

Wandsworth schools and families

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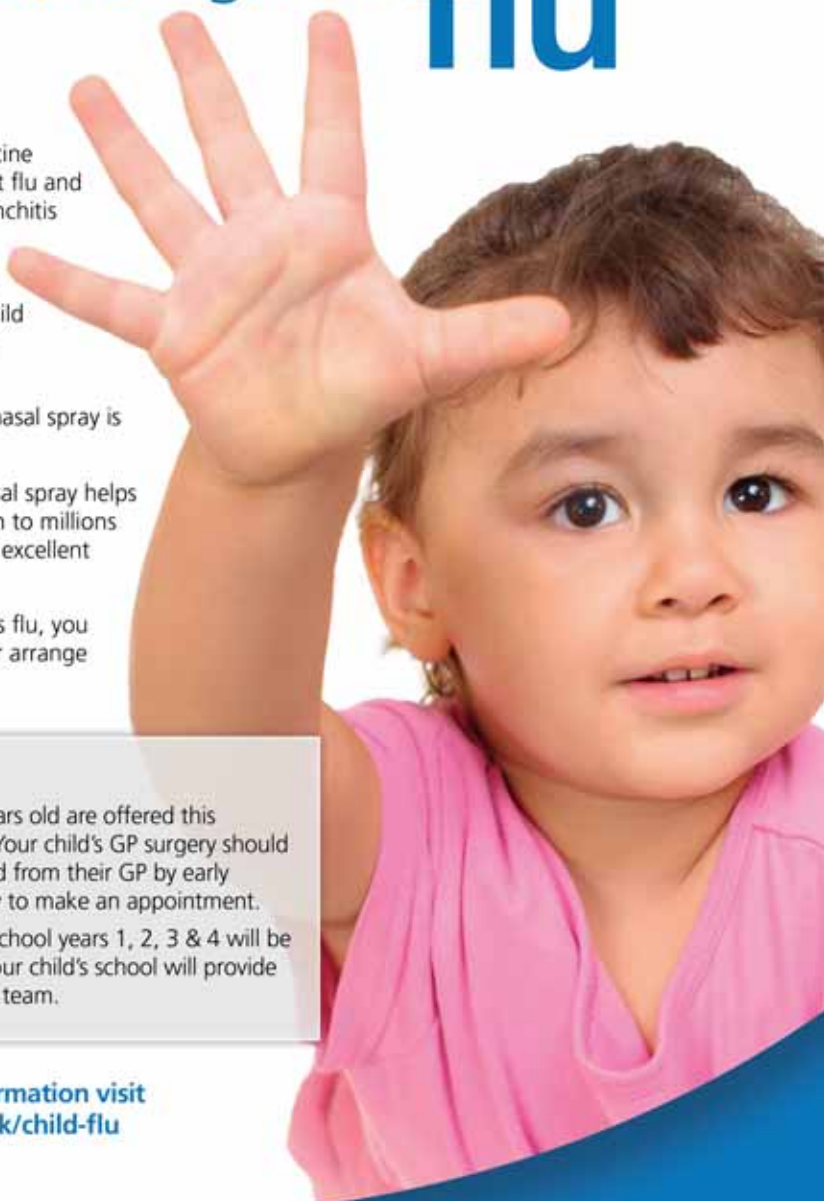
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- ✓ **5. Avoid costs.** If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare

What should I do?

Children aged two and three years old are offered this vaccination in general practice. Your child's GP surgery should contact you. If you haven't heard from their GP by early November, contact them directly to make an appointment.

Children in reception class and school years 1, 2, 3 & 4 will be offered the vaccine at school. Your child's school will provide details from the local healthcare team.

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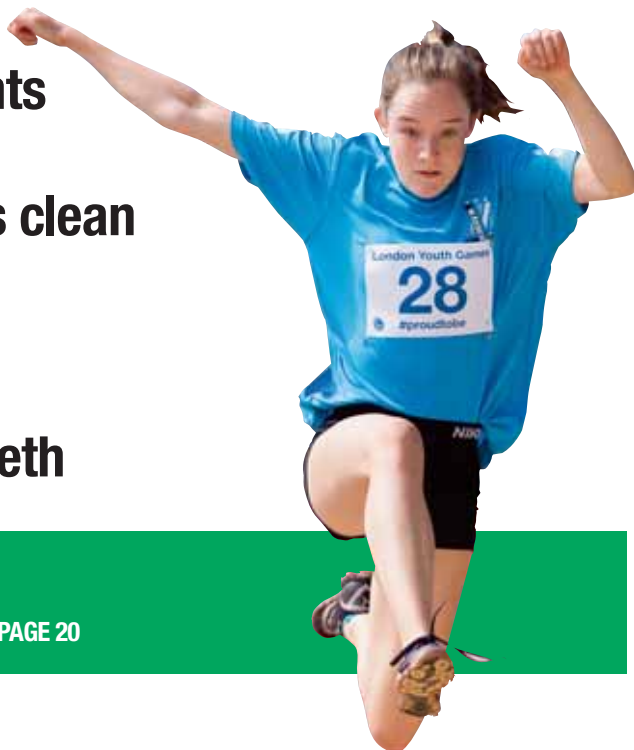
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Ortis rewards STEM success

Former **Ernest Bevin College** pupil and Gadget Show presenter Ortis Deley returned to his old school to present the STEM Awards at the annual prize giving event.

Ortis studied pharmacy at university after leaving the college in the 1990s before becoming a TV and radio presenter. At his recent visit he viewed coursework and said he was pleased that the teaching of science and technology subjects continued to inspire the next generation of scientists and engineers at his old school.

Last year the college became one of only a handful of schools across the country to be awarded STEM Assured status in recognition of the success achieved by students in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths subjects. The college plans to open a STEM Hub which will be open to young people in the local area by the end of 2017.



Left to right - Raghib Mirza (17), Key Stage 5 Award for Excellence in STEM subjects, Michael Akinmade (age 14), Key Stage 3 Award for Excellence in STEM Subjects, Ortis, Sundeep Dhamrait (15), Key Stage 4 Award for Excellence in STEM subjects.



Chesterston does the Mobot!

Athletics superstar Mo Farah went to Chesterston Primary School to film a piece for BBC Breakfast on the Muller Anniversary Games.



Students were delighted to meet their hero with comments such as “Mo has given me the inspiration to do really well next year” and “What an opportunity this amazing school has given me, thank you”.

Learning Mentor Edress Kheir who organised the visit: “What an amazing day! I would like to thank Mo and the BBC for giving us this opportunity to meet a legend and showcase our talented children.”



Franciscan's double celebration

Franciscan School in Tooting has had a double celebration for its 110th anniversary, plus the 60th anniversary of a recently-discovered recording by the school orchestra.

For the school's anniversary, pupils and staff wore Edwardian costume, changed their classrooms to resemble their original appearance and learnt about some of the lessons that would have been on the curriculum for an Edwardian School 110 years ago.

The record was made when the school was still segregated between girls and boys and it's believed only about 200 were pressed. It was discovered when former pupil Martin Ridley, who played treble recorder in the orchestra, presented the school with one of the few remaining copies bought for him by his mum and dad.

Martin Ridley presents the recording





Year 5 students at **St George's Primary School** have been learning about the war by dressing up for World War II Day at the start of the autumn term.

Outstanding nursery

York Gardens Nursery in Battersea has been rated outstanding in its recent Ofsted inspection. The nursery welcomes applications from families eligible for 2- and 3-year old funding and the new 30-hour offer for working parents. Visit: theplaypeople.co.uk.

Congratulations Alex

One of the leading lights of the Wandsworth Youth Council, Alex Godfrey Strowbridge has been given a prestigious Diana Award in recognition for her dedication to the youth council and other causes. The award was set up in memory of Diana, Princess of Wales to celebrate outstanding young people across the UK.

Young authors impress

Two **Saint Cecilia's** pupils reached the shortlist for a national competition to create a picture book. Organisers said Billy McDilly by Zoe Spargo and Identical by Rebecca Broyd impressed with their wide range of styles and challenging themes.

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ROSE PRODUCTIONS



Top marks for Wandsworth students

Borough students aced their exams again this year, with excellent results at both A-Level and GCSE.

Provisional A-level figures show that more than 26 per cent of grades were A* or A – up by 4.4 percentage points on last year. The highest increases were seen at Saint John Bosco, which was up by 20 percentage points, and Ark Putney which achieved the best results in its history and reports that as a result more of its students than ever will be the first in their family to attend university.

Across all schools 78.2 per cent of grades were between A* and C, up by 4.2 percentage points from last year and ahead of the national average. At BTEC, at least half of students received a Distinction or Distinction*.

At GCSE 71 per cent received a grade 9-4 in English and Maths, with strong improvements at Southfields (up ten percent in English) and Ark Putney (up seven per cent in maths). Of those students taking the English Baccalaureate (EBacc), 37 per cent achieved a 9-4 GCSEs in English & maths, and A*-Cs in two sciences, history or geography, and a language. This is up by four percentage points from last year. Ark Putney, Burntwood, Harris Battersea, Saint Cecilia's and St John Bosco all improved well on the EBacc 9-4 measure.

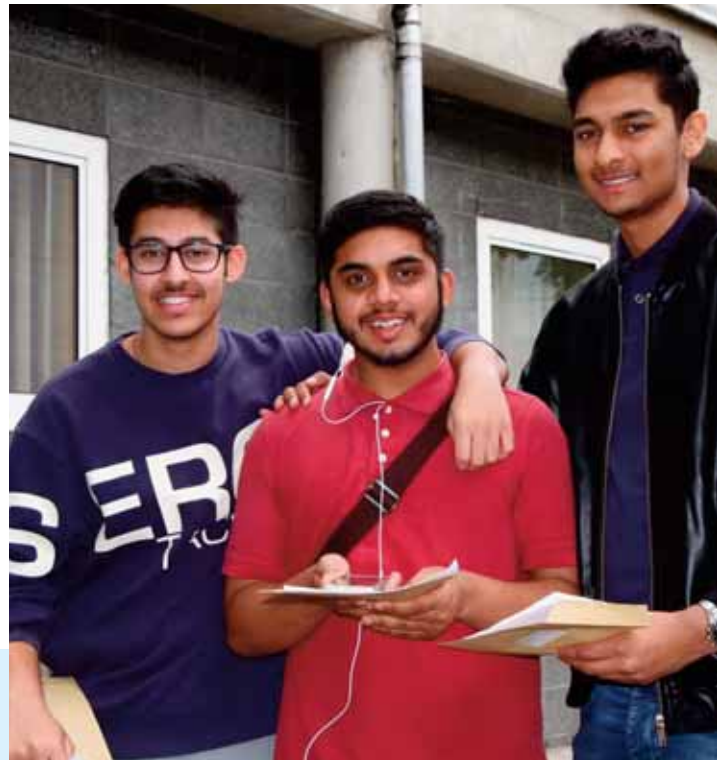
Maia Drummond who attends Ark Putney Academy received three A*'s and will study English Literature at Kings University. Here Maria and her brother Aaron are giving the good news to their mother.

“ I can't believe it! I'm so happy that all this hard work paid off. I want to thank all my teachers. ”

Maria Drummond
Ark Putney Academy student



St Cecilia's pupils celebrate their GCSE results. 80 per cent got a 9-4 in English and Maths.



Ernest Bevin students celebrate their results. Dilan (left) and Jaisul (right) will be studying Economics at University College, London and Adnan will study Biomedical Engineering at Imperial College.

Hey Wandsworth,
what's in your food?

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 Find out how to keep fit and well.
wandsworth.gov.uk/oneyou

BECAUSE THERE'S ONLY **ONE YOU**

Heritage competition is open for entries

The fourth annual Wandsworth/GLL Heritage Awards is now accepting entries.

The competition is open to all borough schools at Key Stages 1, 2 and 3. The winning school will win a £1000 prize, medals and a plaque, plus there are runners up prizes.

There will also be a chance to enter a poster competition. The winning entry will be displayed around the borough.

The 2017 competition was won by **Our Lady of Victories** School who explored the history of their area. Two schools were Highly Commended: **St Boniface School**, Tooting which researched the history of Mr Drouet's Establishment for Pauper Children, and **All Saints**, Putney which looked at the story behind the Putney Velodrome and Ranelagh

House. Each team won £600 for their school.

Two other schools were Commended: **St Mary's RC**, Battersea which explored the history of the Queenstown Road based Victorian beverage company Pure Water, and **Putney High School** for research into the school during war time. They both won £400 for their school.

The competition is sponsored by Greenwich Leisure Limited, the council's library and heritage service contractor.

If you are interest in entering your school, email HeritageAwards@wandsworth.gov.uk
An entry form and guidance note can be found at wandsworth.gov.uk/schoolsheritageawards



EXPLORING THE HISTORY OF EVENTS & PEOPLE OF WANDSWORTH BOROUGH



All last year's winners

A still from the People Who Make Places film.



Southfields students turn the lens on Nine Elms

Students at **Southfields Academy** have produced a film exploring some of the creative jobs of different people working in Nine Elms and involved in the area's regeneration.

People Who Make Places was made by media studies students at the academy, with Chocolate Films. It is part of the Cultivate Programme, managed by Enable Leisure and Culture, which works with the area's primary and

secondary schools to help young people make the most of the creative opportunities created by regeneration in Wandsworth, including creative careers and training.

View the video at nineelmsonline.com/film/people-who-make-places

To find out how to get involved in Cultivate email khill@wandsworth.gov.uk or visit cultivate.london

All Saints School visits the Smugglers Way Waste and Recycling Centre on a tour organised by Western Riverside.



Get involved in Clean Streets

Schools can now get involved in helping to keep Wandsworth clean.

The council wants to hear from you if fly tipping and littering is an issue around your school so it can work with you to tackle the problem.

The Western Riverside Waste Authority offers a free education programme for schools. They have a range of fun assemblies, workshops and waste audits to help schools reduce, reuse and recycle as much as possible. Or you can visit them with your class and see recycling in action.

If your school would like to get involved in helping to keep Wandsworth clean, email [Jessica jlewis@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:jlewis@wandsworth.gov.uk). For more information on the education programme at Western Riverside Waste Authority visit www.wrwa.gov.uk/schools



A display by St Michael's School at Smugglers Way

Connecting Classrooms



Students at St Joseph's School have been learning in a new way thanks to the Connecting Classrooms project.

Connecting Classrooms is a global education programme from the British Council in partnership with the Department for International Development. Teachers learn how to improve the way they work with young people and develop their ideas with like-minded teachers internationally.

Students are taught how to think critically and develop problem solving skills. Rather than rushing to put their hand up as quickly as possible to answer teachers' questions, they are encouraged to ask their teachers probing questions and think about problems carefully. One method is a 'silent debate' where students pose their arguments to one another on paper rather than out loud, prompting them to spend time reflecting and responding to a range of opinions.

As a result of the programme, the school has made a successful partnership with a Muslim school in Jordan. Read more at: schoolsonline.britishcouncil.org/connecting-classrooms-practice



Fun at High View

Current and former pupils and their families went along to this year's **High View** summer fete, including one lady who was returning to the school for the first time since she was a pupil during the second World War. The event was organised by the Friends of High View. Find out about open mornings for prospective students at highview.wandsworth.sch.uk



New look St Mary's

St Mary's RC School in Battersea has unveiled the second phase of its redevelopment, including a new playground which students can reach from the first floor via a slide.

Over the past year, as part of the Cultivate project (see page 11), students have worked with architects DPQ to design a new fence between the school's courtyard and a new public space at Gladstone Terrace.

The revamped school is part of Battersea Exchange; a regeneration project from developer Taylor Wimpey Central London.

Choosing a Primary and Secondary school in Wandsworth



Choose a Primary School

Closing date for applications for September 2018: **15 January 2018.**



Choose a Secondary School

Closing date for applications for September 2018: **31 October 2017.**

For further information and to apply online visit www.wandsworth.gov.uk/admissions

For a copy of the admissions brochure email admissions@wandsworth.gov.uk or call **020 8871 7316.**



Shared reopening for schools



“ The children’s enthusiasm for their brand new school building is clear for all to see. ”

Toni Edmonds-Smith
Headteacher
Greenmead School

Staff and students at Ronald Ross and Greenmead Schools are celebrating after opening on their shared site in Southfields following an extensive two-year rebuilding programme.

Although each school is run and governed entirely separately, with different learning expertise, skills and specialisms, they have been designed and built to enable all pupils to make the most of shared learning opportunities.

Greenmead headteacher Toni Edmonds-Smith and Abby Brady, headteacher at Ronald Ross say they are planning a music project together and a joint opening event in the new year.

“We’re excited about the potential this innovative way of shared learning and we continue to value the wonderful ideas pupils and staff have for the shared areas,” said Toni. “The children’s enthusiasm for their brand new school building is clear for all to see.

They are brimming with curiosity about how their schools will evolve. Working together in this way will build a secure, safe learning environment in which all students can experience the joy of learning and in which all can experience success.”

The changes are part of a plan to increase the number of school places for children with severe and complex SEN. The plan will also see Paddock Special expanded at the former Greenmead site following completion of building adaptations next spring.

Find out more about SEN education at [wandsworth.gov.uk/localoffer](https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/localoffer)



Sporting ambition

Seventeen young Wandsworth women have graduated from a programme which uses the power of sport to build aspiration and self belief.

The graduates, all aged between 14 and 17, had taken part in a 3 month Street Elite training scheme run by qualified sports coaches and mentors. Activities were based around sports coaching, helping to build confidence and teach valuable leadership and team working skills.

Those taking part also learnt about coaching, first aid skills and how to handle conflict, with all graduates given access to employment support and work placement opportunities.

The young women involved were identified by the council's youth service, schools or parents as being at risk of falling out of education and in need of fresh inspiration and support to get back on track.

The youth training programme has been operating in the borough since 2013 and is a partnership effort between Change Foundation, Berkeley Foundation and Wandsworth Council.

The leader of the council meets Street Elite trainees.



Find out more at www.street-elite.org

Help to find work

Young Headstart reporter **Mysharni Mullings**, who has grown up on the Kambala Estate in Battersea, has interviewed the director of the Battersea Academy for Skill Excellence (BASE), Michelle Dawson.

“BASE was established by shareholders of Battersea Power Station and over the next nine years we will create 17,000 long term jobs through the regeneration of the Power Station,” said Michelle. “BASE works closely with Wandsworth Work Match to maximise employment and training job opportunities in the local area. We focus on the skills we feel everyone needs. My tips for staying ahead are to be open to opportunities and flexible. Think about your transferable skills. We Listen to employers and focus on developing interpersonal skills in our training programs, these are the skills that employers

look for along with the right qualifications “The regeneration of Battersea Power Station will see lots of different spaces emerging; new homes, new space for businesses, leisure facilities and new transport links. So, people will be working here, living here and spending their leisure time here.”



Mysharni Mullings

Find out how BASE could help you at baseskillsacademy.co.uk

Find more jobs at wandsworthworkmatch.org

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How to look after your teeth

Wandsworth children are being urged to take better care of their teeth.

Figures show that in England a quarter of five year olds have had tooth decay, with two or three teeth affected on average. Most of this decay was untreated because children are not visiting the dentist.

The council works with experts from Kings College Hospital NHS Foundation trust to help families and visit borough schools to spread the message about taking good care of your teeth.

Find out more at www.nhs.uk/Livewell/dentalhealth/Pages/Dentalhome.aspx

In the meantime, here's what you can do to keep you and your family's teeth healthy:

- Cut out sugary drinks. One can of cola contains nine sugar cubes which is more than anyone should consume in one day. Always read the label
- Milk and water are the best things to drink to protect your teeth
- Watch out for fruit juices and smoothies, they all contain sugars. Keep them to once a day and have with a meal
- Toothpaste containing fluoride helps protect teeth. Don't rinse after cleaning your teeth, it washes away the toothpaste
- If you haven't been to the dentist for two years, book an appointment now, it is important to visit the dentist regularly
- Do your gums bleed when you brush? Keep brushing. This could be a sign of gum disease. See your dentist
- Toothache is a warning that something could be wrong- don't ignore it. See your dentist.



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 information on how to prevent childhood accidents. Visit wandsworth.gov.uk/accidentprevention.

Wandsworth sports stars snatch silver



Wandsworth win second place in the 2017 London Youth Games.

The London Youth Games, now in its 40th year, is Europe's largest youth sports event. Wandsworth's team of more than 400 young athletes represented their home borough against teams from London's other 32 boroughs. Over the past five years, the Wandsworth team has taken first place three times, and second place twice.

The games take place during nine months' of competitions across over 30 sports, including archery,

football, hockey, netball, athletics and swimming. Wandsworth teams triumphed as London Champions in archery and boys' hockey. There were also notable performances from the indoor rowers, girls' football, under 19s netball and girls' squash. If you want to take part in next year's London Youth Games keep an eye on the website www.enablelc.org/leisure/lyg for the latest news and events or follow @ActiveWands on Twitter.





Wandsworth's athletics, hockey, long jump and archery teams in action.



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Let's Face this Together

Wandsworth Youth Council has been working on a project to help young people educate each other about mental health.

Reducing the stigma of mental health has been one of the Wandsworth Youth Council's key campaign priorities for the past year. The resulting three-year Mental Health Peer Education programme for Wandsworth young people is the first of its kind and trains up Year 9 students to be Mental Health Champions at **Harris Academy Battersea** and **Ernest Bevin College**.

Mental Health Champions learn what mental health is, types of mental ill health, warning signs, support services for young people and how to keep yourself mentally well. Champions are also given key skills to help them in their role of passing on their knowledge to their peers.

The project is co-delivered with The Participation People, who run Youth Participation for Wandsworth Council, and CAMHS Participation and is funded by Wandsworth CCG.

If you would like your school to be involved, contact Kelly Machin on Kelly@participationpeople.com

Find out how to get involved with the Wandsworth Youth Council at wandsworth.gov.uk/youth

Take over Wandsworth Council for the day

Takeover Challenge is back. Young people have the chance to take over the role of members of Wandsworth Council and get to do their jobs for the day on November 17.

This is part of the Children's Commissioner for England's National Takeover Challenge, which runs every year, and encourages organisations to show young people all about the world or work.

If you are aged, 13 – 19, and feel you are up to the challenge, contact Tiffany on tiffany@participationpeople.com for more information.

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

Saturday November 4

Gates open at 6pm, the bonfire is lit at 7.30pm and the fireworks start at 8pm.

Gates close at 8pm.

Enjoy a spectacular display set to music.

Tickets available online at enablelc.org/fireworks

Children 10 and under are free, but must still have a ticket

How to be listed

Send details to:

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SPORTS AND FITNESS

• **Activ Camps at Emanuel School**

October 23-27

Half-term camp for children aged 4-14. Indoor swimming, rock wall, fives, tennis, fitness and activities.

4 year olds - £25 a day,

5-14 year olds - £42 a day

Emanuel School, Battersea Rise

www.activcamps.com/venuesdates/emanuel-school/

• **AFC Wimbledon Football Holiday club**

October 23-27

Open to any boy or girl of any ability between the ages of four and 14.

Prices from £15 for one half day to £80 for full week of full days.

Wimbledon Park, Revelstoke Road

(020) 8974 5712

communityfootball@afcwimbledon.co.uk

• **Battersea Sports Holiday Fun**

October 24-28

Activities include Kwik cricket, tug of war, athletics, boccia, short tennis, volleyball, badminton, football, dodgeball, trampolining and more. Holiday Fun is for young people aged 5-13 years old.

Please call to book a place.

Battersea Sports Centre, Hope Street,

Clapham Junction

(020) 8871 8529

bsc@wandsworth.gov.uk

wandsworth.gov.uk/bsc



• **Fencing**

October 24-28

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

Ethelburga Community Centre, Battersea SW11 4RA

contact@thefencingscholcom

www.fencingschool.com

• **All Star Tennis course**

October 23-27

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

Prices vary.

Locations

- Tooting Common
- King George's Park, Wandsworth
- Wandsworth Common
- Leaders Gardens, Putney

Book at allstartennis.co.uk/holiday-camps/

• **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
 - Chestnut Grove School
- Chelseasoccerschools.co.uk

• **Zesh Rehman Foundation Football**

These term-time 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



DAYS OUT

• Family Saturdays at the BAC

October 28, November 25
10am-3pm

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

• Neighbourhood Network Wednesdays

November 1

Drop in any time between 10-11.30pm to meet neighbours and enjoy activities including songs for the Under 5s and craft activities.

Free but donations welcome.

Southside Scouts Centre,
Balham High Road
neighbourhoodnetworksw17.org.uk
info@neighbourhoodnetworksw17.org.uk
Tel: 075817 16916

• 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

• Deen City Farm

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

39 Windsor Avenue,
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www.deencityfarm.co.uk

• Vauxhall City Farm

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Entrance free but donations welcome.

165 Tyers Street, SE11
(020) 7582 4204
info@vauxhallcityfarm.org
www.vauxhallcityfarm.org

• Wandsworth Friends of Trinity Hospice's Christmas Fair

November 16,
8.30am-3.30pm

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

St Luke's Church, Battersea.
Royaltrinityhospice.london

• Guess Who?

October 21-29

To win, use your ID skills and powers of observation to guess which wetland animal your partner has selected. Pick up your game card on arrival and discover more about the animals that live at the centre and then take a walk on the reserve to see them in real life.

Wetlands Centre, Barnes
wvt.org.uk/wetland-centres/london



Halloween Fun at Battersea Park Zoo

• Pumpkin Trail

Saturday 21 – Sunday 29 October

Purchase a quiz sheet upon entry and use the clues to work out, and find, which animals have put out pumpkins this Halloween half term.

Cost £1 (includes a prize)

Usual entrance fee applies

• Creepy Crawly Day

Wednesday 25 October

Ugly bug story time plus meet some bugs and make your own mini-beast puppet to take home.

Craft activity costs £1.

Usual entrance fee applies.

• Slithery Snake Day

Thursday 26 October

Snake story time and the chance to meet a real snake. Make your own

snake Puppet or badge

Cost £1. Usual entrance fee applies.

• Hedgehog Day

Tuesday 24 October

Hedgehog arts and crafts, hedgehog story time and a chance to chat with a hedgehog rescuer and meet a real hedgehog.

Usual entrance fee applies.

• Boo at the Zoo

Saturday 28 October

(Slightly) Spooky Story Time, make a trick or treat bag (£1), spooky face painting (£2.50) and scary surprise boxes. Dress up as witches, monsters, pumpkins or zombies and claim a sticker upon entry

Batterseaparkzoo.co.uk

HEALTHY STUFF

• Free Led Walks

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

• Talk Shops

These drop-in sessions are held at Chesterton, Smallwood, Somerset and Yvonne Carr Children's Centres. They are for parents and carers of under 3s who have concerns about their child's speech and language development.

For details of dates and times, visit wandsworth.gov.uk/fis



• Beat It

Free weight management and healthy lifestyle programme for people aged five to 11 and 12-18.

Classes are held weekly in

- Granard School, Putney
- Fircroft School Tooting
- Sacred Heart School, Battersea
- Ashburton Youth Club, Putney
- The Tooting Hub
- Harris Academy, Battersea

To find out more or to book your place on a course, call 020 8871 8377 or email amacnaughton@wandsworth.gov.uk

• CooksForce

Free Saturday workshops in Battersea giving local parents and children training in basic and intermediate cooking skills. Learn how to make fresh pasta, fish and meat dishes, pastries, soups and more.

Call 07400 for details or email CooksForce@be-enriched.org.



THEATRE AND BOOKS



• Snow White and Rose Red November 29 – December 30

Snow White likes to tell stories and paint. Rose Red likes to race with the deer and the wolves. When a friendly bear knocks on their door, the mischievous sisters have no idea that it's the beginning of a magnificent adventure. For everyone ages 5 and over Battersea Arts Centre bac.org.uk

• Group 64 Holiday Projects

October 24

The Stopwatch Project, ages 11-16

October 25-26

Witch and Wizard Academy, ages 4-7

October 27

Haunted House - Play in a Day, ages 7-11

www.g64.org.uk

• Drakul

October 25-28

John Heimbuch's stage adaptation of Dracula stays faithful to the original novel but brings Mina into the centre of the action.

Chestnut Grove Academy Theatre, SW12

07914 657534

Southsideplayers.org.uk

• Friends for All

October 20-22

8 year old Lexi doesn't make friends as easily as some. If only her school would allow a non-school uniform day then she could be herself, and find others like her. Inspired by Grandad's hippy stories from the swinging 60s, she decides to fight the powers that be and the class bully, Suzy. Suitable for ages 5-11.

Polka theatre, Wimbledon

polkatheatre.com

(020) 8543 4888

• Little Red Riding Hood

October 25-29

Join two performers as they retrace Red Riding Hood's path in the shadowy woods, constantly swapping characters - as if playing a game. But of course, they are really vying to be The Wolf! Suitable for ages 3-6.

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polkatheatre.com

(020) 8543 4888

• Prince of Fire

November 17-18

When Ravana the ten-headed demon draws darkness over the world, can Prince Rama and Princess Sita's love and courage bring back a glimmer of light? Based on the story of Diwali. With original score, dance, projections and puppetry. Suitable for ages 5 and up.

Tara Arts, Garrett Lane, Earlsfield

Tara-arts.com

(020) 8333 4457

• Italian Storytime with Carlotta

October 26, 3pm

Special storytime for 3-5 year olds.

Part of Diversity Month

Free – no booking required

better.org.uk/library/london/wandsworth

020 8877 1742



MUSIC AND DANCE

• Wandsworth Symphony Orchestra

November 11

- Grieg - Piano Concerto
- Holst - The Planets

venue tbc

www.wandsworthsymphony.org

• Lunchtime Concert

Nov 8, 1.10pm

Recital by the National Opera Studio, just turn up.

Free

The Blackburn Hall, National Opera Studio, Chapel Yard, Wandsworth

www.nationaloperastudio.org.uk

ARTS AND CRAFTS

• Affordable Art Fair

Battersea Park

October 19-22

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

www.affordableartfair.com

• Open Studios Art Show

November 16-19

Come and buy directly from the artists

Free entry.

Wimbledon Art Studios, 10 Riverside Yard, Riverside Road SW17.

www.wimbledonartstudios.co.uk

• The Poetics of the Wandle

October 29, noon-3pm

Take part in an experimental poetry workshop, looking at the River Wandle's waters for inspiration and trying out a variety of creative techniques – from automatic writing and cut-up techniques, to erasure and folding. Suitable for ages 10+. Free

Location to be confirmed.

wandlevalleypark.co.uk/projects/wandle-arts-project/
helenfrosi@mac.com

JUST PLAY

• Half term workshop at Eddie Katz

Trolls-themed dance and creative workshop with Dance Grooves

October 24: Eddie Katz Earlsfield

October 26: Eddie Katz Putney

info@eddiecatz.com

www.eddiecatz.com

• Supercamps

October 23-27

Half term activity camp at Putney High School

Supercamps.co.uk



• Battersea Park Playgrounds

Battersea Park has two playgrounds

There is a playground with exciting play equipment suitable for children over 8. Under 8s should be supervised by an adult. Enter through Sun Gate entrance.

In addition, a new playground has opened near the café designed for children aged up to 12.

The playgrounds are open the same hours as the park.

Both are free - just drop in

• Time Crystals

Until December 17

This exhibition exploring subcultures of the 1980s and 90s is accompanied by live music performances and family activities. Visitors can drop in any time to the gallery throughout the exhibition to dance their favourite pop song and record their own music video in front of a green screen. There will also be a series of free family workshops exploring movement with a choreographer and fashion's importance to culture.

Free.

Pump House Gallery,

Battersea Park

pumphousegallery.org.uk

info@pumphousegallery.org.uk



CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

See more at
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
becky.williams@kids.org.uk
www.kids.org.uk

• Supported swim session

Fortnightly swimming sessions for children and young people with SEND
Aspire Centre, Merton Road
moherty@wandsworth.gov.uk
(020) 8871 6857



• 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

• Parent Workshops

Including Beginners Makaton, toileting and managing behaviour. Places must be booked in advance
Enhanced Children's Centre, Wandsworth
020 8877 0759
enhancedcc@wandsworth.gov.uk

• Free activities at Latchmere Leisure Centre

WAND Card holders and a parent or carer can swim for free at Latchmere Leisure Centre and there are up to 50% reductions on Junior Gym, Play Zone, Tumble Time, Football, Badminton, Basketball, Table Tennis and Squash.
wandsworth.gov.uk/fis

• Family Play Sessions First Saturday of the month

This monthly drop-in gives working parents a chance to enjoy an ECC play session with their children. For children aged 0-5.

Enhanced Children's Centre, West Hill
wandsworth.gov.uk/fis
(020) 8877 0758

• George Shearing Centre

Generate and Unique Youth offer holiday activities for young people aged 11-25 with learning disabilities.

Este Road, Clapham Junction
(020) 8879 6333
enquires@generate-uk.org
aburman@wandsworth.gov.uk

Putney School of Art half term activities

• Family Learning

October 26-27

Painting for children aged 7-13 accompanied by an adult.

£45 for one parent/carer and one child.

• Kids Art Club

Suitable for children aged 8-13. £30
www.enablelc.org/psad
putneyschoolartanddesign@wandsworth.gov.uk



Image: David Pinos, FAST FASHION, 2017. Courtesy the artist and Holybush Gardens

• Family Learning Festival

October 14-29

Family Fun Days are being held by Wandsworth Council's Lifelong Learning team across the borough with activities include arts and crafts, music workshops, basic first aid workshops, smoothie making, hula hooping, face painting and more.

• October 24

Eastwood Children's Centre,
166 Roehampton Lane, SW15

• October 25

Yvonne Carr Children's Centre,
2 Thessaly Road, SW8

• October 26

Hillbrook Children's Centre,
Hillbrook Road, SW17

• October 27

West Hill Children's Centre,
4 Broomwood Road, SW18



NOW BOOKING - PANTOMIMES

• **Scrooge and the Seven Dwarves**

December 6-January 6

After three sell out Christmases, The Sleeping Trees are back by popular demand with last year's smash hit show for all the family! They are a multi-award winning, three-piece, comedy trio and that like to spend their time creating surreal, physical and fast-paced comedy. By The Sleeping Trees

Theatre503, The Latchmere, 503 Battersea Park Road, London SW11 3BW

Theatre503.com

020 7978 7040

• **Aladdin Goes Bollywood**

December 6-January 6

Continuing its hit pantomime tradition, Tara Arts presents a new version of the traditional Aladdin story - complete with magic lamps, flying carpets, genies, jewels, songs, music and rap!

Tara Arts, Garratt Lane, Earsfield

Tara-arts.com

• **Jack and the Beanstalk**

December 9-January 14

Starring Al Murray.

New Wimbledon Theatre

www.atgtickets.com/venues/new-wimbledon-theatre/information/



Scrooge and the Seven Dwarves

HOLIDAY PLAY SCHEMES

• **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 Earsfield or Tooting Broadway stations, for children aged 3-11 years

Prices start from

£10 per child for a half day,

£20 for a full day.

020 8871 6348

EYISSChildcare@wandsworth.gov.uk.

playservices@wandsworth.gov.uk

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

YOUTH CLUBS

Wandsworth has seven youth centres.

To find out about half term activities, visit

www.wandsworth.gov.uk/fis



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 left for contact details.




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newborn

Play & Learn, Music & Art classes
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Gymboree Wandsworth
020 8870 0068
wandsworth@gymboree-uk.com

How do I find out about...

Schools

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

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

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

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



Recycling

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

What can I recycle?:
[wandsworth.gov.uk/recyclefromhome](https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/recyclefromhome)



Arts, leisure and culture

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

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

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

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

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



Parks

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

Playgrounds and trim trails A-Z:
[wandsworth.gov.uk/playgroundsAtoZ](https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/playgroundsAtoZ)



Health, childcare and parental support

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



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or phone (020) 8871 6666 (Quote ref no: AD.1184)

