

Wandsworth schools and families

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I'm really excited to be the new cabinet member for children and I'm looking forward to making sure each and every one of you has a great time at school and gets the opportunities you deserve.

In this Headstart you can read about some of the ways we hope to improve things for young people and their families in Wandsworth. We're bringing in a new school food strategy to make sure everyone has access to good, nutritious meals, and this term for the first time we've helped families who struggle to pay for expensive school uniforms. This summer many of you took part in our Wandsworth Connected: Summer Fun scheme, while others have been part of workshops using art and poetry to explore the climate crisis. You can read about both and see pictures in this edition. Most of all we want to help families cope with the cost of living crisis. We're aware that for many it can be a choice between heating and eating, and that's not acceptable. That's why we have set aside £5m to be used to support a range of organisations, projects and initiatives designed to give residents more support during these difficult times. See inside for information on where families can get the help and support they need.

Take care of each other, and have fun this term!

Cllr Kate Stock, cabinet member for children



Get your **FREE** NHS Health Check from your GP.

You must be aged 40-74 have not been previously diagnosed with diabetes, kidney disease, heart disease or stroke and have not had an NHS Health check in the last five years.

For more information call the council's public health team visit www.wandsworth.gov.uk/healthchecks



- Helping you prevent
- diabetes
- heart disease
- kidney disease
- stroke & dementia





Helping families make ends meet

If you are struggling with the cost of living crisis, you are not alone. Many local families need some extra help during this difficult time. See this page and the next two pages for some ways you can get support.

Find more advice on cutting bills, saving money, finding mental health and employment support and other sources of help on our Cost of Living Hub.
[wandsworth.gov.uk/cost-of-living-hub](https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/cost-of-living-hub)

More support

Citizens Advice Wandsworth can help you find out what benefits you may be entitled to.

Call **0808 278 7873**

Crisis payments are available from the council in the form of supermarket and fuel vouchers. You can apply via an online form. Visit [wandsworth.gov.uk/apply-for-crisis-assistance-for-food-and-fuel](https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/apply-for-crisis-assistance-for-food-and-fuel)

If you're struggling with your mental health, there are organisations in Wandsworth that can support you.

Visit [wandsworth.gov.uk/cost-of-living-mental-health](https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/cost-of-living-mental-health)

If you or someone in your family is suffering a mental health crisis, the NHS Mental Health Support Line is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on **0800 028 800**.

Check if you are eligible for free school meals

If you are, you could save hundreds of pounds a year and be eligible for other benefits. You may be eligible if you get one of a list of benefits including income support. Visit [wandsworth.gov.uk/apply-for-free-school-meals](https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/apply-for-free-school-meals)

Help with bills

Find out about the various energy rebates, payments and grants, help with rent and council tax bills and how to prioritise which bills to pay first.

Visit [wandsworth.gov.uk/cost-of-living-bills](https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/cost-of-living-bills)

Are you pregnant?

If you are on certain benefits, you could be eligible for Healthy Start vouchers or a Sure Start Maternity Grant.

Visit [wandsworth.gov.uk/cost-of-living-family-childcare](https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/cost-of-living-family-childcare)

Help with childcare

Financial help with childcare costs is available via various schemes. Family and childcare organisation Coram has a comprehensive guide

Visit familyandchildcaretrust.org/help-your-childcare-costs



Help with food

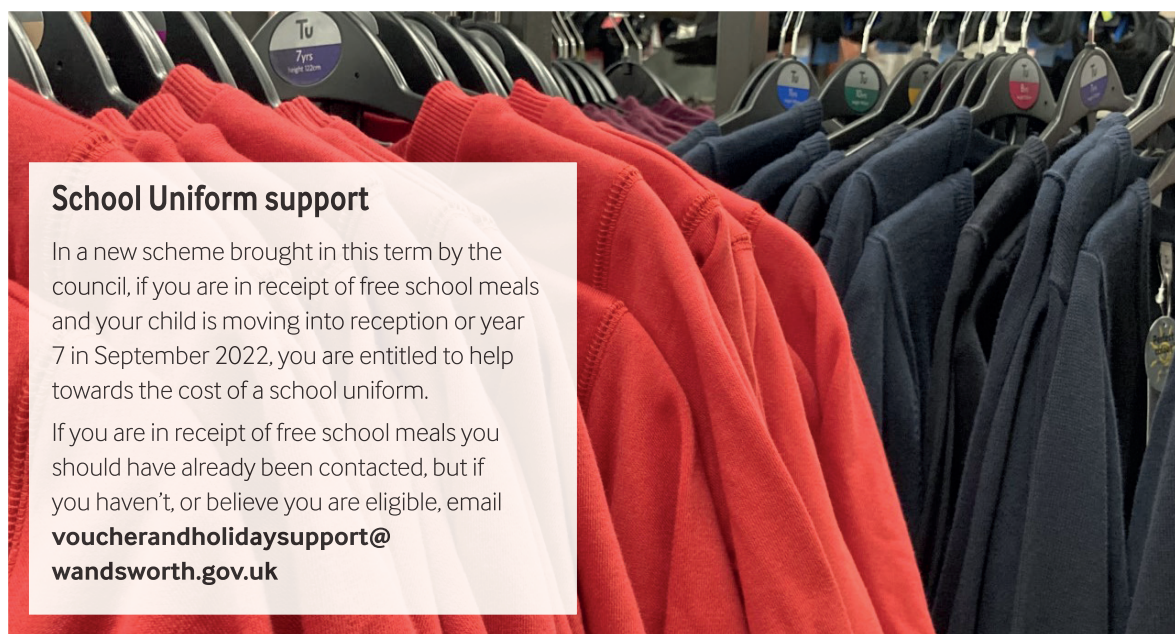
There are various organisations across Wandsworth that can provide food to struggling families, including the Wandsworth Foodbank, Waste Not Want Not, the Tooting Community Kitchen, the Dons Local Action Group, Be Enriched Tooting Canteen and the Roehampton Community Box.

Visit [wandsworth.gov.uk/cost-of-living-food](https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/cost-of-living-food)

Child benefit

All parents of a child under 16, or under 20 if they stay in approved education or training, is eligible for child benefit – although only one parent or carer can claim.

Visit [gov.uk/child-benefit](https://www.gov.uk/child-benefit)



School Uniform support

In a new scheme brought in this term by the council, if you are in receipt of free school meals and your child is moving into reception or year 7 in September 2022, you are entitled to help towards the cost of a school uniform.

If you are in receipt of free school meals you should have already been contacted, but if you haven't, or believe you are eligible, email

voucherandholidaysupport@wandsworth.gov.uk



Help with essentials

Little Village provides equipment, clothes, and toys free of charge to families with children under the age of five, but you need to be referred by a professional, such as a midwife, health visitor, food bank or local support group.

Visit littlevillagehq.org/get-help

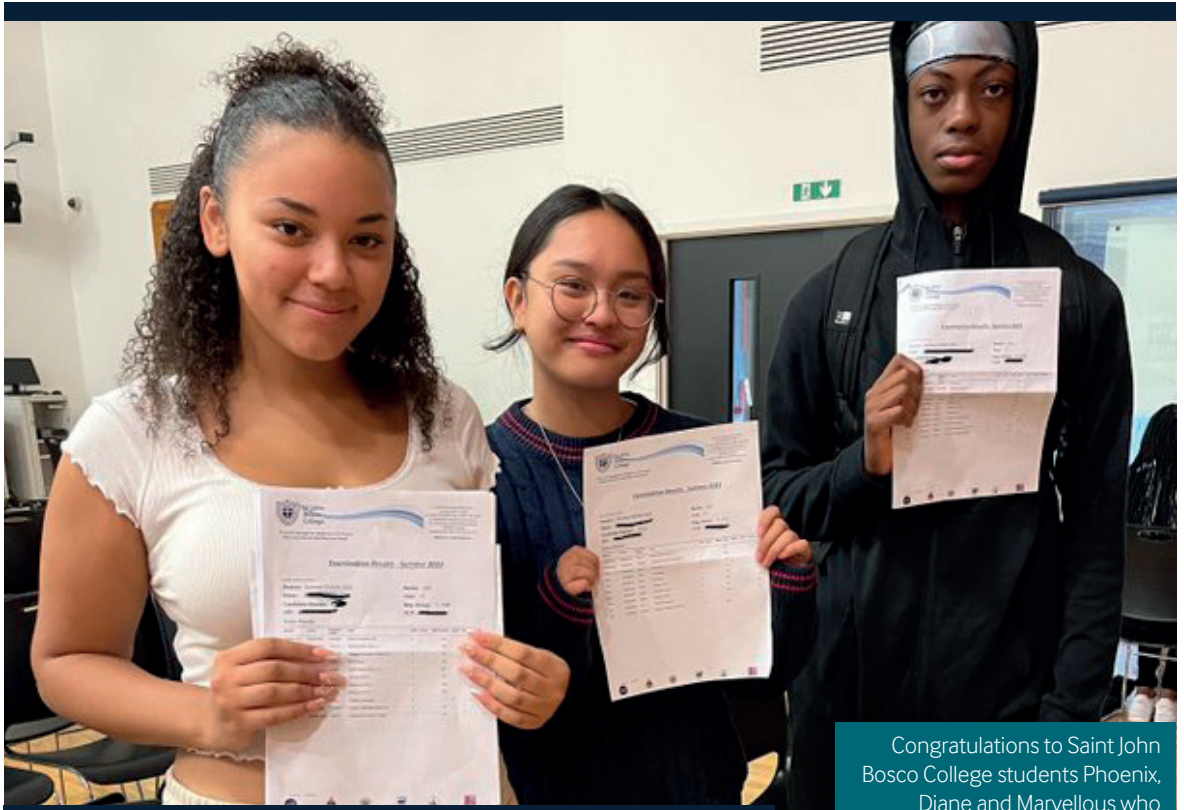
Cost of living help

online hub

help for local people to access support during the cost of living crisis.

wandsworth.gov.uk/cost-of-living-hub





Congratulations to Saint John Bosco College students Phoenix, Diane and Marvellous who celebrated six grade 9s and eighteen grade 8s between them

Exam success

Wandsworth students excelled in their exams this year, with all schools showing improvement since 2019.

Provisional GCSE results show that the 'Attainment 8' score across Wandsworth schools at GCSE has improved by 4.2 points to 55 since 2019 – the last pre-pandemic year.

Attainment 8 measures the achievement of an individual student across their eight best performing subjects. The increase is roughly the equivalent of half a grade improvement in all subjects for all pupils since 2019. Results in English and maths were particularly strong with the proportion of students achieving grade 5 or above, increasing by nine per cent in English and 12 per cent in maths.

In the English Baccalaureate (EBacc) achievement at grades 9-4 increased by six percentage points to 46 per cent.

At A-level the proportion of A* grades was 11 per cent

– an increase of six per cent from 2019. Almost all pupils (97 per cent) passed with an A* to E grade, with the proportion of grades A* to B increasing to 54 per cent – up eight per cent from 2019.

In vocational qualifications, including BTECs, more than a third of grades awarded were distinction or better.

“ I'm immensely proud of students' hard work. Now we will get on with working in partnership with parents, children, schools and the community as a whole to make sure every child fulfils their full potential. ”

Clr Kate Stock, cabinet member for children



Magic Breakfasts for children

Wandsworth is working on a plan to make sure more children get access to free, nutritious hot meals.

Three percent of primary school children have nothing to eat for breakfast and 17 per cent of secondary pupils don't eat lunch. Many parents think packed lunches are healthier but it's easier to get all the nutrients children need into a hot meal.

Schools will be offered the opportunity to take part in a one-year council-funded pilot scheme run by the charity Magic Breakfast so that children who attend breakfast clubs can get a healthy breakfast for free.

It's all part of a wider School Food Strategy being drawn up by the council alongside young people, families and partner organisations such as the NHS and local voluntary groups.

Other actions will include looking at the school meals service to make sure it provides fresh, healthy unprocessed food and making sure all those eligible for free school meals receive them.

And the council will continue to provide free school meals to eligible children during the holidays and on holiday schemes like this summer's Wandsworth Connected: Summer Fun. Find out more about that scheme over the page.



Summer Fun

Getting connected during summer of fun

WOW, what a summer that was!

More than a thousand young people enjoyed a huge range of free and low-cost activities this summer in the Wandsworth Connected: Summer Fun scheme.

Wandsworth Council, in partnership with local clubs and organisations, put on loads of activities with everything from sport and arts and crafts to cooking, drama, music and days out. There was even a chance to get job advice from local employers including Penguin Publishing.

And for the first time families came together at one-stop Get Connected Hubs, set up in the heart of communities, where they could get a range of support and advice including special needs support, housing, finance, employment and parenting.

Keep an eye on the council's website for details about what's happening over the Christmas holidays.



WANDSWORTH CONNECTED



Project manager at Elays Abdirahman said: "Summer HAF was a great success at Elays Network. It makes us smile to see the programme empower the children and young people - through learning new skills, developing healthy eating attitudes, building confidence and making new friendships".



Kimber Skatepark ran activities in their dedicated and purpose-built facilities in King George's Park and out in the community. One young person said: "I loved taking part in the summer camp at Kimber Skatepark. I made new friends and I tried skateboarding and climbing for the first time ever."

The Fit4Kidz scheme included sports and DJ'ing. Jasmine, who has been offered a full bursary to join the FFK under 11s football team said: "I enjoyed playing football and eating chicken nuggets for lunch."





Cllr Kate Stock and council leader Cllr Simon Hogg open the new York Gardens playground.



The revamped Windmill play area.

Get ready to play

More new and upgraded playgrounds have opened in the borough since the last Headstart in February. Over £3.6m has been spent over the past three years on improving playgrounds, with local families helping to choose the new equipment.

Frames, slides, fitness equipment and even table tennis for all ages are just some of the new outdoor facilities now open and free to use in the Savona Estate, Patmore Cooperative and the Yvonne Carr Centre, SW8.

They were funded by Wandsworth Council as part of a programme of local improvements using contributions from nearby Nine Elms developments and developed in close consultation with local communities.

A new playground was also opened on the nearby York Gardens Park in July. It's for children of all ages, with a nearby separate fitness area and table tennis tables for older children.

At King George's Park a new playground opened in March for all children up to 16 and on Wandsworth Common the revamped Windmill playground opened

this summer – three years after the Chivalry Road toddler playground on the common was upgraded.

The layout was chosen by local people from three different options and includes more space for games as well as new equipment and an emphasis on nature and biodiversity.

A new play area also opened at The Pleasance in Putney's Dover House Estate. There was extensive consultation with local people who helped chose the design.

Meanwhile in Battersea Park a revamped toddlers and junior playground opened in the spring.

The new-look playground includes a sensory zone, inclusive play equipment and a 'nature' themed toddler area.



One of the new Nine Elms playgrounds



The Pleasance

The Battersea Park playground.

New opportunities with Work Match



Work Match provides free employment support and advice for all Wandsworth Residents. We work with businesses across the borough to find local job opportunities and apprenticeships for local people and this year we've celebrated our 2000th job start!

Whether you are returning to work, looking to change career, want to work nearer to your home or simply wish to progress by gaining new skills we are here to help. Our officers can help you to create a CV, provide interview advice and preparation, apply for one of our many live vacancies and much more.

We have a wide variety of job vacancies including full-time, part-time and flexible hours as well as entry-level positions, supervisory and management positions and skilled posts.

We offer a wide range of free training both in-house and with our partners, from CSCS construction and SIA security training to virtual internships and personal marketing online. New courses are added every month.

Training courses include:

- Construction - including CSCS certification, Traffic Marshalling and Hoist training
- English and Maths GCSE
- Business Admin/ ICT for Employment
- Door Supervision (SIA)
- Social Media for job search and Personal Marketing

Current vacancies include:

- Hospitality- including Gordan Ramsay and Pret-A-Manger
- Retail – including Mulberry, Abercrombie & Fitch and Hugo Boss
- Administration
- Security
- Cleaning



“ I am very grateful to Work Match for training me. I have signed up to so many agencies in the past that have not helped. Work Match wanted to help ”

Paulina Construction Technician



To find out more, contact Work Match directly

Email: wandsworthworkmatch@wandsworth.gov.uk • Call: 020 8871 5191 • Or visit: wandsworthworkmatch.org

Your loving home can change a future

Could you be foster carer?

The council is always in need of new carers to look after the growing number of children in need of care - including teenagers and groups of siblings.

You can be married or single, gay or straight, a homeowner or renting, and from any cultural background. All you need is a spare bedroom and a willingness to provide a stable, caring home. Maybe your child is heading off to university next year and you have a spare room you could offer a teenager?

Come along to one of our informal fostering information sessions and discover if fostering is for you. You can find out what it involves, and the support and allowances you will be entitled to. You can meet the council's fostering recruitment and assessment team and ask any question you might have. The next session is on November 10. To book your place email fosteringrecruitment@wandsworth.gov.uk or call **020 8871 6666**.



Jeffery's story

Jeffery has been brought up by a foster mum since he was 6. Now aged 19, he is studying at college and hopes to set up his own events management social enterprise.

"I went into foster care with my older sister and brother, so there were two familiar faces which made adjusting easier. We were always treated the same as my foster mum's three children, we went on the same after-school schemes and did the same activities, and we all went to the same neighbourhood church. My foster mum focused on helping me succeed in school, and there was lots of positive engagement with other professionals, like social workers.

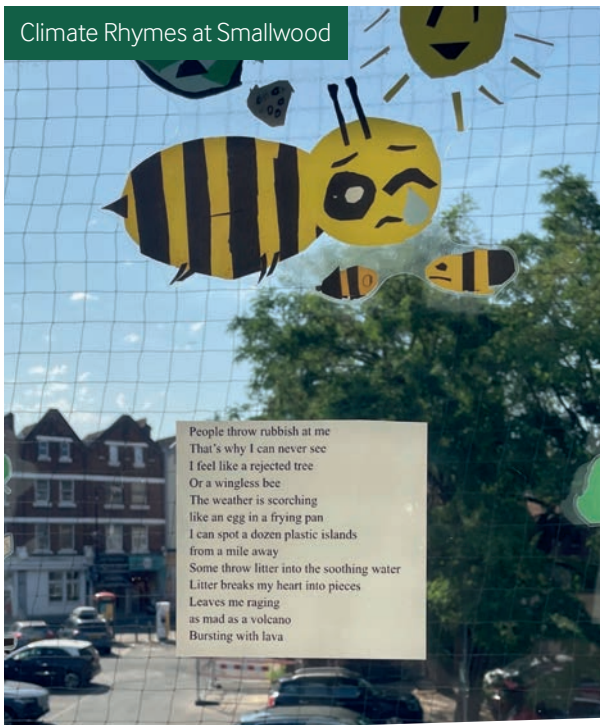
"If I didn't have a good carer it would have been harder to achieve what I have. In the care system you're open to a lot of distractions and it's easy to go down the wrong road. A good carer acts as a moral compass.

"I would say to anyone thinking of fostering, that when your motive is to benefit the child it's a brilliant, rewarding experience. You're benefiting a child's life and pointing them in a positive direction."

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Supporting schools to take climate action

Climate Rhymes at Smallwood



Borough schools are getting support from the council to fight climate change, including work to decarbonise buildings and the launch of the Wandsworth Schools Climate Change Network.

The network gives schools the ability to develop and share resources that can be used to teach students about climate change, as well as swap information about how best to take climate action, including reducing waste, cutting energy use and working effectively with parents

Six borough schools are getting upgrades to make their buildings greener. Brandehow, Broadwater, Earlsfield, Ernest Bevin, Falconbrook, Fircroft and Ravenstone will be getting work to reduce emissions and cut energy costs including solar panels and LED lights.

Climate Rhymes at Brandehow





animating climate change



Climate Rhymes at Granard School



plant power

Meanwhile the Creative Wandsworth Partnership has been working with schools to help pupils express their thoughts on the climate emergency through arts projects. This year young people have produced stop motion animated shorts in **Animating Climate Change**, have worked with RCA artist Ellie Wyatt to explore their relationship with nature in the **Plant Power project**, and created original poems and artwork which was exhibited in borough libraries during the summer in the **Climate Rhymes** project.





Clean, active travel

Work to keep young people safe and clean up their air around schools is to be stepped up.

There are currently 19 school streets in Wandsworth and more are going to be brought in. School streets stop traffic from travelling past school entrances at drop-off and pick-up times. Where school streets can't be installed, the council will look at alternatives like new crossings.

There will also be more work with schools to bring in travel plans to monitor how students are travelling to school and to encourage them to use sustainable methods if they can, like walking, cycling and scooting. The council runs training sessions in schools to make sure young people know how to cycle and scoot safely.

Find out more about school streets at wandsworth.gov.uk/schoolstreets. Find out about cycle training for adults and children at wandsworth.gov.uk/cycle-training-and-skills

One of the ways the council is encouraging active travel is with its Try Before you Bike scheme run in partnership with Peddle My Wheels.

Individuals and families can rent new or nearly-new bikes, cargo bikes or electric bikes for a monthly fee, as well as trailers that attach to bikes.

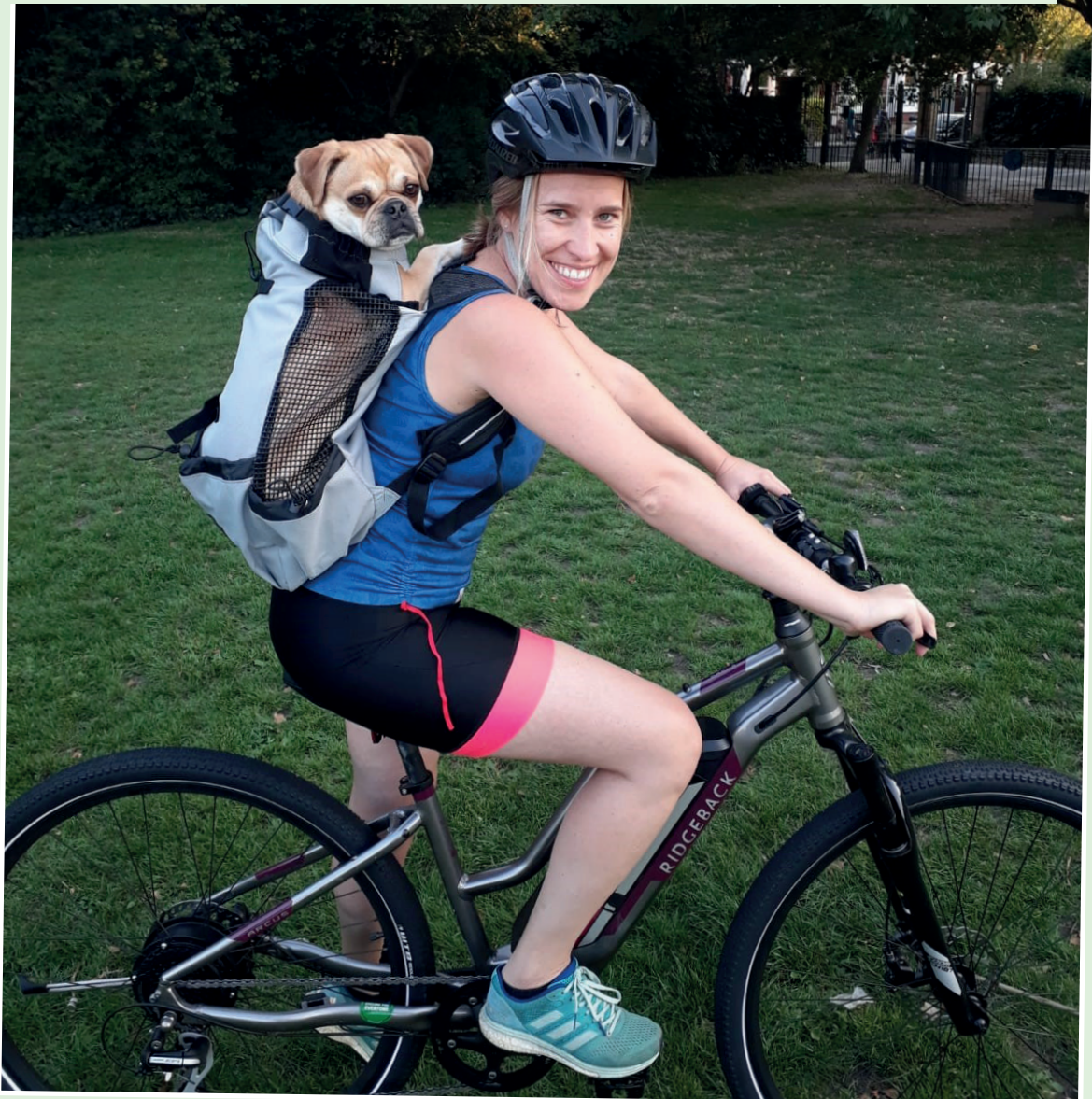
Now residents of three estates can take part in the scheme for free. Thanks to Wandsworth Council's climate change grant fund, 20 free bikes are available for residents of Patmore

Cooperative, Savona Estate and Carey Gardens who would like to try out cycling but have been hit by the cost of living crisis.

The new free trial includes three months of cycle hire, a cycle skills session and helmet. After the first three months, participants will have the option to buy the bike or continue hiring at a discounted price.

If you live on one of these three estates find out more by emailing info@nineelmsslondon.com

If you live elsewhere visit peddlemywheels.com/try-before-you-bike



Caring for their community

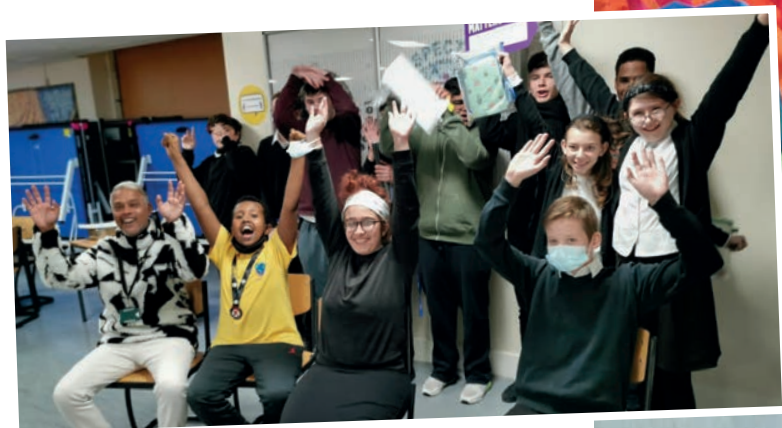
Members of the Garratt Park School Council have become Team London Young Ambassadors.

Team London Young Ambassadors is the Mayor of London's school volunteering programme which connects young Londoners with their communities through social action.

Over the six month programme they created a social action project to help homeless girls and women in Wandsworth. They made a video about their project and pitched it to a panel, including members of the Mayor of London's Office, and received a £1,000 grant.

They budgeted and contacted wholesalers for the best possible prices and then made up 120 bags each containing essentials like a comb, toothbrush, mini first aid kit and hand sanitiser.

Non-profit The Spires Centre in Tooting helped distribute the bags. The centre runs sessions every weekday where they help people who are homeless or insecurely housed. They also provide warm food and drink and distribute food parcels, clothes and toiletries to those in desperate need. And they run a specialist Women's Service to engage with women at risk.



Getting connected

Power to Connect has now handed out 2028 donated and reconditioned laptops to 80 schools and 17 community organisations, including 55 given out in

August to Wandsworth Welcome Refugees for families settling in Wandsworth.

Power to Connect is a partnership between the council and Battersea Power Station to help Wandsworth children and families get online. As well as donating devices, it runs digital skills courses for parents and carers. Call or text 07934 553192 for details.

Visit powertoconnect.co.uk



Inspectors praise SEND progress

Inspectors have praised the progress being made in Wandsworth in their ambition to improve support for children who have special education needs and disabilities (SEND).

Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) spoke with children and young people, parents and carers, as well as schools, health and local authority personnel. They also reviewed individual Education Health and Care Plans (EHCP) and visited an education provider.

The inspectors concluded that “leaders are learning from and taking more account of the views of parents, carers, children and young people” with parent representatives having “more trust” in Local Authority and NHS leaders, especially when concerns are raised.

This includes better quality Education Health and Care

(EHC) Plans, which are simpler and “easier for children and young people to understand”.

Cabinet Member for Children Cllr Kate Stock said: “I am proud of the great work and the progress made and I would like to thank everyone involved, in particular our schools and parents, for their contribution to the journey, particularly during the pandemic.

“The council is establishing additional resource bases, redesigning existing provision and increasing capacity in Special Schools across the borough to keep our children in high quality schools within our local communities.”



Emotional learning

Falconbrook Primary School is the first in Wandsworth to be awarded Worldwide Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) Model School Status for its work improving children's emotional articulation, resilience, problem solving and social skills.



Students give a thumbs up

Meanwhile West Hill Primary School has been awarded the National Nurturing Schools Programme Award. Nurture UK is an organisation dedicated to improving the social, emotional, mental health and wellbeing of children and young people.

BUILDING MEMORIES BRICK BY BRICK

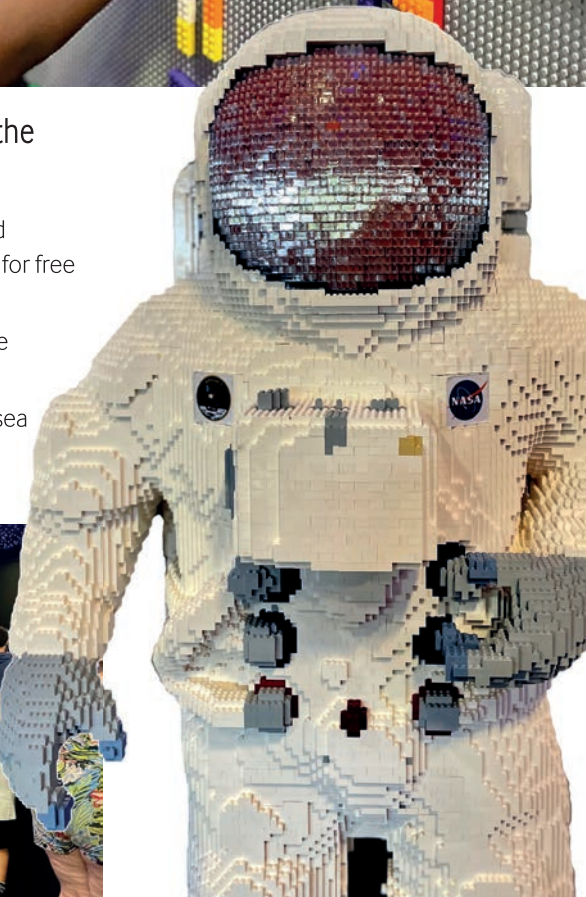


Lego fans went along to Evolution in Battersea Park in the summer to take part in BrickLive.

The free community day was organised by the council, Enable and Evolution and 2000 tickets were available to local children eligible for free school meals and their families.

They could make their own creation and see an exhibition of some spectacular giant sculptures, as well as enjoying a free lunch.

Following the exhibition, Enable welcomed all attendees to Battersea Park's Bowling Green for biodiversity workshops, arts and crafts activities, and sports sessions – all rounded off with a kids' disco.



NHS vaccinations and when to have them

It's important that children and young people's vaccines are given on time for the best protection. It's best to have vaccines on time, but you can catch up on most vaccines if you miss them.

Babies under 1 year old

8 weeks

6-in-1 vaccine
Rotavirus vaccine
MenB

12 weeks

6-in-1 vaccine (2nd dose)
Pneumococcal (PCV) vaccine
Rotavirus vaccine (2nd dose)

16 weeks

6-in-1 vaccine (3rd dose)
MenB (2nd dose)

Children aged 1 to 15

1 year

Hib/MenC (1st dose)
MMR (1st dose)
Pneumococcal (PCV) vaccine (2nd dose)
MenB (3rd dose)

2 to 10 years

Flu vaccine (every year)
see back page

3 years & 4 months

MMR (2nd dose)
4-in-1 pre-school booster

12 to 13 years

HPV vaccine

14 years

3-in-1 teenage booster
MenACWY



Image: Violeta Stojmenova

Polio

Children aged 1 to 9 years old in London are being offered a dose of polio vaccine. Search "polio vaccine South West London".

Find out more

To find out more about each vaccine: why its offered, when children and young people can have them and how it works visit the NHS website by searching for "NHS vaccinations and when to have them".

Open the door

Affordable housing open day

20 October 2022, 11am-5pm



*Open the door
to your
first home!*

The Civic Suite, Town Hall

Wandsworth High Street SW18 2PU

To book an appointment to attend or for more information
call **(020) 8871 6161**



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THE BRIGHTER BOROUGH

Wandsworth

Team Wandsworth take bronze

Wandsworth's youth athletes did their borough proud at this year's London Youth Games, scooping the Bronze Jubilee Trophy.

This multi-sport event offers opportunities for people aged 7 to 18 to grow and excel in their field. All 32 London boroughs plus the City of London take part and events are held across nine months at various venues including the Olympic Park and Aquatics Centre.

All Wandsworth's team members excelled, with particularly strong performances from the Boys Volleyball, Girls Netball, Boys and Girls Para Swimming team, Girls Hockey, Boys Archery, Para Athletics 100m and Shot Put, Girls Football and Boys Rowing.

Boys Aquathlon were crowned London Champions and the Girls Table Tennis team were presented with the 'Respect the Games Award' for good sportsmanship and a friendly attitude.

Find out more at enablelc.org/lyg



Clockwise - Boys' hockey, Girls' table tennis, Girls' volleyball, Para swimming team.

Protect your child from flu

Get the flu vaccine

The nasal spray flu vaccine is free on the NHS for:

- **children aged 2 or 3 years on 31 August 2022**
(born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020)
- **all primary school children (Reception to Year 6)**
some secondary school aged children
- **children aged 2 to 17 years with long-term health conditions**

If your child is aged between 6 months and 2 years and has a long-term health condition that makes them at higher risk from flu, they'll be offered a flu vaccine injection instead of the nasal spray.

To find out more about the vaccine and where to get it, search for **flu vaccine NHS**.





Battersea Park Fireworks

November 5-6

The fireworks displays will be delivered by Titanium Fireworks who provide notable displays to events such as The Mayor of London's New Year's Eve Celebrations and the 2022 Commonwealth Games. There will also be the traditional bonfire and food and drink stalls on Saturday.

November 6 will be a family-oriented Sunday night show with an earlier start time. Instead of a bonfire there will a seven-metre tall visual light installation.

Book tickets now at batterseaparkfireworks.com

Winter listings

This is just a taste of what's going on.

For more activities visit

wandsworth.gov.uk/fis

How to be listed

Send details to: headstart@wandsworth.gov.uk

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All Star Tennis

October 24-28

Holiday tennis camp for three-year-olds to teens:

- Leader's Gardens
- King George's Park
- Tooting Common
- Wandsworth Common

Visit allstartennis.co.uk
info@allstartennis.co.uk

Inclusive October multisport holiday sessions

October 25-27, 10am-12noon

including hockey, basketball, athletics and cricket. £3 per session.

Caius House, Battersea Call 020 39590030 x452 or email khall@enablelc.org

Festival of the Dead

October 24-30

A week of children's half term art workshops at Faylands Family Centre and Woodfield Pavilion plus adult art workshops, death cafes and talks. The festival will end with a parade on Tooting Common on October 30 including music, storytelling, an art exhibition, circus performers and food. Search Festival of the Dead Tooting on Facebook or Instagram.



Our Lady of Victories RC Primary School open morning

October 21, November 18, 9.30am
 1, Clarendon Drive, Putney.

Ourladyofvictories.wandsworth.sch.uk

Fishponds October half term camp

October 24-28, 10am-3pm

Including sports, arts and crafts and Halloween fun. Suitable for ages 4-11

Call 07802 313820 or email kbeck@enablelc.org

SENTalk half term club

October 24-27

Club for children with autism and ADHD aged 6-14.

Register at info@sentak.org.

Libraries

Fun events, storytimes, workshops and crafts. better.org.uk/whats-on-in-wandsworths-libraries

Free classes for Battersea and Nine Elms community

Try something new this autumn if you live in Battersea and Nine Elms. A series of FREE 10-week classes have been organised for the local community by Wandsworth Council. Take your pick from TikTok or Salsa dance classes, art classes for families and Walk and Talk guided walks.

Find out more and book your place at nineelmslondon.com/community-classes



Holiday Clubs

October 24-28

- Energy Kidz Balham Holiday Club Ravenstone School - energy-kidz.co.uk/holiday-club/balham-ravenstone-primary-school
- Crazy Camps, Ernest Bevin College and St Francis Xavier 6th Form College – crazycamps.co.uk
- Funky Moves holiday course, Alderbrook Primary School, Balham - funkymoves.com/pages/kids-holiday-courses
- Multi sports camp, Floreat School and Earlsfield Primary School - amsportsacademy.co.uk/camps

Group 64

October 25-28

Half term theatre holiday projects for 4-7 year olds and 7-11 year olds at the Putney Arts Theatre g64.org.uk/holiday-projects

Illuminate

November 18-jan 8

See an immersive light trail of glowing, larger-than-life sculptures and installations and enjoy glimpses of the nature around you through night vision goggles.

Wetlands Centre, Barnes

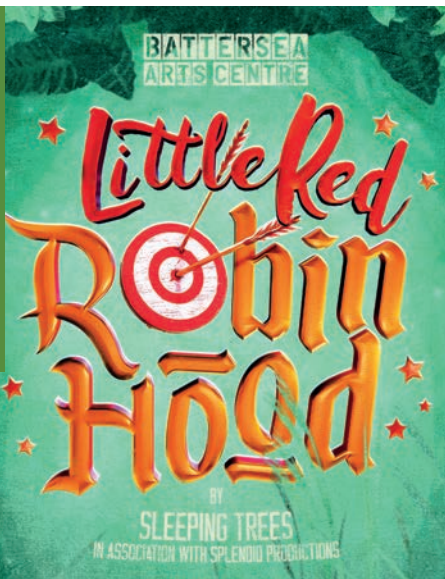
wrt.org.uk/wetland-centres/london



Little Red Robin Hood

December 6 – January 8

The wicked Sheriff of Nottingham has captured the famous outlaw Robin Hood! Who will stand up for the people now? Sometimes the true hero is the person you least expect, as Red Riding Hood heads into the forest to defeat the Sheriff, find her Grandma and discover her destiny. Suitable for ages 3+ Pay What You Can pricing on many performances. bac.org.uk



51st State Band

November 18, 5.35pm and 8.30pm

The flagship band of the World Heart Beat music charity will be performing a mix of jazz, rock, soul and film scores in a programme suitable for all ages.

[Putney Arts Theatre ticketsource.co.uk/whb](http://PutneyArtsTheatre.ticketsource.co.uk/whb)

Enviro Takeover

October 22-30

Age guidance: 5-8yrs

This half term immersive theatre performance will help children aged 5-8yrs understand their emotions around the climate crisis. Take part in online and in-person workshops then present your work in a performance hosted at BAC for friends and family to watch **Wandsworth residents can book by emailing boxoffice@bac.org.uk or calling 020 7223 2223 bac.org.uk/whats-on/enviro-takeover-bookings**



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

OPEN NOW

Battersea Arts Centre Community Garden

November 26, 10am-4pm

Step-free gardening activities for adults and children, with the chance to meet new people, new families, learn some new skills and get outdoors, plus a free hot lunch. bac.org.uk/garden



WAF is back

The Wandsworth Arts Fringe will return next June, and artists and creative practitioners with a live or digital project for 2023 are urged to get in touch.

Schools and community groups are especially welcome. There's loads of ways to get involved - host your own activity or be a venue for someone else, team up with a local artist or devise your own creative showcase.

WAF wants to hear from parents, teachers, pupils, community organisers or anyone a creative idea.

Express your interest at wandsworthartsfringe.com

How do I find out about...

Schools

General information: [wandsworth.gov.uk/schools](https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/schools)

Admissions: [wandsworth.gov.uk/admissions](https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/admissions)

Term dates: [wandsworth.gov.uk/termdates](https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/termdates)

Find a school: [wandsworth.gov.uk/schoolsAtoZ](https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/schoolsAtoZ)



Recycling

General information: [wandsworth.gov.uk/recycling](https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/recycling)

What can I recycle?:

[wandsworth.gov.uk/recyclefromhome](https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/recyclefromhome)



Arts, leisure and culture

Arts: [wandsworth.gov.uk/arts](https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/arts)

Events: [wandsworth.gov.uk/events](https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/events)

Libraries: [wandsworth.gov.uk/libraries](https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/libraries)

Leisure centres and sport: [wandsworth.gov.uk/sport](https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/sport)

Adult Education: [wandsworthlifelonglearning.co.uk](https://www.wandsworthlifelonglearning.co.uk)



Parks

General information: [wandsworth.gov.uk/parks](https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/parks)

Playgrounds and trim trails A-Z:

[wandsworth.gov.uk/playgroundsAtoZ](https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/playgroundsAtoZ)



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