

Weekly Newsletter

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28 November 2025



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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for filling out our **parent and child lunch questionnaire**. The results came back mostly positive; however, here are some of the actions that I have taken to ensure we continue to improve our lunchtime offer:

New Chef will be Appointed

- A new, experienced chef will be added to the team. They will bring a strong understanding of school lunchtime requirements and are focused on providing meals that are nutritious, balanced, and appealing to our children.

Parent Taster Lunch



- Parents were recently invited to a taster lunch to sample the menu.
- Feedback was shared directly with the Accent (the catering team) during the visit.

Pupil Voice and School Council

- Accent attended a School Council meeting to hear children's ideas. As a result, milk is now available for KS1 pupils at lunchtimes.

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Menu Improvements

- Fresh, filleted fish has been introduced.
- A wider variety of dishes and fruits is now offered.
- Meals now include influences from different cultures, reflecting the backgrounds of our school community.
- A new local sausage supplier has been sourced, providing improved nutrition, quality, and flavour.
- The children have been informed of these lunchtime improvements and are excited to try the new options.

Portion Sizes

- Portion sizes have been reviewed and will continue to reflect the nutritional requirements of primary-aged children, in line with school food standards.

Student Lunchtime Support Member

- We have now employed an additional lunchtime Teaching Assistant to work closely with the children during lunchtimes. They will support children who may need support during lunchtimes and be on hand for children who would like to explore alternative meal options. Their presence ensures that our children feel listened to, supported, and confident in expressing their food preferences during the lunchtime period.

SLT Sampling

The senior leadership have also been sampling the food over the past three weeks to ensure the lunchtime provision meets our school's standard.

Alternative Meal Options

- Based on parent feedback, alongside jacket potatoes and pasta, sandwiches will now be available on request as an alternative to the main meal offered.

We remain committed to offering healthy, inclusive, and enjoyable meals for all pupils, and we greatly appreciate your continued support.

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Headteacher



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Scam Safe Week



This week is BBC Scam Safe week, and this year it is bigger than ever, with programming and content across the BBC dedicated to highlighting some of the most common scams. There will also be plenty of advice about how you can protect yourself from falling for them.

A recent survey by Vodafone found that nearly a million young people in the UK had been scammed in the previous 12 months, so it's not just adults that fall for scams. Teenagers and children can also be targets for criminals.

The BBC have taken a closer look at three common online scams targeted at younger people, and have lots of advice for you and your youngster on how to stay safe and what to do if you think you're being scammed. Please see <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zwxn7v4> for more information!

School Uniform: Good Examples



John Ruskin's navy uniform is smart, practical and easy to wear.

Pupils are expected to wear the correct uniform at all times (other than specified non-school uniform days).

Details of our school uniform suppliers are on our website: [School Uniform](#)

Lost Property: Children's Coats

Has your child lost a coat?

We have quite a few unclaimed children's coats in our lost property. They are currently being kept in the bottom hall. If your child's coat is missing, please have a look in the bottom hall after school when you collect your child.



Curriculum in Action: Chess



Year 3 have been learning how to play chess. Learning from our rookie mistakes, so far we have learnt how each piece moves and much to our delight, have recently been playing with all the pieces on the board together.	<i>"Chess is a quiet game because you need to be a thinker" – Ryan</i> 	<i>"Every good player was once a beginner." – Leon</i> <i>"If you lose the king, you lose the game." - Mutar</i>
	<i>"Chess helps your mind build up." – Kore</i> <i>"The knight can jump over different pieces!" - Maame</i>	
<i>"Chess helps you to think further!" – Joanna</i> <i>"The king must move when he is in checkmate." - Fares</i>	 <i>"The Queen is the most powerful piece in this thinking game." - Nehemiah</i>	CSC is providing fun and engaging weekly chess sessions for Scarlet and Turquoise class. An after school club is also held for selected children on the MAT register or shadow cohort in Y4 and 5.



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Curriculum in Action: Chess (continued)



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.



Anti-Bullying Week: Competition Winners

Congratulations Winners

Thank you to everyone that took part in the anti-bullying week competition. There were so many great entries that it was hard to pick.

The winners were;

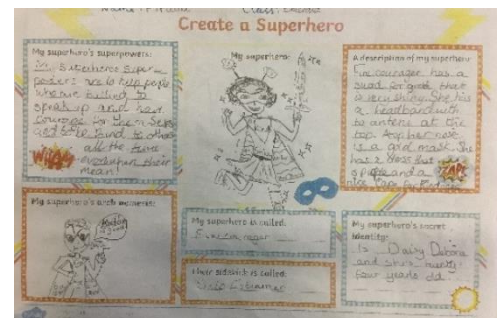
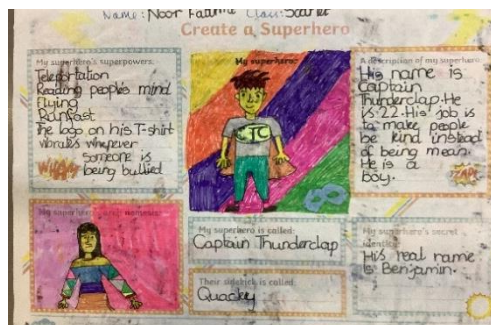
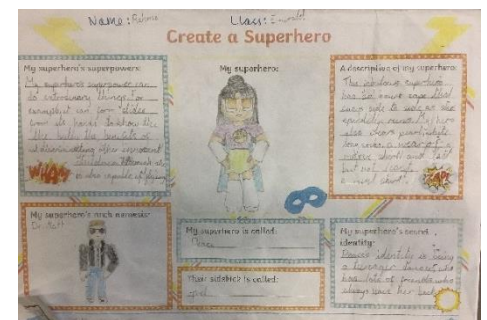
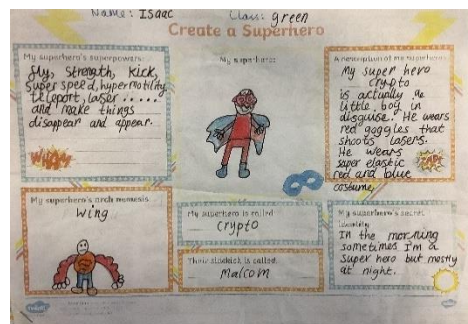
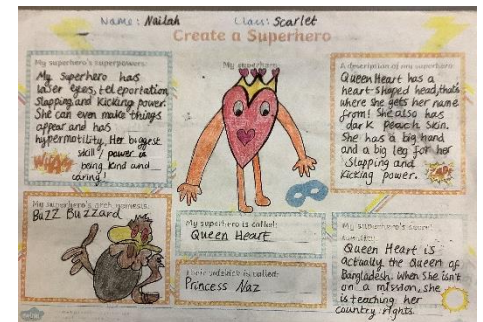
KS1 – Aaliyah and Isaac

Yrs 3 & 4 – Noor and Nailah

Yrs 5&6 – Ariella and Rahma

Combined entry - Yahya and Inayah

There were also lots of runners up!



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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, 2:20pm

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!

KS2 Song Words



If you would like to practise the Nativity songs, you can access them by clicking on the links below.

Please try really hard to learn them without the words!

Nativity

<https://bit.ly/483dBQp>

Silent Night

<https://bit.ly/49HiAaH>

A Happy Christmas

<https://bit.ly/49ZfpvI>

We Three Kings

<https://bit.ly/4onfeNQ>



Thanks

Miss Cane & Mr Manera



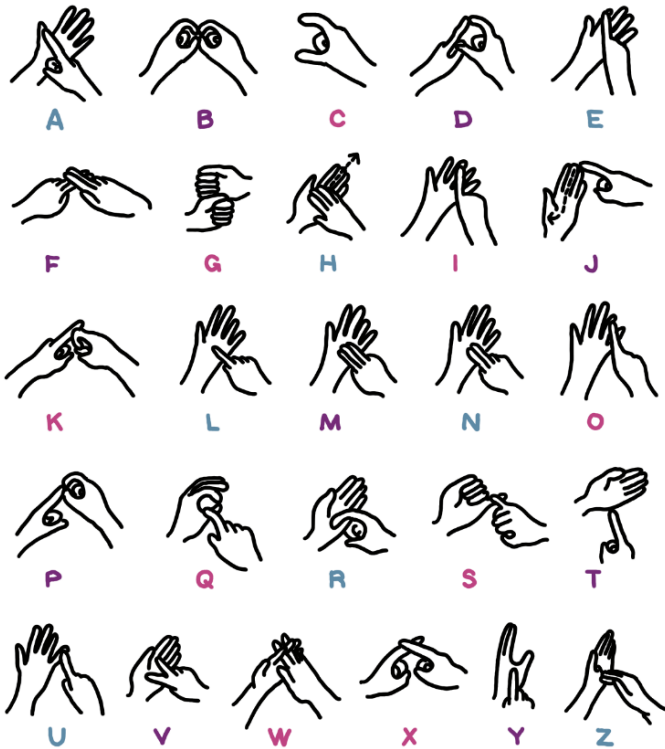
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British Sign Language



shy



lonely

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



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Southwark SEND Support



**Drop-in
Coffee Morning/Afternoon
Parents/carers
(with children up to age 18, or up to 25 with SEN)
Young people
(11-18 years) are welcome to attend alone, with a
friend or with a trusted adult.**

**Every Tuesday
2.30-4.30pm**
1st Place Family Hub
12 Chumleigh St, London
SE5 0RN

**Every Wednesday
9.30-1pm**
Brandon Library
Maddock Way, London
SE17 3NH

A CHANCE TO LEARN ABOUT THE SERVICES PROVIDED IN SOUTHWARK

ASK QUESTIONS TO COMMUNITY EARLY HELP AND ADOLESCENT SURE START TEAM MEMBERS

INFORMATION ABOUT LOCAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS INFORMATION AND SUPPORT

ADVICE AND SUPPORT ABOUT BENEFITS AND EMPLOYMENT

SUPPORT WITH APPRENTICESHIPS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

AND MUCH MORE....

**Please contact the team if you need more information or are unable
attend the coffee morning and need support**

Community Early Help Practitioners
Sara.card@southwark.gov.uk 07852766060
Rani.singh1@southwark.gov.uk 07843802257

Adolescent Sure Start Officers
Lisa.ogbeide@southwark.gov.uk 07510475416
Victoria.ing@southwark.gov.uk 07947616048



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**JOHN RUSKIN PRIMARY SCHOOL
& LANGUAGE CLASSES**

This school is rated Outstanding by Ofsted
since 2009



CAMBERWEL AFTER SCHOOL PROJECT

BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL NOW AT JOHN RUSKIN PRIMARY SCHOOL



**Breakfast from 7.30 am
After school services
3:30pm – 6:30pm**



PLACES AVAILABLE



www.caspuk.org

admin@caspuk.org

 020 7708 2711



CAMBERWELL AFTER SCHOOL PROJECT

40 years of providing childcare to families in the community.

Awarded the title :
"Best After-School
Programme
Charity 2025" in
SME News 2025
Business Elite
Awards

**@BADSWORTH
ROAD**



HOLIDAY PLAYScheme

During holidays, we open from 8:00AM
- 6:30PM offering a wide range of
programmes including - arts and crafts,
sports, drama, music, games and regular
outings

BEANSTALK NURSERY

Open from 8:30AM - 2:30PM Monday -
Friday. We Offer 15 & 30 hours per
week, flexible sessions for eligible 2,3
and 4 year olds. Option of extended
sessions at an affordable rate

AFTER SCHOOL SERVICE

We run after - school activities from
3:00PM to 6:30 PM. They get to take
part in a range of fun, educational play
and learning activities and are provided
with Afternoon Tea.

BREAKFAST SERVICE

we open from 7:30AM each morning.
we give children healthy breakfast and
provide a range of activities before start
of their school day

**@JOHN RUSKIN
PRIMARY SCHOOL**



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CONTACT US:  020 7708 2711  admin@caspuk.org



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CAMBERWEL AFTER SCHOOL PROJECT

CASP IS RECRUITING

Part-time Playworker Supervisor

January start (Permanent)

Location: John Ruskin Primary School & CASP Centre

Salary: £27,008.00 per annum (£13.85 per hour)

Hours: Term time: 2:30 PM – 6:30 PM

Holiday Playscheme: Between 7:45 AM – 6:30 PM (Easter and Summer)

Qualification: Level 3 childcare/play work or other equivalent qualification with experience.

Please contact: Carmen Lindsay MBE,

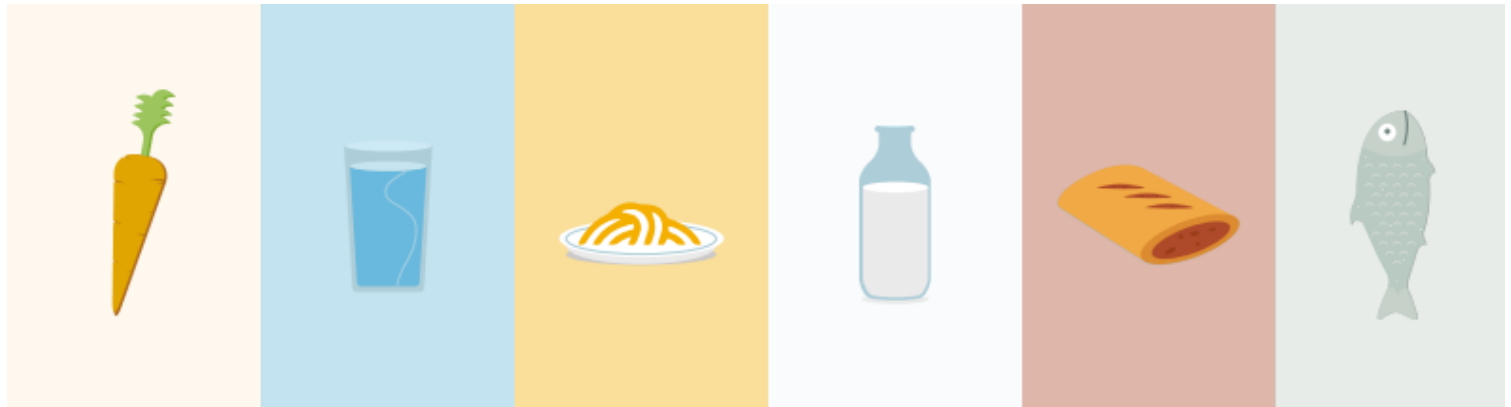
14 Badsworth Road, Camberwell, SE5 0JY, 02077082711

or email for an application form: carmen.lindsay@caspuk.org



**APPLY
NOW**

The School Food Standards



Eating in school should be a pleasurable experience: Time spent sharing good food with peers and teachers.

These school food standards are intended to help children develop healthy eating habits and ensure that they get the energy and nutrition they need across the whole school day:

[School Food Standards: further information](#)





TV, FILM & MEDIA PRODUCTION
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www.end2endtv.co.uk



Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are excited to announce two Film & TV Workshops for young people aged 7–14, taking place this festive season in our newly improved multi-camera Green Screen TV Studio in Sidcup.

Panto Fun Workshop

Sunday 22nd December 2025

10:30am – 3:00pm

Making Up The News Workshop

Thursday 2nd January 2026

10:30am – 3:00pm

These one-day workshops give young people the chance to explore performance, storytelling, and onscreen creativity in a fun, supportive environment—perfect for both newcomers and returning participants.

What to Expect:

- Use of a fully equipped multi-camera TV studio with green screen technology
- Live presenting, acting, and performance opportunities
- Hands-on experience both in front of and behind the camera
- Collaborative tasks that encourage confidence, teamwork, and creativity
- A unique chance to experience real-world TV production during the holiday break

Whether your child loves performing, wants to build confidence, or is curious about the world of film, these sessions offer an engaging behind-the-scenes experience they won't forget.

Booking Details:

Special Offer: Save 15% with promo code: angel

Suitable for complete beginners and returning participants

Book now and view full details at: www.end2endtv.co.uk

For any queries, please feel free to contact us directly:

admin@end2endtv.co.uk

We look forward to welcoming your child to our creative and exciting Film & TV experiences.

Kind regards,

Peter Barrett Lorraine Smith
Directors

Inspiring the next generation of young creators, giving them the tools and confidence to tell their stories in a professional studio



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Film and TV Workshop 1

Panto Fun
Film Workshop

Monday 22nd December 10.30-3.00pm
For young people aged 7 - 14

e2e
end2end TV

Green Screen Studio
Control Room, Sidcup
www.end2endtv.co.uk

A colorful poster for a 'Panto Fun Film Workshop'. The background is a bright blue sky with white clouds. In the top left, a fairy with wings is flying. In the top right, a white dove is perched on a green holly branch with red berries. A large, thick green beanstalk grows from the bottom right towards the top. A boy in a brown tunic and hat holds a can of 'BEANS' that is spraying a stream of golden sparkles. A white cow with brown spots is walking towards the right, carrying a bucket. A red gift box is on the beanstalk. A blue box in the bottom right contains the text 'Green Screen Studio Control Room, Sidcup www.end2endtv.co.uk'. The 'e2e end2end TV' logo is in the bottom center.



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Film and TV Workshop 2

JANUARY WORKSHOP
'MAKING UP THE NEWS'

e2e
end2end TV

www.end2endtv.co.uk

Community Interest Company

The poster features a background of blurred television screens displaying various news images. In the foreground, there is a glass of water, a pen, and a closed notebook on a light blue surface.



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Key Events for Week Commencing 1 December

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

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)

Spring Term Dates 2026

*INSET day: Monday 5 January
(school closed to pupils)*

Tuesday 6 January -- Friday 13 February

Half Term Holiday: Monday 16 February -- Friday 20 February

Monday 23 February -- Friday 27 March
(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

