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STEM success

Ernest Bevin College is one of just a handful of schools in the country to be awarded STEM Assured Status.

The quality standard mark recognises excellence in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths.

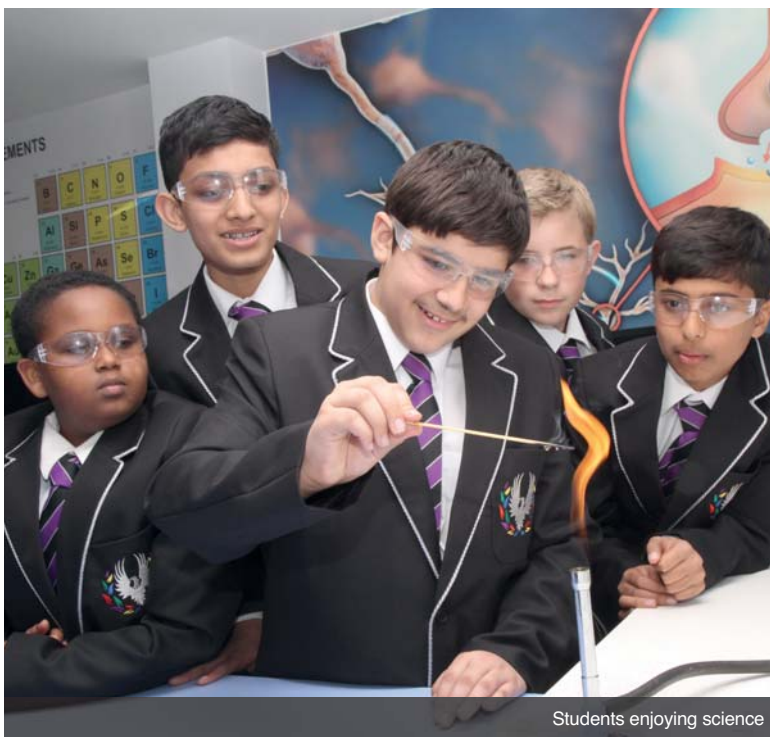
As well as results, the award was given for the school's investment in facilities and strong links with local industry – especially in the Nine Elms development area – in order to improve students' future employment prospects. Recently Sixth Formers met with Sir John Armitt, President of the Institute of Civil Engineers, at Battersea Power Station.

Tahira Uddin (18) who is studying Engineering and Art said:

“ It was really motivational to meet Sir John, he encouraged us to explore different aspects of engineering. ”



Sixth formers meeting Sir John Armitt



Students enjoying science

Pops perform

The Wandsworth Pops Orchestra again got the chance to entertain the crowds at the Wimbledon tennis tournament this summer, and followed their triumph with a major tour of the Czech Republic.

The 75-strong orchestra features some of the borough's most talented young musicians. Wandsworth Council's Schools' Music Service is the lead partner of the Wandsworth Music Education Hub. Other ensembles include a Junior Orchestra, a Concert Orchestra and a Jazz Orchestra.

Find out more about the School's Music Service at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/schoolsmusic or follow @MusicWandsworth.





New home for St Mary's

Pupils from St Mary's Roman Catholic Primary School are enjoying lessons in a new state-of-the-art building, including an innovative rooftop games pitch.

The new school building features a specially-designed 852 square metre rooftop games pitch and a school hall, alongside light and well-designed classrooms that are set around a landscaped central courtyard.

The new facility ultimately means St Mary's will be able to increase in capacity from one-form to two-form entry.

Royal visit for youth club



Prince William paid a visit to Caius House in Battersea, where he tried body popping and cake decorating. He was also challenged to a bout in the boxing ring, but said he left his gloves at home.

He was invited to the youth club – one of Europe's largest – in December when he gave its chairman Patrick Burgess an OBE. Find your nearest youth club at wandsworth.gov.uk/youth.



Thanks to guides

Local guides have been given a pat on the back by the Mayor of Wandsworth, Cllr Richard Field, for the support they give at the annual Wandsworth Young Person of the Year award ceremony.

Around 20 guides work as waitresses at the event, and are essential to its smooth running. The guide leaders who help train the girls and supervise their work, were given a reception in the mayor's parlour to thank them for their efforts.

The units that get involved are:

- The 3rd and 4th Southfield Guides
- The 6th and 9th Earlsfield Guides
- The 8th Upper Tooting Guides
- The 5th Balham Guide Units

Tooting playground revamp complete

Work on improving the children's playground in Upper Tooting Park is now complete.

New equipment, including a play bus, has been installed, steps into the toddler area have been replaced with a ramp and old and damaged safety surfaces have been replaced with artificial grass.

The changes are part of a policy to

make sure all new and renovated playgrounds in the borough are accessible to all children, including those who use wheelchairs, are autistic or who have a visual or hearing disability.

Other projects in the pipeline include improvements to Swaby Gardens, Earlsfield, the junior playground at King George's Park, Leaders Garden in Putney and the junior play area at Garratt Park.

Respecting rights

Burntwood School is one of only two secondary schools in London – and one of only 16 in the UK – to have been awarded the highest level of the Rights Respecting School award. Level 2 of the award has been awarded after years of work raising awareness of children's rights. The school received the Level 1 award in 2009. Three Wandsworth primary schools have the Level 2 award; **Furzedown, John Burns** and **Shaftesbury Park**.

GCSE changes

From next year GCSEs are changing. The government has introduced a new grading system that replaces the traditional A* to E with numbers from 1 to 9. If you are struggling to understand the changes, visit gov.uk and search for GCSE changes.

Youth Service comes back in-house

The council's youth service has come back under direct council management after the council's contractor, 4Children, announced that it will cease trading due to internal funding issues.

There will be no changes in youth work staff and the service will operate as normal.





Top marks for Wandsworth students

Wandsworth students again did themselves, their parents and their schools proud in this year's exams.

At GCSE, provisional results showed 67 per cent of pupils achieved five or more A*-C passes including English and mathematics - up five percentage points from last year.

The overall proportion of A*-C grades awarded to Wandsworth students was also up at 77 per cent, a full ten percentage points above the provisional national figure.

Harris Academy Battersea improved their English and mathematics results by 12 percentage points from last year, **Southfields Academy** by 22 points and **Ark Putney Academy** by 13 points.

At A-level 74 per cent of students got A*-C, with strong performances from **Burntwood**, **Saint John Bosco** and **Harris Academy**.

A number of schools performed very well for Level 3 BTEC qualifications (a vocational alternative to A-Levels), including **Chestnut Grove**, where 77 per cent of their entries got a Distinction or

Distinction*. There were also good results for Harris, Ark Academy Putney, Ernest Bevin, Graveney, Saint Cecilia's and Saint John Bosco.

St Cecilia's enjoyed a successful year



The borough's top students who received the highest grades at A-Level and CGSE were invited to a special town hall reception along with their family, friends and teachers to celebrate their success. The schools represented were Ark Putney Academy, Ashcroft Technology Academy, Burntwood Academy, Chestnut Grove Academy, Ernest Bevin College, Graveney Academy, Saint Cecilia's, Saint Francis Xavier College, Saint John Bosco College and Southfields Academy.



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Mural commemorates military history

A-level students at Southfields Academy were commissioned by the Royal Marines Reserve to design a mural for their London home.



The mural will be in the stairwell of the Wandsworth Barracks, which is next to the school in Merton Road Southfields.

The work commemorates the 350 year history of the Royal Marines with each of the 14 students designing and producing a panel, which included Waterloo, both world wars and the Korean War, as well as more recent conflicts.

Since becoming next-door neighbours the Academy and the Royal Marines London have worked closely together on several projects, including the Uniformed Services Course.





Be a history detective

For the third year running, children at the borough's schools are being urged to take part in the Wandsworth /GLL Heritage Awards for Schools 2017 competition.

The competition for Key Stage 1, 2 and 3 pupils aims to give young people an understanding of the history of their local community. The winners of each category will win a cash prize of £1,000 for their school. The picture shows last year's winners, **St Boniface School, Earlsfield Primary School** and **All Saint's, Putney**.

Cash prizes are sponsored by Greenwich Leisure Limited, a not-for-profit charitable social enterprise which runs the council's Library and Heritage Services.

To find out more, email heritageawards@wandsworth.gov.uk or visit wandsworth.gov.uk/schoolsheritageawards



White water rapids

Students from **Southfields Academy** were among around 500 young people who enjoyed a day of rafting and canoeing at Lee Valley White Water Centre as part of the sixth annual Schools Festival. The festival gives young people the chance to experience world-class sporting venues and is part of the legacy of the 2012 London Games.

Bradstow is award-winner

Bradstow School has won two prestigious EFQM Awards.

The school for children with severe learning disabilities, is based in Kent and is run by Wandsworth Council. The European Foundation for Quality Management awards recognises organisations that are the best in their field.

The school has picked up awards for 'adding value for customers' and 'sustainability for the future'.

The school also celebrated opening a new residential unit earlier this year (pictured). It was presented with its awards at a ceremony in Milan last month.



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Students get on their bikes

Bolingbroke Academy joined schools from across Greater London for a bike festival at Lee Valley VeloPark organised by Sustrans to celebrate the successes of a capital-wide programme to get more children cycling

Students cycled in the tracks of Olympic winners Sir Chris Hoy, Sir Bradley Wiggins and Victoria Pendleton around the famous velodrome and road circuit.

Sustrans works with over 500 schools in Greater London as part of the Bike It Plus Project, which is funded by Transport for London and the London boroughs. In 2014-15 the number of pupils who regularly cycled to school doubled in schools which participated in the programme.

Last year Wandsworth saw the highest increase in cycling in the whole of England with over 30 per cent of residents cycling at least once a month.

Anyone who lives or works in the borough can get free cycle training, which is also provided to children in schools in Years 5 and 6 and during school holidays for younger children. Schools also encourage cycling through school travel plans.

Find out more at wandsworth.gov.uk/cycling



New playground for Allfarthing

Allfarthing School has celebrated the opening of its brand-new playground.

Last year Allfarthing replaced an old tarmac KS2 playground into a new play space with two astroturf multi-use games areas. This summer, work was completed on the second phase of the project, which saw the installation of play equipment, and outdoor classroom and nature zone with growing beds for the students to learn about growing food, composting and studying ‘mini-beasts’.

There is also a large new central climbing frame, another zone of climbing equipment, three table tennis tables and all-new safety surfacing throughout. A new play zone has also been created in the KS1 playground.

The playground was opened by the Deputy Mayor of Wandsworth Cllr Wendy Speck, pictured here with the school’s Executive Head Linda Kierman.





Wandsworth scoop silver

Wandsworth secured second place in the 2016 London Youth Games

The London Youth Games, now in its 39th year, is Europe's largest youth sports event. This year around 450 young people represented Wandsworth against London's other 32 boroughs during nine months' of competitions across over 30 sports. Wandsworth teams triumphed as London Champions in athletics, cross country, archery, tennis and boys' volleyball.

Following a hat-trick of wins over the past three years, the contribution of all of the young people this year saw Wandsworth reach 1162 points, trailing overall winners Bromley by two points. Wandsworth did, however, retain the inner London trophy.

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.



Top class debaters

The debating skills of the borough's young people have been put to the test in this year's Model United Nations competition, the theme of which was a child's right to fundamental British values.



Two two-day events were held for primary and secondary schools, with pupils from each school representing a different country going head to head in a debating and a poster competition.



The winners of the primary debating prize were **All Saint's Putney**, while **Penwortham School** scooped top prize in the poster competition.

All Saint's went on to represent the borough in the English Speaking Union's London Debate Challenge Final at Dartmouth House in July – coming a very creditable second.

The winners of the secondary debating competition were the team from **Burntwood Academy**.



Getting ready for work

More than 200 people went along to the Get Set GO! event to help young people with special educational needs get into education, employment or training.

The event was organised jointly by the council and South Thames College and aimed to inspire young people aged 14-25 and support them to make informed choices about their future.

Young people who have found work talked about their experiences and there were workshops, refreshments from the Share Community and a performance by the Baked Bean Theatre Company. There's was even the chance to use a virtual reality headset to get an idea of what it's like in the world of work.

Visit the council's Local Offer site for advice on how young people with special needs can prepare for adulthood. wandsworth.gov.uk/localoffer



Look after your teeth



Too many young people in Wandsworth are suffering from tooth decay.

Figures show almost a quarter of children aged five have decayed, missing or filled teeth and many are not visiting the dentist.

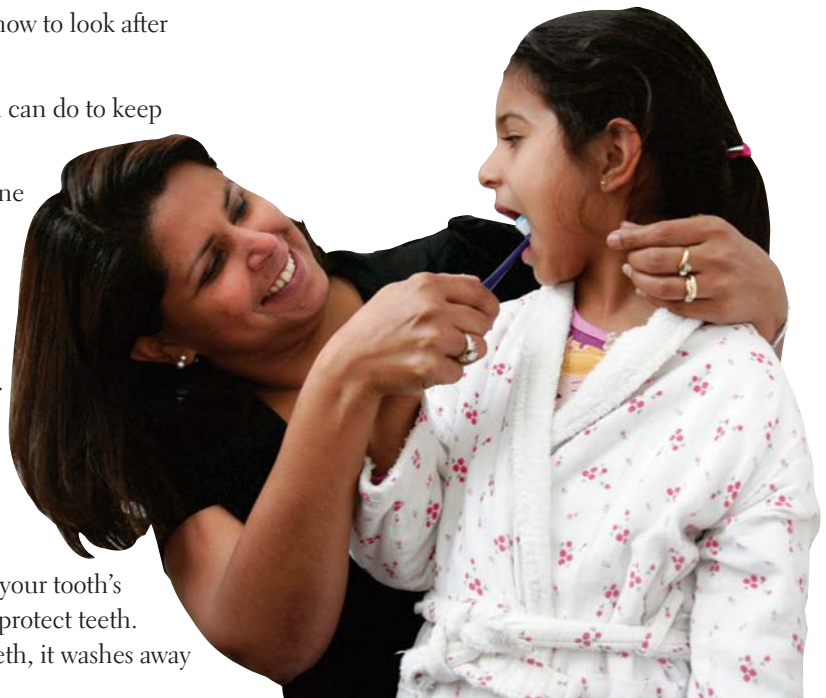
The council has teamed up with Kings College NHS Trust to do something about it. Experts will be working with families, and there will be events in borough schools to teach children how to look after their teeth.

In the meantime, there's plenty you can do to keep you and your family's teeth healthy

- Cut out sugary drinks full stop! 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 great for 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 is your tooth's friend because the 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.

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



Are you a flu-fighting machine? Enter our competition

Students from years 1, 2 and 3 are invited to enter a competition to design a poster that the council can use in an anti-flu campaign.

The theme of the poster will be 'You as a flu fighting machine protecting your classmates'.

The winning poster will be put up in schools and will go on the council's website and social media feeds, and be used in a publicity campaign to encourage people to get their children vaccinated against the potentially dangerous disease.

The deadline is October 21 and the winning poster will be chosen by a panel including the Mayor of Wandsworth, Cllr Richard Field.

The annual flu childhood immunisation programme will continue this autumn term, with vaccinations offered for years one, two and, for the first time, year three. Parents will be contacted to let them know when their children will be vaccinated at school

Send your A4 entries to
Linda Holdersen,
Education and Social Services,
Wandsworth Council,
4th floor, Town Hall Extension,
Wandsworth High Street
London SW18 2PU.



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NHS Trust

Health
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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 www.wandsworth.gov.uk/accidentprevention.








The Golden Ticket recycling prize draw has returned

Recycle properly and you could win a £500 cash prize.

Find out more at wrwa.gov.uk/goldenticket

Here's a guide to what you can recycle



Material type	Yes please (include in your recycling sacks or banks) 	No thank you 
 <p>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>Cartons & Tetra Pak®</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>Plastic bottles, pots, tubs & trays</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>Paper, card & cardboard</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>Metal tins, cans & 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>

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.



A poster for a play titled 'Babe, the Sheep-Pig' at Polka Theatre. The poster features a central image of a pink pig (Babe) with a red collar and a gold tag, standing in a green field with sheep in the background. The text on the poster includes: 'POLKA Where theatre begins...' at the top left; '25 Nov 2016 - 5 Feb 2017' at the top right; 'Babe, the Sheep-Pig' in large yellow letters; 'A play by David Wood Based on the book by Dick King-Smith' below the title; 'Ages 5-11' in a yellow circle; 'Tickets: 020 8543 4888 www.polkatheatre.com'; and 'Polka Theatre, Wimbledon, London SW19 1SB' at the bottom. Logos for 'meriton' and 'ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND' are also present.

An advertisement for Gymboree classes. It features a blue background with a yellow border. On the left, there are two small photos: one of a woman kissing a baby on the cheek, and another of two children playing with toys. The text reads: 'GYMBOREE PLAY & MUSIC Award winning classes for 0-5 yrs'; 'Book your free trial class today!'; 'Sensory Baby Play classes from newborn'; 'Play & Learn, Music & Art classes from 6 months to 5 years'; '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 display

Saturday 5 November 6pm gates, 7.30pm bonfire, 8pm fireworks

One of the biggest highlights of the year in Wandsworth and across London. A great night for families and friends, with entertainment and fun. The display will be set to music made by legends.

Early Bird: All of Oct £8 + booking fee. Advance: Tues 1 – Sat 5 Nov £10 + booking fee. There will be no tickets on the gates.

Battersea Park SW11. Full details enablelc.org/fireworks

How to be listed

Send details to:

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SPORTS & FITNESS

• **Activ Camps at Emanuel School**

October 24-28

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 - £42.

Emanuel School, Battersea Rise Graveney School, Welham Road, Tooting
<http://activcamps.com/venuesdates/emanuel-school/>

• **AFC Wimbledon Football Holiday club**

October 24-28

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

• **Back to Netball**

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, Tooting Bec Common

Mondays: 9.15am-10.30am, Battersea Ironsides, Earlsfield

Mondays: 6.30pm-7.30pm, Battersea Sports Centre

Tuesdays: 5.30pm-6.30pm, Wandsworth Recreation Centre, Wandsworth

Wednesdays: 9.30am-10.30am, Tooting Leisure Centre

Cost is between £1 and £5 a session
07872407212

emmat@englandnetball.co.uk

• **Battersea Sports Holiday Fun**

October 24-28

Activities include Kwik cricket, tug of war, athletics, boccia, short tennis, volleyball, badminton, football, dodgeball,



• **All Star Tennis course**

October 24-28

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

- King Georges Park (SW18 2GJ)
 - Leaders Gardens (SW15 1LS)
 - Tooting Bec Common (SW17 8JU)
 - Wandsworth Common (SW18 3RT)
- www.allstartennis.co.uk
info@allstartennis.co.uk

trampolining and more. 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
wandsworth.gov.uk/bsc

• **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 (020) 7957 8220
londondevelopment@chelseafc.com
www.chelseafc.com/soccerschools
www.chelseafc.com/soccerschools

• **Witness Da Fitness**

These sessions are held during term-time and are aimed at young people living on the Winstanley and York Road Estates. Booking ahead is not required, and neither is any previous experience of the sports involved.

Basketball: Mondays, 5-6pm

Free to attend

Caius House, SW11 3RL

Football: Wednesdays, 6.30-8pm,

Free to attend

Winstanley Blue Pitch, SW11 2HF

Para Football: Wednesdays,

4.15-5.15pm,

Free to attend,

George Shearing Centre, SW11 2TF

Boxing: Mondays (age 17 and

under), 5-6.30pm and

Wednesdays (18 plus), 6.30- 8pm

Free to attend

Both at Carneys Community Gym, SW11 4QW

Female multisports:

Tuesdays, 6-7pm

£2 per head but free when you bring a friend.

York Road Library, SW11 2UG

Bootcamp: Tuesdays, 6.30-7.30pm

£2 per head but free when you bring a friend

Caius House, SW11 3RL

Dance: Fridays, 5-6pm

Free to attend

Training and Resource Centre, SW18 1AQ

• Zesh Rehman Foundation Football

Term-time Saturday afternoon

Football coaching sessions are for any 5-11 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



• Fencing

Fencing for beginners aged 7-12. £8 per session including the use of all equipment, with half price rates available for people that live on local estates. Classes every Monday and Wednesday.

Ethelburga Community Centre, Battersea

Londonunifencing@hotmail.com

www.thefencingschool.com.



• 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.

Latchmere Leisure Centre, Burns Road, Battersea

(020) 7207 8004

enquiries@latchmereleisurecentre.co.uk

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

DAYS OUT



• Halloween Fun at Battersea Park Zoo

• Pumpkin Trail

Saturday 22 – Sunday October 30

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

• Slithery Snake Day Tuesday 25 October

Meet a snake, listen to a snake story and make your own snake puppet
(Cost £1)

Usual entrance fee applies.

• Bat Day

Thursday October 27

Bat facts and fiction, Bat Story Time, Bat face painting and the chance to make a 'Bat that flaps' to take home.

Craft activity cost £1. Face painting cost £2.50.

Usual entrance fee applies.

• The Big Draw Saturday October 29

The zoo is joining in with the Big Draw Campaign for a family event where grown-ups and kids alike are encouraged to join in and get creative! The Zoo's Artist in Residence Beatrice Von Preussen will be on hand to help

• Restart Party

November 12

If you enjoy fixing electronic stuff, or would like to learn how to, come to a restart party.

Mushkil Asaa, 220-222 Upper Tooting Road, Tooting

• 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



• Fossil Week and Dinosaur Days

Oct 22-30

During half term week from October 22-28 go along to the Wetlands Centre for bones and fossils week. Create your own plaster fossil to take home and get cutting, colouring and pasting to create your very own paper dinosaur. On October 29 and 30 meet the terrifying walking, roaring T Rex which will be making appearances throughout the day. See a life size Stegosaurus, join in art workshops for all abilities, bring your fossil for identification and buy rocks, minerals, fossils and books. The Dinosaur Society will also be holding walks and talks suitable for all ages during the weekend.

Wetlands Centre, Barnes www.wwt.org.uk/london

• Vauxhall City Farm

A piece of the countryside in the heart of London. Riding lessons, young farmers club and a collection of animals.

Entrance free but donations welcome.

**165 Tyers Street, SE11
(020) 7582 4204**

**info@vauxhallcityfarm.org
www.vauxhallcityfarm.org**

• Deen City Farm

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

JUST PLAY



• Neighbourhood Network drop-in sessions

October 19, November 2, November 16, December 7. 9.30am- noon

Free fortnightly sessions. A music session for the under 5s is followed by crafts and other activities plus a chance for parents to have a chat. Includes free refreshments. The October session will include Halloween cloak-making, and in November enjoy Christmas-themed crafts.

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



• 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



• Playranger

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays during school holidays

Free outdoor activities and games including football, hockey, parachutes, volleyball and cricket. Under 8s must be accompanied by an adult.

Alton Activity Centre, Ellisfield Drive, Roehampton

• Half term at Eddie Katz

October Half Term

Playball Playdate, October 24
Halloween Cookery, October 26
Mini Yoga, October 27
Ghostbusters Workshop, October 28
Great Fire of London Lego Workshop, October 28
68-70 Putney High Street
08452 011 268
info@eddiecatz.com
www.eddiecatz.com

• Battersea Park Playground

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

• Little Gym holiday camp

October 24-28
Prices vary
The Little Gym, Smugglers Way, Wandsworth
(020) 8874 6567
wandsworth@thelittlegym.co.uk

• School's Out Club

October 24-28

This Balham Holiday Club opens each morning at 8am and provides breakfast and tea. Children need to bring a packed lunch. Activities include trips to museums, commons, parks and adventure playgrounds.

Balham Community Centre, Bedford Hill, Balham
(020) 8673 4350, (020) 8675 4800
jackiebcc@btconnect.com

• Supercamps

October 24-28

Half term activity camp at Putney High School
Supercamps.co.uk

• Young Stars Holiday Camp

October 24-28

Sports activities and fun. £30 a day.
St Luke's Church Hall, Ramsden Road, Balham
07920 426 499
info@young-stars.co.uk

THEATRE & BOOKS



• White

October 27-29

Two friends look after the birds and make sure the eggs stay safe. We watch, we help. The world is bright, ordered and white. But high up in the trees, all is not white. Colour appears. First red...then yellow...then blue... s. Suitable for ages 2-4

Battersea Arts Centre
bac.org.uk



• Neverland

October 1-16

Inspired by J.M. Barrie's Neverland in Peter Pan, this is an immersive show for children aged 1-3, using video design, original music and magical performance to create a transformative, malleable playing space, and tell the story of a child's imagination.

Battersea Arts Centre
bac.org.uk

• Storytime Sunday

October 2, 16, 30, December 11

Storytime Sunday allows children to interact, create and spend time with their favourite authors and illustrators, sharing the joy of storytelling. Meet the artists, listen to a storytime reading of their books and enjoy a craft session based on their stories. The December 11 event will feature Benji Davies reading from his new book, *The Storm Whale in Winter*.

The Bright Emporium, 103-105 St John's Hill, Clapham Junction
(020) 7326 9140
Thebrightemporium.com

• Around the World in 80 Days

October 13-30

Join Phileas Fogg in his audacious plan to navigate the globe in just 80 days.

Recommended age range 6-11.

Polka theatre, Wimbledon
polkatheatre.com
(020) 8543 4888

• Group 64 Holiday Projects

October 28-29

The Stopwatch Project, October 25, ages 12-18

The Halloween Ball, October 26-27, October, ages 4-7

The Witches - Play in a Day, October 28, ages 7-11

www.g64.org.uk

• One Man, Two Guvnors

Francis Henshall suddenly finds himself employed by two 'guvnors' – one a local gangster and the other an upper class criminal. They are mortal enemies and Francis has to try and keep his two guvnors apart.

Tickets £10, £7.50 concessions.

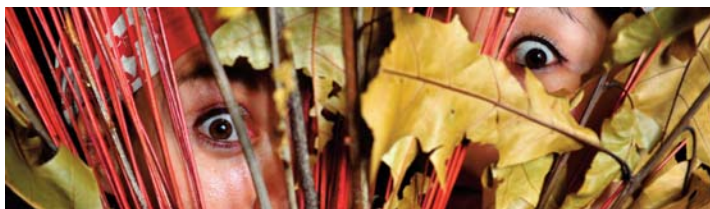
Chestnut Grove Academy Theatre, SW12
07914 657534
Southsideplayers.org.uk

• How to Hide a Lion

October 25-February 26

When a lion is chased out of town, a young girl helps him find somewhere to hide. It's not easy – lions are big, fluffy and heavy! Suitable for ages 3-6

Polka theatre, Wimbledon
polkatheatre.com
(020) 8543 4888



• Round the World in 40 Minutes – Puck's Story from A Midsummer Night's Dream

October 22

Help Puck on a journey to circle the globe to find a magic plant for his master Oberon. Suitable for ages 5-7

Tara Arts, Garrett Lane, Earlsfield. Tara-arts.com (020) 8333 4457

ARTS AND CRAFTS



Photo: Ivan Thorley

• **Crime Scene Archive** October 12-December 11

Ongoing drop-in activities for all ages — Have you ever felt like something wasn't fair, verging on criminal or was just plain outrageous? From the trivial to serious, artists Ivan Thorley and Caroline Bowman from Puppets with Guts invite you to archive a story about people behaving badly.

Pump House Gallery Battersea Park
(020) 8871 7572
www.pumphousegallery.org.uk

• **Affordable Art Fair** October 20-23

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

Battersea Park
www.affordableartfair.com/battersea

• **Open Studios Art Show**

November 10-13

Come and buy directly from the artists

Free entry.
Wimbledon Art Studios, 10 Riverside Yard, Riverside Road SW17.
www.wimbledonartstudios.co.uk



• **Family Saturdays at the BAC**

Oct 29, Nov 26, Dec 17

Families take over the BAC on the final Saturday of each month. Fun, food and free activities including the chance to get crafty, guided by an artist.

Suitable for 0-11 and their families.

Free
BAC, Lavender Hill
bac.org.uk

MUSIC AND DANCE

• **Wandsworth symphony orchestra**

November 19

Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto No1 in B flat minor. Rimsky-Korsacov, Sheherazade
Concert Hall, Putney High Street, Putney Hill
www.wandsworthsymphony.org

• **Vivre La Vie**

Saturday 22 October 2016 at 6.30pm.

Tooting teacher Kate Muir will be joined by singers and musicians from The Sanctuary, NTA Tooting with local Gospel music artists and musician friends. The event is raising money for Cancer Research UK.

The Sanctuary, NTA Tooting, Beechcroft Road in Tooting
For further information about Cancer Research UK's work or to find out how to support the charity, please call 0300 123 1022 or visit cruk.org.

• **Harry Wilder** November 13

Free Sunday afternoon live music session. Families welcome

Half Moon, Putney
Halfmoon.co.uk

CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES



• 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

www.londonrecumbents.com/

• 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 offers holiday activities for young people aged 11-25 with a learning disabilities.

Este Road, Clapham Junction

(020) 8879 6333

enquires@generate-uk.org

• Holiday activities at Caius House

The youth club offers activities for disabled youngsters from 4pm-9pm weekdays and noon-5pm in the holidays, including sport, cookery, drama, music and dance.

www.caiushouse.org

(020) 3818 6210

• 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

• Supported swim session

Monthly swimming sessions for children and young people with SEND and/or disabilities

Aspire Centre, Merton Road

mdoherty@wandsworth.gov.uk

(020) 8871 6857

HEALTHY STUFF

• Mini Cooking Club

September 24 – October 29

Get hands on in the kitchen at free six-week Saturday 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 different cooking methods.

info@theminicookingclub.org.uk

• Free Led Walks

Walks led by trained leaders in Battersea, Tooting and Roehampton.

(020) 8871 6373.

HOLIDAY PLAYSCHMES

• Christchurch Primary School

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

• Smallwood Primary School

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

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

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

EYISSChildcare@wandsworth.gov.uk.

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

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

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)





5 reasons to vaccinate your child against flu

- The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record
- The nasal spray is painless and easy to have
- Flu can be really serious, especially for children with medical conditions like heart disease and diabetes
- If your child gets flu you may have to take time off to look after them
- Protecting your child can stop flu spreading to other children and the family, especially babies and grandparents, who may be at higher risk from flu.

What should I do?

This year all 2-, 3- and 4-year-olds and children in school years 1, 2 and 3 are being offered the free flu vaccination. You will be contacted to let you know where your child will be vaccinated.*

* In some parts of the country, all primary school-aged children will be offered the vaccine.

For more information visit: www.nhs.uk/child-flu

