



A Message from our Deputy Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you all have a lovely half term break.

This term we have lots of really exciting extra-curricular activities planned for all our children! Many of them have begun this week.

On Tuesdays, Year 5 Hazel and Year 6 Maple will be taking part in **Forest School** with Ms Ulker Hassan.

On Wednesdays, Year 3 Beech Class and Year 6 Maple Class have **Dance sessions** with Chantal.

On Thursdays, Year 6 Maple Class have **swimming sessions** starting.

Next Wednesday, we have an **Athlete** visiting the school to lead workshops with children from Reception- Year 6!

Attendance

Reception	91.44%
Year 1	90.16%
Year 2	89.95%
Year 3	90.94%
Year 4	93.73%
Year 5	94.27%
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 London History Day.

"Can one small action, really make a difference?" What do you think?





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Year 6 Learning



In Maple Class this week, we have fully embraced our end of year performance by creating some lovely artwork!



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We have also done some amazing pieces of writing based on our topic of Macbeth!



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Dance Performances

Year 4 and Year 5 took part in their Dance performances for the parents last term. The children showcased their talents and really impressed us with their developing dance skills! A huge thank you to Ms Chantal for putting the performances together!





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Year 5 Trip to Kew Gardens

Year 5 visited Kew Gardens to learn more about plants around the world as part of our learning on 'Living Things.' We took part in an interactive workshop where we dissected a flower and looked at the different parts. We went around the gardens to investigate the conditions that different plants need to grow.





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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	Lester for writing amazing sentences about his favourite animal!
Caterpillar	Lola for sharing her own, thoughtful ideas during lessons Hossanah for being an excellent leader in Music
Willow	Nurah for taking her time with writing work, using expanded noun phrases to describe George the giant in our new class story. Eleanor for working well with miss Anne and starting to write sentences about the Smartest Giant in town - well done Eleanor
Elder	Crystelle for always producing work of an incredibly high standard using all the new learning skills she has acquired. Efehan for a determined effort to make progress in Numbots (6 levels in the last month!) Well done Efehan!
Beech	Rugved for great progress with his handwriting. Nahla for a very well written beginning to our Egyptian fairytale in English.
Cedar	Ishaq Sofia Miguel All for their amazing progress in times tables recall. 100% effort!
Hazel	Anthonella for identifying the different sources of energy in geography this week. Yaseen for good work on converting units of time with problem solving.
Maple	Alicia and Elizabeth for their enthusiasm and confidence during rehearsals



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 "help" Please practice this at home too!

Let's talk Makaton

This week our sign is...

to help

to help



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)

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.



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



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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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Start for Life

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
support and services.





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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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TO BEGIN YOUR APPLICATION

Take the first step towards your future in teaching.



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Apply via DfE Apply



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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

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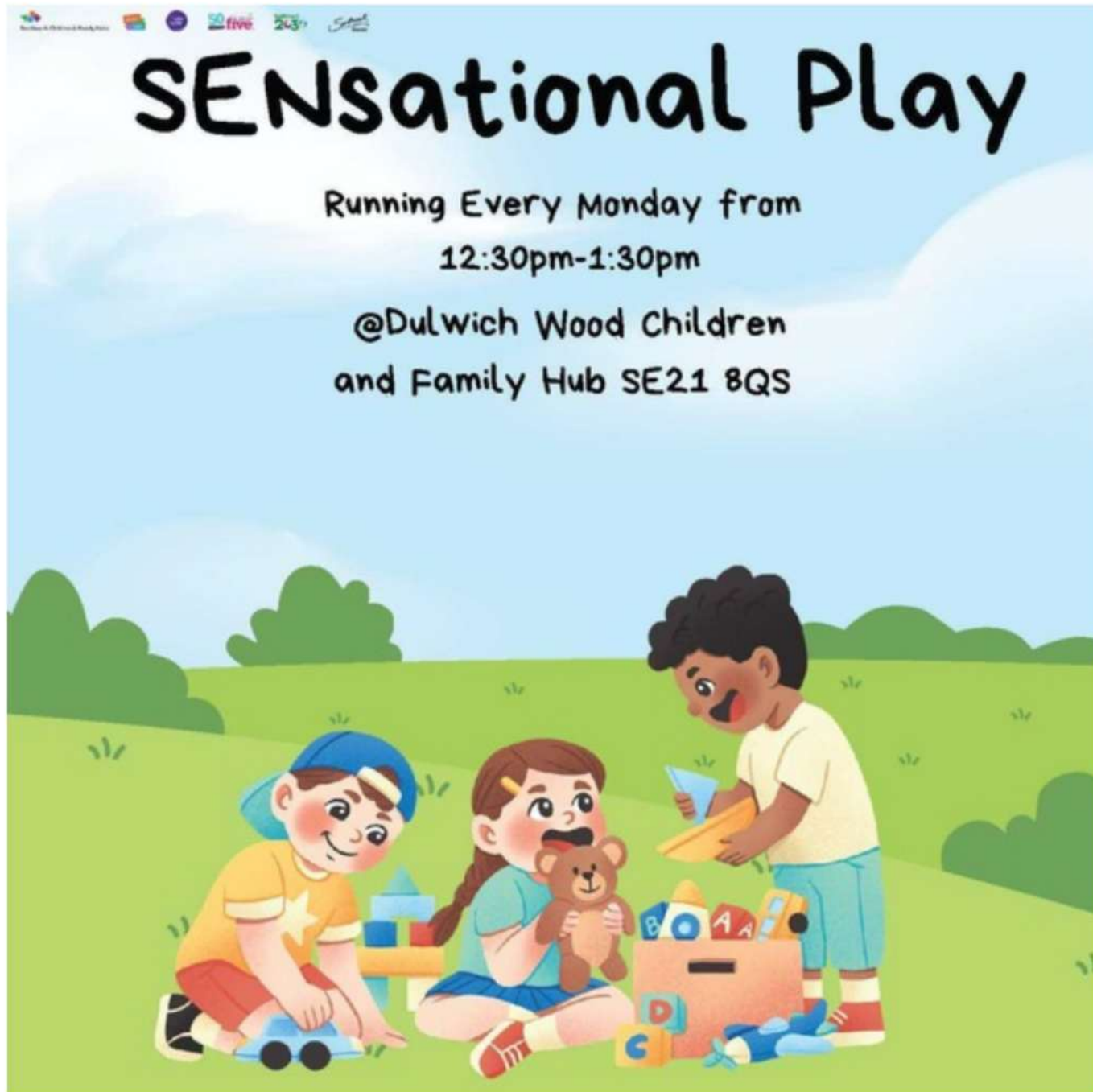
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SENSATIONAL Play

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

@Dulwich Wood Children
and Family Hub SE21 8QS





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DIGITAL CREW

SATURDAY FORTNIGHTLY

Learn real studio skills. Work as a team. Ages 8-16



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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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The Vanguards

A GROUP OF (INCREDIBLY FUNKY) PEOPLE LEADING THE WAY IN NEW INNOVATIVE WORLDS OF SOUND AND MOVEMENT



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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FCM COMMUNITY HUB

Food • Support • Community

All Are Welcome
Every Friday
2pm - 7pm

Starting Friday 29th May 2026

- | Free Fresh Food | Membership Pantry | Clothing |
- | Warm Space | Cookery & Wellbeing Classes |
- | Signposting to Local Services |
- | Fellowship & Encouragement |

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