



# Weekly Newsletter

## Autumn Term 2

Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024



### A Message from our Headteacher

Dear Parents,  
What a great week we have had. Thanks to Miss Natasha and Miss Abrahams for organising events for anti-bullying week. It was great to see so many different pairs of socks worn on Tuesday. Thanks also to Miss George for organising a great Talent show to raise funds for Children in Need. We had a great afternoon watching the performances. If you would like to contribute to the Children in Need fundraiser please click the link below.

[Children in Need](#)



### Reading Together

It has been lovely to see so many of you turn up for our reading together sessions. Can I please remind you that you need to arrive promptly at 3.10pm when the session begins. We will not allow parents to attend if they are later than 3.10pm as this disrupts the session.  
Thanks for the understanding.

### Missing Books

Please look at home for books that belong to school, children are not returning their reading books or library books weekly. If these are not returned you will receive a fine for each missing book. We have spent a lot of time fundraising and purchasing books for your children, but it is essential we look after these.

### Football

Well done to both of our football teams who played fantastically in their recent matches. We are particularly proud of the girls' team who won their match with a 7-0 achievement. Keep up the good work everyone!

### Ask me about Stickers ....

As a school we are working hard to improve your child's oracy. We will be sending your child home each week wearing a special "ask me about..." sticker. Please read the sticker with your child and ask them about the information on the sticker. This will help your child's conversation skills and give you the opportunity to find out what has happened at school.



### KS1 (Y1 and Y2) Maths meeting

Do you have a child in year 1 and 2, if you do, please come along to our parent maths meeting on **Monday 18/11/24 at 2.15pm** to see how you can help your child learn at home!

We were very disappointed last week with the turnout of parents, thanks to the two parents that attended. Parent workshops take a lot of time to organise and prepare for so it was upsetting when only a few people attended. We are hoping many of you attend for KS1 next week!

### Year 1 fundraiser

Well done to the year 1 team and their children who made delicious biscuits and beautiful Diva lamps which they sold after school on Friday. Funds raised will go towards an outside library we are fundraising for!

I hope you have an enjoyable weekend, and we will see you all on Monday at 8.50am.

Rebecca



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# School Information

## Attendance & Punctuality Class Winners of The Week



School Year Autumn Term	Class	%
Attendance KS1 Winner	<b>Planet Earth</b>	<b>96.8</b>
Attendance KS2 Winner	<b>Sky</b>	<b>98.7</b>
KS1 Punctuality Winner	<b>Mercury</b>	<b>97.8</b>
KS2 Punctuality Winner	<b>Pluto</b>	<b>98.6</b>
Rest of School		
Class	Punctuality %	Attendance%
Venus	96.1	91.1
Mercury	97.8	89.4
Earth	96.8	96.8
Jupiter	92.1	95.1
Saturn	97.4	91.7
Galaxy	94.2	98.3
Neptune	96.2	95.2
Pluto	98.6	95.2
Aurora	98	93.7
Sky	93.6	98.7
Total Weekly Attendance:		<b>94.9%</b>

## Dates for the Diary



18/11/24	KS1 Maths coffee afternoon 2.15PM
25/11/24	KS2 Maths coffee morning
25/11/24	<u>White Ribbon Day</u> (international day for the eradication of violence against women)
01/12/24	Advent Sunday
02/12/24	School Christmas tree to arrive - school council to decorate
06/12/24	Pantomime visiting the school, performance in middle hall times to be arranged
12/12/24	Christmas Jumper Day (money raised for save the children)
12/12/24	Children's Christmas Dinner
13/12/24	Yr 1,2 and 3 Carol concert to parents 10am
16/12/24	House winners' trip
17/12/24	Yr 4,5 and 6 Carol concert to parents 2.30pm
19/12/24	EYFS Winter performance 2.30pm Albert Mackenzie Hall
19/12/24	Class Christmas parties
19/12/24	Reports sent to parents
20/12/24	Last day of term school closes at 2pm

## House Winners

Tim Peake 	<b>476</b>
Stephanie Wilson 	<b>521</b>
Neil Armstrong 	<b>478</b>
Helen Sharman 	<b>508</b>
Bernard Harris 	<b>476</b>

## Attendance Ladder

How close is your child to 100%?

0 days off school	<b>100%</b>	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	<b>99%</b>	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	<b>97%</b>	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	<b>95%</b>	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	<b>90%</b>	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	<b>85%</b>	Very Concerned



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### Word of the Week


The word of the week this week is "nuisance". Please spend some time discussing this word with your child.

**Shinobi Word of the Day**

**Word of the Day:** nuisance **Word Class:** (noun)

**Pronunciation / Syllables:** (nu-i-sance)

**Definition:**  
If you say that someone or something is a nuisance, you mean that they annoy you or cause you a lot of problems.



**Jen was being a nuisance by talking during the lesson.**

**Synonym:** irritant, pester  
**Antonym:** help, delight  
**Prefix / Suffix:** -s  
**Rhyme:**  
**Link Word:** persistent, small

### Value of the Week

The value of the week this week was "Cooperation". Please take some time over the weekend to discuss this value with your children.

**“No one can whistle a symphony. It takes a whole orchestra to play it.”**  
(H.E. Luccock)



## Happy Birthday to You!

First Name	Class	Age
Rahim	Planet Earth	7
Yenko	Jupiter	8
Nancy	Venus	6
Kamil	Galaxy	9
David	Galaxy	9
Zane	Jupiter	8
Safiatou	Aurora	11
Manzour	Sky	11
Luis	Pluto	10
Rahim	Planet Earth	6



### Makaton Word of the Week

Along with our word of the week, our children will now be learning some sign language. We have many pupils at Grange that are non-verbal and one of the ways in which we communicate with them is to use sign language. We want all our children to be able to communicate with each other so felt that teaching our children to sign would help this. Please help us to learn together by practising this with your child at home.

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**Mathletics**



Winning Class: **Pluto Class**  
School's total points: **38,200**





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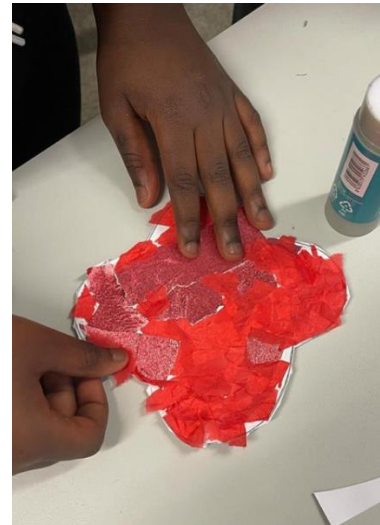
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## Class Gallery

### Year –Jupiter and Saturn class

In recognition of Remembrance Day, Year 3 read 'In Flanders Field' by John McCrae and then created their own collaged poppies. Some children chose to remember animals in war by creating purple poppies.



### School Council

Thank you to all of our parents, carers and staff for your very generous Harvest donations. Members of Year 5 and 6 school council delivered these to Southwark Foodbank Last Friday.





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# Rewards

## Years EYFS, 1 & 2

Core Value: **Cooperation**  
EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2

Class:	VIP of the week	Reason for Award:
Venus	Hunter	For being a great sport during our 'police visit'
Mercury	Francis	For always being helpful and tidying our classroom
Planet Earth	Henry	For always showing great teamwork especially in his speech bubbles

Class	Writer of the week	Reason
Venus	Isata	For writing a good recount with about the Naughty Bus
Mercury	Ifza	For writing a recount independently, about the Naughty Bus' journey
Planet Earth	Kahlil	For an amazing certificate using superlatives for adjectives

Class	Mathematician of the week:	Reason:
Venus	Bambi	For working with 3D shapes well and using the star words in sentences.
Mercury	Jalaiyah	For being the class expert on 3D shape names!
Planet Earth	Alia	For fantastic effort with our make ten strategy

Class:	Reader of the week:	Reason for Award
Venus	Nancy	For reading with amazing prosody
Mercury	Ifza	For being a phonics star with split digraphs!
Planet Earth	Alice	For amazing effort with her phonics



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# Rewards

Core Value: **Cooperation** Years 3 to 6

Class:	VIP of the week	Reason for Award:
JUPITER	Chanel	For being so patient with her peers and for being a valued member of our class.
SATURN	Betsie	For being so helpful to her peers and adults in the classroom!
GALAXY	Arman	For settling in really well in his new class and school!
PLUTO	Nabila	For showing great teamwork on our sports trip.
NEPTUNE	Kabir	For always working well and collaborating during group tasks
AURORA	Kerry	For working well and supporting others
SKY	Rafael	For working well with others
Class	Writer of the week	Reason
JUPITER	Yana	For her brilliant published non-chronological report.
SATURN	Princess	For great effort in her writing this week!
GALAXY	Mica	For a huge improvement with her sentence structure in English!
PLUTO	Rayaan	For a great effort in his diary entry.
NEPTUNE	Taylan	For writing an excellent report about the moon landing.
AURORA	Celina	For greatly improving the accuracy of her writing.
SKY	Erick	Excellent improvement in his handwriting and writing a fantastic diary entry in role.
Class	Mathematician of the week:	Reason
JUPITER	Sherrifdean	For his brilliant effort in Maths
SATURN	Knadia	For fantastic contribution during maths lessons this week!
GALAXY	Ebrahim	For great work on column addition and subtraction!
PLUTO	Aurora	For a great effort working with multiples and factors.
NEPTUNE	Angel	For brilliant work on prime numbers
AURORA	Ilyas	For his excellent work on fractions this week.
SKY	Ali	For excellent effort in trying to become more independent
Class:	Reader of the week:	Reason
JUPITER	Alpha	For his brilliant answers during our guided reading session.
SATURN	Lake	For showing such a love for reading in class!
GALAXY	David A	For great reading during our reading lessons!
PLUTO	Alara-Marie	For always showing a love of books!
NEPTUNE	Alpha	For answering questions about The Firework Makers Daughter so thoughtfully
AURORA	Kimaya	For answering guided reading questions with great accuracy.
SKY	Luqman	For fantastic fluency and effort when reading



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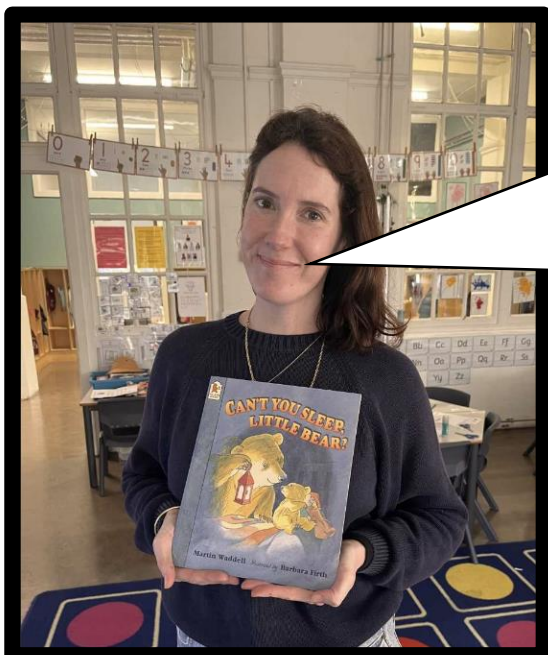


## Parent/ Carer Information and Support

In an effort to encourage reading for pleasure each week one of our staff members will share their favourite children's book. This book will then be available for children to borrow to see if they enjoy reading it also. This week Miss Tutty has chosen one of her favourite books to share in assembly.

### Favourite book Friday

Can't you sleep little bear?  
Was one of my favourite books as a very young child. I remember my mum and big brothers reading it to me at bedtime. I was a little afraid of the dark and it really helped me not to be scared. I now love reading it to my little boy and think it's the perfect story for before bed. I recommend this book for children in nursery and reception but everyone (even grown ups!) would love reading it and looking at the beautiful illustrations.







Southwark Family Hubs



# Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Children and Family Hubs



## Timetable - Tuesday 5th November - Wednesday 18th December 2024

### Monday

**Venue: Ellen Brown**  
**NO SESSIONS ON 4<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER & 25<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER - STAFF TRAINING**

**Toddler Time**  
**(2 years and above)**  
**10:00am-11:30am**

A session for families with toddlers to explore their curiosity, learn through play and supporting next steps into nursery.

**Baby Massage**  
**(8 weeks old-Pre-crawlers)**  
**Booking Required**

Various Dates across the year  
Starts 11<sup>th</sup> November

This group has a long waiting list so please email us to go on the list.

**Venue: Rotherhithe**

**NO SESSIONS ON 4<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER & 25<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER - STAFF TRAINING**

**Stay and Play**  
**(1 year and above)**  
**10:00am-11:30am**

**Venue: Pilgrims' Way**  
**NO GRUPOS EL 4<sup>TH</sup> NOVIEMBRE & 25<sup>TH</sup> NOVIEMBRE - CAPACITACION DEL EQUIPO**

**Stay and Play en Español**  
**(Spanish speaking parents)**  
**0-5 years**  
**10:00am-11:30am**

### Tuesday

**Venue: Ellen Brown**

**Baby and Us**  
**(From birth up to 12 months)**  
**10:00am-11:30am**

Join this relaxed session and have an opportunity to bond, play and have fun with your baby and meet other parents

**SENSATIONAL Stay and Play**  
**(0-5 years)**  
**1:30pm-3:00pm**

A fun and playful session that encourages the development of early attention, social interaction, and communication skills, for children with additional, special educational needs.

**Venue: Rotherhithe**

**Learning through Play**  
**Parent Workshop - 18 months plus**

**12<sup>th</sup> November - 10<sup>th</sup> December**  
Learning Unlimited presents an interactive workshop giving parents tips and ideas for play activities  
Email to book  
[ccadmin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:ccadmin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk)

**Venue: TBC**

**'Welcome to Parenthood'**  
**10am - 11.30am**  
**INVITATION ONLY**

A new supportive group for families with babies 0-12 months aimed at exploring and discussing topics on the first year of your baby's life with the additional benefit of support around emotional and mental wellbeing for you and your baby.  
Dates to be confirmed.

[julleralp@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:julleralp@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk)

### Wednesday

**Venue: Ellen Brown**

**Stay & Play**  
**(1-5 years old)**  
**10:00am-11:30am**



**Parent Drop In**

A member of staff is available for help and advice for parents that are experiencing difficulties. We are here to help!

**Chattertime Plus**  
**(18 months and above)**  
**1:30pm-3:00pm**

A stay and play group tailored to support children with complex communication needs and areas such as attention, social interaction, behaviour, understanding language and talking.



### Thursday

**Venue: Ellen Brown**

**Boogie Mites**  
**(0-12 months)**  
**10am-10:30am**

**Venue: Ellen Brown**  
**Melodies for Mums group**  
**(INVITATION ONLY)**

For more information and to register email: [m4m@breathe4hr.org](mailto:m4m@breathe4hr.org)

**Venue: Pilgrims' Way**

**Stay and Play**  
**(0-5 years)**  
**10am-11:30am**

**Venue: Rotherhithe**  
**Breastfeeding Cafe**  
**Infant feeding Drop-in**  
**10:00am-12:00pm**

Information and practical support for pregnant and breastfeeding mums and their families.

**Venue: South Bermondsey**  
**Starting Solids Workshop**  
**Thursday 5th December**  
**1:00pm - 3:00pm**

To book email:

[est-tr\\_HVsupportanddevelopmentworker@nhs.net](mailto:est-tr_HVsupportanddevelopmentworker@nhs.net)

### Friday

**Venue: Rotherhithe**

**Boogie Mites**

Music programme to support children's language, brain development, communication, physical and social development.

**Ages: 0-12 months**  
**10:00am - 10:30 am**  
**Ages: 12 months and above**  
**11:30am-12:00pm**

**Venue: Ellen Brown**

**Baby Explorers**  
**(12 months-24 months)**  
**10:00am-11:30am**

Engage with your baby in play and help them discover the world through fun and engaging activities.

### Saturday

**Venue: Rotherhithe**

**Gardening Workshop**  
**(2 years plus)**  
**10am-11:30am**  
**16<sup>th</sup> November**  
**7<sup>th</sup> December**

Email to book  
[ccadmin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:ccadmin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk)





Southwark Family Hubs



We operate a system on first come, first served basis with a limited capacity in each centre. A few sessions still require a booking so please check our timetable and email us to book on [ccadmin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:ccadmin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk)

### Speech and Language support

#### Virtual Chattertime and Drop in Sessions

Are you worried that your child is not talking or doesn't understand you? Do you have questions or concerns about your child's communication skills? Please book onto a virtual session with a speech and language therapist

To book on, email: [ast-tr.contact@nhs.net](mailto:ast-tr.contact@nhs.net)

Website:

[www.evelina.london.nhs.uk/communityspeechandlanguage](http://www.evelina.london.nhs.uk/communityspeechandlanguage)

Facebook: @EvelinaSLT



### Free Vitamin D

Pregnant women, new mums, and children under four in the borough can get free vitamin D supplements.

### HENRY Programme

This programme aims to help you feel more confident as a parent, physical activities for the little ones, what children and the whole family eats, family lifestyle habits and enjoying life as a family.

For more information, please visit

<https://www.henry.org.uk/>

To book please email:

[gsl-tr.hvsupportanddevelopmentworker@nhs.net](mailto:gsl-tr.hvsupportanddevelopmentworker@nhs.net)



### Southwark Start for Life offer includes help with:

- Feeding your baby ✓
- Mental health & wellbeing ✓
- Support for children special needs & disabilities ✓
- Early education at home ✓
- Accessing information, advice, and your free childcare offer ✓
- Making friends and connections ✓
- Building relationships with your baby ✓
- Everyday parenting challenges ✓

<https://services.southwark.gov.uk/>

Due to our popularity of our groups please note that priority will be given to families trying to access our sessions. We would like to keep EVERYONE safe and healthy, and some groups have a limited number of families permitted in our centres.



We kindly ask everyone NOT to use their mobile phones whilst in our sessions. This is for safeguarding purposes, and it is an opportunity to spend quality time with your child/ren.

### What is WellComm? Speech and Language Support

This is practical tool that the Early Years Team uses to discover children's level of communication, promote, and support the development of speech and language from as young as 6 months old- 5 years, through working together with parents/carers and completing fun activities.

Please speak with a member of staff for further information.

We have gone paperless to help save the environment.

Please scan the QR Code to download the timetable and find out updates.

[br-cc.org.uk](http://br-cc.org.uk)



### 50 Things To Do Before Five!

Download the app or visit the website for free fun activities to do with your child and have fun, play, and learn.

Website: <https://50thingstodo.org/>

### Dolly Parton Imagination Library

If you live in Southwark and have a child under 5, you can register to receive a FREE book every month until their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday. Sign up and make bedtime fun.

For more information please email:

[ccadmin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:ccadmin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk)



### Contact us!

#### Ellen Brown Children and Family Centre

145 Grange Road (Spa Park) SE1 3EU

#### Pilgrims' Way Children and Family Centre

Tustin Estate, Manor Grove, SE15 1EF

#### Rotherhithe Children and Family Centre

Southwark Park (Hawkstone Road entrance) SE16 2PF

Telephone: 0207 358 2878

[ccadmin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:ccadmin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk)

Please visit our websites for further information

<http://br-cc.org.uk/br-cc/>

### Rose Vouchers

Support to buy fresh fruit and vegetables for low-income families and living in SE1, SE15, SE16, SE5 or SE17 If you wish to register to please phone 0207 358 2878 or email [ccadmin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:ccadmin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk)



### Healthy Minds Thrive Project

The Healthy Minds Thrive project aims to support parents and carers across Southwark (with 0-2 infants) thrive in their parenting journey. We understand that parents may experience isolation, low mood, and anxiety, worries around bonding with baby or shame about having these feelings. For more information, please email:

[julia.tropiano@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:julia.tropiano@southwark.gov.uk)