



## A Message from our Deputy Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

This Monday we celebrated Spanish Day! A huge thank you to our Spanish Lead **Ms Poppy Sketchley** for organising a fantastic day of activities!



On Monday children across the school celebrated Spanish Day! This week started off with a wonderful assembly led by **Ms Sketchley** exploring Spanish speaking countries around the world.

It was wonderful to hear all of the Spanish being spoken around the school and to see children have fun learning about different Spanish speaking countries and their cultures.

Children enjoyed a Spanish themed lunch and took part in a Spanish dance workshop where they learnt about Flamenco and put together a dance sequence.

Thank you to all the Spanish speaking parents who came in at the end of the day to read a Spanish story with their child's class!





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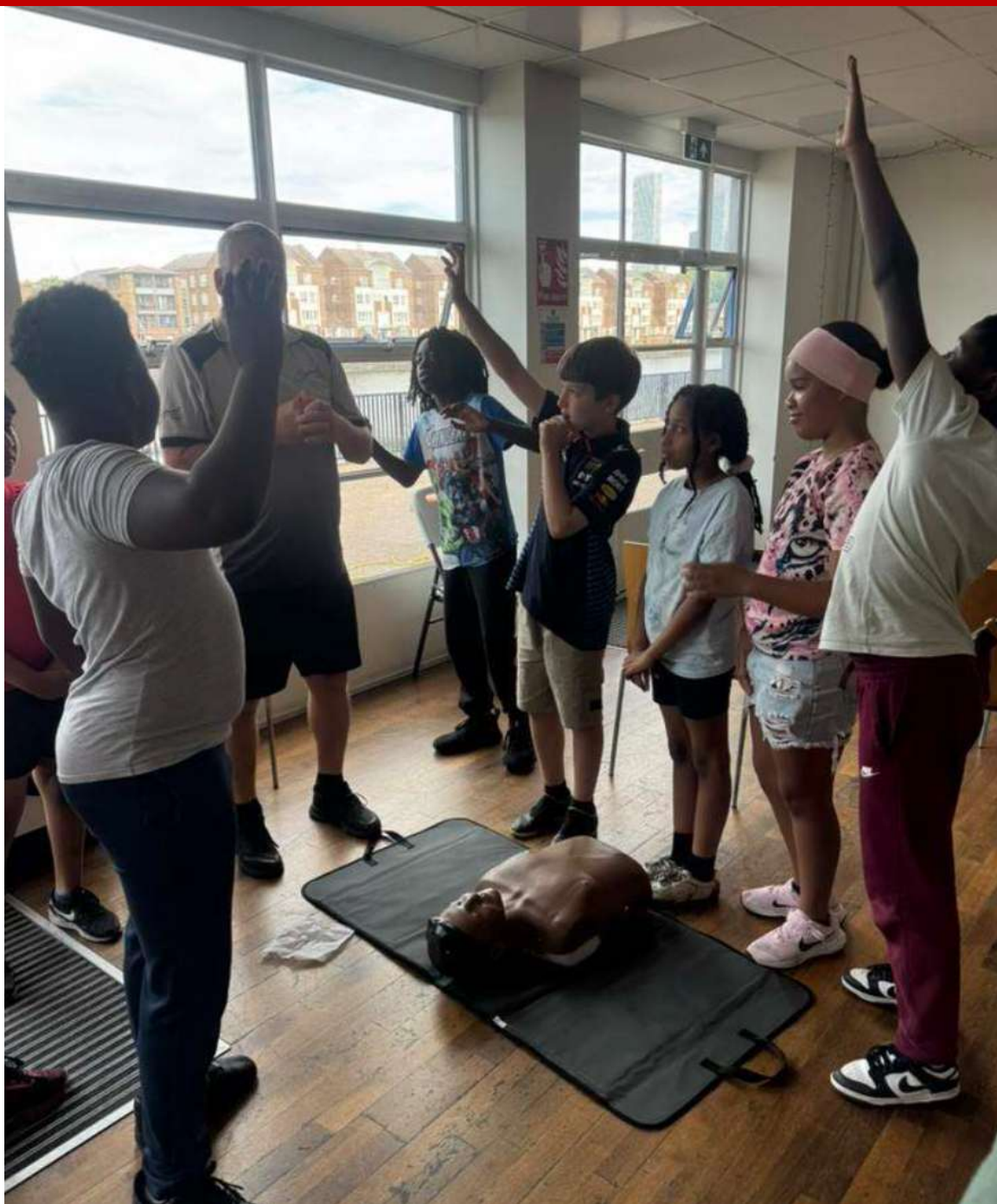
## Year 6 Water Awareness Course

This week, Year 6 went on a Water Awareness course, learning about how to keep safe in and around water and dangers to spot!



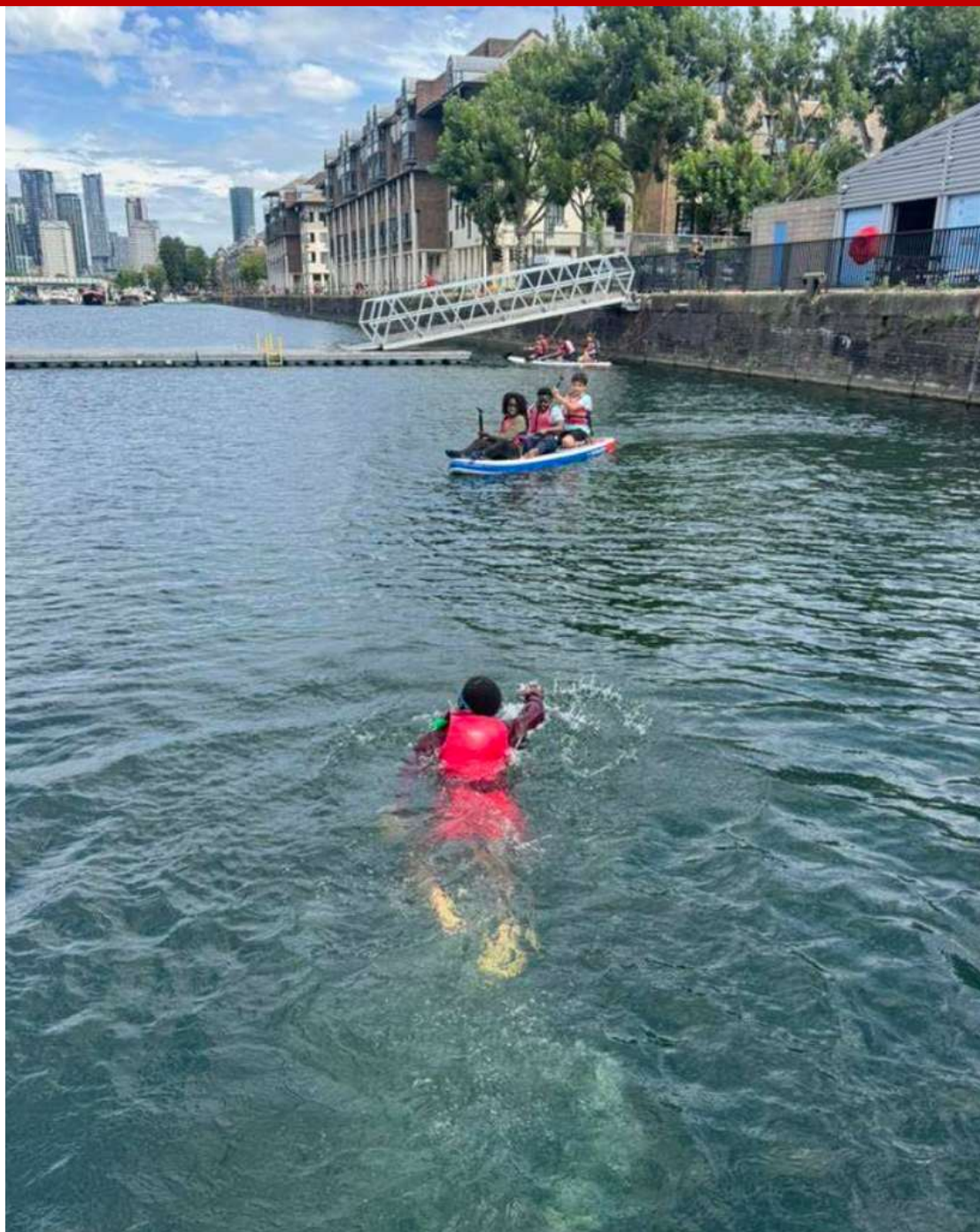


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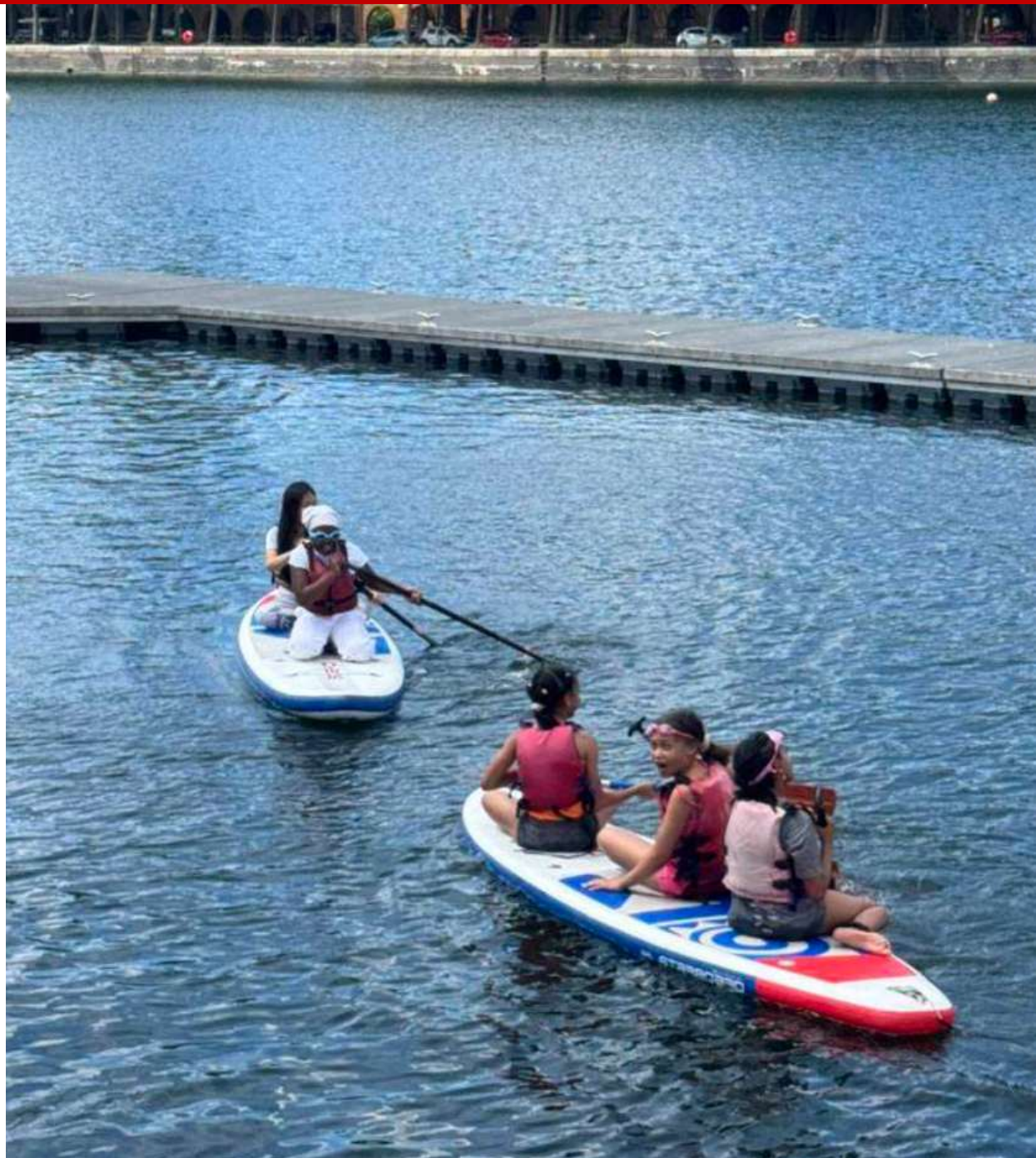


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# UPCOMING 2026 EVENTS

WED 24<sup>TH</sup>  
JUNE FROM  
8:45

**THE BIG DRAW  
IN THE PLAYGROUND**

YEAR 6 DANCE PERFORMANCE  
UPPER HALL

WED 24<sup>TH</sup>  
JUNE  
9:15

MON  
29<sup>TH</sup>  
JUNE

**SPANISH DAY  
AND LUNCH**

NURSERY AND  
RECEPTION SPORTS DAY

TUE 30<sup>TH</sup>  
JUNE

WED  
8<sup>TH</sup>  
JULY

YEAR 3 DANCE PERFORMANCE  
UPPER HALL

CHILDREN MEET YOUR  
NEW TEACHER 2:00-3:00

MON  
13<sup>TH</sup>  
JULY

TUES  
14<sup>TH</sup>  
JULY

**KS1 AND KS2 SPORTS  
DAY @ ALLEYN'S**

THURS  
16<sup>TH</sup>  
JULY

YEAR 6  
PERFORMANCE

ART EXHIBITION 3:45-  
4:15 IN THE HALL

FRI  
17<sup>TH</sup>  
JULY



## 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 Spanish Day!


**"If we have technology that can translate, is there any point in spending years learning to speak a language ourselves?"** 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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## Year 2 Learning This Week...

*Year 2 have been focussing on African animals for our Art Week theme of 'Animals'. We have read traditional African stories and used the animals in those stories as inspiration for our art.*



*We created prints from polystyrene tiles...*





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*We created clay tiles with African animals,  
and...*





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We looked carefully at the patterns of African animals and recreated them by painting on stones...



Can you guess the animal...?



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## Year 6 Dance Sessions

This term **Year 6 Maple Class** have been doing Dance sessions every week with Chantal. Take a look at this video on our school website!



<https://dkh.org.uk/dkh-news/year-6-dance-routine/>



## ★ 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!

<b>Ladybird</b>	<b>Kirill</b> for making increased efforts to interact and communicate with adults and his peers.
<b>Caterpillar</b>	<b>Ibraheem</b> for always asking inquisitive questions <b>Arthur</b> for being imaginative and creating games with his friends
<b>Willow</b>	<b>Ivanka</b> for being a patient and kind friend <b>Ja’Naiya</b> for being so resilient for this entire term
<b>Elder</b>	<b>The WHOLE of Elder Class</b> for their fabulous non-chronological reports about plants
<b>Beech</b>	<b>Kiyah</b> for some excellent writing about Howard Carter and the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb. <b>Orrin</b> for great focus independently solving two step word problems in maths.
<b>Cedar</b>	<b>Hania</b> for great shape work in Maths this week. <b>Sofia</b> full on focus in independent learning.
<b>Hazel</b>	<b>The whole class</b> for their participation in our class assembly on The Mayans this week.
<b>Maple</b>	<b>Amirah</b> and <b>Mackenzie</b> for showing great behaviour this week when visiting Greenland docks!



## 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 "family" Please practice this at home too!



## Attendance

<b>Nursery</b>	<b>92.43%</b>
<b>Reception</b>	<b>91.47%</b>
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>93.6%</b>
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>94.59%</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>93.92%</b>
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>94.07%</b>
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>94.5%</b>
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>95.58%</b>

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



## 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 1/4 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.



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Enrol your child for

**FREE BOOKS**

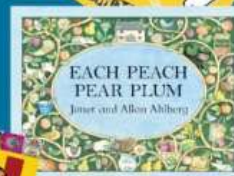
## How It Works

Register your child online at [ImaginationLibrary.com](https://www.imaginationlibrary.com).

In 8-12 weeks, your child will receive their first book, *'The Tale of Peter Rabbit'*.

Books arrive in the mail monthly until your child's 5<sup>th</sup> birthday.

The month your child turns 5 they will receive *'Just Imagine'*.



REGISTER  
HERE!

Register your child today at [ImaginationLibrary.com](https://www.imaginationlibrary.com)



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# *Summer Sizzler Holiday Camp*

*27th July - 21st August*

## *Booking Now!*

*[www.jaegarho.co.uk](http://www.jaegarho.co.uk)*



SUMMER  
OF FOOD AND FUN



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Southwark  
Council

Holiday programme for children and young people from Reception to Year 11 who get benefits-related free school meals

**20 July – 28 August 2026**

[www.southwark.gov.uk/foodandfun](http://www.southwark.gov.uk/foodandfun)

Scan here to book:



<https://eequ.org/southwarkfoodandfun>



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## THE MUSIC KLUB FREE SUMMER HAF CAMP 2026

This summer, children and young people aged 8-16 will have the opportunity to take part in an exciting programme of music production, DJing, creative arts, sports, games, wellbeing activities, team challenges, cooking activities, workshops, and much more. Our aim is to provide a fun, safe, and engaging environment where young people can build confidence, develop new skills, make friends, and enjoy positive experiences throughout the holidays.

### WHEN

Monday 27th July - Thursday 20th August 2026  
(Monday to Thursday each week)

Times:  
10:30am - 3:00pm



### WHERE

Albrighton Community Centre  
37 Albrighton Road  
East Dulwich  
London  
SE22 8AH

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST AT: [info@themusicclub.com](mailto:info@themusicclub.com)

Further information  
0207967033



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FAMILY HUBS

# PBS SUMMER STAY & PLAY SESSIONS

A WELCOMING SPACE FOR PARENTS, CARERS AND CHILDREN WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS

NO DIAGNOSIS NEEDED!



### WE WELCOME FAMILIES

who are finding behaviour challenging and would like support, ideas and a space to connect with others.



### SPEAK TO PRACTITIONERS WHO SPECIALISE IN SEN AND BEHAVIOUR

Get advice, share experiences and find practical strategies.

### JOIN US THIS SUMMER TO:

- Meet other families
- Take part in sensory and play activities
- Explore communication and regulation through play
- Learn practical ideas to support your child at home
- Share experiences and ideas with other parents and carers

### REGISTER YOUR INTEREST

SCAN THE QR CODE TO COMPLETE OUR MICROSOFT FORM



SPACE IS LIMITED - BE SURE TO SIGN UP!

### SESSION DATES

- Tuesday 28th July 2026
- Tuesday 11th August 2026
- Tuesday 25th August 2026



### ANN BERNADT FAMILY HUB

29 Chandler Way  
London  
SE15 6DT



12:30PM - 2:00PM



NEED MORE INFORMATION?  
PBSTeam@southwark.gov.uk



DELIVERED BY  
THE PBS TEAM AND  
SOUTHWARK FAMILY HUBS



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## PREPARING FOR THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS

### PBS DROP-IN SESSION

The summer holidays can bring changes to routines, increased demands and new challenges for families.

Join the PBS Team for an informal drop-in session to discuss any concerns, share experiences and explore practical strategies to support your child during the summer break.

#### THE SESSION WILL PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY TO:

- ✓ Discuss challenges you may be anticipating during the holidays
- ✓ Explore practical strategies and visual supports
- ✓ Learn about local activities and services available over the summer
- ✓ Ask questions and seek advice from PBS Practitioners
- ✓ Meet and connect with other parents and carers



#### VENUE

Ann Bernadt Family Hub  
29 Chandler Way  
London SE15 6DT



#### DATE

Tuesday 14 July 2026



#### TIME

12:30pm – 2:00pm



#### WHO CAN ATTEND?

Parents and carers of children and young people with additional needs.

**NO DIAGNOSIS IS REQUIRED.**



If you have any questions, please contact the PBS Team:

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



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## Rose VOUCHERS for **fruit & veg**



### 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](https://1stplace.uk.com/rosevouchers)

 [rosevouchers@1stplace.uk.com](mailto:rosevouchers@1stplace.uk.com)





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### Millwall Community Trust Summer Holiday Camps




Millwall Community Trust is delighted to announce its Summer Holiday Football Camps programme, with activities now taking place across five locations in Lewisham and Southwark.


#### Venues

- St Paul's Sports Ground, Rotherhithe, SE16 5EF
- The Lions Centre, Bolina Road, SE16 3LD
- Bellingham Leisure Centre, SE6 3BT
- Burgess Park, Albany Road, SE5 7JW
- St Matthew Academy, SE3 0XX

 10am-3pm

 5-14 year-olds

 Price varies on location

 Please bring a packed lunch/water bottle

 Contact [Eabilio@millwallcommunity.org.uk](mailto:Eabilio@millwallcommunity.org.uk) for more information

To book onto the courses, visit





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## FCM COMMUNITY HUB

Food • Support • Community



Starting Friday 29th May 2026

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

198 Bellenden Road, Peckham, London SE15 4BW  
(entrance on Danby Street)



020 7635 8155



faithchapel.org.uk



community@faithchapel.org.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](http://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](mailto: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.

**27<sup>th</sup> July - 31<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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](mailto:shayanna@kinetikabloco.co.uk)



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ENGLAND**



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# DIGITAL CREW

## SATURDAY FORTNIGHTLY

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



[www.end2endtv.co.uk](http://www.end2endtv.co.uk)





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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 27<sup>th</sup> April**  
10am - 12  
MS Teams

[Parenting and Autism](#)

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April**  
10am - 12  
MS Teams

[Parenting and ADHD](#)

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May**  
10am - 11.30  
MS Teams

[Ages and Stages](#)

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June**  
10am - 11.30  
MS Teams

[Parenting Foundations](#)

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June**  
10am - 11.30  
MS Teams

[Parental Emotional Wellbeing](#)

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June**  
10am - 11.30  
MS Teams

[Bullying Awareness](#)

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**  
10am - 11.30  
MS Teams

[Emotional Based School Avoidance](#)

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June**  
10am - 11.30  
MS Teams

[Digital Safety](#)

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July**  
10am  
MS Teams

[Parenting and ADHD](#)

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July**  
10am  
MS Teams

[Parenting and Autism](#)

To register:  
Scan the QR  
code



**Contact: Beth Gilbey**

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Or call: 07394 865 980



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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.

[itt@nestschools.org](mailto:itt@nestschools.org)

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