Dulwich Wood Children
and Family Hub SE21 8QS





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TALK, LEARN, DO



TLD empowers parents and caregivers to talk about and teach money as part of everyday life.



Financial attitudes and behaviours begin developing early, between the ages of 3 - 11, through to young adulthood.



Children develop lifelong attitudes and habits around money from an early age, and parents and caregivers play a crucial role in shaping their knowledge and capability.

This is a course for adults around financial education intervention.

DATE: Thursday 14th May 2026

TIME: 1:00pm - 3:00pm

LOCATION: Crawford Children & Family Centre

5 Crawford Road SE5 9NF





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COME AND HAVE YOUR SAY

Parent & Carers Forum



A SPACE FOR PARENTS AND CARERS TO COME TOGETHER, SHARE VIEWS, AND HELP SHAPE THE SERVICES AT YOUR LOCAL FAMILY HUB. YOUR VOICE MATTERS!

CRAWFORD SE5 9NF
Monday 11th May 13:00-14:30

DULWICH WOOD SE21 8QS
Thursday 14th May 10:00 -11:30am

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL US AT:
CDCFCOFFICES@DULWICHWOOD.COM



Southwark Children's Family Hub





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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.....

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

Monday 27th April
10am - 12
MS Teams

[Parenting and Autism](#)

Thursday 30th April
10am - 12
MS Teams

[Parenting and ADHD](#)

Monday 18th May
10am - 11.30
MS Teams

[Ages and Stages](#)

Monday 1st June
10am - 11.30
MS Teams

[Parenting Foundations](#)

Monday 8th June
10am - 11.30
MS Teams

[Parental Emotional Wellbeing](#)

Monday 15th June
10am - 11.30
MS Teams

[Bullying Awareness](#)

Monday 22nd June
10am - 11.30
MS Teams

[Emotional Based School Avoidance](#)

Monday 29th June
10am - 11.30
MS Teams

[Digital Safety](#)

Tuesday 6th July
10am
MS Teams

[Parenting and ADHD](#)

Thursday 16th July
10am
MS Teams

[Parenting and Autism](#)

To register:
Scan the QR
code



Contact: Beth Gilbey

Email:
bethany.gilbey@southwark.gov.uk
parenting@southwark.gov.uk

Or call: 07394 865 980



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WEEKEND SPORTS CLUBS FOR CHILDREN WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS



Helping children build confidence through inclusive sports

Join our multi-sports fun with small groups | Max 6 children | Boost your child's confidence and coordination | Supports social skills in a safe space | Run by experienced Special Educational Needs Coaches

Location	Day	Time
Newham, E7 9BB	Saturdays	9-10am
Crystal Palace, SE19 2JH	Saturdays	11-12noon
Orpington, BR52JD	Saturdays	1-2pm and 2-3pm
Dulwich, SE22 8RB	Sundays	9:30-10:30am
Putney, SW15 2ED	Sundays	11:15am-12:15pm
Richmond, TW1 3BA	Sundays	1-2pm

Spaces are limited — book today!

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FREE online talk by
Jane Keyworth

FACE family Advice Lead Facilitator

Decreasing Depression

23rd April 7-8pm



Book online

www.facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Parents - Live Talks page



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TRAIN TO TEACH PRIMARY with NEXUS Education Schools Trust

In Partnership with The National Institute of Teaching and Education (NITE).

Inspire Young Minds. Shape the Future. +

Are you a graduate ready to start a rewarding career in teaching?

Train to teach with Nexus Education Schools Trust and The National Institute of Teaching and Education (NITE), part of Coventry University Group.

At Nexus, you'll gain hands-on classroom experience in our schools, while NITE provides the expert training and academic support. Together, we'll help you build the skills, confidence and experience to become an outstanding primary teacher.

Why Train at a NEXUS school?



Full-time and Part-time Pathways

Training can be completed full-time over one year at five days per week, or part-time over two years at 2.5 days per week for a more flexible pathway.



Hands-On Classroom Experience

You'll be actively involved in the classroom from the start, but we'll build your responsibilities gradually to allow you to develop your practice and build confidence.



Expert Support

You'll work with mentors and teachers who know what it takes to train as a teacher. They bring years of classroom experience, practical insight and a genuine desire to help you get the best out of your training.



Supportive Community

Our schools are collaborative, encouraging and nurturing. From day one, you'll be welcomed into the team, guided and supported as you learn the ropes. You'll have the space to make mistakes, try new strategies and grow into the teacher you aspire to be.

Who We're Looking For

We welcome graduates in all subjects who are:

- Passionate about working with children.
- Creative, patient and resilient.
- Eager to make a real difference.



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 **Who can join?**
♦ Boys & girls
♦ School Year 2
♦ All abilities welcome

 Club Manager Darrell
 **07979 143491**
 darrell2@hotmail.co.uk

 **Come and be part of the Hamlet family!** 





THE PE & SCHOOL SPORTS NETWORK

“The Saturday club has been a lifeline for my son. He has many friends and looks forward to going. He also uses the trampoline as a release of tension.”

AGES 5-18

SEND SATURDAY SPORTS CLUB

OPEN EVERY SATURDAY
(TERM TIME ONLY)

OPEN TO SEND PUPILS IN SOUTHWARK

For more information please contact Glyn and George via the emails below:
 Glyn Davies: glyn@lpeasn.org.uk
 George Richards: george@lpeasn.org.uk



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THE PE & SCHOOL SPORTS NETWORK



The Saturday sports club runs through the year at Bacon's College. The club caters for SEND students of all disabilities between the ages of 5 -18 years old. Each session lasts for 60 minutes.

There is a highly skilled and motivated team of 14 working at the club ranging from teachers, teaching assistants, coaches, and special needs specialists.

As well as improving fitness levels and health and wellbeing the club works on social skills such as listening skills, waiting, sharing, teamwork, individual work and focus.

Sports and activities change weekly – trampolining, nature trail and the gym for the older clients, volleyball, football, basketball, multi skills, tennis, cricket, badminton, boccia, new age curling, dance, parachute games, athletics, capoeira, etc.

The club currently run in 4 different sessions:

Session 1: 10:30 – 11:30

Session 2: 11:30 – 12:30

Session 3: 12:30 – 13:30

Session 4: 14:00 – 15:00

Venue:

Bacon's College, Timber Pond Road
Rotherhithe, London
SE16 6AT

“ The Network and Saturday Sports Club at Bacon's College has offered myself and family much-needed respite. Glyn, George and the team are very understanding and aware of my son's SEN needs: autism and ADHD. ”

SEND SATURDAY SPORTS CLUB





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Southwark

Helping you to give your child
the best start in life, with support
during pregnancy to the age of 5.



Download the Start for Life brochure

Packed with essential resources for parents and caregivers.
Useful information in one place to help you find a wide range of local
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SATURDAY 10.30-12.30PM

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AGED 10-18 INCLUDING DIGIFILMIX™



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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



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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

Contact: Claire Gager

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

Call: 07547 659 646 / 07597 506 898



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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CHILDREN'S PARENTS
COUNCIL



EMPOWERING PARENTS
EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES



M25
South London
and Maudslayi



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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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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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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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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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TO BOOK



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

 Alexandra Rose Charity

 Southwark Council

 Impact on Urban Health



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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