

Weekly Newsletter

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5 September 2025



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Welcome to the New Academic Year

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

I am delighted to welcome you all back to school after what I hope was a restful, joyful and sunny summer break.

To our returning families – it's wonderful to see you again, and I look forward to another exciting year of learning and growth together. To our new pupils and their families – a very warm welcome to our school community. We are so pleased you've joined us and we're confident you'll feel at home very soon.

A new school year brings fresh opportunities, new friendships, and exciting challenges. Our dedicated staff have been busy preparing the classrooms and curriculum to ensure every child feels safe, inspired, and supported as they learn and thrive.

We look forward to working in close partnership with you all, celebrating your children's achievements and helping them reach their full potential.

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Headteacher



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Exciting News: Music Lessons with Cedric Returning Next Week!

We are delighted to share that Cedric, our talented and passionate music teacher, will be returning to John Ruskin next week! After a fantastic year of private music lessons that led many students to achieve impressive grades, Cedric is back and eager to inspire even more young musicians.

This year, Cedric will be offering one-on-one lessons in the following instruments:

Piano, Guitar and Ukulele

Depending on the demand, Cedric will be available at John Ruskin School on Mondays and possibly Tuesday mornings.

For details on pricing, grading, recommended books or any other inquiries, please feel free to contact Cedric directly via phone or text at 07923 991893.

Don't miss this excellent opportunity to cultivate your child's musical talent with one of our top instructors!



Runners Needed!



Building on our weekly mile and Mini Marathon success, we have been invited to take part in the Vitality Mile in central London on Saturday 27th September. We are looking for runners to take part. Children would need to be available for the day and would need to be dropped off and collected from school.

Times and details are to be confirmed. We don't have long to get ready so children need to be able to run at least 10 laps of our school track without stopping! A mile is 20 laps!

If children are interested, they should let Miss Duffner, Miss Cane or Miss Siebert know by Friday 5th September. We will let them know if they have been selected by Monday 8th September and they will then need to attend three after school training sessions on Wednesday 10th, 17th and 24th. 3.45 – 4.15pm.

Thanks, Miss Duffner and Miss Cane



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Reading Volunteers Wanted!

One of our key focuses for the year ahead is reading, and we're excited to make a real push on this across the school. To help support our children, we're inviting parents and carers to volunteer a little time — even just 15 minutes — to come in and listen to children read.



It's a simple but incredibly valuable way to help boost confidence, fluency, and a love of reading in our students.

Whether you're available before school, during the school day, or after school, we'd love to hear from you.

If you can help, please email the school office to let us know your availability.

Every bit of time makes a big difference — thank you for your support!

Key Events for Week Commencing 8 September

Monday
2.00-2.30 **Burgundy Class swimming**

Tuesday
10.00-10.30 **Turquoise Class swimming**
10.30-11.00 **Scarlet Class swimming**

Friday
2.00-2.30 **Vermilion Class swimming**



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morning



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afternoon

Signs of the Week



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Our website – www.johnruskin.southwark.sch.uk

School caterer - www.harrisoncatering.co.uk

Uniform supplier – www.earthuniform.com/collections/john-ruskin-primary-school

Secondhand uniform supplier – uniformerly.co.uk/search-listings/?q=&c=17273

The Nest - thenestsouthwark.org.uk

Chess in Schools - www.chessinschools.co.uk

Southwark Council – www.southwark.gov.uk

Camberwell Leisure Centre - southwarkleisure.co.uk/centres/camberwell-leisure-centre

Parentkind - www.parentkind.org.uk

Children's Commissioner - www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk

Department for Education - www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education

Ofsted - www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ofsted

NHS - www.nhs.uk

TFL - travelforlife.tfl.gov.uk

