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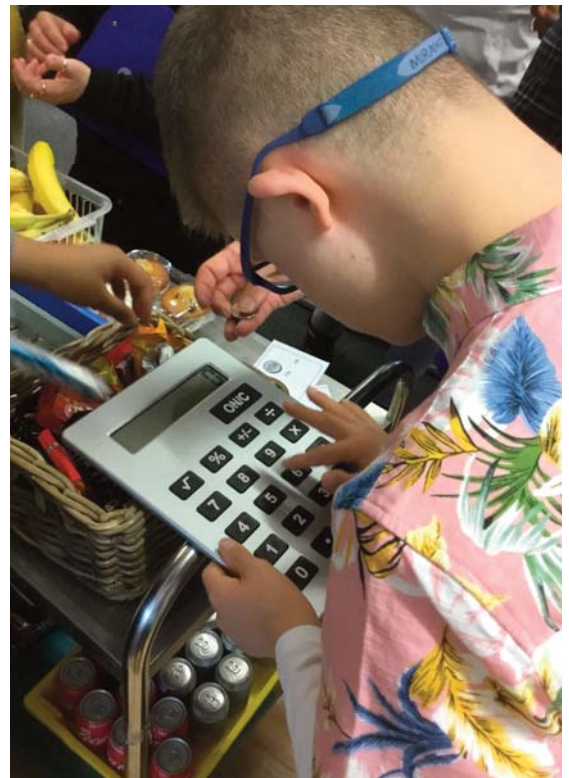
Tuck shop job for Paddock students

Students at **Paddock School** are selling snacks to town hall staff as part of the school's work experience programme.

Every Tuesday and Thursday in term time six secondary students from Paddock, a school for children with autistic spectrum disorders and moderate to severe learning difficulties, sell snack food and greetings cards they make themselves from a trolley. They use visual supports when they arrive at the town hall to set up the trolleys and remember the prices of the items.

Class teacher Victor Carrizosa Exposito said parents enjoy seeing photos and videos of what their children get up to. "It's amazing to see how students are motivated by selling items to the council staff and how their confidence has increased when communicating to peers and customers."

Comments from the children themselves include "I love going with the tuck shop every Thursday", "I like selling cards that we make at school", and "I like to take the bus to go to the tuck shop with my teachers."



Research the past



Interested in history? Enter the sixth annual Wandsworth/GLL Heritage Award for Schools.

The competition aims to get local children interested in the history and heritage of Wandsworth and encourage a sense of community.

There will be cash prizes for best class and best individual entry. Last year's winners included **John Burns Primary School** in Battersea, who looked at the history of nearby Battersea Power Station and Sabrina Oliveira (pictured right) from **Broadwater School** for her project on the actress Dame Margaret Rutherford, who was born in Balham.

Schools interested in entering should email libraries.administration@gll.org or visit www.wandsworth.gov.uk/schoolsheritageawards.





Graveney School

Questions on faith

Pupils from Wandsworth secondary schools were able to fire a series of questions at representatives from the borough's different faith groups as part of the annual Faith Direct event.

Faith Direct, organised by the council and the Wandsworth Multi-Faith Group, brought together speakers from local Muslim, Christian, Methodist, Sikh, Jewish, Baha'i, Humanist and Buddhist communities.

It aims to increase young people's knowledge of the different faiths and beliefs practised in the borough and promote understanding, tolerance and respect.

The young people were given a fact pack in advance summarising each belief, and then went on a whistle-stop tour round the room interviewing each representative in turn. The questioning lasted 15 minutes before a bell was rung and the students moved on to the next table.

This year's event also featured entries by pupils from **Furzedown Primary school** into a schools' poster competition run by the Baha'is of Wandsworth to mark the bicentenary of the birth of the Bab – an important figure in their faith.



Burntwood School

“ It's given me a wider intelligence about all the different religions. I've learnt a lot about them that I didn't know before. ”

Chioma from Saint Cecilia's

Icelandic links

Falconbrook School has welcomed a large group of delegates from the Reykjavik City Department for Education in Iceland who came to see how the school teaches its pupils.

They visited on the recommendation of internationally renowned educationalist Shirley Clarke who previously worked with Falconbrook's deputy head Sarah Pieniek-Jones on a research project.

N Kristin Christiansen said: "We are so grateful that Shirley Clarke encouraged us to visit your school. It was admirable to see how professionally you and your staff are working there and we were overwhelmed seeing how happy, well behaved and motivated your students are. We learned so much from our visit especially how important it is to have great expectations for all students."



Westbridge pupils go green

Pupils from **Westbridge Primary School** in Battersea ditched school uniform for a day and wore an item of green clothing in exchange for a £1 donation to Macmillan Cancer Support. Westbridge Head Diane Thompson said: "We are delighted that our pupils got behind such a worthwhile cause. We teach all our pupils about the wider world that awaits them so they can take an active role in their community and become true global citizens."



Celebrating work experience

The achievements of young people and the support of local employers in successful work experience placements have been celebrated at this year's BEST Awards.

BEST (Business and Education Succeeding Together) is the council's education and business partnership and works with about 700 employers to give Wandsworth's young people access to around a thousand work experience placements a year. The awards celebrate the work of motivated students and committed employers.

This year's event was hosted by **Ernest Bevin College** and was attended by students from **Ernest Bevin College, Graveney Academy, Burntwood Academy, Chestnut Grove Academy, and Nightingale Community Academy**. Entertainment was provided by a saxophone quintet from Graveney Academy.

Sixth former Hassan Ahmed, from Ernest Bevin College, talked about his work experience at Fleetline Coachworks and the value and support he received, giving special thanks to his boss at Fleetline, Steve Harris.

Find out more about work experience in Wandsworth at wandsworthlifelonglearning.org.uk

More school places

An extra 1,000 school places are being created across the borough in time for the 2020/21 academic year.

Funding worth a total of around £15.4m has been set aside to pay for extra classrooms at some of the borough's primary, secondary and special schools, including an additional 825 places at secondary level and a further 150 sixth form places.

At secondary level the following schools are to expand – at a cost of around £12.4m.

■ **St Cecilia's CofE** in

Southfields, which specializes in music tuition, will increase its intake by one extra class – and add an extra 50 sixth form places.

■ **Chestnut Grove Academy** in Balham, which specialises in art and design, will increase admissions by the equivalent of 1.5 classes, while the investment in new facilities will also enable the school to expand its sixth form provision by 50 places.

■ **Ark Academy** in Putney will add two new classes to its intake by using available space in its existing building which was recently upgraded as part of a £30m school modernisation scheme, and provide 50 extra sixth

form places for its A level students.

■ At primary level, **Brandlehow School** in Putney will admit an extra class as part of a £3m project to meet growing demand from parents in this part of the borough.

Additional resources have also been invested in special educational needs provision to support children with a range of disabilities.

The council has spent more than £17m constructing new school facilities for **Greenmead School**, while a further £2.5m has been invested in refurbishing and expanding **Paddock School** in Roehampton.

Care leavers succeed

Wandsworth has been celebrating the achievements of young people leaving its care.

The annual Future Awards were organised by the council's participation team working with looked-after children, and by Future Voice, a forum of care leavers that come together to create a strong voice and influence services that affect them.

As part of the package of support for care leavers called the Local Offer, young people leaving the care system are provided with a personal advisor and the council pays their council tax bills until they are 21, wherever they chose to live. Young people still in the council's care have their voice heard through the Wandsworth Children in Care Council (Click).

The council's cabinet member for education and children's services, Cllr Will Sweet, said: "We take our jobs as corporate parents very seriously, and we are as proud as any parent would be when our young people do well."



Sardam was a winner in the Contribution to Society Category



Seeking top Wandsworth young chef

Students from St Cecilia's CE School and Burntwood, Southfields and Graveney Academies are competing in this year's Wandsworth Young chef of the year competition.

Since it launched last November, the schools have held 'cook-offs' to find finalists who will compete in the grand final this spring.

All the finalists will receive extensive support and mentoring from chefs at major catering company Compass, with additional support from South Thames College catering school, hospitality company Baxter Storey, and Billingsgate Fish Market, which will teach finalists how to choose, prepare and cook fish.



Planting trees

Students at **Honeywell School** have been involved in a community tree planting scheme.

They joined the Friends of Wandsworth Common to plant trees on the common – part of a scheme across the borough which saw parks friends' groups, community groups and residents plant trees in 15 different sites.



Children from **Brandlehow, St Joseph's and Hurlingham** schools in Putney have also been planting trees as part of another scheme – this time with the Friends of Wandsworth Park. 120 children took part and also found out more about trees from the borough's tree officer.

- Climate change action. See pages 14-15.



Making friends

Wandsworth schoolchildren have met with their elderly neighbours in a new programme run by Age UK Wandsworth.

Eight borough schools are involved in the Age Awareness scheme which includes an assembly, a question and answer session with older people and simulations so young people can see what it's like to experience common disabilities.

Find out how to get involved at ageuk.org.uk/Wandsworth.

Help kids read

Reading charity Bookmark is looking for volunteers.

Volunteers help children aged five to eight develop their reading skills and confidence. You can choose which school you want to work with and book sessions that fit into your schedule. Visit www.bookmarkreading.org/volunteer to find out more and sign up or get in touch at info@bookmarkreading.org.

Safety improvements

Road safety has been improved around **Chestnut Grove Academy** in Balham. New rules ban cars and lorries from parking in the southbound cycle lane in Chestnut Grove to load and unload. The prohibition will apply Mondays to Fridays between 7am and 10am and also between 3pm and 7pm – times of the day when many children and teenagers are walking to and from Chestnut Grove Academy.

Nominate young heroes

The deadline to nominate someone for a Wandsworth Young Person of the Year award is February 16. The awards recognise young people's achievements, courage, generous attitude or ability to overcome difficult personal circumstances. Find out more at wandsworth.gov.uk/wypy

Keeping the peace

Children in four Wandsworth primary schools are getting training in how to resolve playground disputes.

The Wandsworth Mediation Service has teamed up with Peaceworks to offer training to six to 11 year-olds on how to listen well and manage conflict. The aim is to offer the programme to other borough schools over the coming years. Visit wandsworthmediation.co.uk



Design the WAF cover

Wandsworth Arts Fringe (WAF) is Wandsworth Council's eclectic and thrilling two-week festival of arts and culture. This year's festival takes place from 8 – 24 May.

Organisers are inviting young people from across Wandsworth to design the front cover for WAF's family guide, which will be used to promote family-friendly events happening during the festival.

As well as having their original artwork used, the winner will receive an exciting goody bag, courtesy of Royal College of Art.

The competition is open to children aged 11 and under who live or go to school in the borough of Wandsworth.

The winning cover design will be fun, exciting, colourful and bold, and inspired by art and creativity.

The design must be sent in on an A4 piece of paper, in landscape orientation, and can't include any words.

All entries must include the child's name, age, school and a parent or guardian's email address and contact telephone number.

Unfortunately, submitted designs cannot be returned.

For inspiration and to find out more about WAF, visit wandsworthartsfringe.com.



Last year's winner

Drop your entry in at the town hall or post it to:

WAF Family flyer competition
Wandsworth Council
Room 162, Town Hall,
Wandsworth High Street
London, SW18 2PU

To enter, send in your design by 5pm on **28 February**

The winner will be notified by **Friday 20 March**.

Clean and safe school travel

Schools are being encouraged to help students travel in a sustainable, active and safe way.

Many of the borough's primary schools already have STARS accreditation, and the council and Transport for London have teamed up to encourage other schools to sign up.

Posters are being put up near schools and an information pack has been created to help schools find out more. The council already works with schools to draw up travel plans to encourage walking, cycling, car sharing and other sustainable travel.

This council's school travel officers also hope to run workshops, organise led rides, hold walking assemblies and other events, and will again be organising a full programme of cycle training sessions. The next level 2 holiday cycle training sessions for children aged 10-15 are in April.

Email dtsroadsafetyofficer@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk to find out how to get involved..



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School streets have come a step closer following recently-completed consultations with five borough primary schools.

Parents at Alderbrook, Earsfield, Furzedown, Hillbrook and Penwortham Schools were asked if they wanted to ban cars and other vehicles driving past their school gates and drop-off and pick-up times. The council's transport team will now look at the responses. The impact of any scheme that is brought in will be monitored before it becomes permanent.

Find out more at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/school-streets-scheme

Climate action

Wandsworth Council will be working alongside our amazing Youth Council this year to help deliver our strategy and listen to their feedback as the voice of the community youth.

Our strategy has now been published and you can head over to the dedicated Climate Action webpage wandsworth.gov.uk/climateaction to find out everything that the council will be doing to help reach its goal of becoming the greenest inner-London borough.

Five small changes that you can make to help tackle climate change:

- **Educate** - The best thing you can do is educate yourself on climate change. By understanding how our planet's climate is changing you will be able to educate others and raise awareness while making changes in your own life and household.
- **Be like Greta!** - Everyone has a voice and building awareness in your community is a great way to get behind climate action.
- **Reuse and recycle** - Waste production is a major contributor to climate change, and it must stop. There are so many ways to reuse and recycle, from food waste to old clothes, it's time to get creative!
- **Walk to school** - There's endless benefits to both you and the environment by walking or biking to school instead of driving.
- **Start your own vegetable garden** - Less supermarket plastic waste and fresh produce is a win-win, plus we're sure you'll have fun doing it too!

“ It's just one straw ”

said eight billion people.



Four important words to know!

Climate change vs weather

Weather refers to short term atmospheric conditions while climate is the weather of a specific region averaged over a long period of time. Climate change refers to long-term changes to the climate.

Carbon Dioxide

The chemical compound carbon dioxide (also known by its shorthand CO₂) is the primary greenhouse gas and driver of climate change. Many things release carbon dioxide but the main culprit is the burning of fossil fuels.

Fossil fuels

Fuels that we use such as coal, oil and gas that are formed from animals and plants buried millions of years ago. Burning fossil fuels to produce energy is where the majority of greenhouse gases originate.

Mitigation

Mitigation refers to an action that will reduce or prevent greenhouse gas emissions, such as planting trees in order to absorb more CO₂. It can also include developing and deploying new technologies, using renewable energies like wind and solar, or making older equipment more energy efficient.

A group of school children from John Burns school, Battersea, run a weekly plog giving up their lunchtime to take part



Join the Plog Club

Wandsworth schools are invited to join the plogging revolution. Plogging is a chance to get fit and clean up your local area at the same time. Originating in Sweden it combines picking up litter with jogging or walking.

The council has given more than £5,000 to the organisation Plogulation to run plogs in schools, and some have already signed up, including **John Burns, Newton Prep, Honeywell, Ronald Ross, Trinity St Mary's and Furzedown.**

Primary and secondary schools and even nurseries can sign up and can choose whether to do a plog before, during or after school time. One of the Plogolution team will start with an assembly to talk about the global problems with littering and plastic pollution before focusing on solutions. They will then come into the school to help set up their first plog. All the equipment will be provided.

To find out more call Michelle on 07747 802 343 or Dermot on 07867 386 293 or visit plogolution.com.



Young people recruit talent

Young people from Devas Youth Centre have helped recruit the new head of the council's children's services department.



They starred in an award-winning video explaining what they wanted to see in the new children's services director, including the need to understand the borough's cultural diversity, the importance of treating each young person as an individual and that they should help all children – not just those at risk, but those in danger of becoming at risk in the future,

They also stressed the need to get young mums get back into education, run clubs and groups to keep young people off the streets and look after the borough's young people – especially those that don't have strong and supporting parenting at home.

Devas is in Stormont Road, Battersea. Follow them on twitter at @devasclub.



Source: Public Health Annual Report 2016 - Diabetes in Wandsworth

Every week 15 people in Wandsworth are told they have diabetes



15,000 residents are living with the condition...



...and another 25,000 are on the verge of getting it.



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Happy Streets: Festival-goers in St George's C of E Primary School playground

Happiness awards

Nine Elms' Happy Streets project has been shortlisted for a 'community cohesion' award after a local festival brought thousands of local residents and families together to celebrate the redesigned Thessaly Road bridge.

St George's CE Primary School opened up their playground to gardening, music and faith groups as well as beat-boxers and circus performers for the Happy Streets Festival last July. The festival was inspired by Yinka Ilori's colourful artwork on the nearby Thessaly

Road bridge which was commissioned by Wandsworth Council to transform a dingy underpass into a happier environment for pedestrians and cyclists.

The bridge redesign is part of a package of proposals to improve the area and make it safer for residents

including students travelling to and from local schools.

Cllr Steffi Sutters, cabinet member for Community Services and Open Spaces, was also shortlisted as Best Arts Champion in the Hearts for the Arts Awards.

■ The next Happy Streets Festival is Saturday 11 July.



Cllr Steffi Sutters with local pupils, Wandsworth Council Leader Ravi Govindia and bridge artist Yinka Ilori.



Champion parents

The Mayor of Wandsworth has held a reception for the borough's parent champions, who help spread the word about support for families with disabled children.

The Parent Champions are a group of volunteers who raise awareness of the council's Disabled Children's Register and WAND Card Scheme. Each member of the team has first-hand experience of raising a child with a special educational need or disability, so understand the challenges parents face.

Visit Wandsworth.gov.uk/thrivewandsworth to find out about support available locally.



For more information call the council's public health team on (020) 8871 5026, or visit www.wandsworth.gov.uk/healthchecks

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Shining the spotlight on mental health

The Wandsworth Youth Council was shortlisted for a prestigious national award for its work improving mental health services for the borough's young people.

They were invited to the Children and Young People Now Awards for their #YouthProof mental health campaign, which includes creating mental health champions in schools, recommendations to the CAMHS mental health service on how young people could be better supported, redecorating the CAMHS waiting room at Springfield Hospital and holding a Mental Health Youth Voice Question time.

Their campaign helped the borough to be chosen by the NHS as one of the Government's Trailblazer sites for the new Mental Health in Schools project. Ten mental health support teams are being put in place in schools in the six boroughs – which will eventually support up to 81,000 young people, around half of all pupils.



Fantastic Fred

Children in borough primary schools have had the chance to learn from 'Fantastic Fred' about the key ingredients to good mental health. F.R.E.D is an acronym for the four practical ways in which children can help to look after their own good mental health:

- Food – eating the right foods
- Rest – getting enough sleep
- Exercise – being active
- Digital Devices – managing time online

Fantastic Fred toured borough schools as part of the South West London Health and Care Partnership's children and young people's mental health programme.

Jacqueline Valin, Principal of Southfields Academy in Wandsworth, said: "We were delighted to host the Fantastic Fred Experience as the lead school in the south west London mental health Trailblazer project. Fantastic Fred was, indeed, fantastic! Our primary school pupils and secondary students thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to learn more about mental health among young people and how they can improve their lifelong emotional resilience."





Get your child vaccinated

In the light of the recent measles outbreak in Wandsworth, parents and carers are reminded to make sure their child is vaccinated.

Most cases are in 10-19 year olds who have not had two doses of the measles, mumps and rubella vaccine (MMR). Children usually have their first dose at one year their second dose from 18 months or pre-school. Some children miss out on the second dose for various reasons. Your child will not be fully immunised against measles if

they have not received both doses.

Symptoms include cold-like symptoms, sore red eyes, a high temperature and a rash.

If your child has not had both MMR doses or you are unsure if your child has been vaccinated, please contact your GP as soon as possible to book an appointment.

Alternatively, the Wandsworth School Age Immunisation Team are also able to offer further advice on the MMR vaccine, email hrch.immunisationteammailbox.wandsworth@nhs.net or call (020) 3903 3374. For further information on Measles and the MMR vaccine visit www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles.

Winter listings

This is just a taste of what's going on. For lots more activities, visit Thrive Online Wandsworth at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/thrivewandsworth



Get Set GO! 2020

April 1, 10am-2pm

All you need to know about the next steps into adulthood for young people aged 14-25 with special needs and disabilities.

Advice for young people, parents and carers, as well as professionals working with them, on education, employment, training, independent travel and living, health, money and benefits, social life and more.

Talks, workshops and stalls.

Book at <https://getsetgo2020guest.eventbrite.com>

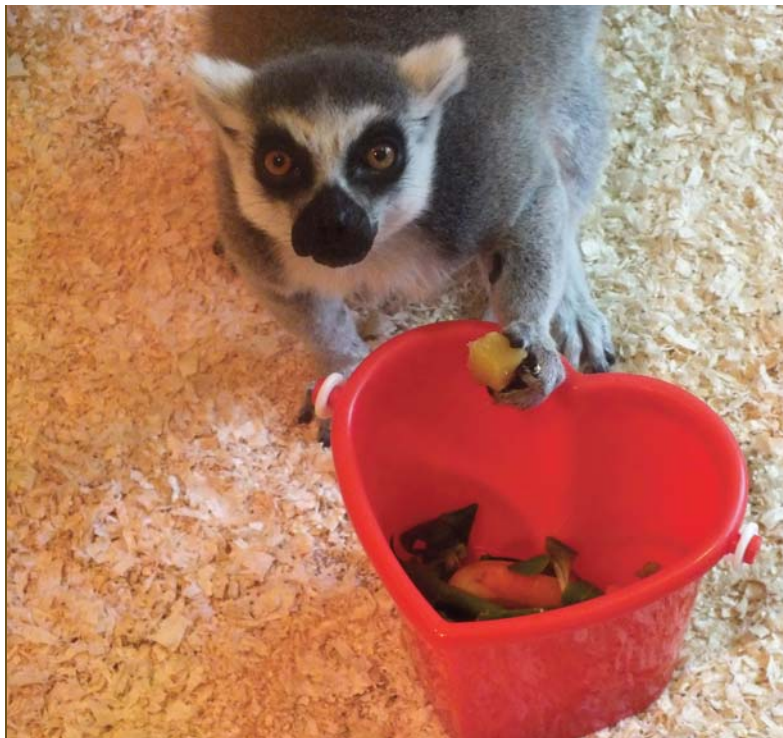
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DAYS OUT



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

Heritage Adventures

Every Saturday 11am, 1:30pm and 3:30pm

For families with children aged 6 to 11. Uncover hidden history and curious artworks with a self-guided trail created by theatre-makers and artists. Battersea Arts Centre's new heritage adventures let people discover the stories of people with important roles in this building's and the borough's past, while exploring new artist creating installations around the building.

Battersea Arts Centre
bac.org.uk

Neighbourhood Network Wednesdays

March 4

Drop in any time on the first Wednesday

of the month between 10-11.30pm to meet neighbours
Southside Scouts Centre,
Balham High Road
neighbourhoodnetworksw17.org.uk
info@neighbourhoodnetworksw17.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 Battersea venue also includes a Pizzeria and Bar. Open 9am to dusk.

No booking required.
www.puttinthepark.com

Seed and Plant Swap

March 1, 1pm-2pm

Free, informal family-friendly event from Transition Town Tooting.

Tooting Community Garden,
North Drive, SW16
Transitiontowntooting.blogspot.com

Tooting Gold Guided walk

March 12, from 2pm

Blooming Tooting tour plus the launch of a campaign to celebrate Tooting's

Half Term Fun at Battersea Park Zoo

Animals Surviving Winter! February 18

Drop in sessions: 11am-12.30pm & 1.30pm-3.30pm

How do different animals survive winter? Come and learn about hibernation, migration and help your garden wildlife this winter with homemade bird feeders for you to take home.

Join in for story time at 11.45am and 2.15pm or enjoy other crafts and colouring-in fun.

Craft activities will be charged at £1 each.

Frogs VS. Toads, February 20

Drop in sessions between: 11am-12.30pm & 1.30pm-3.30pm

Come and meet the zoo's newest arrival: Fea's flying tree frogs. The zoo is teaming up with Froglife's London T.O.A.D team to help you learn about the main differences between frogs and toads and how you can best look after them around London.

There will be amphibian themed arts and crafts, VR headsets, storytime and helpful ways you can help amphibians move through London between natural spaces.

Craft activities will be charged at £1 each.

Usual entrance fees apply to all events. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Batterseaparkzoo.co.uk

double gold medal-winning athlete Albert Hill.

Mett at Tooting Broadway tube station
<https://summerstown182.wordpress.com>

Vauxhall City Farm

A piece of the countryside in the heart of London. Riding lessons, young farmers club and a collection of animals. Entrance free but donations welcome.

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

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Winter listings



Family Saturdays at the BAC

February 29, Mar 29
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



• Free Led Walks

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



Wetlands Centre Family Activities

February 15-23

Activities include the London Puddle Jumping Championships, build a mini wetland village and learn about water sustainability at interactive science shows.

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



Bags of Taste

March 3, 10, 17 and 24,
10.30am-1pm

Learn how to cook affordable meals that contain loads of healthy vegetables and taste better than a takeaway. Classes are held once a week for four weeks and include a free lunch. Classes are fun and hands-on and, thanks to the Wimbledon Foundation Community Fund, free.

Brathway Hall, Brathway Road, Southfields. To register call or text 07444 898243, visit bagssoftaste.org/courses or email foodforlifewandsworth@gmail.com

Speech and Language Drop-in Sessions

These are held across the borough for families who have concerns about their child's speech or language development

Call 07760 396 248 or email Wandsworthslit@nhs.net

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/thrive

SPORTS AND FITNESS

AFC Wimbledon Football Holiday club

February 17-21

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

Wimbledon Park, Revelstoke Road
(020) 8974 5712

communityfootball@afcwimbledon.co.uk



All Star Tennis course

February 17-21

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

Toothing Common

King George's Park, Wandsworth

Wandsworth Common

Leaders Gardens, Putney

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

Carney's Community Boxing Taster Sessions

Regular boxing fitness sessions for the local community. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

£5. All ages and abilities welcome.

Carney's Community Centre,

30 Petworth Street, Battersea

Carneyscommunity.org

Chelsea Soccer Schools

February 17-21

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

Youth Games

Do you want to represent Wandsworth in the 2020 London Youth Games?

If you do, find out more and register your interest at enable.org/lyg



Jacs Swimming Club

For young people aged 4-16 based at Tooting Leisure Centre.
bjsc.org.uk



Fencing

The Fencing School community drop-in sessions. Fencing for beginners aged 7-12 aimed at making the sport accessible to all local children.

£8 per session including the use of all equipment.

St John Bosco College

contact@thefencingschool.com

www.thefencingschool.com

Premier League Kicks

A free project run by Chelsea Football Club on Thursdays at the Lennox Youth Club, Roehampton for children aged 11-19

www.chelseafc.com/foundation

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



Activ Camps at Emanuel School

February 17–21

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

4-14 year olds £49 a day

Emanuel School, Battersea Rise

<http://activcamps.com/venuesdates/emanuel-school/>

ARTS AND CRAFTS



Creative Short Art Courses

February 17-21

Courses for adults and young people including drawing, painting, pottery throwing and a kids' art club.

Putney School of Art and Design
enablelc.org/psad

Half term art workshops

February 15-23

Take part in 'light & reflection' themed arts and crafts workshops for children on Sat 15 and Sun 16 February or get into spring with 'planting & bugs' themed workshops from Thu 20 – Sun 23 Feb.

Circus West Village, Battersea Power Station, SW11 8AB

Find out more:

www.batterseapowerstation.co.uk/events

Affordable Art Fair

March 12-15

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

Battersea Park
www.affordableartfair.com

YOUTH CENTRES

Wandsworth has seven youth centres, all open for a minimum of five days a week for 11-19 year olds (or up to 25 for young people with disabilities). Activities include sport, dance, cooking, arts and crafts, table tennis, and access to the internet. Find your nearest centre and discover what's on offer at:

www.thrive.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.thrive.wandsworth.gov.uk

HOLIDAY PLAY SCHEMES

York Gardens

Lavender Road, SW11 - five 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 £10.80 per child for a half day, £21.60 for a full day.
www.wandsworth.gov.uk/psbo

JUST PLAY



Soft Play

Multi-storey play facilities for younger children include slides, ball pond, tiger rollers and bish bag bags. Children must be supervised at all times

Latchmere Leisure Centre:
placesforpeopleleisure.org/centres/latchmere-leisure-centre/softplay
Wandle Leisure Centre:
placesforpeopleleisure.org/centres/wandle-recreation-centre/soft-play



Half term at Eddie Katz

February 8

Frozen themed messy play. Activity stations, bubbles and paints. Four months - four years.

Eddie Katz Earlsfield
www.eddiekatz.com

Supercamps

February 17-21

Half term activity camp at Putney High School

Supercamps.co.uk



Battersea Park Playgrounds

Battersea Park has two playgrounds. A playground with exciting play equipment suitable for children over 8. Under 8s should be supervised by an adult. Enter through Sun Gate entrance. A playground 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.

MUSIC AND DANCE



Swan Lake workshop March 3

You will focus on a scene or dance in detail, be taught by professional artists with live piano accompaniment, and finish with a presentation for parents and guardians. Suitable for ages 4-11 across three levels, beginners+.

From £16

Royal Academy of Dance, Battersea Square.
royalacademyofdance.org/whats-on

Wandsworth symphony orchestra

March 21

Bernstein – Overture to Candide and Symphonic Dances from West Side Story

Copland – Appalachian Spring
Moncayo – Huapango

Church of the Ascension, Lavender Hill
www.wandsworthsymphony.org

Lunchtime Concert

February 12, March 4, 1.15pm

Free recital by the National Opera Studio. Book in advance

The Blackburn Hall, National Opera Studio, Chapel Yard, Wandsworth
www.nationaloperastudio.org.uk

Splatter Dance

February 12, March 4, 1.15pm

Classes for 4-6 year olds and 7-9 year olds at Northcote Library.

splatterdance.co.uk

THEATRE AND BOOKS

Winter listings



SPINE 2020: Our World From March 5

Wandsworth Libraries celebrate young people's power to change the future of our planet in a special arts festival this Spring. SPINE 2020: Our World, funded by arts organisation Apples and Snakes, will offer children from local schools the chance to get creative in an exciting, free programme of events.

The festival launches on World Book Day – Thursday 5 March – and runs for ten days at Balham Library. Children will meet and work with spoken word and visual artists and create a legacy artefact.

For updates follow @Better_Balham or @wandsworthlibs on twitter.



MTFestUK

Until February 15

A celebration of new musical theatre from around the world, MTFestUK is back in 2020, this time at the new and vibrant Turbine Theatre on the banks of the Thames in Battersea. At the centre of the festival is a Taster Menu series of new musicals, each presented as a semi-staged sharing. Alongside the Taster Menu, the festival will also feature a selection of talks, performances and one-off events
theturbine theatre.com

The Importance of Being Earnest

February 18-29

Oscar Wilde's classic with two actors playing every single character with rapid quick-changes, tap dancing, fabulous frocks and enough tea to sink a ship.
theturbine theatre.com

The Dutchess of Malfi

February 11-15

Websters's tale of power and jealousy performed by the Putney Theatre Company
putneyartstheatre.wildapricot.org

Shrek The Musical

February 19-22

Performance from south west London theatre company Cygnet Players
[London Oratory School Theatre, SW6 cygnetplayers.com](http://LondonOratorySchoolTheatre, SW6 cygnetplayers.com)

Richard III

February 19-22

Shakespeare's history play directed by Julie Weston set in the inter-war years.
Chestnut Grove Academy Theatre, SW12 07914 657534 southsideplayers.org.uk

Polka Theatre Half Term Workshops

February 19-20

Polka is taking over New Wimbledon Studio theatre with workshops for all ages
[Polka theatre, Wimbledon polkatheatre.com \(020\) 8543 4888](http://Polka theatre, Wimbledon polkatheatre.com (020) 8543 4888)

CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES



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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
kevin.stinton@kids.org.uk
www.kids.org.uk



Family Fun Day

February 17

Fun for 0-5 year olds and their families.

Details at

wandsworth.gov.uk/thrivewandsworth
Early Years Centre, Siward Road,
Earlsfield
(020) 8877 8866

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/localoffer

George Shearing Centre

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

Este Road, Clapham Junction
(020) 8879 6333
enquiries@generate-uk.org



Free parking at Battersea Park

This offer for WAND and WAND+ cardholders has been extended to September. Place your card writing side up on your dashboard.

Visit wandsworth.gov.uk/localoffer for a full list of concessions and support for WAND cardholders.

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



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

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)



Parenting support, education, childcare, family activities, health, SEND local offer

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



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