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## Resolving conflict

Young people at Burntwood School have been learning how to resolve conflicts, with the help of the Wandsworth Mediation Service.

The service ran a series of workshops to teach young people that conflict is an inevitable part of life, but can be dealt with in a constructive way.

Over six weeks they looked at themes including expressing feelings and identifying anger, what triggers and escalates conflict, what lies behind it and how to overcome it. Students used role play to act out scenarios from different points of view and explore different possible outcomes.

To find out more about the Wandsworth Mediation Service's schools work contact Rachael on 0207 223 7744 or email: [WMS@wandsworthmediation.co.uk](mailto:WMS@wandsworthmediation.co.uk)

## Students meet the president

Five Sixth Form students from ARK Putney Academy were selected to meet Barack Obama at a town hall meeting in central London.

Maia Drummond, William Theji, Rosalee Henry, Xavier Bailey and Francini Nuernberg were selected after the American Ambassador, Matthew Barzun, spoke to the academy's Sixth Form and was impressed by their questions and passion for global politics.

They had the chance to hear Obama speak and then deliver an extended question and answer session with a range of young people from schools and universities all over the country. Francini, who was interviewed by Reuters immediately after the speech, told the press; "it was an honour to meet him. Obama really encouraged us to fight for the things we believe in to create change in the world."



# Cleaning up the air

**Schools have been learning about climate change, air pollution and how our travel choices can affect the environment.**

Interactive theatre production ‘The Pollution Solution’, performed by the Big Wheel Theatre Company and funded by Wandsworth Council, has been teaching students how the choices they make about how they get to school can affect their local environment.

The initiative aims to encourage sustainable travel like walking and cycling and cut rush hour traffic congestion caused by ‘school runs’.

The primary schools to receive a visit were **St Boniface, Gatton, Smallwood, Allfarthing, Swaffield, Albemarle, Sheringdale, St. Anselm’s and Holy Ghost.** In total approximately 560 pupils got to see the show.

Meanwhile Wandsworth is one of four south London boroughs to take part in a Mayor of London-funded

scheme to improve air quality. It included a competition to design a poster about air quality, which was won by St Mary’s School in Putney.

Winning pupils were presented with a school banner showing all the posters entered. The school also received a cheque for £100 to spend on environmental projects.

For further information on the council’s efforts to tackle air pollution visit [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/airquality](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/airquality).



The council’s environment spokesman, Jonathan Cook, with the banner showing poster competition entries.



### Award-winning Mr Day

Head of Careers at **Ernest Bevin College**, Jeremy Day, has won the national Pure Potential Careers Guidance Award for providing outstanding careers provision for students.

Headteacher Rukhsana Sheikh said: "When it is time to leave the college, he helps our students with the whole process of applying for university places, apprenticeships and employment and has an incredible success rate in placing our leavers in the highest quality opportunities."



### Golden challenge

The Wandsworth Youth Council has received a Gold Commendation for its work on November's Takeover Challenge. The day saw around 40 young people shadowing Wandsworth's senior councillors and council officers, police officers and NHS staff.

The Children's Commissioner Up for the Challenge commendation scheme is a way of formally recognising participation in the Challenge. The gold level is for organisations that have done the most to involve young people in their work.

# New branch for Granard tree

Children's author Michael Foreman has officially opened Granard School's new Cedar Building.

The school has been expanded and the new building will make the space needed for the extra pupils. It will include breakfast and after-school clubs, eight classrooms, cloakrooms, WCs, kitchen facilities, meeting rooms and a staffroom. All the school's classrooms are named after authors, and in September when a new Year 2 class moves in, its classroom will be named after Mr Foreman.

The building is named after a 300 year old cedar tree that dominates the school grounds, and features in its emblem. A mosaic of the cedar tree, which all Key Stage 2 children were involved in creating, has been set on the outside of the new building

Last year Granard was in the top five per cent of all primary schools in the country for its results in phonics.



# Finding the facts on faith

Students from seven Wandsworth secondary schools have been finding out about other faiths at this year's Faith Direct event at the town hall.

They were able to fire a series of quick-fire questions at representatives from the borough's local Muslim, Christian, Hindu, Jewish, Sikh, Baha'i, Humanist and Buddhist communities.

The Faith Direct initiative was organised by the council and the Wandsworth Multi-faith Group. It aims to increase young people's knowledge of the different faiths and beliefs practised in the borough, promote understanding, tolerance and respect and offer an open forum for dialogue.

The young people conducted a whistle-stop tour round the room interviewing each representative in turn. The schools taking part were Ashcroft, Bolingbroke, Burntwood, Chestnut Grove, Graveney, St Cecilia's and St John Bosco.

Find out more about the work of the multi-faith group at [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/faithgroup](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/faithgroup).

## Space seeds

Students at Ashcroft Academy have been growing seeds sent to them from the astronaut Tim Peake. Ashcroft was one of 10,000 schools chosen to grow the rocket seeds, which have been in orbit to see whether space affects the way plants grow.

## Record applications

A record number of parents have applied for a place at a Wandsworth primary school this September, but every child that needs a place has been offered one.

The total number of applications from borough residents reached 3,233 - a 4.6 per cent increase on the previous year and a new record high. Overall 96 per cent of parents were offered one of their preferences, with 77 per cent offered their first choice school and 90 per cent offered one of their first three choices.

A recent report from Ofsted into the quality of schools and teaching in London found that 93 per cent of Wandsworth's primary schools were assessed as either good or outstanding.



# Young musicians dazzle the South Bank

The eighth annual A Brighter Sound concert featured 1100 young singers and musicians from schools all over the borough performing to a sell-out crowd at the Royal Festival Hall.





The March 21 concert was organised by the council's Wandsworth Schools' Music Service and featured young people performing in orchestras and choirs from the borough's primary and secondary schools, including the 650-strong Wandsworth Junior Choir and the flagship Wandsworth Pops Orchestra.



The concert was attended by Wandsworth's deputy mayor Leslie McDonnell. Master of the Queen's Music Judith Weir was also there to watch a performance of her composition *I Carry Your Heart With Me*, sung by the **Burntwood Chamber Choir**.



Other highlights included Janacek's *Sokol Fanfare* by Wandsworth Academy Brass and members of the Philharmonia Orchestra and a performance by **Paddock School** of their own composition.



Wandsworth Schools' Music Service is the lead partner in the Wandsworth Music Education Hub. Other members of the Hub taking part in the concert included musicians from the Royal Academy of Music, the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and the National Opera Studio.

The Schools' Music Service offers music programmes to borough schools and has created three symphony orchestras - the Wandsworth Pops Orchestra, Wandsworth Concert Orchestra and Wandsworth Junior Orchestra - as part of its ensemble strategy to enable the growing numbers of children learning musical instruments in the borough's schools to progress through performance.



Later this year the ensembles will also be performing at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships and will be undertaking two European summer tours.

# Amaya cooks up a storm



**Burntwood School pupil Amaya O'Reilly aged 14 has won the third annual Wandsworth Young Chef of the Year competition.**

Her dish of prawn rice-noodle salad to start, a main course of Kung Po chicken with white rice, and raspberry brownie dessert wowed the judges, including celebrity chef Antony Worrall Thompson.

Second place was taken by Shanice Gayle from **Harris Academy** Battersea, and Arthur Butler from **Chestnut Grove School** came third.

The competition is run by the Mayor of Wandsworth and the council's public health team. It teaches young people how to cook good healthy food to a budget, and gives them the opportunity to access training, mentoring and valuable experience in the catering industry with a view to helping them get jobs in the future.

Young people from eight borough schools took part in the final and were given extensive support and mentoring by chefs from major catering contractor Compass. They were also taken on a trip to Billingsgate Market to learn how to source, select and fillet fish and attended a masterclass hosted by The Hospitality & Catering Academy of South Thames College.

**The Mayor of Wandsworth**

Cllr Nicola Nardelli said:

“ Hopefully all the finalists have received a taste of what it is like to cook professionally and an insight into how to succeed in the industry. I'd like to thank them for all their months of hard work, and I'm especially grateful to Nick Vadis from Compass, Ross Anderson from South Thames College and Antony Worrall Thompson for their support. ”



# Rebecca speaks out

**Rebecca Barnes, a Year 10 pupil at Saint Cecilia's, has won the regional final of the Jack Petchey 'Speak Out' competition.**



Rebecca fought tough competition against other Wandsworth schools and won after delivering a strong and moving speech entitled 'Have a Heart'.

Second place went to Akhera Williams from **Chestnut Grove Academy**, while Jonathan Baodu from **Ernest Bevin College** was third.

Jack Petchey's "Speak Out" Challenge is the world's biggest youth speaking event. Speakers Trust Associate trainers, funded by the Jack Petchey Foundation, visit all the state schools throughout London and Essex delivering a day's training in public speaking to year 10 students.

Each school then chooses a pupil to represent them in the regional finals. Rebecca will now go on to take part in semi-finals next month.

## Awards for top schools

Headteachers and governors of borough schools have been to the annual Pupil Achievement Awards Ceremony at the town hall to celebrate their success in 2015.

They include awards in KS1 and KS 2 reading, writing and mathematics, value-added for pupil progress from KS1 to KS2 and awards at secondary level. In all 16 schools received awards.

A special award was presented to **Brandlehow Primary** and **Holy Ghost RC School** who were in the top 100 schools nationally when ranking the average points score at schools where all pupils achieved Level 4 or above in reading, writing and mathematics in 2015.

**Garratt Park** also received an award for the special school with the highest national value added score between KS2 and GCSE.





# Run for peace

Swaffield School welcomed runners from 12 different countries to launch the UK leg of the Sri Chinmoy Oneness-Home Peace Run. The Peace Run is a global relay to promote international friendship and understanding.

The runners arrived with the Peace Run's flaming torch and shared two assemblies with Swaffield's pupils, who created their own peace flag to present to the runners.

The visit culminated in all children and staff passing the torch in the playground before it left for Battersea Park. Some Swaffield pupils were also selected to take part in the Peace Run at the Peace Pagoda in the park.



## Students quiz author online

Year 7 and 8 pupils from **Saint Cecilia's** were invited to a special live-streaming event at Southfields Library with best-selling children's author Robert Muchamore.

The event which was broadcast live to various schools in UK and abroad, gave pupils the unique opportunity to ask a number of questions about his life as an author and his future plans. At the end pupils received a signed copy of the latest book from the 'Rock War' series.

# St Joseph's is the place to be

St Joseph's RC Primary School in Putney has hosted a Being is Believing event to showcase the work it is doing to help improve the emotional wellbeing of pupils, families, teachers and staff.

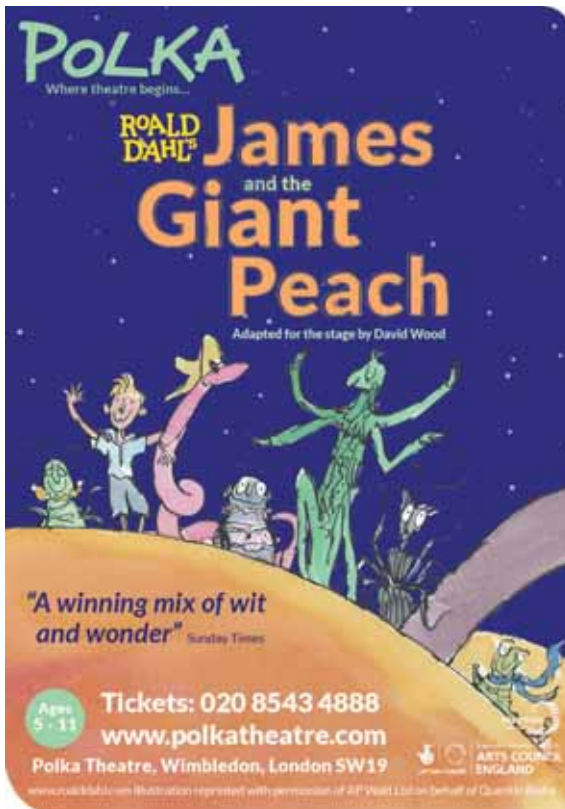
The event showcased the work of Place2Be, a charity which since 2006 has been providing in-school support and expert training. The event included a performance by the Year 5 choir and heard presentations from school and Place2Be staff along with children who have benefited from the service.

Head Teacher Yvonne Wozniak said: "Having Place2Be in our schools helps children cope with the range of problems that children inevitably face in their lives – they become more settled and less distracted."



Volunteer counsellors deliver weekly one-to-one sessions which are tailored to those children who are most in need. There is also a break-time service open to all children in the school offering a quiet place to talk and express feelings during the busy school day.

Place2Be works in 12 schools across Wandsworth reaching a school population of more than 4,500 children.



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Freephone: 0800 389 7921

Email: [stopsmoking.team@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:stopsmoking.team@wandsworth.gov.uk)

[www.stopsmokingwandsworth.co.uk](http://www.stopsmokingwandsworth.co.uk)

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# Calling future Paralympians

**There's loads of options for young disabled sportspeople in Wandsworth, with a range of clubs you can join.**

**Inclusive Cricket:** Every Friday from 4.30pm – 5.30pm at Spencer Cricket Club. Open to 6 -11 years old.

**Disability Watersports:** Being held the first three Saturdays in May, 10am – 11am at Wimbledon Watersports Centre. 8 – 16 years old.

**Learning Disability Tennis:** Every other Tuesday from 7pm -8.30pm at the National Tennis Centre. Open to 11 years old and up.

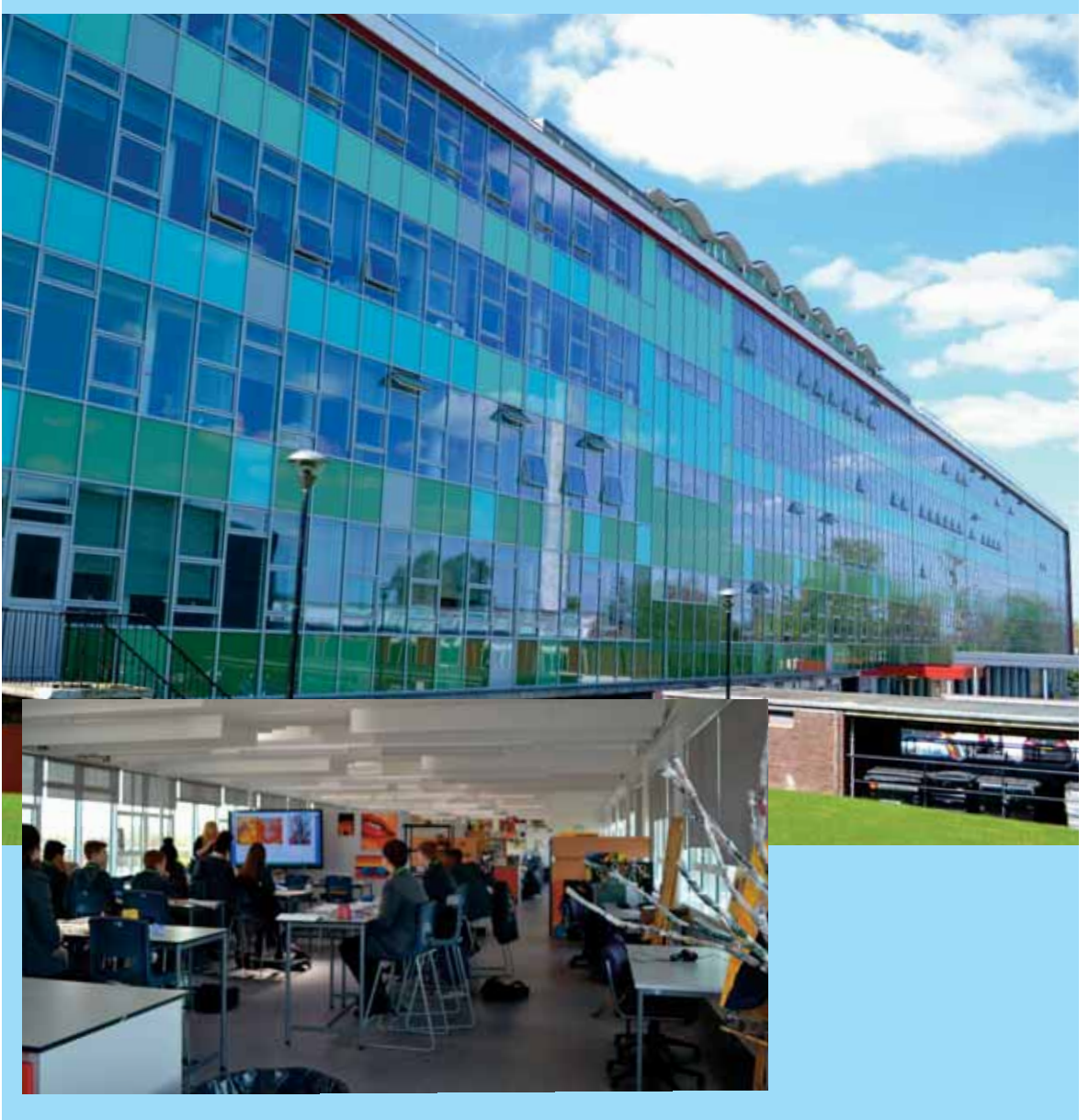
**Visually Impaired Tennis:** Every other Tuesday from 7pm -8.30pm at the National Tennis Centre. (open age)

**Visually Impaired Multi Sports Activity Club:** Selected Wednesdays from 4.30pm – 6pm at Linden Lodge School. 11 – 16 years old.

**Disability Sports Coach Multi Sports:** Every Tuesday from 4.30pm – 6pm at Caius House. 11 year old and up.



Find out more about disability sport and physical activity in Wandsworth from disability sport development officer Matt Doherty on (020) 8871 6857 or email [mtdoherty@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:mtdoherty@wandsworth.gov.uk) .



# New look for ARK

Ark Putney Academy has been showing off its gleaming new buildings.





The school in Pullman Gardens was originally built in 1956 but work started in 2013 on an extensive remodelling. The council appointed architecture firm Hawkins Brown with the brief of turning it into a school fit for the 21st century whilst retaining its history and identity.

Since being taken over by academy chain ARK, it has been rated good by Ofsted and this year was oversubscribed. It is one of the top schools in Wandsworth for 'value added' which measures students' progress through school.

Headteacher Alison Downey said she was delighted with the refurbishment. "It's such a light and airy space and we now have state of the art specialist teaching spaces with the best facilities in PE, Art and Music. All of this set within six landscaped acres of outside space."





Awards were also won by

- Bethany Reeves - Young Musician of the Year
- Tane Caubo – Award for Outstanding Achievement
- Daisy Fieldhouse-Still - Award for Overcoming Adversity.
- Alex Godfre-Strowbridge - Rotary Award for Making a Major Contribution to the Community

Commendations were won by:

- Melissa Mamedova
- Daniel Elumelu
- Max Richards
- Kane Rabanal-Hunt
- Ashvini Rae
- Zoe Forester
- Alex Cunningham

The event is organised by the Young Person of the Year Trustees in conjunction with Wandsworth Youth Service and is funded by the Rotary Club, Wandsworth Community Safety Trust and the Keen Group.

# Mia is young person of the year

**A schoolgirl who campaigns to help other students struggling with issues around their gender and sexuality has won this year's Wandsworth Young Person of the Year Award.**

Mia Burgess picked up a trophy, certificate and a cheque for £500 after being recognised during a celebration of remarkable young people at Wandsworth's Civic Suite.

Mia, 18, has worked with the charity Educate and Celebrate and is a Stonewall representative for her school, **Chestnut Grove Academy**. She is also a pastoral mentor and has made a film about gender identity which was used in school PHSE lessons.

## Mia Burgess, Young person of the Year

“ I am so humbled and overwhelmed to win such an outstanding award and very proud to be sitting among some inspiring, talented, intelligent young people.

“My inspiration came from home with my parents always being supportive and it's always amazing to have a Headteacher who supports and understands current issues. Mr Kingsley is always making sure Chestnut Grove is an inclusive environment.

“I hope to continue to inspire children to be comfortable in their own skin, and at Uni I hope to continue my work on LGBT issues.





# Penwortham shows off new building

Penwortham School has officially opened its new Year 6 building, which has been entered for a design award.

The school is expanding, and the new building houses three classrooms, a multi-purpose room, WCs and a plant room, with landscaping to provide a new outdoor space between the old school building and the new.

It's been designed by the council's design service with ecology and sustainability in mind, including a green roof, large windows to bring in lots of natural light and a natural ventilation strategy. It's been shortlisted along with five other London education buildings in the LABC Regional Awards.

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## Are you protected against measles?

There have been confirmed cases of measles recently in Wandsworth so people are being urged to make sure their children are vaccinated.

Measles is potentially a very serious illness that can cause complications, such as pneumonia and can on rare occasions be fatal. It is highly infectious and is spread through direct contact with an infected person or through the air when an infected person coughs or sneezes.

For more  
information visit

NHS Choices  
[www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)



### **Who is at risk?**

People who have not had two doses of the Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccine, or haven't had the infection before – particularly babies, those with weakened immune systems or who are pregnant.

### **What are the symptoms?**

The initial symptoms of measles develop around 10 days after a person is infected. These can include:

- cold-like symptoms, such as a runny nose, sneezing, and a cough
- sore, red eyes that may be sensitive to light
- a high temperature (fever), which may reach around 40 degrees C (104F)

A few days later, a red-brown blotchy rash will appear. This usually starts on the head or upper neck, before spreading outwards to the rest of the body. Symptoms usually resolve in about seven to ten days.

### **When are people infectious?**

A person is infectious to others from four days before to five days after the rash has started. If measles is suspected or diagnosed then the person who is unwell should remain in isolation until five days after the rash has started.

### **How do I get protected?**

Talk to your GP or health visitor.



**#MMR**

# Eat well

The new Eatwell Guide from Public Health England has set out updated guidelines for what a healthy balanced diet looks like.

Sugary drinks are out, and foods high in sugar, fat and salt have been pushed to the edges of the guide to show they are not an essential part of a healthy diet.

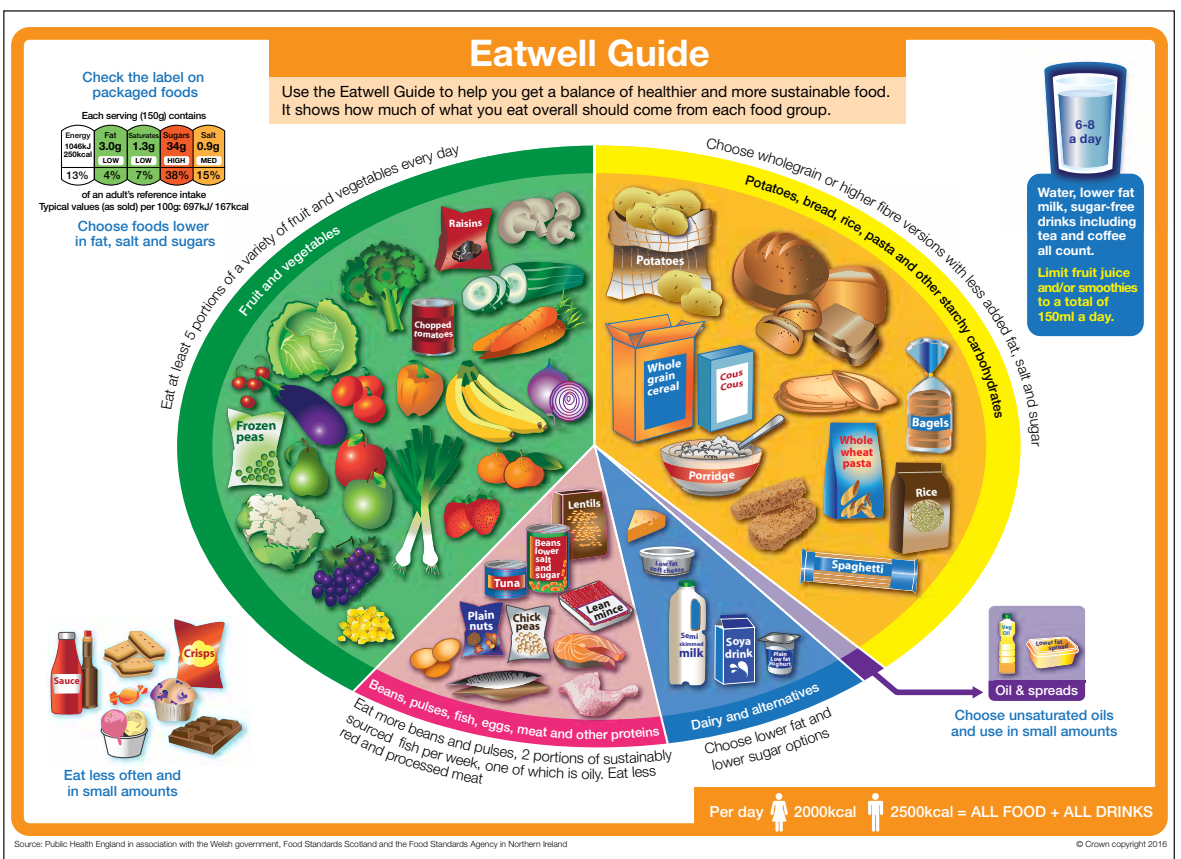
But fruit, vegetables and starchy carbohydrates such as wholegrain cereals and jacket potatoes should play a bigger part in your diet.

Adults have twice as much sugar as is recommended and children have over three times, and people are warned to limit the amount of fruit juice and smoothies they drink as they are high in sugar.

[www.nhs/changeforlife](http://www.nhs/changeforlife)



**If you find it difficult to know how much sugar is in your food, download the free Sugar Smart app from the App Store or Google Play.**



# Half term listings

This is just a taste of what's going on. For lots more activities, visit the Family Information Service at [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/fis](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/fis)

## How to be listed

Send details to:

[wphillips@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:wphillips@wandsworth.gov.uk)

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## Battersea Park Playground

Exciting play equipment suitable for children over 8. Under 8s should be supervised by an adult. Free – just drop in. The playground is open the same hours as the park.

Enter through Sun Gate entrance.



# SPORTS & FITNESS



## • Archery

**May half term – please ring to confirm cost, dates and times**

Qualified instructors teach the skills of archery in a fun and safe environment. For young people aged 7-16 years old.

**The Aspire Centre, Southfields**

(020) 8875 2603

[info@aspirecentre.com](mailto:info@aspirecentre.com)

[www.aspirecentre.com](http://www.aspirecentre.com)

## • Chelsea Soccer Schools

Soccer Schools are for boys and girls of all abilities aged 6-14. Learn the skills of the game in a fun, safe environment.

**Battersea Park**

(020) 7957 8220

[londondevelopment@chelseafc.com](mailto:londondevelopment@chelseafc.com)

[www.chelseafc.com/soccerschools](http://www.chelseafc.com/soccerschools)

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## • Fencing

Fencing for beginners aged 7-12. £8 per session including the use of all equipment, with half price rates available for people that live on local estates. Classes every Mon & Wed from 4.30 - 5.30 during term time.

**Ethelburga Community Centre, Battersea SW11 4RA**

[contact@thefencingschool.com](mailto:contact@thefencingschool.com)

[www.thefencingschool.com](http://www.thefencingschool.com)

## • Fun Inflatables Session

**Monday May 30, 2pm**

Fun swimming session with inflatable assault course and floats. This session is for children aged 8+ years.

**£4. Tickets go on sale at 9am on the day – first come first served**

**Tooting Leisure Centre, Greaves Place**



## • All Star Tennis holiday camp

**May 31-June 3.**

• Tooting Bec Common

(020) 8675 5824

• King George's Park, Wandsworth

(020) 8875 0570

• Wandsworth Park, Putney

(020) 8871 4706

• Furzedown Rec, Tooting

(020) 8871 4706

• Wandsworth Common

(020) 8871 4706

• Leaders Gardens, Putney

(020) 8871 4706

[www.allstartennis.co.uk](http://www.allstartennis.co.uk)

(020) 8333 7555

[www.placesforpeopleleisure.org](http://www.placesforpeopleleisure.org)

## • Fun Swim

**May half term, call for details**

These sessions are for children aged 8+, including non-swimmers, beginners and improvers. Supervised by lifeguards.

**£2.20 non-members, £1 members.**

**The Aspire Centre, Merton Road, Southfields**

(020) 8875 2603

[info@aspirecentre.com](mailto:info@aspirecentre.com)

[www.aspirecentre.com](http://www.aspirecentre.com)

## • Multi-sports Activity Day

**May 30 – June 3, 10am-3pm**

Various sports including basketball, cricket, mini-tennis, rounders, team building and more. For young people aged 5-10. £20 a day. Please call to book a place.

**Aspire Centre, Merton Road, Southfields**

(020) 8875 2603

[info@aspirecentre.com](mailto:info@aspirecentre.com)

[www.aspirecentre.com](http://www.aspirecentre.com)

## • Rhythmic Gymnastics

**May 30-June 3, 10am-noon and 1pm-3pm**

Rhythmic Gymnastics involves elements of gymnastics, dance and apparatus manipulation. Individuals or teams work to music using ropes, hoop, ball, clubs and ribbon, creating beautiful gymnastics

routines. These classes are suitable for children and young people aged 6 -13 years.

**Aspire Centre, Merton Road, Southfields**

(020) 8875 2603

[info@aspirecentre.com](mailto:info@aspirecentre.com)

[www.aspirecentre.com](http://www.aspirecentre.com)

## • Swimming lessons

**May 30-June 3, 9.30am – 1pm**

This half term Aspire will be hosting swimming lesson for children aged 5 years and up.

Lessons last 30 minutes and are open to all levels.

**Aspire Centre, Merton Road, Southfields**

(020) 8875 2603

[info@aspirecentre.com](mailto:info@aspirecentre.com)

[www.aspirecentre.com](http://www.aspirecentre.com)

## • Swimming intensive courses

**May 31-June 3**

ASA Stages 1-4

Book in advance as spaces are limited.

**Tooting Leisure Centre, Greaves Place**

(020) 8333 7555

[stephanieforeman@pfpleisure.org](mailto:stephanieforeman@pfpleisure.org)

[www.placesforpeopleleisure.org/centres/tooting-leisure-centre](http://www.placesforpeopleleisure.org/centres/tooting-leisure-centre)

## • Teenage Fitness

**May 30- June 3, 2pm-3pm**

Fitness for children aged 13-16 years.

This will be a supervised session in the



## JUST PLAY

fitness suite.

**Aspire Centre, Merton Road, Southfields**  
(020) 8875 2603

info@aspirecentre.com  
www.aspirecentre.com

### • Trampolining

**May 30 – June 3, 10am-noon and 1pm-3pm**

Trampolining for children aged 5-10 years. Learn some new fun and enjoyable skills involving acrobatics with simple to complex routines.

**Aspire Centre, Merton Road, Southfields**  
(020) 8875 2603

info@aspirecentre.com  
www.aspirecentre.com

### • Zesh Rehman Foundation Football

These Saturday afternoon football coaching sessions are for any 3-11 year old who enjoys playing football and wants to improve their skills.

**Graveney School, Welham Road, Tooting.**  
07583 628 324

info@zeshrehmanfoundation.org  
www.zeshrehmanfoundation.org



### • Rock Climbing

**May half term. Please ring to confirm dates and times**

Children can enrol for a single session, a whole day or any other combination of sessions. This session is for young people aged 6-16 years, novice or experienced, plus mums, dads and carers.

**Aspire Centre, Merton Road, Southfields**  
(020) 8875 2603

info@aspirecentre.com  
www.aspirecentre.com



### • Go Ape

Treetop fun in Battersea Park  
goape.co.uk

### • Dads Go Wild

**June 4, 9.30am-11.30am**

Explore nature and take part in bug hunting, nature walks, campfire building and more. First Saturday of every month.

**Eastwood Nursery and Children's Centre,**  
166 Roehampton Lane  
020 8871 5544

### • Franciscan Children's Centre

Just drop in although some activities may require booking. The activities are free.

**221 Franciscan Road, Tooting**  
(020) 8672 3048  
www.wandsworth.gov.uk/fis

### • Messy Play

**June 3, 10am-11.30am**

For children under 6.  
**Balham Library**

### • Rise and Shine Play and Learn

**June 1, 10am-12noon**

Session for children under seven. Speech and language advice available

**Balham Nursery School and Children's Centre, 72 Endlesham Road**  
(020) 8673 4055

## CHILDREN'S CENTRES

Children's centres across the borough will be holding special half-term activities.

To find your nearest centre and download a timetable, visit [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/fis](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/fis)

# ARTS AND CRAFTS



## • Watch This Space

Until May 22

Work alongside the ActionSpace artists, experimenting with multiple art forms including projections, drawing, photography, film and sculpture, to create large-scale temporary installations. The empty shop will be transformed after each workshop as a new installation is created and then be open for the public to explore.

Southside Shopping Centre

Part of Wandsworth Arts Fringe [www.wandsworthfringe.com](http://www.wandsworthfringe.com).

## • Putney School of Art and Design Half Term Programme

31 May-3rd June 2016

**Throwing for Beginners from 14 years and over.**

An opportunity to learn the magic of throwing pottery on the wheel. Suitable for adults as well as young people. 2pm-4.30pm 31 May-2 June (3 days) £50 incl materials

**Printmaking for Young People aged 14-18**

A two day course for young people using a range of printmaking techniques.

10am-4pm 31 May - 1 June (2 days) £60 incl materials

**Family Learning Pottery**

Have fun making clothes out of clay. Suitable for children aged 7-13 accompanied by an adult.

10am-12.30pm 31 May - 2 June (3 days) £58 incl materials

**Family Learning Painting**

Draw and paint with your child under expert guidance. Suitable for children aged 7-13 accompanied by an adult.

10am-12.30pm 2 June (1 day) £20 incl materials

(020) 8788 9148

Oxford Road, Putney

[www.wandsworth.gov.uk/psad](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/psad)

## • Show Us What You Look Like Tooting

May 22, 2pm-4pm

Everyone can draw - we want to see how you express yourself. All materials provided

Free, no need to book

24b Tooting Market

[www.loveartclasses.com](http://www.loveartclasses.com)

Part of Wandsworth Arts Fringe

[www.wandsworthfringe.com](http://www.wandsworthfringe.com).

## • Upcycled 'Junk' Aerial Mural

May 21, 11am-4pm

Come and help create a massive upcycled-junk aerial mural, celebrating seasonal produce & minimising food waste.

Free - no booking required

Smallwood School, Smallwood Road, Tooting

[www.workandplayscrapstore.org.uk](http://www.workandplayscrapstore.org.uk)

Part of Wandsworth Arts Fringe

[www.wandsworthfringe.com](http://www.wandsworthfringe.com).

## • Arts and Crafts at Aspire

Explore your creativity and get messy!

For children aged 7-13 of all abilities.

Aspire Centre, Merton Road, Southfields.

Call for details (020) 8875 2603

[info@aspirecentre.com](mailto:info@aspirecentre.com)

[www.aspirecentre.com](http://www.aspirecentre.com)



## • WISP Warriors

Until March 21

This video artwork will reveal the personal journeys of this unique and talented group of young people who have travelled from across the world to find their future in Wandsworth. No booking required - the artwork can be seen at the first floor teenage section of the library

Wandsworth Town Library, Garratt Lane

[www.WISPwarriors.blogspot.com](http://www.WISPwarriors.blogspot.com)

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[www.wandsworthfringe.com](http://www.wandsworthfringe.com).



## • Things We Do

May 29

Drop-in as we create a set of cards and rules to play with throughout the day. Based in the gallery Project Space, this project explores and questions the rules and regulations of public spaces and social interactions. Drop-in workshop for all ages. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Pump House Gallery Battersea Park

(020) 8871 7572

[www.pumphousegallery.org.uk](http://www.pumphousegallery.org.uk)

# DAYS OUT



## • Battersea Park Zoo

This May half term the zoo is taking part in the BIAZA (British and Irish Association of Zoos and Aquariums) 'Love Your Zoo' week celebrations. Each day a different animal will step into the spotlight. In the morning you will get the chance to make an animal badge (cost £1) between 11am-12.30pm and listen to an animal story at 11.45am. In the afternoon that day's animal will be getting special treatment with your help

Monday 30 - meerkats  
Tuesday 31 - coati  
Wednesday 1 - otters  
Thursday 2 - rodents, Mara and Agouti  
Friday 3 - monkeys

Adult, £8.95, child £6.95

[www.batterseaparkzoo.co.uk](http://www.batterseaparkzoo.co.uk)

## • Deen City Farm

Children's events, riding lessons, educational programmes and a collection of friendly animals. Open from 10am-4.30pm all year round. Closed on Mondays.

39 Windsor Avenue, South Wimbledon  
(020) 8543 5300

[www.deencityfarm.co.uk](http://www.deencityfarm.co.uk)

## • Family Saturdays at the BAC

May 28

Join the BAC on the final Saturday of every month for a day of fun, food and free activities, including face painting, music, workshops storytelling and free entry into the magical indoor play space for under 5s.

The recommended age is 0-11s and their families

Battersea Arts Centre, Lavender Hill  
[www.bac.org.uk](http://www.bac.org.uk)



## • Family drop in session: Archaeology and Local History on Tooting's Doorstep

Sunday May 29 – 1.30pm-4.30pm

Organised by Wandsworth Historical Society

Explore the borough's past with archaeologist Pamela Greenwood.

Meet two 'characters' from the Middle Ages and handle real archaeological objects, such as Roman pottery and clay pipes. Try on a Roman soldier's kit and imagine marching through Tooting along Stane Street.

Free, no booking required

Tooting Library, 75 Mitcham Road, Tooting

## • Pirate Treasure Hunt

May 28 – June 5, 10am-4pm

Captain Blackbird's motley animal crew has stolen his precious treasure and hidden it around the centre. But wait, Polly his faithful parakeet spotted which direction they went in... Help the captain find his treasure in return for a piece of his gold. Come dressed as a pirate for fun!

£1 per trail plus admission to the centre

London Wetlands Centre, Barnes

[www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres/london](http://www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres/london)

## • Putt in the Park

Mini-golf in Wandsworth Park and Battersea Park. Enjoy a round of putting and then relax in the cafe. The new

Battersea venue also includes a Pizzeria and Bar. Open 9am to dusk. No booking required.

[www.puttinthepark.com](http://www.puttinthepark.com)

## • Vauxhall City Farm

A piece of the countryside in the heart of London.

Riding lessons, young farmers club and a collection of animals.

Entrance free but donations welcome.

165 Tyers Street, SE11  
(020) 7582 4204

[info@vauxhallcityfarm.org](mailto:info@vauxhallcityfarm.org)  
[www.vauxhallcityfarm.org](http://www.vauxhallcityfarm.org)



## • Ritherdon Road Street Party

May 22

Face painting, sugar craft model making, balloon making, entertainers, local bands, independent stalls food, drink

Ritherdon Road, Balham  
[www.facebook.com/RitherdonRoad](http://www.facebook.com/RitherdonRoad)

# THEATRE & BOOKS



## • We Wait in Joyful Hope

Until May 22

A wry portrait of modern feminism, friendship and one extraordinary woman, determined to take on the world.

Theatre 503 at the Latchmere, Battersea Park Road

[www.theatre503.com](http://www.theatre503.com)

Part of the Wandsworth Arts Fringe [www.wandsworthfringe.com](http://www.wandsworthfringe.com).

## • People Show 131: Putney Library

May 18, 1pm, 3pm, 7pm

May 19 and 20, 3pm, 5pm, 7pm

Site-specific promenade performance in and around Putney Library created alongside emerging artists from the University of Roehampton and members of the local community. The performance will explore the library in a new and unique way, uncovering its secrets and

exposing hidden stories.

£5 plus booking fee

[www.ticketsource.co.uk/peopleshow131](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/peopleshow131)

[www.peopleshow.co.uk](http://www.peopleshow.co.uk)

Part of the Wandsworth Arts Fringe

[www.wandsworthfringe.com](http://www.wandsworthfringe.com).

## • Under the Blue Sky

Until May 21

An award-winning, funny and touching play about the complicated love lives of a group of teachers.

Putney Arts Theatre, Ravenna Road

[www.putneyartstheatre.org.uk](http://www.putneyartstheatre.org.uk)

Part of the Wandsworth Arts Fringe

[www.wandsworthfringe.com](http://www.wandsworthfringe.com).

## • Jack and the Beanstalk

May 21

Meet Jack, climb the beanstalk, sing songs and get creative. StoryCraft mixes visual arts with performance so children under 5 and their families can journey into a magical fairy tale world.

Free, but booking is essential

Crafted London, Brathway Road, Wandsworth

[www.storycraft.org.uk](http://www.storycraft.org.uk)

Part of the Wandsworth Arts Fringe

[www.wandsworthfringe.com](http://www.wandsworthfringe.com).

## • Fly

May 21, 4pm and 5pm

Come fly with us during this unique storytelling event featuring live music and performance.

Free but booking essential

Battersea Central Mission, 20-22 York Rd

[www.soundminds.co.uk](http://www.soundminds.co.uk)

Part of the Wandsworth Arts Fringe

[www.wandsworthfringe.com](http://www.wandsworthfringe.com).

## • When Dance Happens

May 21,22, noon-4pm

Spontaneous dance performances at Battersea Park, Waterstones in St John's Road Battersea, Balham Railway Bridge and Battersea Business Centre.

No booking required

07746350070 [www.artcanact.com](http://www.artcanact.com)

Part of the Wandsworth Arts Fringe

[www.wandsworthfringe.com](http://www.wandsworthfringe.com).

## • Grandad and Me

June 4-5

A young girl is missing her grandad – he has gone, even though his favourite job was being her grandad. Led by found objects and her imagination, she traces his footsteps on a magical adventure through time and space.

Tickets £12, £9 concessions

BAC, Lavender Hill [www.bac.org.uk](http://www.bac.org.uk)



## HEALTHY STUFF



### • James and the Giant Peach

May 27-August 14

Polka's acclaimed production of the Roald Dahl classic. Suitable for ages 5-11.

Tickets £15, £10 concessions.

Polka theatre, Wimbledon  
[www.polkatheatre.com](http://www.polkatheatre.com)

### • I'm Not Jesus Christ

Until May 22

11 year-old Mihai has been raised to believe he is the second coming of Jesus Christ. All he really wants is to be like his hero Michael Schumacher but as his birthday approaches, his mother has other ideas.

£12/£10

Theatre N16@The Bedford, Balham.  
[www.ticketsource.co.uk/theatren16](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/theatren16)  
 Part of the Wandsworth Arts Fringe  
[www.wandsworthfringe.com](http://www.wandsworthfringe.com).



### • The Radicalisation of Bradley Manning

June 1-4

The story of the whistle blower from Welsh secondary school to the war on terror.

Chestnut Grove School, Balham

Box office: 07914 657524 or book online at  
[www.southsideplayers.org.uk](http://www.southsideplayers.org.uk)



### • Mini Cooking Club

June 18- July 23, Saturdays 11am-1pm

Get hands on in the kitchen at free Cooking With Kids cookery workshops at the London Kitchen Project in Battersea. All cooking equipment and food is provided. The programme lasts for six weeks and children will be taught by our trained cooking assistants how to cook two healthy dishes per session. Participants will learn about:

- Hygiene and safety in the kitchen
- Basic cooking skills
- Nutrition and healthy eating

1 Ethelburga Street, Battersea

Email to book your place: [saturdays@theminicookingclub.org.uk](mailto:saturdays@theminicookingclub.org.uk)  
[www.themicookingclub.org.uk](http://www.themicookingclub.org.uk)

### • Carers' Evening Information Sessions

May 16

Sessions are held on the third Monday of every other month at the Carers' Centre, Balham Office. Get information on various topics, ask questions, have discussions and share information. Open to all carers  
 (020) 8877 1200.

### • Drop-in Behaviour and Sleep Clinic

Third Wednesday of every month, 1pm-2.30pm

For parents experiencing difficulties with their child's behaviour or sleep  
 Franciscan Children's Centre, Franciscan Road, Tooting  
 (020) 8672 3048

### • Free Led Walks

Walks led by trained leaders in Battersea, Tooting and Roehampton.  
 (020) 8871 6373.

### • Man MOT

Free confidential online advice for men with a niggling health worry who are too busy to, or just don't want to, visit their GP.

[www.wandsworthman.net](http://www.wandsworthman.net).

### • Speech and language advice

May 19, 10am

Advice from the Speech and Language Therapy Team

Henry Prince Clubroom, St John's Drive (off Garratt Lane), Wandsworth  
 (020) 8946 0366

# CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

## • Alton Resource Base Holiday Scheme

For children aged 3-11 with Autistic Spectrum Disorder.

(020) 8871 6348

[playservices@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:playservices@wandsworth.gov.uk)

[psebookings.wandsworth.gov.uk](http://psebookings.wandsworth.gov.uk)

## • DSC Community Club half term sports day

**Tuesdays, 4.30pm-6pm**

Sport for young people aged 11 and over with any disability.

(020) 8021 0973

Caius House Youth Centre, Battersea

[emma@disabilitysportscoach.co.uk](mailto:emma@disabilitysportscoach.co.uk)

## • Lady Allen Holiday Play scheme

Lady Allen provides a holiday play scheme for adventurous play for disabled children and their siblings from the borough of Wandsworth between the ages of 5 -14 years. It offers outdoor and indoor facilities on a secure site including a soft play area, an indoor slide, arts and crafts, swings, hammocks, a zip wire, a giant see saw, slides, tree houses and a wide range of two and three wheeled bikes. Phone and ask to come for a visit on a Saturday, between 11am and 3pm with the child. On that visit all forms can be completed and the child's needs can be assessed.

Lady Allen Adventure Playground, Chivalry Road, Clapham Junction

(020) 7228 0278

[ian.logan@kids.org.uk](mailto:ian.logan@kids.org.uk)

[www.kids.org.uk](http://www.kids.org.uk)

## • London Recumbents - free bike hire for WAND Card holders

WAND Card holders and children and young people with disabilities or special educational needs from Wandsworth can enjoy free hire of a range of modified and adapted bikes, trikes, tandems and recumbent cycles at London Recumbents in Battersea Park

(020) 8299 6636

[info@londonrecumbents.com](mailto:info@londonrecumbents.com) [www.londonrecumbents.com/](http://www.londonrecumbents.com/)



## • George Shearing Centre

Open for young people aged 13-25 with severe learning disabilities and complex needs. Activities include pool, drumming, football, football, art, computers, Wii and a sensory room.

Este Road, Clapham Junction

(020) 7228 2230

[aburman@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:aburman@wandsworth.gov.uk)

[www.wandsworth.gov.uk/youth](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/youth)

# MUSIC

## • Music at All Saints Church

**May 21, 7.30pm**

Concert by the renowned Gwalia Welsh Male Voice Choir; including a recital by leader James Hearne.

Entry £10

All Saints Church, Tooting

[www.allsaintstooting.org.uk](http://www.allsaintstooting.org.uk)

Part of the Wandsworth Arts Fringe

[www.wandsworthfringe.com](http://www.wandsworthfringe.com)

## • National Opera Studios Wednesday lunchtime recital

**May 24, 1.10pm**

Anyone can go along to these free concerts held on the first Wednesday of every month – no need to book.

All Saints Church, Wandsworth

[www.nationaloperastudio.org.uk](http://www.nationaloperastudio.org.uk)

## • Roehampton Community Choir

**Wednesdays 6pm – 7.30pm**

£10 admin charge per term.

Newlands Hall, Stroud Crescent

Putney Vale

(020) 8871 8103

# HOLIDAY PLAYSCHMES

## • Christchurch Primary School

Este Road, SW11 - 5 mins walk from Clapham Junction station, for children aged 3-13 years

## • Smallwood Primary School

Smallwood Road, SW17 - 15 mins walk from either Earlsfield or Tooting Broadway stations, for children aged 3-11 years

Online in advance. Prices start from £10 per child for a half day (8am - 1pm or 1pm - 6pm) or £20 per child for a full day (8am - 6pm)

For more information call the booking helpdesk on 020 8871 6348 or you can email us at

[EYISSChildcare@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:EYISSChildcare@wandsworth.gov.uk)

The helpdesk is open Monday to Friday, 10am - 1pm.

# 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)



## Health, childcare and parental support

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





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### **Year Seven Open Evenings**

13th June and 6th October  
6.00pm – 7.45pm

### **Sixth Form Open Evenings**

16th June, 14th and 29th September  
6.00pm – 8.15pm

### **Junior School Open Morning**

24th June  
9.30am – 12.00pm

### **Whole School Open Morning**

10th September  
9.00am – 12.30pm

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020 8255 5300 · [kcs.org.uk](http://kcs.org.uk)