

# Weekly Newsletter

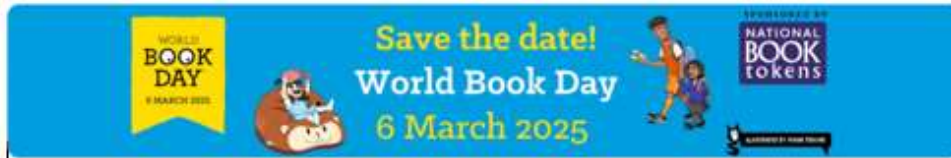
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## World Book Day 2025



On 6<sup>th</sup> March, come dressed as one of your favourite book characters and be ready to chat about what you like about them and how you choose to 'read your way'



Do you enjoy a bedtime story? Perhaps an audible version – or on your Tonic box! Are you read to or do you read together? Maybe you like an online read that can be found on Oxford Owl or Youtube!



The focus this year continues the : Read Your Way! theme!

Click on the link to find out about the 2025 books that you can exchange your £1.00 book token for !

[https://youtu.be/uig\\_1FwxVgQ](https://youtu.be/uig_1FwxVgQ)



Children can only swap their World Book Day £1.00 book token for one of these **free** £1.00 books between 13 February and 23 March –

at participating retailers.

OR ... This year we are also accepting the book token as a **£1 off voucher** for any book at our Spring Book Fair!

Earn a Blue Peter book badge! Control + Click on the picture to find out more!



Do you love books and reading? If you do, this is the badge for you! Designed by one of the UK's best-known illustrators, Sir Quentin Blake – who you might know from bringing to life characters such as Roald Dahl's BFG and Matilda! To apply all you need to do is tell us about a book you've enjoyed reading recently and draw a character or scene from the book. We'd also love to hear about any books that have sparked your imagination. Use My Blue Peter to apply online.



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## Storytime app: Download for free now!



The [CBeebies Storytime app](#) introduces children to a world of stories through beautiful interactive storybooks. The app aims to inspire a love of stories in every child in the UK and support early years reading.

[Find out more](#) : Control + click on the link below!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/storytime-app>

*In brief:*

### App Features

- "Read to Me" and "Read by Myself" options for different reading abilities
- Download a story once and read it anytime, anywhere
- Library including CBeebies favourites and all new stories from familiar authors
- CBeebies Bedtime Stories collection
- Secure parental lock for any external links
- My Stories area for all your child's favourite stories

### Read Anywhere

No Wi-Fi? No problem! Downloaded stories can be read offline and on-the-go, so whether you are at home or out and about, there are no limits! You will need an internet connection to access the library to download new stories or return any you have finished.

## Book Fair

Thursday 6 March – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March



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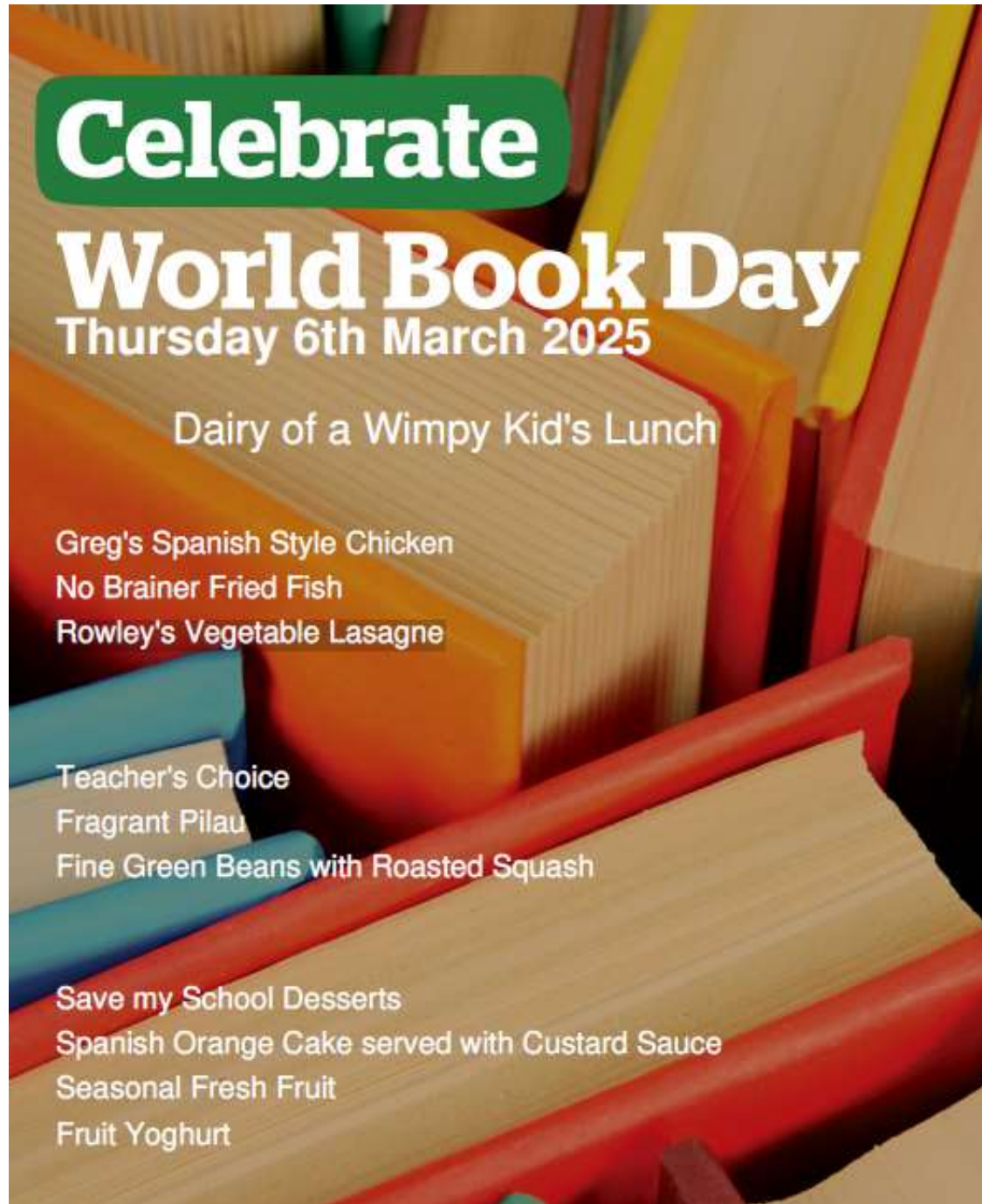
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## World Book Day Lunch

The school caterer's will be hosting a special lunch on World Book Day – Thursday 6 March

If your child normally has a packed lunch, but would like the World Book Day lunch on that day, please email [orders@johnruskin.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:orders@johnruskin.southwark.sch.uk) by Monday 3 March to book it. If your child normally has school dinners, no action is required.





## Curriculum in Action – Computing

# Computing – Safer Internet Day



The week of the 10th February, John Ruskin School joined many schools across the country in celebrating Safer Internet Day to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people. Safer Internet Day aims to inspire a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically, and creatively.

Years 1 –  
6

undertook varied activities based on this year's topic of *Too good to be True? Protecting yourself and others from scams online*. This included covering:

- knowing that not everything online is true
- explain what to do if I'm worried or upset by something online
- explain what is meant by the word scam/phishing and give examples
- share simple steps to protect myself from scams.
- identify the best action to take when I see a scam online.



Below is a selection of the excellent work from across Key Stage 1 & 2.

**Well done, children!**

For specific advice about keeping your family safe from scams, visit:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2025/tips-for-parents-and-carers>

For general help/advice about keeping your children safe online, visit:

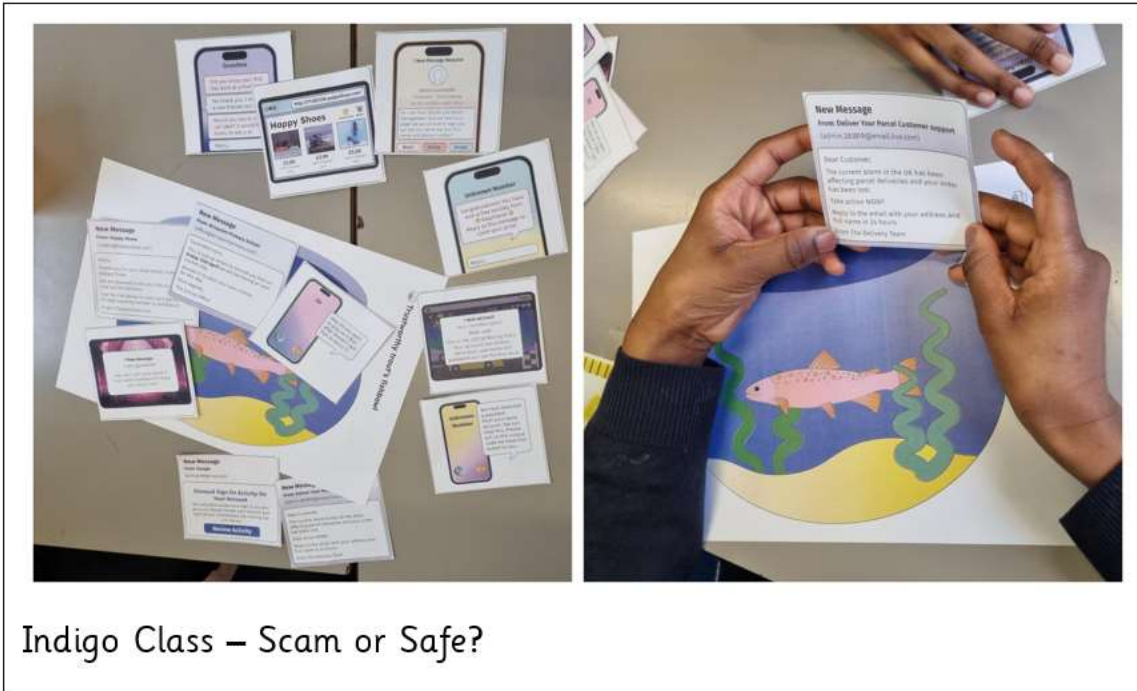
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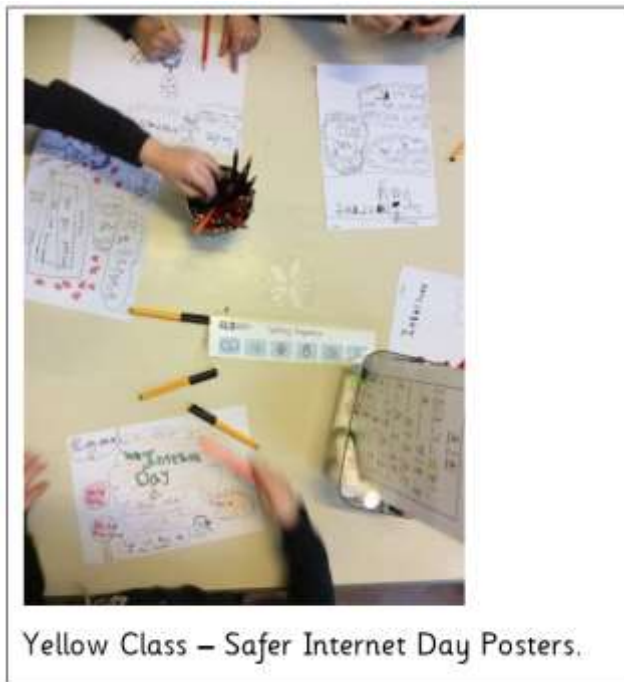
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Indigo Class – Scam or Safe?



Yellow Class – Safer Internet Day Posters.



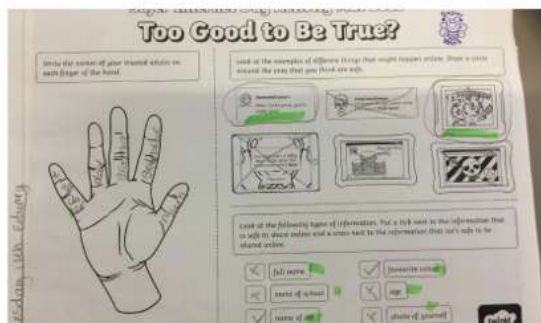
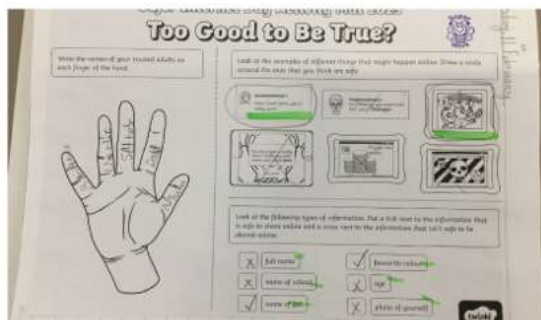
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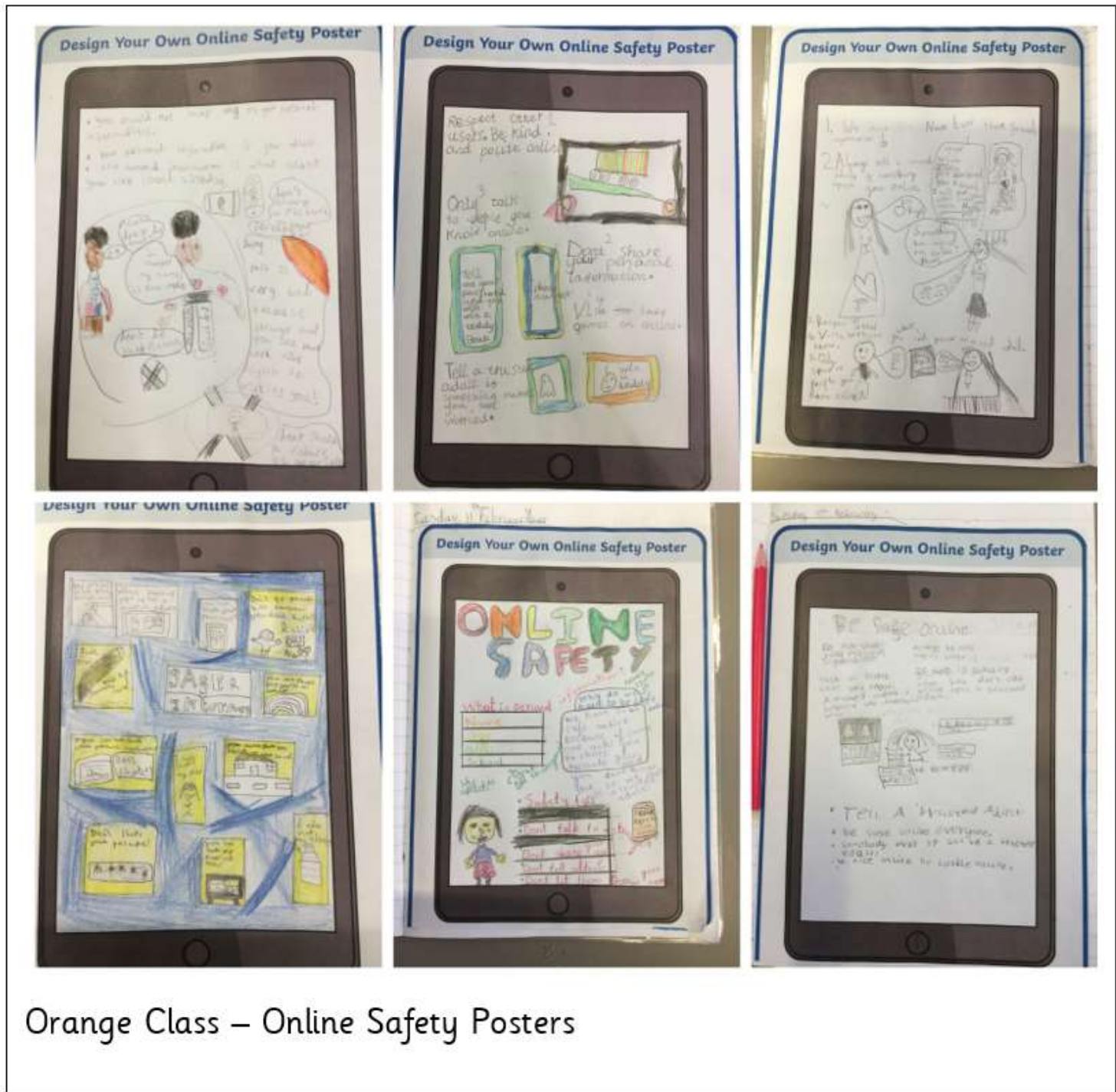


Orange Class – *What can I share online?*



Orange Class – *Too good to be true?*





Orange Class – Online Safety Posters



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## Age Restrictions on Social Media Services



The advice of the UK Safer Internet Centre is as follows:



Our advice with regards to age restrictions is that **it's always better to wait until the required age** to join any social media service. These rules around age relate to privacy, but also are relevant to safety. Some services offer additional protection for users who are registered as under 18, and by supplying a fake age young people can potentially lose some of this protection. **Young people also risk being exposed to content which is intended for older users when they use sites that are not designed for people their age.**

We know that social media services are popular with young people of all ages. **Parents have an important role in helping prepare their children to go online before they start to use social media platforms.** Together you can look at the key things they need to know about staying safe online, critical thinking, and the safety settings that are available to them.

Below is a selection of websites designed to help you understand the risks relating to social media and how to navigate them with your children:

- Healthychildren.org – Create a Family Media Plan  
<https://www.healthychildren.org/english/fmp/pages/mediaplan.aspx>
- Kidshealth.org - Teaching Kids to Be Smart About Social Media.  
<https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/social-media-smarts.html>
- Common Sense Media - Reviews for what your kids are into (Movies, TV shows, Books, Games, Podcasts & Apps)  
<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/>
- NSPCC – Keeping Children Safe Online  
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/>
- Young Minds – A guide for parents: Social Media  
<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-a-z-mental-health-guide/social-media/>
- CEOP – Is my child ready for social media?  
<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/is-my-child-ready-for-social-media/>







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Tesco Groundworks Grant

## Stronger Starts.

We are delighted to report that our Tesco Groundworks grant was successful and we came 1<sup>st</sup> in the voting! This means the school will have £1.5k of funding to spend new PE equipment as per the application. Thank you to everyone who voted via the blue tokens in Tesco stores and we look forward to seeing the children enjoy their new equipment!

### Recent Fundraising Activities



The children have been fantastic with their recent fundraising endeavours and we can report that the following activities have generated...

**Sponsored Dance - £458**

**Festive Dress Up - £262**

The above will go towards the school's sensory wall! Thank you to everyone who donated to these two events!

### Parking on Grosvenor Terrace



Please be extra careful when parking on Grosvenor Terrace at these times and be aware of other cars and children and adults crossing the road. During the drop off and collection periods, this road gets very busy and congested and children are harder to see. **Please be respectful to our neighbours who live in this street.**



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## Flu Vaccination Catch up Clinics



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South London Children and  
Young People's Community  
Immunisation Service

## Missed your flu vaccine?

Live or attend school in the boroughs of  
Lambeth or Southwark? Aged 2-19?  
Come down to a flu catch-up clinic and  
protect yourself this winter!

Saturday 8 March, 10:15 - 14:00  
1st Place Family Hub, SE5 0RN

Saturday 15 March, 10:00 - 14:00  
Longfield Hall, SE5 9QY

Saturday 22 March, 10:15 - 14:00  
1st Place Family Hub, SE5 0RN

Saturday 29 March, 10:00 - 14:00  
Longfield Hall, SE5 9QY

Our clinics are walk-in, so no need to book  
an appointment.

Call 020 8614 5495 for more information



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*Matilda* Production – Harris Boys East Dulwich

**HBAED  
PRODUCTION OF  
MATILDA**

**12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024 - 6:30pm**  
*(Doors from 6:15pm)*

Join us to bring the incredible story of Matilda to life on stage! Plus, don't miss a spectacular Musical Showcase featuring our amazing musicians before the performance.

*A night of music, mischief, and magic — Don't miss out!*

Tickets available via ParentPay      £6.50 Adult and £2.50 Child

The poster has a blue background with floating letters and symbols. At the bottom, there is a silhouette of an open book.



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## Junior Bake Off – Sign Up

**JUNIOR BAKE OFF**

**JOIN THE CLASS OF 2025!**

**JUNIOR BAKE OFF**

... IS LOOKING FOR BRILLIANT BAKERS, AGES 9-15 FOR THE NEXT NEW AND EXCITING SERIES!

APPLICATIONS CLOSE  
SUNDAY 23RD MARCH

[APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK](http://APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK)



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## Southwark Council Bulletin

Read here: [Latest news](#)



## Key Events for Week Commencing 3 March 2025

Monday  
Am  
2.00-2.30 **PE network intra schools competition with Year 4, 5 & 6**  
**Swimming for Burgundy Class**

Tuesday  
All day **Year 1 out to Postal Museum**  
10.00-10.30 **Turquoise Class swimming**  
10.30-11.00 **Scarlet Class swimming**

Wednesday  
Am **Fire safety workshops for Year 2 & 5**  
Am **Year 4 Cricket**

Thursday  
All day **World Book Day**  
3.30-4.00 **Book Fair opens**

Friday  
2.00-2.30 **Swimming for Vermilion class**

## Forthcoming Dates

Monday 10 – Friday 14 March  
**Science Week – theme Change and Adapt**  
[www.britishtimeeweek.org](http://www.britishtimeeweek.org)

Wednesday 26 March  
**KS1 Music Performance**

Thursday 27 March  
**KS2 Music Performance**



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Friday 4 April

**Reward morning**

**Last day of spring term - school finishes 2.00pm**

Monday 7 April – Monday 21 March

**Easter Holiday**

## Useful Links

School term dates 25-26 - [Term Dates 2025-26](#)

Our website – [www.johnruskin.southwark.sch.uk](http://www.johnruskin.southwark.sch.uk)

School caterer - [www.harrisoncatering.co.uk](http://www.harrisoncatering.co.uk)

Uniform supplier – [www.earthuniform.com/collections/john-ruskin-primary-school](http://www.earthuniform.com/collections/john-ruskin-primary-school)

Secondhand uniform supplier – [uniformerly.co.uk/search-listings/?q=&c=17273](http://uniformerly.co.uk/search-listings/?q=&c=17273)

The Nest - [thenestsouthwark.org.uk](http://thenestsouthwark.org.uk)

Chess in Schools - [www.chessinschools.co.uk](http://www.chessinschools.co.uk)

Southwark Council – [www.southwark.gov.uk](http://www.southwark.gov.uk)

Camberwell Leisure Centre - [southwarkleisure.co.uk/centres/camberwell-leisure-centre](http://southwarkleisure.co.uk/centres/camberwell-leisure-centre)

Parentkind - [www.parentkind.org.uk](http://www.parentkind.org.uk)

Children’s Commissioner - [www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk)

Department for Education - [www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education](http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education)

Ofsted - [www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ofsted](http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ofsted)

NHS - [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)

TFL - [travelforlife.tfl.gov.uk](http://travelforlife.tfl.gov.uk)

