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24 October 2025



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Dear Parents and Carers

As we reach the end of the first half of the autumn term, I would like to take a moment to thank you for your continued support and to reflect on what a fantastic start to the school year it has been.

The children have settled brilliantly into their new classes and routines. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm for learning, their growing confidence, and the positive relationships they are building with their peers and teachers. Many have returned from the summer break refreshed and full of energy and curiosity — it has truly set a lovely tone for the term.

We are also delighted to see how smart the children look in their school uniforms. Standards have noticeably improved overall, and this sense of pride in their appearance reflects the wider pride they take in being part of the John Ruskin community.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support at home — it makes such a difference. We wish you all a restful and enjoyable half-term break, and we look forward to welcoming the children back ready for another busy and exciting term ahead.

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Headteacher



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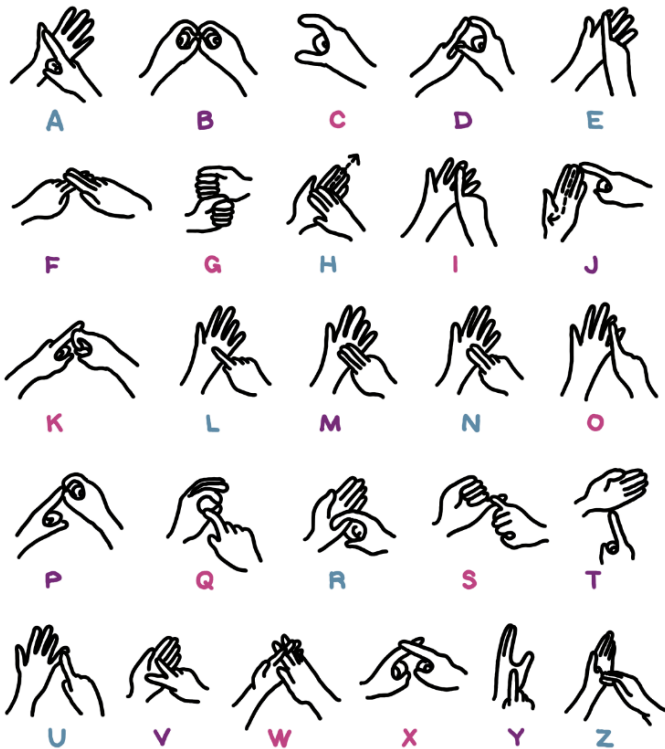
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The 2025 UK Black History Month theme is **"Standing Firm in Power and Pride"**. This theme emphasizes the resilience, strength, and unwavering spirit of Black communities, celebrating their collective power to effect positive change and the unshakeable cultural pride and heritage of Black people worldwide.

You can see some of our work on our website: [Black History Month 2025](#)

British Sign Language



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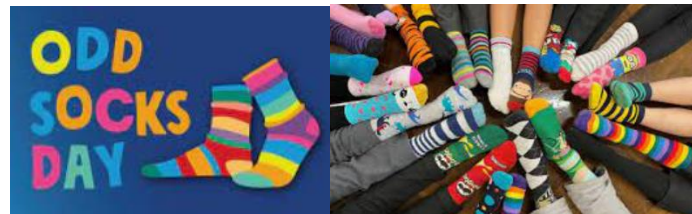
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Anti-Bullying Week

We wanted to let you know that Anti-Bullying Week is 10th – 14th November.

This year's theme is "**Power for Good**". The children will participate in a special assembly and lessons throughout the week.



As usual, we will be joining in with **Odd Socks Day**. Children should wear their odd socks to school on Monday 10th November to celebrate how we are all unique.

Click on these links to watch a short video and find resources to use at home.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7b11rdnQsl0&t=26s>

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2025/parents-and-carers>



We also have a JRS guide to anti-bullying:

[JRS Guide to Anti-Bullying](#)

Please read it here and share with your children.

Thanks for your continuing support to help tackle bullying at John Ruskin.

Miss Cane

PSHE coordinator



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Secondary School Open Events

Please click on the link below to see an **updated schedule** of Secondary School open events provided by a range of secondary schools: [Southwark Secondary Schools – Open Events 2025](#)

Important note: John Ruskin does not endorse or recommend any specific secondary schools. The information shared is for your convenience and awareness only.

Reception Open Days

For parents looking for reception places in September 2026

Tuesday 11th November at 9.30am

Wednesday 3rd December at 4pm

Contact the school office to book an appointment: office@johnruskin.southwark.sch.uk

🎃 Halloween Cupcake Competition – Thank You! 🍰

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in our Halloween Cupcake Competition! It was a fantastic success, and we loved seeing all your spooky and creative designs. Thanks to your support, Friends of John Ruskin (FOJR) raised an amazing **£175!**



Congratulations to our winners:

🍰 **Eesa** (Orange Class) 🎃 **Enzo** (Vermilion Class) 🍰

Well done to everyone who entered – the judges had a very tough time choosing!

A special thank you as well to all the wonderful volunteers who helped make the event run smoothly — we couldn't have done it without you!



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John Ruskin Book Fair



Come and join in with
John Ruskin's November

Book Fair

starting after half term!



You can browse our book selection
from

**Thursday 6th November -
Wednesday 12th November
inclusive!**

Check out an audio preview of some of the books here:

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/chapter-one>



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JOHN RUSKIN PRIMARY SCHOOL
& LANGUAGE CLASSES

This school is rated Outstanding by Ofsted
since 2009

Holiday Activities



Recommended reads

We have a wide selection of books to suit all ages and tastes, but if you are in need of some inspiration then here are some popular choices:

For 0 to 5 year olds



For 5 to 10 year olds



For 11 years old +



FREE

Time Table

A inside for more details about each session.

Tuesdays

(Last Tuesday of the month)
Chatterbooks
4-5pm
For ages 7-11
(Term time only)

Sensory Storytelling & Play
Last Tuesday of the month
1.30-2.30pm
(Term time only)

Wednesday

Baby Rhymetime
10.30-11.00am
Under 5's
(Term time only)

Game for Cool Players
4-5pm
For ages 6+

Friday

Baby & Toddler
2.15-3.00pm
For ages 5 and under

Saturdays

Saturday Craft
2-3pm
For ages 5 and over

Southwark Heritage Centre &
Walworth Library
147 Walworth Rd, London SE17 1RW

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS FOR CHILDREN

Discover the range of free
events available for families



Southwark
Council





FOREST SCHOOL ON THE FARM

FREE HOLIDAY CLUB ON
FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER FROM 10AM-3PM
AT SURREY DOCKS FARM, SE16

TAKE PART IN NATURE BASED ACTIVITIES
AND MEET THE FARM ANIMALS UP CLOSE!

ELIGIBLE CHILDREN ARE 8-13 YEAR OLDS
WITH SEND WHO HAVE AN EHCP
AND LIVE IN SOUTHWARK

FUNDED THROUGH SOUTHWARK COUNCIL'S
SEND SHORT BREAK GRANTS

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Flu Vaccines

NHS
South London Children and
Young People's Community
Immunisation Service

**Protect your child from
flu this winter!**

For more information
on the Children's Flu
vaccine, search
"NHS Children's Flu"

Scan the QR code to
complete the Flu
consent form

Contact the Southwark
Immunisation team on
020 8614 5496

September 2025

A poster from the NHS South London Children and Young People's Community Immunisation Service. The top section has the NHS logo and the service name. Below this is a large blue box with the text 'Protect your child from flu this winter!'. To the left of this box is a QR code. To the right is a blue box with the text 'For more information on the Children's Flu vaccine, search "NHS Children's Flu"'. Below the QR code is a blue box with the text 'Scan the QR code to complete the Flu consent form'. To the right of this is a green box with the text 'Contact the Southwark Immunisation team on 020 8614 5496'. The bottom half of the poster features a photograph of a smiling teacher standing behind a table where five children are sitting and drawing. The date 'September 2025' is printed in the bottom left corner of the photo area.



SEND Support in Southwark

MEET YOUR SEND PARTICIPATION OFFICER:



Hello, my name is...

Emma-Jane
(she/her)

**I help children and young people with
special educational needs and disabilities to:**

Share their views in ways right for them



Access and understand key information



Have a say in planning for their future



Be listened to and influence real change



Be included in council-wide decisions



SENDYouthVoice@southwark.gov.uk



07564 490 0688 (WhatsApp or text)



Train to be a Teaching Assistant



Free* 15 week Learning Unlimited course for adults
interested in becoming Teaching Assistants

Train to be a Teaching Assistant

Wednesdays 9.30am – 12.30pm

From 12th November 2025 to 11th March 2026

We will contact you after you register to arrange an assessment time.
This course will be delivered online using Zoom



What will I get from attending the course?

- The knowledge and skills required to become an effective teaching assistant
- The City & Guilds Award in Support Work in Schools (Level 2)
- The opportunity to progress to the Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools or to apply for work as a Teaching Assistant
- Find course FAQs here - <https://www.learningunlimited.co/what-we-do/training/itt/faqs/>

How much does it cost?

*The course is free but there is a non-refundable registration fee of £60.

To apply for a place on the course use the link/QR code below to complete the online form:

<https://tinyurl.com/mt6ay3m2>

All applicants should have level 2 English.

Please note you will need to complete a portfolio
which will require quite a lot of homework.

Places are subject to completion of application form and assessment.







Free Online English Course



Online English (ESOL) Course

FREE 15-week Entry level 1 - 2 online accredited courses for Southwark residents



Classes will be on
Mondays and Wednesdays
10am—12.30pm
17th November 2025 - 19th March 2026
(term-time only)
plus online Conversation Clubs

This course will take place on Zoom.

Applicants should live in Southwark

To apply for a place on the course **in advance**
please use this link or QR code:
<https://tinyurl.com/2v3zn2za>

Spaces are limited so **book soon**.

We will contact you to arrange an assessment and confirm your place on the course.



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Key Events for Week Commencing 3 November

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 **Vermilion Class swimming**

Forthcoming Dates

11 November **Vermilion Class visit to Heritage Centre**

14 November **Year 6 visit to Imperial War Museum**

18 November **Vermilion Class visit to Horniman Museum**

21 November **Year 3 visit to Horniman Museum**

24 November **Green Class visit to Tower of London**

26 November **Orange Class visit to Tower of London**

27 November **Burgundy Class visit to Horniman Museum**

Autumn Term Dates 2025

*INSET days: Monday 1 and Tuesday 2 September
(school closed to pupils)*

Wednesday 3 September - Friday 24 October

Half Term Holiday: Monday 27 October - Friday 31 October

**Monday 3 November - Friday 19 December
(school closes at 2pm)**



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Southwark Council Bulletin

Read here: [Latest News](#)



Useful Links

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

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

School caterer - <https://accentcatering.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

