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Wandsworth's Leisure Centres have benefited from £3.5 million of refurbishment works since the start of 2015. Balham, Latchmere and Tooting Leisure Centre are now completed with Putney Leisure Centre and Wandle Recreation Centre due to be finished in September 2015. The centres are owned by the council and managed by Places for People. We took a closer look at 3 of these centres.

Balham Leisure Centre

From January to June 2015 Balham Leisure Centre underwent a transformation. This Grade 2 listed building celebrated its 100th birthday in 2014, therefore restoring its character and charm was always part of the plan.

The swimming pool surround was retiled and new poolside saunas and steam cabins were built. A brand new dance studio was built along with two new treatment and therapy rooms. The existing dance studio was extended and the gym gained the latest fitness equipment. All the centres changing rooms were completely redeveloped and all finished to a high specification.

“@BalhamLC Great swim in refurbished pool #ILoveSW #LoveBalham”

“The best leisure centre I have ever been to. Friendly and family feel certainly adds to why I have been a member for many years. Recently refurbished studio room is fantastic.”



Latchmere Leisure Centre

Latchmere Leisure Centre's great beach effect leisure pool opened to the public this Easter complete with a brand new changing village. As well as a complete refurbishment, the space has been reorganised to include additional group changing rooms and poolside screens to improve bather comfort. In short the whole changing experience at Latchmere has been improved tremendously.

The gym was extended and gained the latest cardiovascular equipment along with a great range of strength and functional training equipment. Latchmere also introduced a state-of-the-art fingerprint entry system for gym users to gain quick and easy access on each visit.

Lastly the male and female sports changing rooms received a complete refurbishment, as well as refurbishments to communal areas and circulation corridors.

“Great morning swim at refurbished @latchmerelc #thisgirlcan”

“Loving the new changing rooms!”

Tooting Leisure Centre

Refurbishments at Tooting Leisure Centre began in the gym during December 2014. The gym benefited from new flooring and redecorations as well as new strength and functional training equipment. The indoor cycling studio received a makeover and new treatment rooms and office spaces were built. During the first half of 2015 the changing village and the male and female sports changing rooms were completely redeveloped. The transformation was complete when new steam and sauna cabins were added to the poolside.

“Loving the new steam and sauna at @tootinglc, a very welcome addition”

“Liking the refurb of the gym @tootinglc! More kit & more workout space! #tooting”



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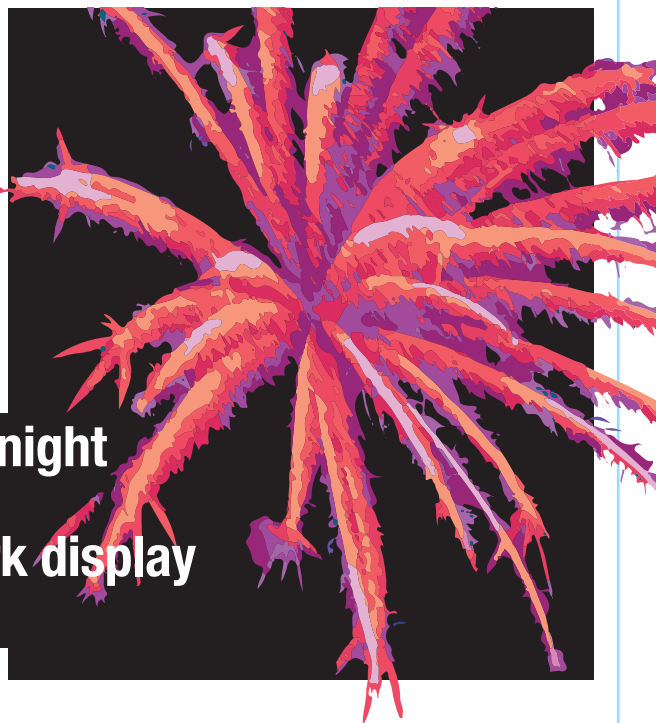
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Students get top marks



It was another good year for Wandsworth students, with strong A-Level and GCSE results and some stand-out successes.

At A-Level, a quarter of all results were A* or A grades, up 2.7 percentage points from 2014. This bucked the national trend, which saw a decline in grades at this level.

The biggest year on year improvements came at Chestnut Grove where results were up 13 percentage points, followed by Harris Battersea (formerly Battersea Park School) and Ernest Bevin which both recorded a 9 point rise. Graveney was the highest performing school at this

level with 34 per cent of A* or A grades, significantly outstripping the national average of 25.9 per cent.

Provisional GCSE results for five or more A*-C including English and maths remained stable at 62 per

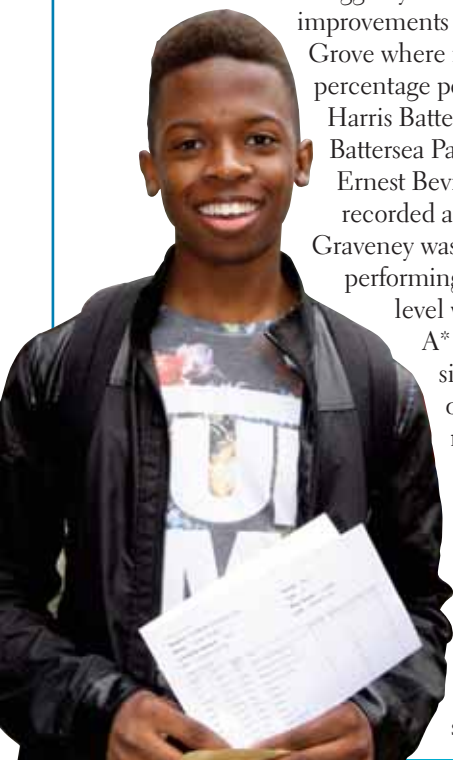
cent – well above the 2014 national average of 56.6 per cent.

Harris Academy Battersea achieved 68 per cent on this measure – up 23 percentage points from last year. The school converted to an academy in September 2014 and has also jumped to the top of the borough's league table for A* to C grades at A-level.

Chestnut Grove Academy also increased significantly in the proportion of pupils gaining five or more A*-C including English and maths – up ten percentage points.

The council's education spokesman Councillor Kathy Tracey (pictured below) said; "Once again our schools have performed excellently and I would like to thank staff, students and parents for all their hard work."

Ofsted's 2014 annual report into the quality of schools and teaching in London found that 94 per cent of Wandsworth's secondary schools were classed as either 'good' or 'outstanding'.





More school places

The new Floreat primary school in Earlsfield is now open. The Garratt Lane school is providing an extra 420 places to children of all backgrounds and abilities. Find out more at www.floreat.org.uk/wandsworth.

Extra places are also being provided at Harris Academy, Battersea, which is expanding to six forms of entry, and Saint John Bosco, which is now in the process of moving to its new state-of-the-art building in Parkham Street, Battersea, and will increase to seven forms of entry.

Mosaic School has moved into its new home in Roehampton Lane with space for an additional reception class. Mosaic is a Jewish primary school but half its intake is non-Jewish local children.

Work is progressing well at the new Oasis Academy in Putney. The school is due to open next September with 60 reception places. Meet the Principal on November 4 from 2.30pm-6pm at All Saints Church, Lower Richmond Road. You can also find out more at www.oasisacademyputney.org.



Top grub

Children who eat school dinners in Wandsworth are enjoying some of the best quality meals in the country according to a leading food safety watchdog.

Catering firm Edwards & Ward, which provides the meals at 58 of the borough's schools has been awarded a prestigious Gold Food for Life Catering Mark by the Soil Association.

Fourth best in phonics

Wandsworth is the fourth best-performing local authority in the country for the new phonics reading tests for six year olds, new figures show.

Phonics is a way of teaching reading that focuses on the sound of the words. The national results were launched by schools minister Nick Gibb at one of the country's highest-performing schools in the test, St George's in Battersea. This year the school scored 100 per cent. St. George's has also been given a government Phonics Partnership Grant of £10,000 to train teachers in other schools to improve their phonics results.

Be a history detective

Schools are urged to enter the second annual Wandsworth Heritage Awards.

The winning schools will pick up a £1000 prize and will be invited to a town hall awards evening. The competition is open to all borough schools at key stages 2, 3 and 4. The competition aims to get local children interested in the history and heritage of Wandsworth. Last year's winning entries included research into the history of Battersea Dogs and Cats Home and the stories of past pupils who lost their lives in the Great War.

If you are interested in entering your school, email smurphy@wandsworth.gov.uk



Art brightens estate

Artwork by pupils from High View Primary school was chosen in a national competition to enhance hoardings at St John's Hill Estate in Battersea.

The students joined forces with a local artist and contractor Sisk to create the work, which will liven up the estate while it undergoes a £120m regeneration. The designs were inspired by residents' feedback and the theme Diverse Landscapes and Wildlife. The final artwork impressed judges of the Ivor Goodsite Hoarding Competition, which encourages thousands of children and construction sites across the country to come together to make hoardings brighter and more fun.

Chinese visitors

Ernest Bevin school played host last term to two university students from China, who told students about the Chinese culture and language. These students previously acted as guides for Sixth Form groups who have visited China in the last two years.

Building a link with the past

Saint Cecilia's Wandsworth held a special service in the school chapel to remember past pupils from The Wandsworth School that lost their lives in the two world wars. The Wandsworth School was based on the Saint Cecilia's site from 1895 to 1985. The service included the unveiling of a new plaque to honour those from the old school who lost their lives.

Council Tax Support HAVE YOUR SAY

Council Tax Support is a scheme that helps households on low income pay their Council Tax. The council is currently considering options to change this scheme for 2016/17.

If changes to the scheme are proposed you will be asked for your views on this. Any consultation would start in October 2015 and full details will be available on the council's website.

When the consultation starts there will be announcements on the council's twitter feed @wandbc, with further details being published in the council's weekly newsletter, Wandsworth 24 seven.

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Rhyme and reason

The competition was looking for those KS1 pupils who could recite poems in a way that brings their meaning to life and entertains an audience. The winner of the individual competition was James Cumming from Our Lady Queen of Heaven, Southfields, while the group prize was picked up by St Mary's, Battersea. James was praised for his "poised, clear articulate" reading, while judged said the St Mary's team gave a performance that was "stylish and well-practiced." All participants got a certificate and were treated to a performance by poet Joseph Coelho.

Students from 13 borough schools took part in this year's Word of Mouth competition in the town hall.





Beautiful Burntwood vies for prize

Burntwood School will find out on October 15 if it has been successful in this year's highly prestigious RIBA Stirling Prize.



The £40m rebuild is one of just six shortlisted in the prize - awarded to the building that's judged to have "made the greatest contribution to the evolution of architecture over the past year".

The school has already won two major design awards – the Civic Trust Award and the 2015 New London Architecture (NLA) Awards.

The school has been extensively remodelled and rebuilt. Its new-look campus boasts four brand new teaching blocks, a new performing arts centre and a sports hall. An IT learning centre and new state-of-the-art science laboratories reinforce its reputation as a centre of excellence for science. Its assembly hall and swimming pool/gymnasium building were also extensively refurbished and modernised while the campus also benefited from major landscaping work.

The changes have enabled the school to cater for an additional 270 pupils, including an expanded sixth form of up to 400 students.

The building works were carried out by construction firm Lend Lease with the design work led by architects Allford Hall Monaghan Morris (AHMM). The project was managed and overseen by Wandsworth Council.

“The buildings help me to learn because they are organised and work well and I want to do well to complement them.”

Yasmin, Year 5

“The technology in the buildings means that we are so much better than any local school. It makes me want every school to be like Burntwood.”

Thalia, Year 8



Does your family include a child with disabilities?

Here's some of the support offered by the council

- **The Local Offer** website provides information for children and young people up to 25 with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) and their families. The recently revamped site now includes categories on travel and transport and regularly updated news and events.
- Join the **Disabled Children's Register** to make sure you are kept informed on all the information you need about relevant services. It also gives children and young people and their parents a voice in the planning of futures services. There are now a thousand people on the register.
- You may be eligible for a **WAND Card**. The card enables disabled children and young people aged 0-19 to get concessions and extra support at venues around the borough including libraries, leisure centres, Southside Shopping Centre and the Tooting Bec Lido. New venues that have recently signed up include pharmacies, hairdressers, cafes and surgeries.

Find out more at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/localoffer



Would you like

15 free early learning hours and play

for your two-year-old?

www.wandsworth2yearold.org.uk

Parents and carers must meet the eligibility criteria in order to qualify.

Telephone: 020 8871 8339

Email: eecp@wandsworth.gov.uk



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Pat on the back for the star students

Congratulations to the borough's top students, who were invited to special town hall receptions along with their friends and family.

The receptions celebrated the success of students achieving the highest grades at A-Level and GCSE at nine borough schools: Southfields Academy, Saint Cecilia's School, Wandsworth, Graveney Academy, Ernest Bevin College, Chestnut Grove Academy, Ashcroft Technology Academy, Harris Academy, Battersea, Burntwood Academy and Saint Francis Xavier College.

They were thanked for their efforts by the council's education spokesman Cllr Kathy Tracey.





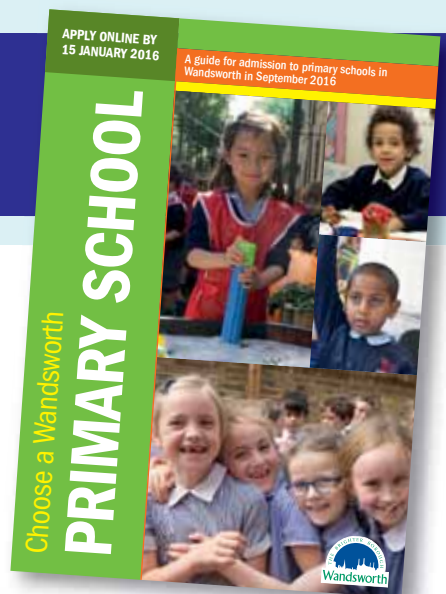
Applying for a school

Closing date for primary school applications is January 15 2016

Is my child the right age to start next September?

If your child was born between September 1 and August 31 2012 you can apply for a primary place.

If your child is between three and five, you can apply for a free part-time nursery education place the term after your child's third birthday.



How do I get a place at a primary school?

The council produces a booklet called Choose a Wandsworth Primary School, with details of all borough schools. This is available from schools and nurseries and you can read it online at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/admissions.

Once you've done your research, you can apply online at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/admissions.

You can apply for up to six schools in this way, including ones outside the borough and faith schools. You should check, though, that faith schools do not require you to fill in an additional form.

How do I get a place at a nursery school?

You can apply for a place at a local primary school, pre-school, day nursery or some childminders. Find a list at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/fis. Go to this site to download the Choosing Nursery Education in Wandsworth, which will tell you how to apply.

What about two-year olds? I heard they can get a free place as well.

Some families on a low income with children aged two years old may be entitled up to 15 hours of free early education for 38 weeks of the year. This will start from the term after their child's second birthday. Find out more at www.wandsworth2yearold.org.uk.

My child already attends a nursery at a primary school. Will they automatically go into the reception class there?

No – you must still apply for a place and your child will not necessary be offered a place at that school.



Closing date for nursery applications is February 12



Stay safe this bonfire night

The safest way to enjoy Bonfire Night is to attend an organised display – like the one in Battersea Park (see page 23).

But if you do want to celebrate at home, here's some advice from our friends at the London Fire Brigade on how to do it safely.

- Only buy fireworks marked BS 7114.
- Don't drink alcohol if you're setting off fireworks.
- Keep fireworks in a closed box and use them one at a time.
- Read and follow the instructions on each firework, using a torch if necessary (not a naked flame).
- Light the firework at arm's length with a taper and stand well back. Once it's been lit, don't return to it. Don't throw spent ones into the fire.
- Wear gloves and keep a bucket of water or soil nearby.
- Always supervise children and never give sparklers to a child under five – they are not old enough to understand why they might be dangerous. Sparklers can reach 2000 degrees centigrade.
- Always keep pets indoors.
- Build the bonfire away from sheds, fences and trees.
- Cool any burns immediately with cold water. Keep the burn under the running water for at least 10 minutes. Get medical advice for any burn on your child larger than a postage stamp or in a delicate area such as their face or hands.

The Child Accident Prevention Trust has more advice. Visit www.capt.org.uk.

The council's Family Information Service has a new section on how to prevent childhood accidents. Visit www.wandsworth.gov.uk/accidentprevention.

Stoptober

This is your Stoptober

From
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England

And
we're here
for you

Stoptober is back for its fourth year

Last year, more than 550 people in Wandsworth pledged to stub out cigarettes during the campaign.

Evidence shows that people who stop smoking for 28 days are five times more likely to stay smoke-free. Quitting smoking could also save you an average of £2,000 a year.

Smoking can seriously harm those around you, particularly babies and children. Studies show that children exposed to second-hand smoke are at an increased risk of cot death, acute respiratory conditions, ear infections, developing asthma or triggering an asthma attack.

From this month a new law bans smoking in any car or other vehicle carrying a child under 18. Anyone caught doing so will be handed an on-the-spot fine of £50 by the police. The new law also prohibits the sale of e-cigarettes and refills to anyone under 18.

For **personalised support** in quitting smoking or e-cigarettes visit www.stopsmokingwandsworth.co.uk or call our 24 hour helpline on 0800 389 7921.

No appointment is necessary at the following **drop-in sessions**:

- Queen Mary's Hospital Cardiology unit, Roehampton Lane, Roehampton - Tuesdays 10am-3pm
- St George's Hospital (Atkinson Morley Wing) Blackshaw Road, Tooting - Wednesdays and Fridays 10am-3pm.

Parents who are keen to take the smokefree pledge to keep their home free from cigarette smoke can call the helpline number 0800 389 7921 to request a pack or email wandsworth.team@wandsworth.gov.uk.

For more information about **Stoptober**, visit stoptober.smokefree.nhs.uk.

William, 33, finally gave up after contacting the Wandsworth Stop Smoking Service

"I smoked 20 cigarettes a day for 15 years. I was a 'proper' smoker, and had tried every conceivable method to stop. The reason that prompted me to stop this time was the fact that I have two beautiful children who deserve a healthy father; I also have a friend who was recently diagnosed with lung cancer. Now I feel proud, healthier, happier, motivated, relaxed, changed and, best all, surprised."



SMOKEFREE WANDSWORTH

Time to quit?

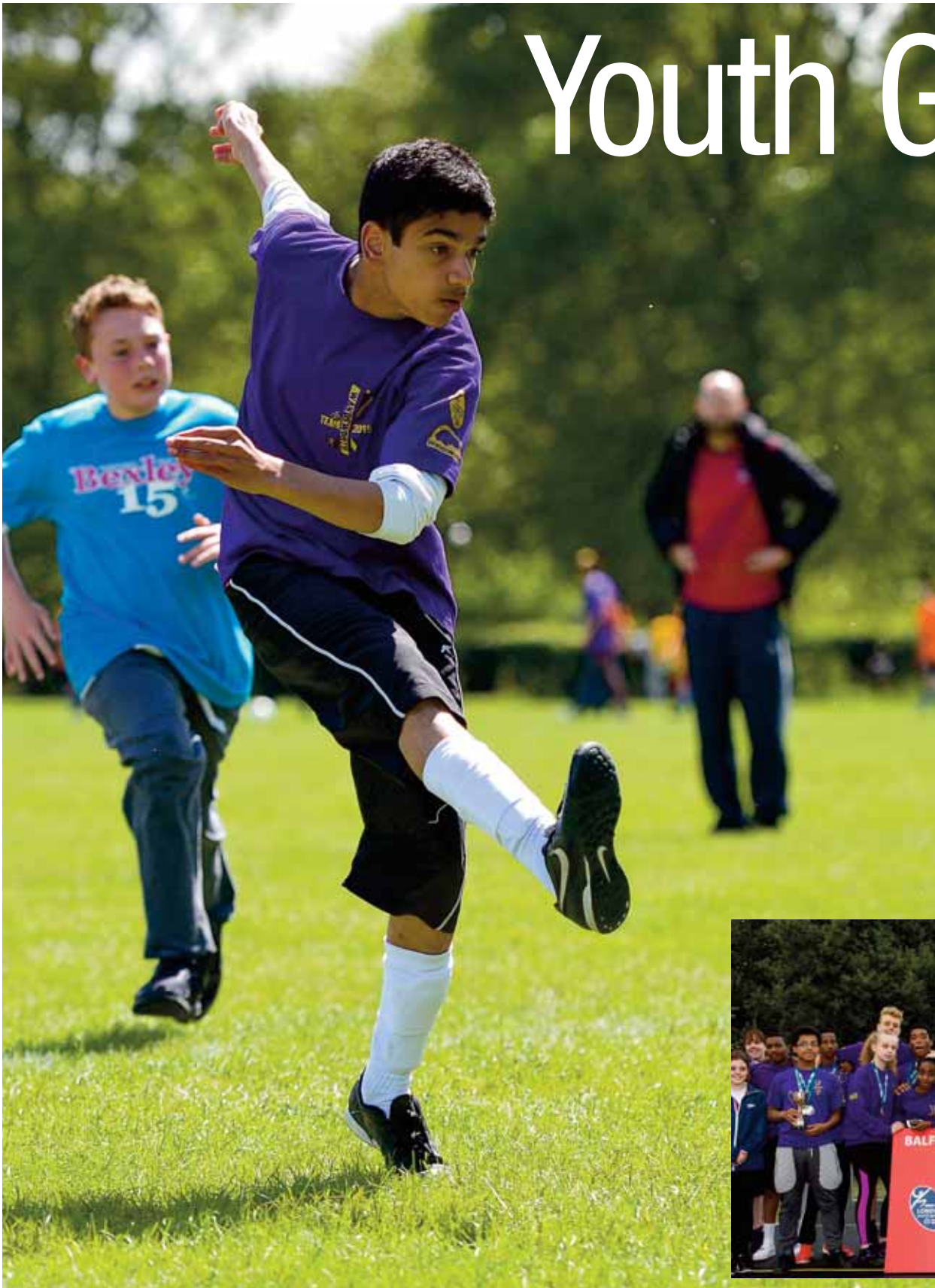
You can get stop smoking support without needing an appointment:

- Pop into any pharmacy in your area
- Get in touch for up to date times and locations of our drop-in clinics

Get in touch...
Freephone: **0800 389 7921**
Email: stopsmoking.team@wandsworth.gov.uk
www.stopsmokingwandsworth.co.uk

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Games triumph

Wandsworth has claimed the London Youth Games Jubilee trophy for the third year in a row!

Wandsworth were in second place going into the finals weekend at Crystal Palace National Sports Centre. Gold medals in boys' and girls' volleyball, archery, tennis, girls' football and boys' athletics, plus bronze in indoor rowing and diving all helped the borough grab the winners' title.

The London Youth Games, now in its 38th year, is Europe's largest youth sports event. It brings together all 33 London boroughs competing in 46 separate sporting events, taking place between November and July.

This year Wandsworth won gold in ten sports in total and were in the top 10 across 35 sports. They also won the ParaGames Trophy for the first time and retained the Inner London Trophy. The borough was represented by 450 young people, with hundreds of other young people involved in the free trials and training programme. Dedicated team managers, with support from Wandsworth Council's sports development team, worked hard over the year to help the borough's young people achieve their sporting success.

For updates follow [@activewands](#) on twitter.



Marvellous Markets

We all know Wandsworth's town centres are great for shopping, but the borough is also blessed with some great street and farmers' markets



Hildreth Street Market

In the heart of Balham, this long-running market has retained its unique character as the town around it becomes increasingly popular with the capital's hipsters. Buy fruit and veg and try out some street food.

Balham Country Market

Local producers sell fruit, veg, chutney and jam, cakes, bread and more directly to the public at this monthly market at Balham Bowls club, Ramsden Road.

Balham Farmers' Market

This is held every Saturday morning at Chestnut Grove School and includes fresh fruit, juices, meat, veg, eggs, honey, bread and more.



Northcote Road Market

This famous Battersea landmark is known for its fresh bread, fish and other food, plus antiques, gifts and flowers.

Tooting Market

South London's largest indoor market is in Tooting High Street. Shop during the day then enjoy a drink or a meal at late-night opening on Friday and Saturdays.

West Hill Farmers' Market

Go along to West Hill Primary School every Sunday morning for your organic meat, veg, and bread.

Putney Pier Art Market

This new market on the first Sunday of the month has only been running a few months, but is already a popular place to browse and buy artworks along the Putney Embankment.










Lavender Hill Farmers' Market

This brand-new weekly Saturday market at Shaftesbury Park Primary School includes fruit, cheese, dairy goods, flowers, fish, eggs and sausages from farms based within 100 miles of London.

What can I recycle?

Here's a handy guide to what can go in clear recycling bags and orange-lidded recycling bins

Material type	Yes please (include in your recycling sacks or banks) 	No thank you 
 <p>mixed glass bottles & jars</p>	<p>All glass bottles and jars (please rinse)</p>	<p>Lids, tops or corks, Pyrex/Ovenware, mirrors, window glass.</p> <p>Clean lids can be delivered to the Wandsworth Work and Play Community Scrap store.</p> <p>Broken glass must not be included in sacks for safety reasons but it can be included in the recycling banks.</p>
 <p>food & drink cartons</p>	<p>All food and drinks cartons (please rinse and squash).</p> <p>E.g. milk, juice and soup cartons, Tetra Pak cartons.</p>	<p>Plastic tops, coffee cups, Pringle pots</p>
 <p>household plastic packaging</p>	<p>All plastic bottles, pots, tubs and trays (please rinse). E.g. shampoo bottles, yoghurt pots, food trays.</p> <p>Please note that there is no need to refer to the codes printed on these items which identify the type of plastic (a number in a triangular recycling symbol).</p>	<p>Lids or tops, plastic film, wrapping, plastic carrier bags, polystyrene, Styrofoam, toys, plant pots and other plastic items. Large supermarket facilities for recycling plastic carrier bags now accept clean plastic packaging films bearing the Recycle with carrier bags at larger stores logo. Clean lids can be delivered to the Wandsworth Work and Play community Scrap Store.</p>
 <p>mixed paper & card</p>	<p>All clean and dry sheets of paper, card and cardboard.</p> <p>E.g. newspapers, magazines, white and coloured paper, catalogues and directories, leaflets and envelopes, softback books, cereal boxes and corrugated cardboard.</p>	<p>Wet paper, dirty paper, shredded paper, hardback books.</p>
 <p>food & drink cans and aerosols</p>	<p>All food tins and drinks cans (please rinse), empty aerosols.</p>	<p>Foil or foil containers.</p> <p>Large biscuit tins: These cause problems at the sorting plant, but you can recycle them in the scrap metal bay at the Household Waste and Recycling Centre in Smugglers Way, Wandsworth.</p>

Recycle your way to £5k

Look out for your 'golden tickets' coming through your door -they could help you win £5,000.

The first draw for the new Golden Ticket recycling prize draw is at the end of this month – so make sure you're in it for a chance to win it.

You should have had a book of golden tickets through your door in September. All you have to do is fill in your details and pop one in your clear recycling bags or orange-lidded recycling banks.

Tickets found by staff at the Smugglers Way recycling plant will be entered into a prize draw. The winner will get £5,000, plus the chance to nominate up to five community groups to share a £2,500 reward for their recycling efforts. There will be three more prize draws before the end of March so keep putting your tickets in.

The competition is being run by the Western Riverside Waste Authority with funding from the government. Wandsworth has welcomed the scheme because every extra item recycled saves council tax payers' money.

Your recycling must be clean and dry and only contain recyclable items – see the facing page for a list of what can be recycled.

Terms and conditions apply. Visit www.wrwa.gov.uk/goldenticket or call (020) 8871 2788 for full details.



Don't bin it – reuse it!

Got a sofa or kettle that you no longer need but that you want to send to a good home?

The council's Re-use service, delivered in partnership with Resco, collects, refurbishes and passes on unwanted items to families that need them.

You can request for a mix of any of the items below to be collected for re-use:

- Home furniture including sofas, tables, chests of drawers and cupboards
- Large appliances and white goods including fridges, washing machines and cookers
- Small electricals: almost anything with a plug including TVs (flat screen only), audio and computer equipment, kettles and toasters
- Bicycles
- Children's equipment including prams, cots and toys
- Garden tools and equipment including lawn mowers, forks, spades.
- Beds (but not mattresses)

To be suitable for re-use, items do not have to be in full working order but they must be in good cosmetic condition. The cost for collection is £16.50 for up to four items. Additional items will be collected for £7.50 each.



The service is delivered in partnership with Resco

To book a collection, visit <http://bookings.rescoliving.co.uk/>, or call (020) 3405 4859.

Gymboree reader offer

Gymboree, the world's leading classes for babies and children, is offering a special offer to Headstart readers for its Clapham and Wandsworth centres.

Gymboree's Baby Play – Sensory Exploration classes are theme-based and set to music and use a wide variety of exciting props including scarves, balls, musical instruments, fibre optic light shows, parachutes, bubbles and more.

Babies are encouraged to use specialised Gymboree equipment such as wedges, slides and rockers to develop physical skills such as balance, co-ordination and neck and upper body strength. No other infant



class in the UK combines these two elements making Gymboree truly unique.

Baby Play classes begin at newborn and continue until a baby becomes mobile. Unlike other infant classes and groups Gymboree babies can then graduate to our next class level all the way up to age 5.

Headstart readers can get 10 per cent of their first month's membership fee, provided they commit to at least three months' membership, and 20 per cent off their registration fee. See below for contact details.

Kids Go Free!

All children aged under 16 and those up to 19 years and still in full-time education are entitled to sight tests paid for by the NHS.



Visit www.visionmatters.org.uk for advice and information about caring for your child's eyesight.



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Gymboree Wandsworth 020 8870 0068
wandsworth@gymboree-uk.com

Autumn 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

• Battersea Park Fireworks November 7, 7.30 bonfire, 8pm fireworks

See one of London's most spectacular firework displays set to music. Food and drink stalls are available. Tickets must be bought in advance – there will be none available on the door.

For details visit
www.wandsworth.gov.uk/fireworks.

How to be listed

Send details (including access for people with disabilities) to:

prucki@wandsworth.gov.uk

by Friday January 15, 2016.

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DAYS OUT

• Family Saturdays at the BAC

October 31, November 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

• Deen City Farm

10am-4.30pm. Closed Mondays

Children's events, riding lessons, educational programmes and a collection of friendly animals.

39 Windsor Avenue, South Wimbledon
 (020) 8543 5300
www.deencityfarm.co.uk



• Giant Lego brick sculptures

October 3-November 8

These brick creations, some of which are up to twelve times life-size, will form a trail for kids to inspire them to build a better future for nature.

As well as following the trail visitors can pre-book weekend and half term workshops for £8.50.

London Wetland Centre, Barnes
www.org.uk/legobrickanimals.

• Vauxhall City Farm

Wed - Sun, 10.30am-4pm

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
www.vauxhallcityfarm.org



• Halloween Fun at Battersea Park Zoo

Saturday 24th October-Sunday 1st November

Pumpkin Quiz Trail

Which animals have pumpkins this year? Purchase a quiz sheet upon entry and use the clues to help you find them. **£1 (includes prize)**

Saturday 24th October The Big Draw

With help from Zoo Artist in Residence, Beatrice Von Preussen, come and add your mark to our communal drawing. Drop in sessions: 11am-12.30 & 1.30-3.30pm. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **Usual entrance fees apply.**

Tuesday 27th October Hedgehog Day

Come and join in the Hedgehog themed activities, including a chance to meet a real hedgehog! Children must be accompanied. **Usual entrance fees apply.**

Thursday 29th October Hedgehog Day

The People's Trust for Endangered Species are coming to the zoo for today's Hedgehog themed activities. **Usual entrance fees apply.**

Saturday 31st October Halloween Fun Day

(Slightly) Scary Story Time at 11.45pm & 2.15pm for those brave enough to come and listen! **Free. Make a Trick or Treat Bag, £1. Spooky Face-painting, £2.50. Usual entrance fee applies.**

• Mini Beast Workshop

October 27, 10-11am

Don't be afraid. Come and learn about the world of insects, bugs and creepy crawlies. This session is for parents/carers and children aged 0-8 years, with at least one child under five attending.

Free, but call to book your place.

Franciscan School, Franciscan Road, Tooting (020) 8672 3048
admin@franciscan.wandsworth.sch.uk
www.franciscan.wandsworth.sch.uk/page20

• Sowing and Growing

October 26, 9.30-11.30am

Have fun digging and planting to make the new garden beautiful. Take home your own pot of seeds and watch them grow! These sessions are for parent/carers and children aged 0-5 years. Call to book a place. **Free.**

Franciscan Children's Centre, Franciscan Road, Tooting (020) 8672 3048
www.wandsworthlifelonglearning.org.uk

• 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



JUST PLAY

• Franciscan Children's Centre

Daily 11.30 am to 4.30 pm.

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

October 30, 9.30am-11am

Children 0-5 years old and their parents and carers are invited to join in with sensory play helping children to enjoy exploring and creating. Please come dressed for mess.

Balham Nursery School and Children's Centre, 72 Endlesham Road

(020) 8673 4055

• Toddlers Fun Session

October 26-29, 9.30am-10.30am, 10.30am-11.30am

Bouncy castles and soft play areas. For children aged 0-5 and their carers. Just drop in.

£4.20 per child.

Tooting Leisure Centre, Greaves Place

(020) 8333 7555

enquiries@tootingleisurecentre.co.uk

www.placesforpeopleleisure.org/centres/tooting-leisure-centre/



• Pirate workshop

Friday October 30, 2pm-3.30pm

Storytelling, make a pirate hat, fancy dress competition and more. Come in fancy dress or make yours at the workshop. Suitable for 4-12 years.

Wandsworth Town Library

(020) 8877 1742

Wandsworthtown.library@gll.org



• Battersea Park Playground

Exciting play equipment suitable for children over 8. Under 8s should be supervised by an adult. Just drop in. The playground is open the same hours as the park. Enter through Sun Gate entrance. Free

• George Shearing Centre

October Half Term

Open for young people aged 11-25

• 26 Oct Journey into Soundscapes workshop

• 27 Oct Food lab workshop, skittles competition, quiz and games

• 28 Oct Visit to the Transport Museum and street dance workout

• 29 Oct Healthy lifestyle workshops, fashion show rehearsal

• 30 Oct karaoke, zumba, arts and crafts

Este Road, Clapham Junction

(020) 7228 2230

aburman@wandsworth.gov.uk

www.wandsworth.gov.uk/youth

• Half Term toddlers' camp

October 26-29

A four day course with different activities every day including tots tennis ball games and basic learning activities. For 2-4 year olds. Spaces are limited so book in advance by phone or email.

Battersea Park Millennium Arena

sportsbookings

@wandsworth.gov.uk

(020) 8871 7542 or

(020)8 871 7537

HOLIDAY PLAYSCHMES

The following centres are open from October 26-30.

• 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

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)

Book online at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/psbo

SPORTS & FITNESS

• **Activ Camps at Emanuel and Graveney Schools**

9am - 1pm

Half-term camp for children aged 4-14. Dodgeball, quad biking, inflatables. Water slides, indoor rock climbing, swimming. Crazy crash mats, foam stick hockey, obstacle courses.

4 year olds - £25, 5-14 year olds - £40.

Emmanuel School, Battersea Rise
www.activcamps.com/venuesdates/emanuel-school/



• **All Star Tennis**

Courses are for children aged 3 years old upwards, all abilities, and are based on the nationally recognised LTA Mini Tennis Scheme.

Courses are available at

- 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

• **Archery**

October 26-30

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

£12 per session.

The Aspire Centre, Southfields
(020) 8875 2603
info@aspirecentre.com
www.aspirecentre.com

• **Athletics - Star Track**

October 26-29, 10am-noon

All-round athletics experience for children aged 7-13.

£36 for four days or £10 per day.

Book in advance.

Battersea Park Millennium Arena
020 8871 7357

JLino-dacosta@wandsworth.gov.uk
www.wandsworth.gov.uk/fis

• **Autumn Rowing Camp**

October 26-30

A rowing course for beginners and those who have tried rowing previously. Learn to row on the river Thames. This course is for juniors aged 11-18 years. Join the Barn Elms Junior Squad at the end of the course. Call to make a reservation.

£120

Barn Elms Lodge, Barn Elms
(020) 8788 9472

clennox@wandsworth.gov.uk

• **Back to Netball**

July 27-August 28

Back to Netball provides a gentle introduction to the sport for women over 16. The emphasis is on learning new skills and having fun playing netball with new friends.

Mondays: 9.15am-10.30am

Battersea Ironsides Rugby Club (£1)

Mondays: 6pm-7pm

Battersea Sports Centre (£4)

Wednesdays: 5.15pm-6.15pm

Tooting Leisure Centre (£4)

07872 407212

emmat@englandnetball.co.uk



• **Battersea Sports Holiday Fun**

October 26-30, 10am-3pm

Activities include volleyball, badminton, dodgeball, athletics, arts and crafts and other team games. Holiday Fun is for young people aged 5-13 years old. Please call to book a place.

£12 per day or £48 per week.

Battersea Sports Centre, Hope Street, Clapham Junction (020) 8871 8529
bsc@wandsworth.gov.uk
www.wandsworth.gov.uk/leisurecentres

• **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, SW11
- Barn Elms Lodge, Barn Elms, SW13
- Chestnut Grove School, SW12
- La Retraite School, SW12

(020) 7957 8220

londondevelopment@chelseafc.com

www.chelseafc.com/soccerschools

• **CIDASport Multi Sport Camp**

October 14-25

A multi sport camp providing a range of sports and activities in Battersea Park for young people aged 2-14.

info@cidasport.co.uk

www.cidasport.co.uk or e-mail

• **Fencing**

Classes every Monday and Wednesday

Fencing for beginners aged 7-12.

£8 per session including the use of all equipment, with half price rates available for people that lie on local estates.

Ethelburga Community Centre, Battersea
Londonunifencing@hotmail.com
www.thefencingschool.com

• **Free Urban Energy sports and games in Battersea**

Tuesdays: 4pm-5.30pm until

October 27 (inside games)

Wednesdays: 6pm-7pm until

November 11 (outdoor sports)

Open to 5-16 year olds. Outdoor activities include football, volleyball and badminton. No booking required, just turn up and play.

York Gardens, Lavender Road.

020 8871 6373

activelifestyles@wandsworth.gov.uk

• Fun Inflatable Session

Monday October 26, 2.30pm

Fun swimming session with inflatable assault course and floats. This session is for children aged 8+ years. £4

Tooting Leisure Centre, Greaves Place
(020) 8333 7555
www.placesforpeopleleisure.org

• Fun Swim

October 26-30

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
www.aspirecentre.com

• Hockey Fun

October 26-30

Hockey courses for 8-16 year olds. Booking essential.

**The Spencer Sports Club, Fieldview,
Wandsworth**
membership@spencerclub.org
www.hockey.spencerclub.org/juniors/holiday_courses/

• Multi-sports at Aspire

October 26-30

An action-packed week with various sports including basketball, cricket, mini-tennis, rounders, team building and more. For young people aged 5-10. Please call to book a place.

£20 a day.

Aspire Centre, Merton Road, Southfields
(020) 8875 2603
info@aspirecentre.com
www.aspirecentre.com

• Rhythmic Gymnastics

October 26-30

Children can enrol for a single session, a whole day or any other combination of sessions. This session is for young people aged 6-13 years, novice or experienced.

£15 per session, £20 per day.

Aspire Centre, Merton Road, Southfields
020 8875 2603
info@aspire.com
www.aspirecentre.com

• Rock Climbing

October 26-30

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.

£12 per session, £20 per day.

**Aspire Centre, Merton Road,
Southfields**
(020) 8875 2603
info@aspirecentre.com



• Swimming Crash Courses

October 26-30

Classes for all abilities for children aged four and over. Book in advance as spaces are limited.

£35 members, £40 for non-members.

Tooting Leisure Centre, Greaves Place
(020) 8333 7555
enquiries@tootingleisurecentre.co.uk
www.placesforpeopleleisure.org/centres/tooting-leisure-centre

• Under 8s Swim For Free

Swim for free at Latchmere Leisure Centre. All children must register and get a membership card to swim for free, and must be accompanied by an adult.

£2 Registration

**Latchmere Leisure Centre, Burns Road,
Battersea**
(020) 7207 8004
enquiries@latchmereleisurecentre.co.uk
www.placesforpeopleleisure.org/centres/latchmere-leisure-centre

• Trampoline

October 26, 27, 28

Bounce, jump, tumble and spin into this jam-packed trampolining course. For children and young people aged 4-12. Call for information and to make a booking.

**Tooting Leisure Centre,
Greaves Place**
(020) 8333 7555

• 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

THEATRE & BOOKS

• Group 64 Holiday Projects

October 28-29

The Silly Skeleton 10-2pm, ages 4-7 (4 year olds must be in reception).

Have you ever wondered how all the Halloween creatures get themselves ready each year? Or what happens if they've forgotten how to scare?

£50 per child

www.g64.org.uk

• The Sagas of Noggin the Nog

October 15-18

Meet some madcap Vikings in a riotous adaptation of the children's classic. Suitable for ages 4-8.

Polka theatre, Wimbledon

• The Woods Cry Out

November 11-12

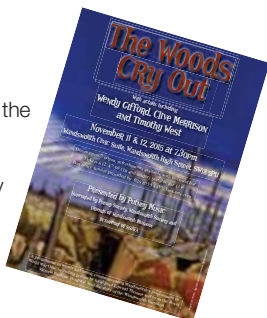
A reflection in words and music on the Great War and the part played by Wandsworth and its Battalion.

Including performances by Timothy West and Wendy Gifford. Suitable for children aged 11 and over.

Tickets £12, £7.50 (18 and under).

Putney Music at Wandsworth Civic Suite, Wandsworth High Street

Box office 8333 4457 or online at tara-arts.com



• Wild Goose Chase

October 15-17

Secret doors, mistaken identities, eccentric aristocrats and dotty servants abound.

Tickets £10, concessions £8

St Mary Magdalene Church Hall

www.magplayers.org.uk



• William Shakespeare's Land of the Dead

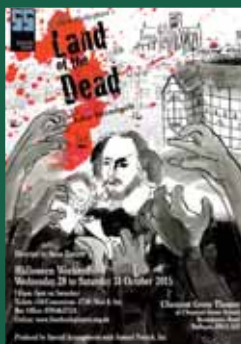
John Heimbuch's hilarious zombies-meet-Shakespeare epic.

Tickets £10, concessions £7.50

Chestnut Grove School, Balham

Box office: 07914 657524

or book online at www.southsideplayers.org.uk



MUSIC

• Wandsworth Symphony Orchestra

November 21, venue TBC

• Sibelius Finlandia

• Mozart Piano Concerto No.24 in C Minor

• Shostakovich Symphony No.5 in D Minor

Tickets are available on the door, but to avoid long queues on the night you are strongly advise to purchase tickets online when they become available in October.

Tickets £12 (Concessions £8; children under 16 free)

www.wandsworthsymphony.org

• We Dance, Wee Groove

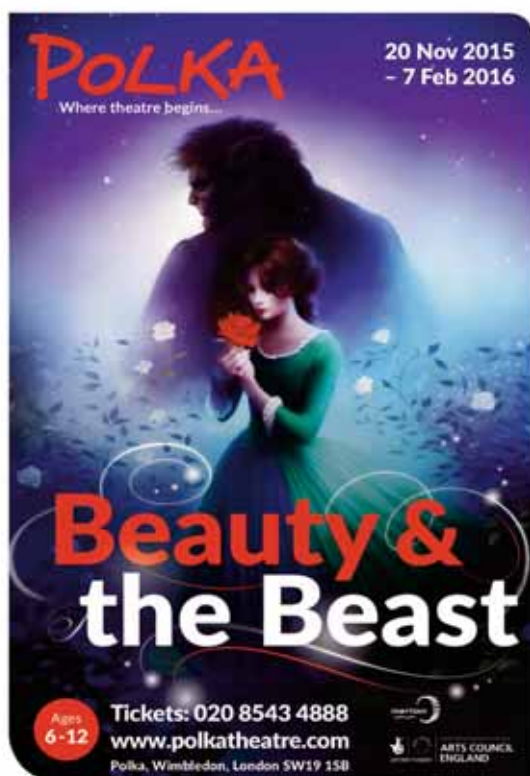
October 29-31

This October Half Term, watch, listen, play and explore the four corners of the dance floor as a team

of performers guide you on a musical journey around the world and to outer space. Suitable for children aged five and under. Includes dance, music and imaginative play. £7

Battersea Arts Centre

www.bac.org.uk



ARTS AND CRAFTS



• Affordable Art Fair

October 21-25

Contemporary Art Fair. All work for sale under £5,000 to make art widely accessible.

www.affordableartfair.com/battersea

• Whizz, Swoosh and Whirl!

October 27, 2.30pm-4.30pm

October half-term events with Wandsworth Museum. Join us for our creative activities all linked with fireworks and Bonfire Night! Have a go at making your very own arts and craft firework and find out about Wandsworth's history of gunpowder industries.

Suitable for children aged 4 upwards.

Drop in, no booking required. **Free**

Southfields Library,

300 Wimbledon Park Road

www.wandsworthmuseum.co.uk

• What do I need to do to make it okay?

Until November 1

An investigation into damage and repair, disease and medicine, and the healing and restoration of landscapes, bodies, minds and objects through stitch and other media.

Free.

Pump House Gallery Battersea Park

(020) 8871 7572

www.pumphousegallery.org.uk



• Pump House Gallery Sunday Socials

25 October, 12pm-4pm

Sunday Socials is a hands on family friendly workshop programme suitable for all ages. Running specific Sundays alongside our exhibitions from 11am-4pm, each session takes a theme from the exhibition and finds a fun and creative way to explore it. This session focuses on the Make It OK exhibition.

Pump House Gallery,

Battersea Park

(020) 8871 7572

info@pumphousegallery.org.uk

pumphousegallery.org.uk/participation/sunday-social



• Winter Open Studios

November 12-15

Around 150 resident artists will be opening the doors to their creative spaces and sharing what they do with visiting art lovers.

Free entry.

Wimbledon Art Studios,

10 Riverside Yard, Riverside

Road SW17

www.wimbledonartstudios.co.uk

co.uk

• Monster Making workshop

October 19, 1.15-2.45pm

Monster stories, puppets and foam masts. Suitable for 0-5, older siblings welcome

Franciscan Children's Centre, Tooting.

07528 955356

marie.williams@franciscan.wandsworth.sch.uk

CHRISTMAS FAIRS

• Wandsworth Friends of Trinity Hospice's Christmas Fair

November 17, 6.30-9.30pm

November 18, 8.30am-3.30pm

Over 40 stalls, helping to raise money for Trinity Hospice.

St Luke's Church, Ramsden Road SW12

• St Paul's Christmas Fair

November 21, 11.30am-3pm

Admission: 50p

St Paul's Community Centre, 23 Inner Park Road SW19

• Wandsworth Oasis Christmas Fair

December 1, noon-5pm

More than 60 stallholders will be selling their wares at the Red Ribbon Christmas Fair on World Aids Day to raise money for Wandsworth Oasis to support people in Wandsworth that are affected by HIV. There will also be children's games, a DJ and live entertainment.

The Grand Hall at Battersea Arts Centre

CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

• Cineworld Free Film for DCR Members

October 30, 11am

See Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban. It's Harry's third year at Hogwarts; not only does he have a new "Defense Against the Dark Arts" teacher, but there is also trouble brewing. Convicted murderer Sirius Black has escaped the Wizards' Prison and is coming after Harry.... This event is courtesy of WANDmakers Cineworld Wandsworth. Disabled Childrens Register members and their families are welcome. Please bring your WAND card or other proof of identity. All youngsters must be accompanied. This film is a PG, so it has some intense and scary scenes. Please book your place in advance.

Cineworld Wandsworth (020) 8871 7899

fis@wandsworth.gov.uk www.wandsworth.gov.uk/localoffer

• 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 www.kids.org.uk

• London Recumbents

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. Under 18's accompanied by parent or guardian.

(020) 8299 6636

info@londonrecumbents.com www.londonrecumbents.com

HEALTHY STUFF

• Mini Cooking Club

November 7-December 12

Get hands on in the kitchen at cookery workshops at the London Kitchen Project in Battersea. All cooking equipment and food is provided. Participants will have fun, be creative and learn about a different cooking methods. All programmes are free and outside of normal school/working hours.

info@theminicookingclub.org.uk

• Free Led Walks

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

• Man MOT

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

www.wandsworthman.net

Call Fanta Bojang on 020 8871 5051 or email

FBojang@wandsworth.gov.uk

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Richmond Theatre atgtickets.com/richmond
ATG TICKETS 0844 871 7651
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How do I find out about...

Schools

General information: www.wandsworth.gov.uk/schools

Admissions: www.wandsworth.gov.uk/admissions

Term dates: www.wandsworth.gov.uk/termdates

Find a school: www.wandsworth.gov.uk/schoolsAtoZ



Recycling

General information:
www.wandsworth.gov.uk/recycling

What can I recycle?:
www.wandsworth.gov.uk/recyclefromhome



Arts, leisure and culture

Arts: www.wandsworth.gov.uk/arts

Events: www.wandsworth.gov.uk/events

Libraries: www.wandsworth.gov.uk/libraries

Leisure centres and sport: www.wandsworth.gov.uk/sport

Adult Education: www.wandsworthlifelonglearning.co.uk



Parks

General information: www.wandsworth.gov.uk/parks

Playgrounds and trim trails A-Z:
www.wandsworth.gov.uk/playgroundsAtoZ



Health, childcare and parental support

www.wandsworth.gov.uk/fis



Open the door

Affordable housing open day

22 October 2015, 2-8pm

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the door
to your
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The Civic Suite, Town Hall
Wandsworth High Street SW18 2PU
For more information call (020) 8871 6016

