



A Message from our Deputy Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week in our Monday Assembly, **Ms Jo McCoy** led an assembly which explored the history of **VE day** (Victory in Europe Day) and was celebrated on Friday 8th May! We also explored the day during our Talking Tuesday below!

This day marks the day 81 years ago in which Europe declared the end of World War Two.

On this day on the 8th of May 1945, crowds lined the streets across the UK to have street parties and celebrate the surrender of Germany and end of the war.



Attendance

Reception	93.81%
Year 1	93.43%
Year 2	96.14%
Year 3	96.05
Year 4	91.32%
Year 5	95.06%
Year 6	98.99%

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



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 learning of VE day.

"If you could travel back to VE day, would you go to a street party to celebrate, or stay at home quietly?" 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... 





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WILLOW CLASS

OUR learning



PSHE

In PSHE this half term, we have been learning about economic wellbeing. This week we learnt about jobs in schools, and the children interviewed different members of staff about their jobs. The children discussed how each member of staff at school helps them.





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SCIENCE

This half term we have been learning about Plants. We have learnt about the parts of a plant, how plants grow, and how seeds travel from the parent plant. This week the children drew each stage of a plant growing and wrote a description of what was happening.





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MATHS

We have started our unit on money. The children have been looking at coins and identifying their value. The children sorted the coins based on their materials and their shapes.



CHICKS!

Grove Primary school have some visiting chicks! Willow class were lucky enough to go and say hello.





Chicks hatching in the EYFS

The Nursery and Reception had some eggs delivered last week! They were kept in an incubator where they began to hatch over the past week. We have been learning about the life cycles of chickens and how to care for them!





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This term in Forest School

The children in Nursery, Reception and Year 3 have been enjoying Forest School sessions led by Ms Ulker Hassan! Have a look at some of Year 3's fantastic learning and exploring!





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Mithraeum Visit-Cedar Class

On the 1st of May, Cedar Class visited the Mithraeum in London city. It was full of Roman London artefacts. The children were in groups, and they had various Roman objects found in the area, and they had to guess who would have used the artefacts. Then in groups they did mimes, and the rest of the class had to guess their jobs/tasks. After that, we were taken to the basement to see a 2000-year-old Roman temple. We had a great day being historians.





★ 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	Malaika for her increased effort in communicating verbally with her peers and adults.
Caterpillar	Maiah for always putting her hand up and sharing thoughtful ideas Melodie for being a superstar in our maths lesson about money
Willow	Effie for her beautiful presentation Ja'naiya for being so brave and being so resilient in writing with her left hand
Elder	Yzabella for being a great friend and a fantastic role model in her time at Grove Primary School. The Whole Class for their fantastic, positive learning attitude to writing; including using different sentence types, and learning & using a variety of punctuation
Beech	Blu for showing such a positive attitude to his learning this week Shyanna for setting an excellent behaviour example as always
Cedar	Jaden for your amazing attitude towards your homework Misola for making fantastic progress in times tables
Hazel	Urian for using evidence sources to help understand more about the Maya civilization River for good work on answering information retrieval questions in shared reading.
Maple	The whole of year 6 for their hard work, resilience and commitment this week and a massive well done in completing their SATS



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 "flower" Please practice this at home too!



flower



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

20/05/2026	Dance Performance @ 9:15 in Upper Hall
21/05/2026	Cedar Class Assembly @ 9:15 in Lower 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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Family Learning at the Thomas Calton
Centre

Southwark
Council

FREE activities for families – May 2026 Half Term

Theme: Bloom, Buzz and Grow

- Maths through stories
- Paper flowers
- Seed bombs
- Stuffed creatures
- Painting
- Sports/Games
- Storytime/Stay & Play

Dates: Tuesday 26th & Wednesday 27th May 2026

Time: 1pm – 3.30pm

@ Thomas Calton Centre

Alpha St London SE15 4NX

Book a place now

call 020 7358 2100

For more information, email
patricia.thomas@southwark.gov.uk





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Half Term Programme

MINI MARATHON PRACTICE/HEATS

Tuesday 26th May, 2026 **Time:**
at Southwark Park SE16 2TX 10am -1pm
at The SurreyQuays Side

MINI MARATHON FUNDRAISING EVENT

Wednesday 27th May, 2026 **Time:**
at Southwark Park SE16 2TX 10am-2pm
at The SurreyQuays Side

GIVE BACK SEWING PROJECT

Friday 29th May, 2026
at Walworth road Se17
Time: 10am-12pm

Register at ParentsSkills2Go.org
07394662602

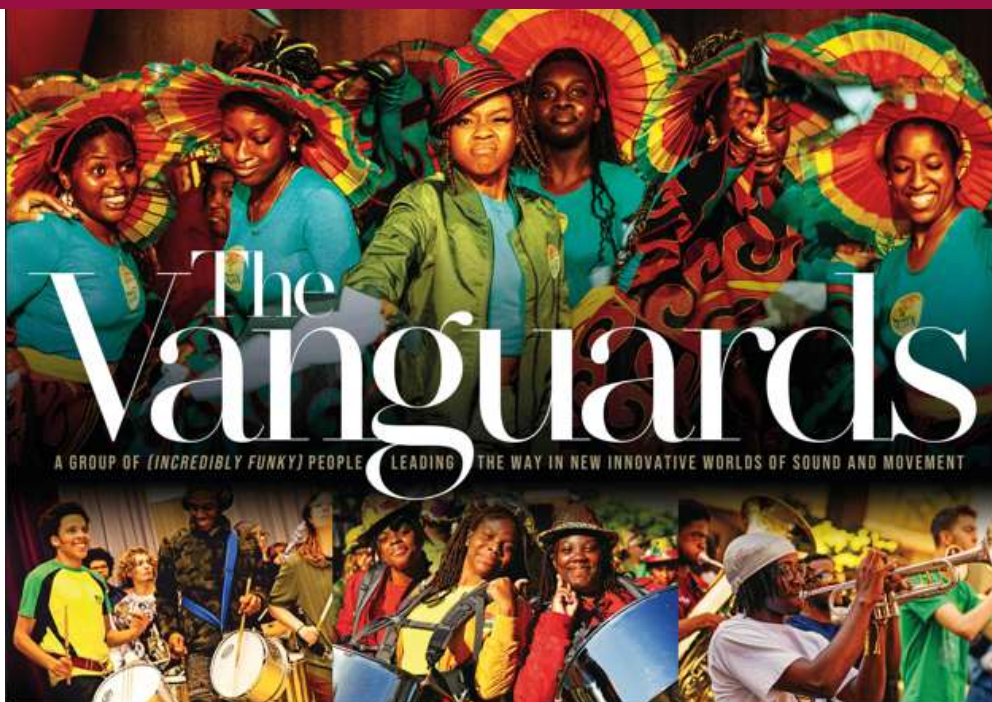
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KINETIKA BLOCO

Senior Summer School is our HUGE summer workshop where you can learn drumming, steel pans, brass/woodwind or dance. Join us for 2 weeks of creative learning, making friends, and innovation in music as we become The Vanguards! Everything builds to a show on the final night for friends and family and you can join us to perform at *Notting Hill Carnival* and *We Out Here Festival* as well as many other performances through the year.

Senior Summer School

When 3-14 August 2026
(week days only)
10.30am-5.30pm
Show at 7.00pm Friday 14 August

Who 14-25 year olds

Where Royal Festival Hall,
Southbank Centre, Belvedere Road,
London, SE1 8XX
Closest tube: Waterloo

How much £40
(Bursaries available on request*)

*For some people £40 is very reasonable, so if you would like to help someone else to attend and are able to sponsor them with an additional amount we can give you the opportunity to do that when you sign up.

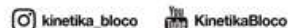
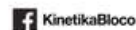
Sign up

www.kinetikabloco.co.uk/join-us#senior-summer-school

What to do

Visit website. Fill in the application form. Get in touch if you have any questions or need help with the form.

Contact Tamzyn Marchev
on 020 7960 4232 or at
tamzyn@kinetikabloco.co.uk



SOUTHBANK CENTRE



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KINETIKA BLOCO JUNIOR SUMMER SCHOOL

Join us for **Junior Summer School** with 140 young people from South London learning Dance, Brass, Woodwind, Steel Pans and Drums together to create a carnival performance in just 5 days.

**27th July – 31st July
2026
10am – 4pm**

Suggested donation of £15
(free places available for those who need it)

Who
Young people
aged 8-13
years

Where
Hitherfield Primary School & Children's Centre
Leigham vale Streatham,
London, SW16 2JQ

What to do
You MUST book in advance.
For more information and sign-up visit
www.kinetikabloco.co.uk/join-us/#junior-summer-school

We also run a Summer School for young people aged 14-25. Check out the website for more info!

KinetikaBloco kinetika_bloco

If you have any questions or need help with the form please get in touch on 020 7960 4232 or with Shayanna at shayanna@kinetikabloco.co.uk



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*Empowering
Choice*

Building Confidence & Connection

Join our 2 Week in-person programme to build confidence and connection through practical skills for everyday challenges, tailored for individuals seeking personal growth and a supportive community atmosphere.



Free Programme
Session Dates :

Thursday 20th and 27th May 2026
930am – 1130am

Venue -
Spring Community Hub
The Hub
86-88 Vestry Rd,
London
SE5 8PQ, United Kingdom

To secure your spot, please register using the QR code below or send an email to us.



For support or further information, reach us at infoexcel6@gmail.com

Excel in partnership with Spring Community Hub





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RAP Poetry Workshops

Wednesdays & Fridays
6th, 9th, 13th and 15th May
4:30pm

No need to
book just
turn up

Open to all
children and
young people

FREE

DOG KENNEL HILL
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More info: email info@dkhap.org.uk



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DIGITAL CREW

SATURDAY FORTNIGHTLY

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www.end2endtv.co.uk





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SPACE FUN

Film Workshop

Wednesday 27th May

10.30-3.00pm

For young people aged 7 - 14



Green Screen Studio
Control Room, Sidcup
www.end2endtv.co.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!

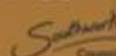
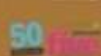
CRAWFORD SE5 9NF
Monday 11th May 13:00-14:30

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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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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 **Match Days**
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 darrell2@hotmail.co.uk

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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
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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
support and services.





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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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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



Rose  **VOUCHERS**
for
fruit & veg

 **1st Place**

Free fruit and vegetables for families with young children

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

Who is it for?

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

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

* Children must be under 5 until 31st August

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Find out more 

1stplace.uk.com/rosevouchers

 rosevouchers@1stplace.uk.com

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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
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✦ **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.

