

Weekly Newsletter

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30 January 2026



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Dear Families

Before the Christmas holidays, we sent out a form asking you to update the information we hold for your child(ren). It is vital that we have the most up-to-date records to enable us to safeguard your children whilst they are in our care. This includes updating any medical information, photo permissions, and most importantly the parent/carer information so we know who to contact in an emergency, and also to allow you to receive all communications from us.

Please use the link below to provide the updated details. If you have more than one child with us, kindly complete a separate form for each of them.

[Pupil Information Update – Fill in form](#)

Please can you also ensure that you have the Teachers2Parents app downloaded on your phone. This is where all school communications are held, as well as the portal for you to be able to pay for any school trips or clubs, as we are no longer taking payment for these in the school office. Links to these apps can be found here:

[Apple Store - Teachers2Parents](#)

[Google Play Store - Teachers2Parents](#)



If you have any questions about this, please do contact the school office.

Monday 2nd February is 'Come as yourself' non-uniform day



On Monday, we are encouraging everyone to wear an outfit which makes them feel most confident, comfortable and like they truly belong – whether that's cosy clothes, cultural dress, favourite colours or something totally unique. Celebrate what makes you!

Read more about Children's Mental Health Week on pages 4 and 5 of this newsletter.



Curriculum in Action -- French



In Vermillion Class, the children have been learning vocabulary for clothing in French. They can even answer questions using colour adjectives to describe items of clothing they have or see!



Hayat
Vermillion Class



Michelle
Vermillion Class

Earlier in the year, Year 5 learned a range of animal nouns in French.



Lucia
Emerald Class



Matilda
Emerald Class



Curriculum in Action -- French (continued)

They then brought all their learning together to describe animals in French, focusing on using correct grammar and word order.

C'est une petite baleine verte et bleue.
Nabina
Azuré Class

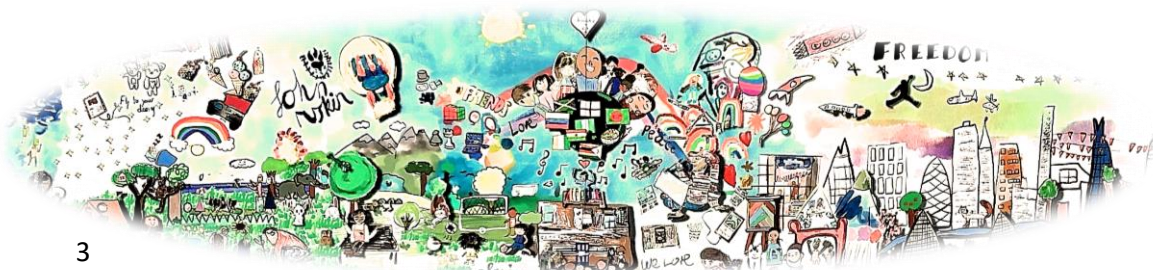
Ce sont des grand grenouilles violet.
Janan
Azuré Class

Ce sont des grande abeilles gris, jaune et noir.
Nabissi
Azuré Class

C'est un petit lion brun et beige.
Joanna
Azuré Class

Ces sont des chats rouge, bleu, orange et rose et violet.
Rully-Rossi
Azuré Class


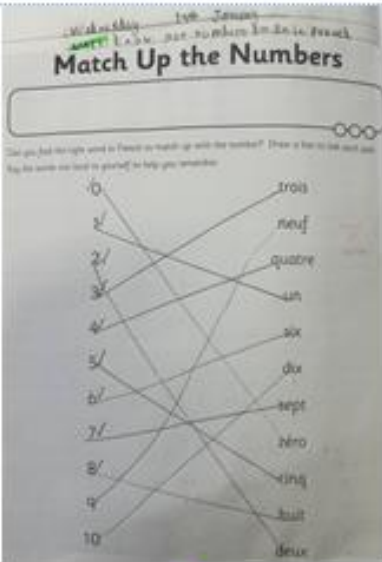

C'est un petit cochon jaune et rouge. Ce sont deux petite cochon vert et rouge.
Aadani
Azuré Class





Curriculum in Action -- French (continued)

Year 3 have been learning how to count to ten in





Zamayah
(Turquoise class)

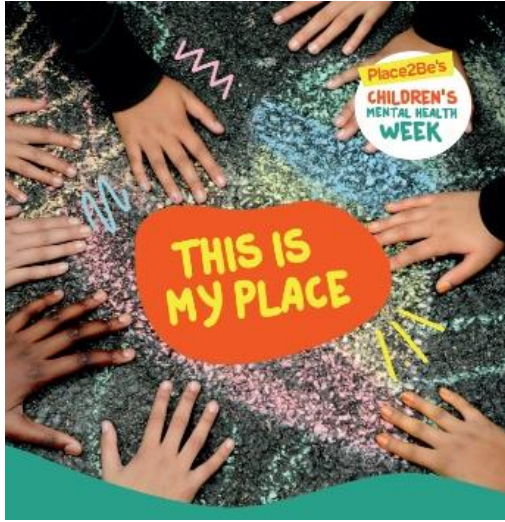
Did you know that learning a new language boosts brain

If your child is in KS2, they should have received a Duolingo login. Duolingo is a free language-learning platform that can be used either online or through an app. While using it is not compulsory, it's a fantastic way for your child to stay engaged with learning a language at home.

Each half-term, we will be awarding certificates to the children who earn the most XP through their learning.



Children's Mental Health Week



Children's Mental Health week is 2nd – 6th February. This year, the theme of Children's Mental Health week is "This Is My Place".

'THIS IS MY PLACE'

We know that our sense of belonging as individuals, in our friendships, in school and in communities plays a vital role in our mental health and wellbeing.

To know our place and really feel part of our environment is a basic human need. It can have powerful and long-lasting impacts in lots of areas of our lives, including our physical and mental health, education, employment and relationships. When we feel that we belong, it empowers us to contribute to the world and make a real difference.

What is Belonging?

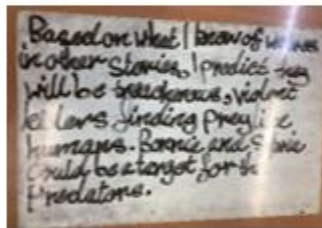
- Feeling that you have a place where you are always welcome and valued as either place or set of people.
- A place you belong with your family and friends.
- Feeling included, not left out.
- Belonging means feeling a connection with something, feeling like I am meant to be there with no stresses or worries. It's all about feeling safe.
- Feeling a part of something e.g. a group or society.
- People accepting you as you are.



Book Club

Book Club

Our More Able & Talented Book Club is a fun and engaging group for Year 5 and 6 pupils who love books and enjoy being challenged. Together, we explore exciting texts, share ideas, ask big questions, and develop deeper reading and discussion skills in a supportive, inspiring environment. This term, will be discovering all the adventures that take place in *The Wolves of Willoughby Chase* by Joan Aiken. A new chapter awaits! Happy reading.



A big thank you to Ms Metikoss for making each session so much fun!



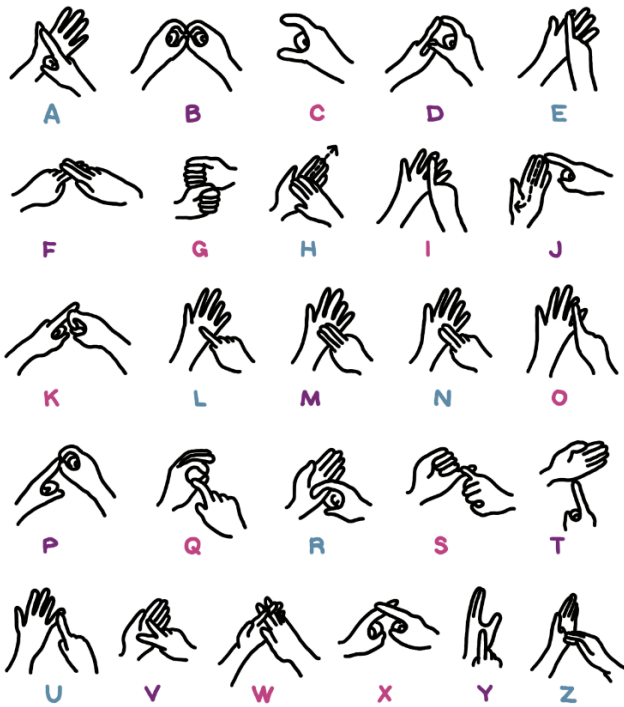
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British Sign Language



Non-Urgent Healthcare



About ParentLine

ParentLine and ChatHealth are supported by the Children and Young People's Health Partnership which brings together organisations and families in Lambeth and Southwark to improve everyday healthcare for local children and young people.

Confidentiality

We might inform someone if we are concerned about the safety of you, your child or someone else but we would usually speak to you first. Your messages are stored and can be seen by other healthcare staff who follow the same confidentiality rules.

ParentLine Number

Text: 07520 631 130

We are here during school holidays too!

The ParentLine number is a text number only. It cannot receive phone calls.

This number is confidential and is for use by parents and carers of children and young people in Lambeth and Southwark.

A text message service is also available for young people. [find out more about ChatHealth](#).

If you need some non-urgent healthcare advice about your child, one way to get this is through the **ParentLine** text number.





Home-Start Southwark

Making it REAL

with Home-Start Southwark



*Do you live in
Southwark?*

*Want to get your
2, 3 or 4 year old
school-ready?*

Making it REAL is a fun, interactive and creative programme for 2, 3 and 4 year olds **not** in full-time nursery or school.

We support parents alongside their children to improve communication, language, and early literacy skills, building upon the wonderful learning families already do at home.

Each family receives four **FREE home visits** focusing on books, oral language, mark making and environmental print.

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Half Term at the Hammond Theatre

HALF TERM AT THE HAMMOND THEATRE!

Look forward to some fantastic fun at the Hammond Theatre this February half term as we bring you two wonderful shows that will entertain young and old.



FRIDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2:30PM

Cinema Screening

A tale of giant pumpkins and madcap characters, where little girl Charlie – taken in by her aunt Dinah - discovers she has a unique connection with plants and sets her sights on winning the town’s annual pumpkin-growing contest. The plot thickens as rival growers pull every trick in the book. Will Charlie and Dinah’s unlikely entry stand tall against the fiercest competition the town has ever seen?



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Half Term at the Hammond Theatre (continued)



**SATURDAY 21 FEBRUARY
2:30PM**

Live Show

Expect 55 minutes of jaw dropping family fun and insanity featuring marvellous magic, bombastic balloons, beautiful bubbles, silly science, gigglesome games, cheeky tunes, one or two custard pies and enough craziness to send you into a fit of giggles before the curtain comes crashing down. Ideal for families and children of all ages.

BOOKING INFORMATION

Tickets available online at www.thehammondtheatre.co.uk

For enquiries, please call 020 8783 4418

Free parking on site, disabled access

Perform Drama and Dance School

Free Trial Session and £40 discount at Perform

Popular children's drama and dance school Perform is offering a Free Trial Session and a **special introductory discount of £40 for members of John Ruskin School** if they sign up by Saturday 2nd May 2026. Parents should quote JRUS020526 when they book their free session by going to perform.org.uk/near-me or calling 020 7255 9120.

You can find out more about the classes at perform.org.uk/near-me. Alternatively, pdf flyers can be downloaded from [here](#). Click to find [your nearest classes](#) or view a list of [all areas](#).



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Key Events for Week Commencing 2 February

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

Forthcoming Dates

24 February **Orange Class trip to Brockwell Park**

2 March **Green Class trip to Brockwell Park**

4 March **Orange Class assembly**

9 -13 March **Year 5 School Journey**

11 March **Green Class assembly**

18 March **Scarlet Class assembly**

25 March **Azure Class assembly**

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)**



