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If any parents or carers would also like to send her a card, please drop it into the school office by this date

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!



Curriculum in Action



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MUSIC



Year 5 have been practising reading notation and creating sequences using beats.

"We have been learning about different letters"

A child in year 5 talking about the musical alphabet



Reception have been learning about pitch and tempo - moving fast, slow and singing softly and loudly.



"I like listening to the piano when we are singing" Year 2

Nursery have been reciting a range of nursery rhymes whilst using a range of instruments.



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JOHN RUSKIN PRIMARY SCHOOL
& LANGUAGE CLASSES

This school is rated Outstanding by Ofsted
since 2009

Curriculum in Action (continued)



Year 2 have been practising how to sing in different ranges from high to low, whilst incorporating instruments.

"I like creating our own music" Year 6



Year 4 have been using the xylophones to create their own simple rhythms.



"I enjoy music because we get to play games using the instruments"



Performances

Many children will have been practising for the **nativity performances** taking place in the first 2 weeks of December.
See newsletter dates for details.



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



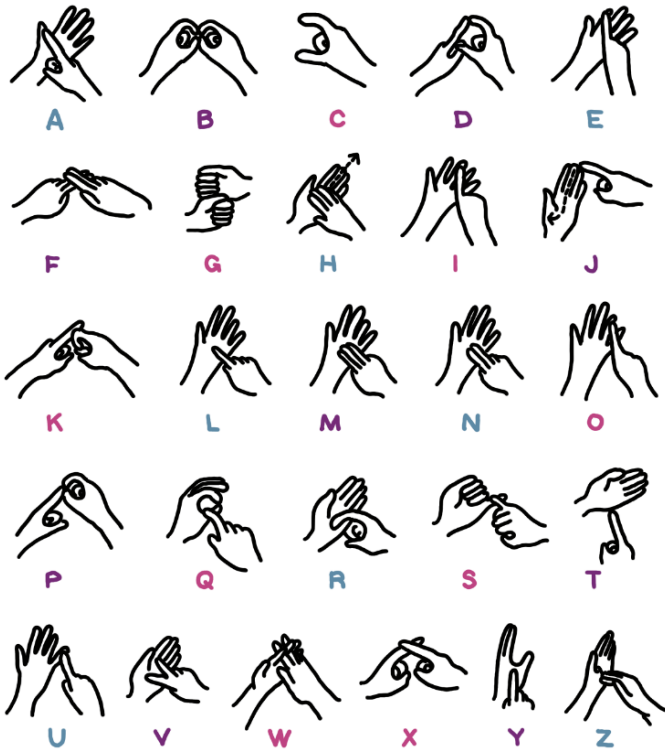
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British Sign Language



calm



excited

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 (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**



Fruit & Veg Vouchers



Rose VOUCHERS for fruit & veg

Free fruit and vegetables for families with young children

The Rose Vouchers Project gives vouchers to buy fresh fruit and vegetables from local markets and some other places. If eligible, you will receive at least £4 of vouchers every week.

Who is it for?

If you live in Southwark and have children under 5*, or are more than 10 weeks pregnant, you may be able to get Rose Vouchers if one of the following applies:

- You receive Healthy Start
- You have a low or no household income (less than £408 income a month if you are on Universal Credit)
- You have no recourse to public funds (NRPF)

** Children must be under 5 until 31st August*

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1stplace.uk.com/rosevouchers
✉ rosevouchers@1stplace.uk.com



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After School Club

Lauching the new school term
2025/ 26

BANANARAMA'S NEURODIVERSE

After School Club

Mon - Thu 3.30pm - 5.30pm
Term Time Only | 5-11 years old

ACTIVITIES

- MESSY ARTS & CRAFTS
- SPORTS & GAMES
- LEGO THERAPY
- COOKING
- AND MUCH MORE!

Oliver GoldSmith Primary School
Peckham SE15 8UH
07498729614 | Manishawebb@hotmail.com

A colorful poster for Banarama's Neurodiverse After School Club. It features various illustrations: a soccer ball, a paint palette, a jump rope, a xylophone, a guitar, a rolling pin, a tennis racket, and an apple. The text is in a playful, hand-drawn style.



Southwark Autism Support Team



AutismSupportTeam@Southwark.gov.uk

AUTISM PUBERTY, SEXUAL WELLBEING AND RELATIONSHIPS

For parents of a child on the autistic spectrum, coping with the onset of puberty and their child's emerging sexuality can be challenging. Knowing what to teach, how/when to teach it and what to expect can be daunting.

This session is a more activity-based approach that would put parents at ease more quickly and therefore enhance learning and mutual support.

- This is a course for parents – your children do not need to attend
- It is available to parents with children over the age of 9
- It is run face to face 10.00-4.00pm at 160 Tooley St, London, SE1P 5LX

The course will run on the following dates

24th November

Book your place

<https://forms.office.com/e/UAJRpR9AGf>



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Free Chess Webinars for Children



CSC, who provide our chess sessions at JRS, is offering a series of free chess webinars. These are aimed at children aged 8-13 who know the basic rules of chess and are ready to take the next steps towards learning tactics and strategies.

The webinars will be led by Sean Marsh, Chief Trainer for CSC, whose sessions are always fun and engaging.

There are three levels of webinar - beginner, intermediate, advanced - each repeated twice a week. At the end of the programme, 200 children will be invited to take part in a series of online masterclasses led by CSC tutors. These will run for 10 weeks and will begin in January 2026.

Anyone can join the webinars, but if you would like your child to be considered for the masterclasses, please register [here](#) (on their website) in the next couple of days.

Burgess Sports

Our mission is:

- to offer role models and a pathway to high level achievement
- using sports to break down barriers – both culturally and economically
- to provide high quality experiences to the children that challenge and inspire them
- to show all our participants that they can be successful and achieve their goals



Activities offered include:

- After School Clubs
- Sports camps
- Family kitchen sessions
- Boxing for Women

For more information and key contacts, visit: <https://www.burgesssports.org/>



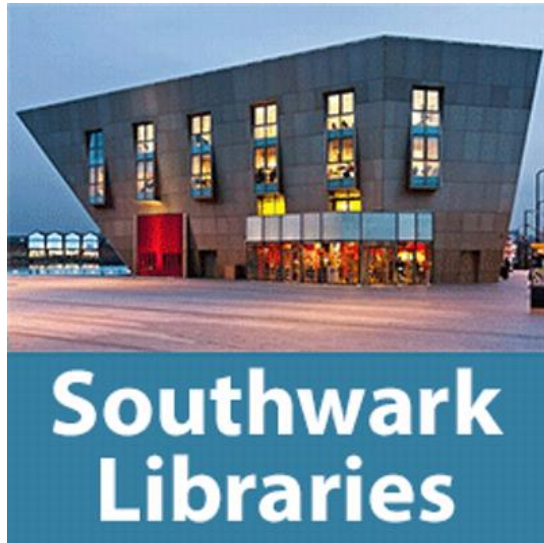
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Community Opportunities



Southwark Libraries have regular events for adults and children, including free Tai Chi and Yoga.

Keep an eye on this link to see what's available:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/southwark-libraries-31301049255>



Notting Hill Housing is offering Working Communities Bursaries of up to £250 for Southwark residents who would benefit from financial help securing a job or gaining a qualification.

In the past, the Working Communities Bursary helped residents pay for SIA badges to secure roles in the security industry or gain their CSCS cards to start them on their journey towards careers in the construction industry. Some other examples of what the bursaries will cover include:

Fees to attend a training course or gain a qualification

Travel expenses to support a work placement

Purchasing job-relevant equipment or attire

Help towards a business/enterprise start-up

Visit here for more information, including how to apply: <http://www.aylesburynow.london/community/new-opportunities/working-communities-bursary>

If you have any questions or you're unclear about what could be covered under the Working Communities Bursary then email us at WorkingCommunities@nhg.org.uk, and a member of our team will be happy to help.



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Community Opportunities (continued)



Bike Club London

Burgess Bike Club is an inclusive ride club for kids age 8 to 13 years old. Meeting every other Wednesday at the Giraffe House by the BMX track. Free, fun and open to all abilities – confidence-building cycling sessions in a safe, social environment where you can make new friends and learn new skills. Loan bikes available if needed – just turn up! Led by **Emily Lewis**, super driven cycling advocate.

GirlsBike2

The club for girls and non-binary young folk living near Burgess Park, aged 8-16 years old, to discover the joys of cycling, challenging themselves and learning new skills, all led by the inimitable **Emily Lewis**, a super driven cycling advocate.

For more information, visit: <https://communitycycleworks.co.uk/>



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Key Events for Week Commencing 24 November

Monday	
2.00-2.30	Burgundy Class swimming
All day	Green Class visit to Tower of London
Tuesday	
10.00-10.30	Turquoise Class swimming
10.30-11.00	Scarlet Class swimming
Wednesday	
All day	Orange Class visit to Tower of London
Thursday	
All day	Burgundy Class visit to Horniman Museum
Friday	
2.00	Vermilion Class swimming
All day	Year 3 visit to Horniman Museum

Forthcoming Dates

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

