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Dear Parents and Carers

Remembering and Honouring Our Heroes

This week, our school community came together to observe Remembrance Day, taking time to reflect on the courage and sacrifice of those who have served in the armed forces. During our reflective assembly, students learned about the significance of the poppy and why we continue to remember those who fought for peace and freedom.

Our pupils participated respectfully in the two-minute silence, demonstrating thoughtfulness and empathy. Through discussions, the children explored the values of service, resilience, and community, helping them to understand why remembrance remains so important today.



Poppy Appeal Collection

As part of our remembrance activities, we are supporting this year's Poppy Appeal. If you wish to contribute, please send donations to the school office by Friday, 28th November 2025.

All funds raised will be donated to the Poppy Appeal, which supports the Royal British Legion's vital work in providing lifelong assistance to serving personnel, veterans, and their families.

Thank you for your generosity and for helping our children understand the importance of remembrance and community support.

Hamilton Nwokolo
Headteacher



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School Book Fare

Congratulations!

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE
WHO ATTENDED OUR
TRAVELLING BOOK FAIR.**

Together we have raised.. **£590**
for our school to spend on **FREE BOOKS**

Thank you for supporting our reading journey!

A celebratory graphic with a blue background and white stars. The text 'Congratulations!' is in large red letters. Below it, a dark blue box contains the text 'THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED OUR TRAVELLING BOOK FAIR.' in white. To the right is a small illustration of a book fair sign. Below the box, it says 'Together we have raised.. £590 for our school to spend on FREE BOOKS'. At the bottom, it says 'Thank you for supporting our reading journey!'.

Christmas Nativity Performances

Our school events have become increasingly popular, and we're delighted that so many families enjoy joining us to celebrate together. To help accommodate everyone comfortably, we've made a few adjustments to the structure and timings of this year's festive performances.



Performance Dates

LU: Friday 5th December, 2:00pm

Reception: Wednesday 10th December, 9:30am

KS1 (Years 1 & 2): Tuesday 9th December, 9:30am

KS2 (Years 3 & 4): Thursday 11th December, 9:30am

KS2 (Years 5 & 6): Thursday 11th December, 2:15pm



Further details and arrangements will be shared closer to the time.

We can't wait to celebrate the festive season with our children and families!



Anti-Bullying Week

Curriculum in Action - PSHE

Personal Social Health Economic Education



This week was anti-bullying week and the theme was 'Power for Good'. Anti-bullying week helps our school to shine a spotlight on bullying and encourages all children, teachers and parents to take action against bullying. Let's think about using our 'Power for Good' and help stop bullying once and for all. Take a look at some of the work that we took part in this week.

"We should be kind."

"I like wearing my odd socks." Year 1



"You should be an upstander. Not a bystander."

"Courage is my superpower." Year 4

On Monday, it was Odd Sock Day. Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique.

Year 1 designed their own socks.



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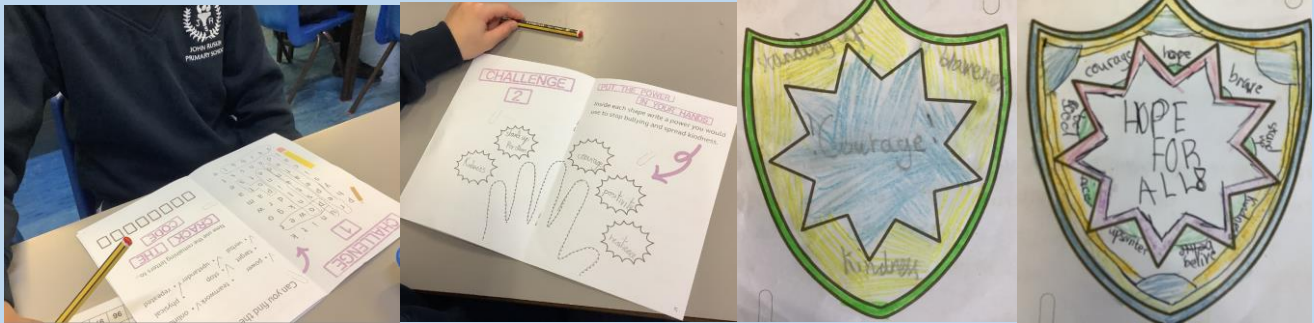
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JOHN RUSKIN PRIMARY SCHOOL
& LANGUAGE CLASSES

This school is rated Outstanding by Ofsted
since 2009

Year 4 and 5, took part in the BBC anti-bullying week live lesson.

They completed 3 challenges, finally designing their own pledges.



This year's competition is to design a superhero to go with the motto **Power for Good**.

Hand in your superhero designs to Miss Cane, when you have completed them.

Closing date Monday 17th November.

Here are some of the entries so far.



Christmas Nativity and Carol Concert Donations Needed



This year, we are putting on a nativity and carol concert for you. It's going to be magical but we need your help. It's been many years since we have done a performance like this. We have some costumes from previous years but we need quite a lot more. We don't like to ask but we are looking for parent donations so we can buy the remaining costumes that we need. If you feel that you could make a donation, please see the office staff as soon as possible. We are grateful of any donation, however small. The office will accept cards or cash. Alternatively, if you happen to have any Nativity costumes at home or you are good at costume making, please come and see one of us.

Miss Duffner, Miss Cane and Mr Manera



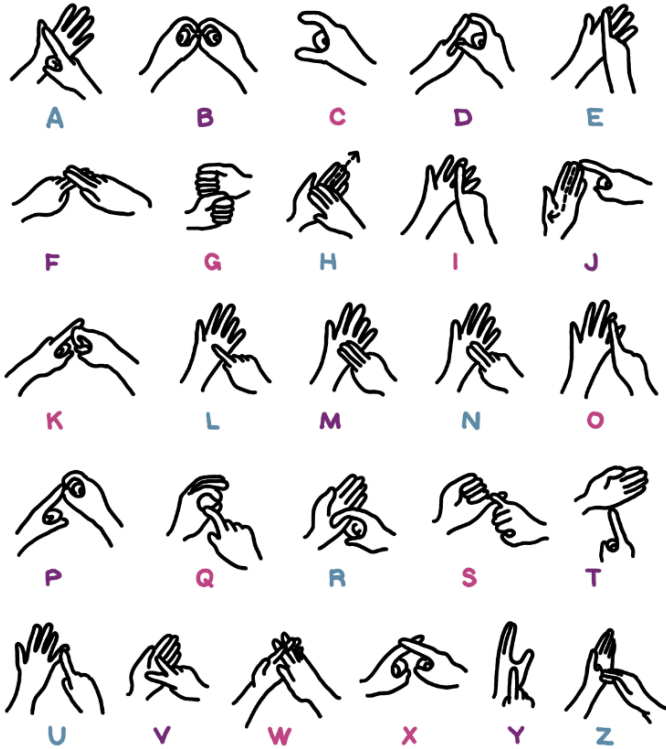
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British Sign Language



angry



tired

Signs of the Week

Reception Open Day

For parents looking for reception places in September 2026

Wednesday 3rd December at 4pm

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





School Nursing



Evelina school nursing

This leaflet gives more information about the Evelina London school nursing service, available for school-aged children across Lambeth or Southwark.

Dear Parent or Carer

We'd like to take this opportunity to promote our school nursing service. As a parent or carer of a child in education, you may have a worry about an aspect of their health or wellbeing and be unsure of how to get the help you need.

School nurses are here to help. We work across Lambeth and Southwark mainstream schools and some special schools. You can contact us for non-urgent or emergency advice, and support on a wide range of issues:

- Support with managing medical needs in school
- Bedwetting
- Sleep
- Emotional health and wellbeing
- Healthy weight, nutrition and physical activity
- Immunisation advice
- Healthy lifestyles
- Dental
- Keeping safe
- Puberty and relationships
- Parenting advice
- Emotional-based school avoidance

Where we can talk to you

We can discuss your child's needs:

- in person at school
- in person at a local health centre
- during a home visit
- on the phone
- via our text messaging service

Text-messaging service

You can text a school nurse on 07520 631 130. We're available Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm, except bank holidays. We're available during the school holidays too!

You should get an immediate reply to confirm we have received your text. We'll try to respond promptly or within 24 hours. If you message outside of working hours, we'll respond the next working day.





School Nursing (continued)

We might tell someone if we're concerned about your child's safety, or the safety of someone else, but we would try to speak to you first. Your information is stored on secure electronic health records and can be seen by other healthcare staff, who will follow the same confidentiality rules.

If you need help before you hear back from us, contact your GP, nearest walk-in centre, or dial 111. If it's an emergency, call 999 or go to your nearest emergency department (A&E).

Support and more information

Evelina London school nursing service, [web https://www.evelinalondon.nhs.uk/our-services/community/school-nursing-service/overview.aspx](https://www.evelinalondon.nhs.uk/our-services/community/school-nursing-service/overview.aspx)

NHS information about immunisation, [web https://www.nhs.uk/vaccinations/nhs-vaccinations-and-when-to-have-them/](https://www.nhs.uk/vaccinations/nhs-vaccinations-and-when-to-have-them/)

Eric, bedwetting, [web https://eric.org.uk/](https://eric.org.uk/)

Parenting support, Lambeth, [web https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/children-young-people-families/parenting-support-service/parenting-support-service-programmes](https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/children-young-people-families/parenting-support-service/parenting-support-service-programmes)

Parenting Support Southwark, [web https://www.southwark.gov.uk/children-young-people-and-families/parenting/help-parenting](https://www.southwark.gov.uk/children-young-people-and-families/parenting/help-parenting)

Sleep – a guide for parents of autistic children, [web https://www.autism.org.uk/advice-and-guidance/topics/physical-health/sleep/parents](https://www.autism.org.uk/advice-and-guidance/topics/physical-health/sleep/parents)

Healthier families, [web https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/](https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/)

Southwark local offer, [web https://localoffer.southwark.gov.uk/](https://localoffer.southwark.gov.uk/)

Lambeth local offer, [web https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/lambeths-send-local-offer](https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/lambeths-send-local-offer)

Contact us

If you have any questions or concerns about your child, you can contact us Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm, except bank holidays:

[phone 0203 049 4777](tel:02030494777)

[email gstt.schoolnurseadmin@nhs.net](mailto:gstt.schoolnurseadmin@nhs.net)

For more information on conditions, procedures, treatments and services offered at our hospitals, please visit [web www.evelinalondon.nhs.uk/leaflets](http://www.evelinalondon.nhs.uk/leaflets)

Evelina London medicines helpline

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's medicines, please speak to the staff caring for them or contact our helpline,

[phone 020 7188 3003](tel:02071883003), Monday to Friday, 10am to 5pm

Our values: we are **Caring** | **Ambitious** | **Inclusive**





**Southwark
Independent
Voice**

Empowering families - creating brighter futures

**Sunshine House and CAMHs
Autism and ADHD diagnosis pathways
Restricted eating including ARFID plus dietician**

**Thursday 20th November 2025
10am until 2.30pm**

**353 Rotherhithe New Road
SE16 3HF**

****Please note places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first serve basis on the day of the event.***

The Autism & Related Disorders (ARD) pathway

Come along and learn how to apply for an assessment: pre-assessment support available, what the process in the assessment includes and post-assessment support. This presentation including Q&A will be presented by a **Sunshine House Paediatrician, Speech & Language therapist plus clinical psychologist.**

ADHD pathway

Learn how to apply for an assessment: pre-assessment support what the process in the assessment entails plus post-assessment support. This presentation including Q&A will be presented by a **CAMHs Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist, Senior Clinical Specialist and Psychologist.**

Restricted Feeding including ARFID pathway

Learn what restricted feeding is and what support is available. Referral criteria: assessment and therapy offer. This presentation with Q&A will be presented by **Dietician, Occupational Therapist and Speech & Language therapist**

*This event is for parent carers only who live in Southwark.
Any questions email: info@southwarkiv.co.uk*



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International Men's Day



INTERNATIONAL MENS DAY

at 1st Place

15th November

11:30 am - 2 pm

 **1st Place Children & Family Hub**
12 Chumleigh Street, SE5 0RN

**Join us at 1st Place Children & Family Hub to
celebrate International Men's Day 2025!**

- Free health check
- Meet-Award winning Children's Author, Ken Wilson-Max
- Meet other dads & male carers
- Games & activities
- Food & refreshments
- Find out about services in Southwark

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Key Events for Week Commencing 17 November

Monday	
2.00-2.30	Burgundy Class swimming
Tuesday	
10.00-10.30	Turquoise Class swimming
10.30-11.00	Scarlet Class swimming
All day	Vermilion Class visit to Horniman Museum
Friday	
2.00	Vermilion Class swimming
All day	Year 3 visit to Horniman Museum

Forthcoming Dates

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
3 December	4pm -- Reception Open Day
9 March 2026	Year 5 School Journey

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

School policies, including the school's safeguarding policy –

<https://johnruskin.southwark.sch.uk/parents-information/policies/>

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

