

Wandsworth schools and families

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# Headstart

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# DID YOU KNOW?

Healthy  
Start!

That if you are pregnant or have children under the age of four you can get free vouchers or payments every four weeks to spend on:

**cow's milk • fresh, frozen or tinned fruit and vegetables  
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You can also call the Healthy Start helpline on **0345 607 6823**



**Wandsworth  
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# Road to recovery

“ In the last edition of Headstart, I told you about our five-point roadmap to recovery for local schools, including the chance to take part in art and sport and help to access technology.

And I shared the news that state schools are joining up with private schools in a really exciting project to share learning and facilities.

In this edition you can read about some of the projects that are starting to happen as a result, including a major shared art project, and an update on the Power to Connect scheme to get laptops, data and training to local families.

I'd also like to assure all of you that we are working closely with schools to keep children

and staff safe including cleaning, testing and ventilation of school buildings. We will also be supporting schools with their efforts to enable secondary school pupils to access vaccinations – read more about that on the next page. ”

**Cllr Will Sweet**  
Cabinet member,  
Education and  
Children's Services



would you like to be part of something new?

## BECOME AN EARLY YEARS PARENT CHAMPION

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Our Lady Queen of Heaven Primary School, Victoria Drive, SW19 6AD

# Vaccinations for all 12 to 15-year-olds what parents and carers should know

All children aged 12 to 15 in Wandsworth are being offered one dose of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine through their schools.

Image: valentinrussanov

Vaccinating 12 to 15-year-olds against COVID-19 offers them protection from the virus but also has wider benefits. It should reduce the many coronavirus outbreaks, which occur in schools, and the need for time off, after two years of extensive disruption to education.

We asked lead GP for Wandsworth, Dr Nicola Jones to answer some frequently-asked questions about the programme, which has been running across the borough.

## Does my child have to have the vaccine?

No. The vaccination is not mandatory. Parents will be asked to give their consent in advance.

## How does the consent process work?

While some children of this age are mature enough to provide their own consent, in most cases we expect the decision to be made jointly with parents. If a parental consent form has not been returned, but the child wishes to have the vaccine, every effort will be made to contact the parent for verbal consent.

## What are the side effects for 12 to 15-year-olds?

Some people get mild side effects which last for a day or two. These include tenderness in the vaccinated arm, tiredness, headaches, aches and chills. Children who experience these symptoms should rest and take paracetamol (following the advice in the vaccination leaflet). NHS leaflets explaining more about the vaccine for young people are being given to all students along with consent forms.

## What about stories of heart problems?

Worldwide, there have been a very small number of cases of inflammation of the heart, called myocarditis or pericarditis, reported very rarely after COVID-19 vaccines. In the majority of these cases, the patient recovered within a few days following rest and simple treatments.

## Can I take my child to a walk-in centre instead of school?

You can't currently take them to a walk-in centre or use the national booking system. If your child is absent from

school, there will be catch-up clinics. If your child has a health condition that puts them at risk from coronavirus, and they haven't been vaccinated, contact your GP.

## My child is home schooled

The NHS school age immunisation service will contact parents of children who are home educated to make arrangements.

## Where can I find out more?

If, after reading the NHS leaflet that is being sent out, you have any concerns or questions, contact your GP or visit a walk-in vaccination centre to speak to our nurses or pharmacists. Find them at [swlondonccg.nhs.uk](https://swlondonccg.nhs.uk).



Dr Nicola Jones, Lead GP for Wandsworth

# Wandsworth students gave another stellar exam performance this year

Students in Years 11 and 13 defied the pandemic to achieve excellent results in this year's exams, with schools reporting high levels of passes and top grades. Around 40 per cent of A-Level grades were A\* or A, at GCSE nine out of ten students achieved a 9-4 in English and eight out of ten in Maths and BTEC qualifications were a good improvement from 2019.

Paul Dunne, headteacher of Saint John Bosco College, said the school achieved 85 per cent of grades at C or above at A-level. "This group of young people have been through so much in the past 18 months and for them to achieve as well as they have done, despite all the difficulties that they've faced is wonderful. I am so pleased for them all. They deserve their success."

Southfields Academy headteacher Wanda Golinska said: "We have seen improved A\* and A grades for students across the range of subjects with progression to University first choices for over 80 per cent of applicants, of which 20 per cent have gained access to courses at Russell group institutions."

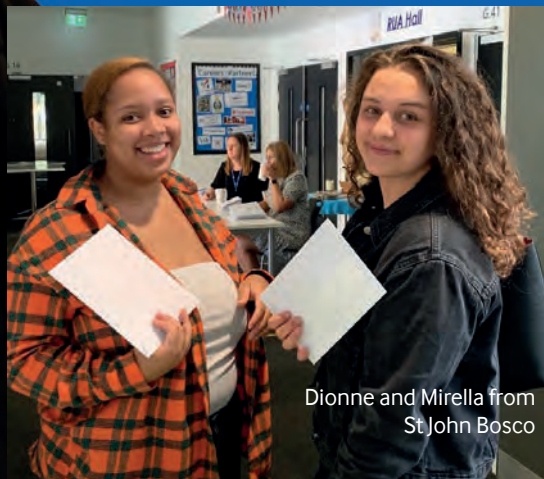
Burntwood headteacher Helen Shorrock said: "It's been amazing to welcome Year 11 back to school to celebrate their success. We are all very proud of them."



Erin, Ghazala and Crystal  
from Burntwood



“It’s been amazing to welcome Year 11 back to school to celebrate their success. We are all very proud of them.”



Dionne and Mirella from  
St John Bosco



Burntwood students  
Poppy Dyson and Aminah Kaz

# New school for Nine Elms

The council is building the primary school next to the new Nine Elms Park. It will include community facilities including use of the music suite, hall and kitchen.

It's been designed to be highly sustainable and will include space for outdoor play and learning. The school is likely to open to pupils in 2026 when it is forecast that new school places will be needed to support the 20,000 new homes being built across the Nine Elms area.



## Ofsted praise

Wandsworth Council has been praised for its commitment to making positive changes in the lives of vulnerable children in the borough and making sure they have a voice.

Ofsted inspectors looked at how the local authority works with children in need of help and protection. They said there is “a strong commitment and investment from politicians and senior leaders across the council and partners to bring about positive change for children” and that “children’s views and their experiences are evident in assessments.”

Cllr Will Sweet, Cabinet Member for Education and Children’s Services, said: “We want to lead the way among local authorities. One major way we are doing this is through ‘Family Safeguarding’, putting the whole family at the heart of our children’s services. We are the only authority in London chosen to implement this service. It gives an amazing opportunity to make a significant difference for children and families of Wandsworth.”

## Schools’ finances in good shape

Wandsworth schools have been commended for carefully managing their budgets.

Despite the challenges of Covid, just four of the borough’s 85 schools are in deficit, one of the lowest numbers in the UK. Last month the Government announced a new three-year schools’ funding settlement which will see every primary school get at least an £4,265 per pupil, and every secondary school at least £5,525.



# Getting arty

Wandsworth school students have been getting opportunities as part of the council's £2m programme to help children recover from the pandemic and from its innovative partnership between private and state schools.

In the summer a group of children who are looked after by the council spent a day with musicians from the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, who shared ideas on making music and taught the children how to play instruments they had never come across before.

Nine-year-old Rahim said: "I've had the best day ever, I really loved playing the trombone" and Liah, 16, said it was a "really fun time working with professional musicians and learning how to play the cello".

And this term state and independent schools are joining forces on A Place to Call Home – a joint art project and exhibition.

Pupils in years 5, 6 and 7 from over 50 local schools are taking part in exercises, idea generation, reflection, and sketchbook activities, before contributing to the creation of a final artwork panel as a collective. Final artwork panels will be collected and reassembled to form a group architectural installation to be exhibited early next year.

It's being overseen by the schools themselves, the Wandsworth Council arts team and artist Alexander Mourant, who also worked on A Greener Picture (see page 26)

## Missed the EU deadline?

The deadline for EU citizens to apply for Settled Status was on June 30, but eligible people who missed that deadline and have reasonable grounds for a late application can still apply at [www.gov.uk/eusettlementscheme](http://www.gov.uk/eusettlementscheme). Help is also still available from Citizens Advice Wandsworth, which is commissioned by the council to provide support and advice. Visit [cawandsworth.org.uk](http://cawandsworth.org.uk) or call **020 3559 2019**.

## New home for FC Battersea

London's newest football club has played its first game at its new venue at the Millennium Arena in Battersea Park.

Jon De Maria, the Club Sec at FCB said: "We started FC Battersea in 2019 to give local kids a chance to play the game they love. Without the help of the council allowing us to use the Millennium Arena, we would have struggled to find a football home and become the success we are today."

FCB is aimed at young people from Battersea who have the talent, game insight and fitness to play to a high standard. The club will run teams from U12 up to U18 before helping on its players with their football careers. Find out more at [fcbattersea.com](http://fcbattersea.com).



# Could you become a school governor?

Every school has a governing body and they play a vital role working with the head to improve standards. Some have children at the school, but many do not.

Hasib Dewan is Vice Chair of Governors at Hillbrook Primary School. He wants other parents to think about serving as a governor at their child's school. He said: "Being a school governor gives you the chance to contribute to the quality of the experience children have at school by using the skills and knowledge from your day-to-day life. As someone who works in technology, I volunteer with a school near where I live to look at opportunities for improving facilities, mapping out plans over computing lessons, but also thinking about where technology is

heading and how best to bring that into the school experience. The best thing about being a governor is that everyone comes from different walks of life, so whatever your background, there is always a way that you can make a positive impact as a governor. It doesn't matter what you do for a living - depending on your interests you could get involved in things like quality of teaching, something subject specific, school finance, or support the school in raising standards around attendance.

"If you're the kind of person that wants to give a little back to their community and have some time to spare each month then being a governor is something I couldn't recommend highly enough. To think you have had even a small part to do with the positive learning experience of children in your local area is a brilliant feeling."

Wandsworth is keen to hear from people from all ethnicities and backgrounds so that governing bodies truly reflect the communities they serve. Find out more at <http://i4s.wandsworth.gov.uk/Page/13619>



## Happy Streets 2021

On Saturday 10 July, the Happy Streets festival brought together the Nine Elms community.

A fantastic day was had by all, attracting over 1,000 people, including schoolchildren from St George's Primary and Griffin Primary who enjoyed an afternoon of music, dance, colour and fun!

Visit [NineElmsLondon.com/happystreets](http://NineElmsLondon.com/happystreets) to see more of the action!



The Mellison Road  
pocket park



# Playgrounds get even better

Some of the borough's playgrounds are getting a revamp as part of a £1m council investment in children's play areas over the past three years.

The Mellison Road pocket park in Tooting is a new space for the community and includes a playground with soft surfacing around the new equipment.

The Battersea Park toddlers and junior playground is currently being revamped with equipment chosen by local families. It should reopen shortly.

In Wandsworth Park local people have been asked what improvements (pictured right) they would like to see at the playground, with further consultation happening soon.

Local families also had a say on the design for the new-look Windmill playground on Wandsworth Common which will be extended and include new equipment such as a basket see-saw and a better climbing frame. Work will start soon. And work is expected to get underway soon on a woodland play area, plus a trim trail for people of all ages at The Pleasance on the Dover House Estate in Putney.



# Help a child to read

Children's literacy charity, Bookmark, is bringing its one-to-one reading programmes to primary schools in Wandsworth and is calling for volunteers.

Bookmark programmes are designed to fit around volunteers' schedules. Volunteers in Wandsworth can visit local schools for reading sessions, or, if volunteering online suits them better it can all be done from a home computer or laptop. Each reading programme involves two 30-minute sessions a week, for six weeks, with a child aged five to nine. Volunteers receive full training and support. Visit [bookmarkreading.org/volunteer](http://bookmarkreading.org/volunteer).



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# Digital skills for families



Families have been learning digital skills in workshops run by the Power to Connect partnership between the council and Battersea Power Station.

Ever since the start of lockdown Power to Connect has delivered more than 1,320 tablet devices and laptops to 72 Wandsworth schools and community organisations along with £10,000 worth of data top up vouchers and wi-fi dongles to lower income families.

Now it wants to make sure they have the skills to use them and held workshops this summer at St George's School in Battersea. More sessions are planned. Find out more at [powertoconnect.co.uk](http://powertoconnect.co.uk).

The partnership with Battersea Power Station forms just one part of the council's wider efforts to offer digital support to families in need. In total the council has overseen the provision of more than 7,200 laptops and tablets to local families throughout the pandemic.

## Air Quality workshops

Schools are being offered free air quality workshops and anti-idling challenges for years 4, 5, or 6. They will be delivered by the council's Idling Action project officer and build upon other work with schools to encourage active travel and reduce pollution. The challenges include creating an anti-idling banner, encouraging the school community to sign pledges and taking part in an Idling Action event to talk to parents at drop-off and pick-up time. Email [pollution@merton.gov.uk](mailto:pollution@merton.gov.uk) to find out how to get involved.

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# School streets update

**More schools are to get a School Street as early results show the scheme is successfully reducing traffic.**

School Streets close the roads outside schools to traffic during pick-up and drop-off time. They encourage safer and healthier travel to and from schools and help improve air quality. The first two trial phases of the scheme have proved successful, with monitoring and feedback indicating significant reductions in traffic and a safer street outside the schools.

Councillors have agreed to make the schemes permanent and the council is proposing to bring in a third phase of school streets as part of its commitment in the Wandsworth Environment and Sustainability Strategy to include half of all primary schools in the School Streets programme by 2025.

Several schools have expressed an interest, and the council is currently talking to the schools and local communities and investigating suitable locations.

Find out more and see a full list of school streets, the hours they operate and how they are managed at [wandsworth.gov.uk/schoolstreets](https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/schoolstreets)



# Greener schools

## Schools around the borough have been burnishing their green credentials.

Smallwood and Hillbrook Schools have had living 'green walls' installed. The council gave local community group CREW Energy a grant from the Wandsworth Local Fund to install the walls. Harry Holding GardenDesign, which has previously featured on an episode of Grand Designs, provided their expertise and installed the green walls. At Smallwood children helped plant out the entire lower section of the 7m by 2m wall.

Over the next year or two the green walls will develop to provide an uninterrupted covering of green, attracting bees, butterflies and insects.

Oasis Academy Putney has achieved the Eco-Schools Green Flag status because of its work to create a green, eco-friendly environment. Students formed a "Green Team" to come up with plans to make their school more environmentally friendly, including increasing biodiversity, reducing litter, and improving the school grounds. They built a six-story 'bug hotel' with amphibian homes, toad abodes, and a bird café and planted pollinator-friendly wildflowers as well as lettuce, vegetables, and herbs. A pond is currently being installed to further encourage biodiversity.



Pupils also created videos encouraging the school community to participate in the annual Big Garden Bird Watch and to create bird feeders for their gardens. And they participated in the Keep Britain Tidy Great British Spring Clean by collecting litter on the school grounds and around the local area. Oasis is one of 88 Wandsworth schools and nurseries taking part in the Eco-School scheme, run by Keep Britain Tidy. Green Flag status – the highest level - has also been awarded to Tooting Primary School. Other schools have bronze and silver awards.

Griffin in Nine Elms, has created a space to provide 'Forest School Learning', defined by the Forest School Association as learning which takes place in a woodland or natural environment. The school held a creative storytelling session in the Forest site as part of the council's Wandsworth Arts Fringe earlier this year.





# Together on Climate Change Festival

We are holding an exciting festival of virtual and in-person events, bringing together people from across the borough and raising awareness of climate change.

The festival will run from Monday 8 to Saturday 13 November 2021



These pictures are entries from our Youth4Climate 2021 competition





# Gravity prize for climate poster winners

The Base, Roehampton, has won this year's Youth4Climate competition after designing posters to promote this year's Wandsworth Together on Climate Change festival.

Members of the winning youth group have been rewarded with gift vouchers kindly donated by Wandsworth entertainment venue Gravity. They can use the vouchers to enjoy the activities at the Southside venue, including Japanese E-karting, bowling, urban street golf and e-sports.

Judges were impressed with their entry, especially how they highlighted the problem of climate change, but also suggested positive actions that we can all take to make a difference.

Young people at youth clubs and organisations across the borough entered the competition, with each club coming up with a group entry.

The aim of the competition was to raise awareness of climate change amongst young people and harness their creativity to create artwork to promote the Wandsworth Together on Climate Change Festival.

All the entries have been put together to create the collage on the opposite page which will be put on poster sites across the borough to promote the festival.

The ambitious week-long festival from November 8-13 coincides with the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26) to be held in Glasgow. The festival has been organised by the council and aims to bring together a wide range of local individuals and organisations to raise awareness of climate change issues.



**We need your help to keep our children safe during these difficult times when our vulnerable children are at risk.**

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# Prizes for history detectives

Five student history investigators have won £100 each for their projects exploring the theme of 'home' in this year's Wandsworth/GLL Heritage Awards for Schools competition.

Now in its sixth year, the competition is run in partnership by the council and library and heritage contractor GLL. It aims to give students a chance to explore local history, get a sense of belonging, have fun and learn more about the how Wandsworth residents lived in the past.

Entries this year included films, written work and artwork on the theme of home – somewhere we've all spent a lot of time recently!

This year's winners were:

**Amaia Breeze (Our Lady of Victories):** Amaia used maps, street directories, Census entries and historic photographs to shown what the area surrounding her home used to look like and to compare it to modern times.

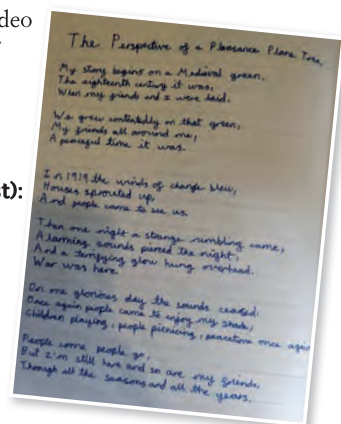
**Olivia Brooks (Honeywell):** Olivia used historical information about her street to come up with a piece of creative writing. She also took her own photographs of her street and surrounding area to create a collage.



**Tommaso Cartolano (Our Lady of Victories):** Living in a modern building, Tommaso traced back the use of the land and created an interesting narrative linking the past to the present.

**Megan Goldheart-Spink (Sacred Heart):** Megan's video entry used a wide variety of sources to tell the story of her home and the surrounding areas.

**Isobel Roberts (Holy Ghost):** Isobel pulled together a number of resources to tell the story of her home using maps, entries from street directories and online newspaper articles.





# Zecure app

## Ever feel unsafe walking to or from school?

Download the free Zecure app. If you feel threatened all you have to do is press a button or shake the phone and the app will alert an emergency contact such as a parent.

You can also use it to let your parents or carers know when you have left school and arrived home safely.

Zecure is a London-based tech firm whose apps help organisations keep people safe at home and work. The company has worked with Wandsworth Council and the police to make the app available for free to Wandsworth schoolchildren.

You can download Zecure now from the IOS or Android app store. To register use the six letter code specifically for Wandsworth: **WANSAF**.

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# Wandsworth Paralympics



Young people with disabilities found out about the wide range of sporting opportunities on offer in the borough at the first ever 'Wandsworth Paralympics' this summer.

A range of local disability sports providers took part including Aussie Rules Europe, Surrey Cricket, Knights Community Gym Kick Boxercise, the Anders Disability Badminton Charity, Flyerz Hockey, Panathlon Challenge and the Change Foundation. More than 25 young people on each day had the chance to come along and try out the different sports.

The Wandsworth Paralympic Festivals were organised by Enable Leisure and Culture in association with Disability Sports Coach on behalf of Wandsworth Council. Find out more about disability sport in Wandsworth at [enablec.org/disability-sport](http://enablec.org/disability-sport)



# Tube stops at Battersea!

Families living or going to school near Battersea Power Station or Wandsworth Road now have two new Tube stations on their doorstep.

After 10 years of planning, tunnelling underground and building work, Battersea Power Station and Nine Elms stations opened their doors at 5.28am on Monday 20 September and Cllr Ravi Govindia, the Leader of Wandsworth Council was one of the first passengers onboard. He said: "Travelling on the Northern Line Extension as it opened its doors today, and seeing excited passengers use these stations for the first time, is a once-in-a-lifetime moment that I will never forget."

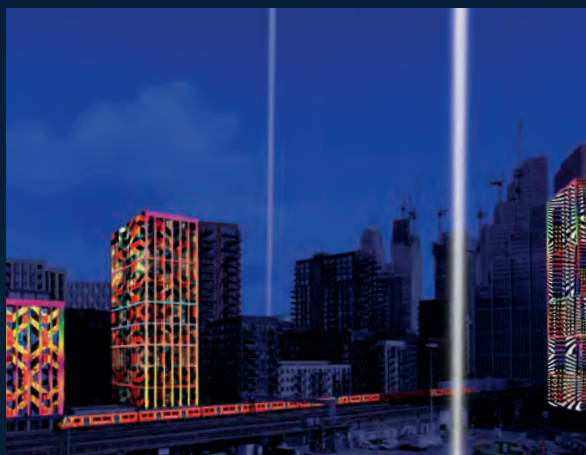
This new extension to the Northern line now means that travelling up to the West End takes less than 15 minutes, or down to Kennington in just 5 minutes.



## Celebrate new connections at the free Line of Light festival

The tunnels of the new Northern line extension stretch over 3km with thousands of people living and working above ground along the route.

The Line of Light event on Friday 29 and Saturday 30 October will connect all these communities with a line of laser beams shining into the sky, colourful projections on buildings along the route, and live music at two family festival sites at New Union Square, in Embassy Gardens, and Wilcox Road, SW8. Find out more at [nineelmslondon.com/lineoflight](http://nineelmslondon.com/lineoflight)





# More PlayKits for Wandsworth children

A new Create and Learn PlayKit was created this summer and handed out to 4,000 Wandsworth schoolchildren in July.

Throughout 2020 Wandsworth Council worked with creative organisations across the borough to make and distribute creative resources for children, bringing creativity into the heart of family homes across Wandsworth.

The new kit was inspired by local National Trust house 575 Wandsworth Road and included a sketchbook designed by artist and RCA graduate Hannah Coulson, with contributions from local artist Raksha Patel, and featured a range of creative activities, with plenty of blank pages for children's own artwork and ideas.

Find out more and download activities at [wandsworth.gov.uk/create-and-learn-playkits](https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/create-and-learn-playkits)





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# Art on the Underground at Patmore Estate

In August, community gardeners Urban Canopy and Art on the Underground held a special creative workshop at the Patmore Estate's Forest Garden.

Children and adults took part in creative activities inspired by artwork at the new Battersea Power Station Tube. The artwork called 'Sunset, Sunrise, Sunset' by London-based Brazilian artist Alexandre da Cunha, stretches to over 150m in length inside the ticket hall of the new station, which, at 2,225m<sup>2</sup>, could fit 80 electric double decker buses side-by-side!





# Art on display

In the last edition of Headstart, we told you about A Greener Picture, where students represented the climate emergency through photography.

Around 670 borough schoolchildren worked with Wandsworth Council's Arts Team and with artists from the Royal College of Art. It was funded by the council as part of its work to engage young people in the fight against climate change.

Over the summer the images have been on display at Wandsworth Town Hall, and students from West Hill primary school got a chance to go and see them and meet with artist Alex Mourant.

Meanwhile the May edition had a story about Brandlehow students collaborating remotely during lockdown with artist Simon Periton to co-create a piece of public art. At the end of the summer term they finally got a chance to meet Simon and see the colourful hoarding artwork they'd created together on Osiers Road. The artwork references the area's history of weaving willow (or osier) baskets to catch eels in the nearby River Wandle.

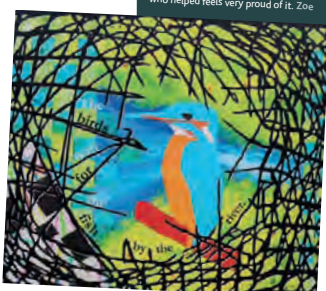
Anguilla anguilla by Simon Periton was commissioned by Hollybrook in association with Peabody, and supported by Wandsworth Council Arts and Culture Service.



## Brandlehow students create public art

**Artist Simon Periton teamed up with Year 5 students at Brandlehow Primary School to create a new contemporary public artwork along a 27m hoarding on Osiers Road, Riverside Quarter.**

Hazel and Hawthorn classes were set a series of creative tasks by Simon through digital workshops during autumn 2020. They explored the heritage of the Thames and Wandle rivers and learned techniques including paper-cutting and weaving.



It was a lot of fun to make and I think it turned out better than anyone thought it would. I'm sure everyone who helped feels very proud of it. Zoe





credit Heather Sibly





# WAF '22 wants you!

Wandsworth schools and community groups are invited to get in touch and find out more about taking part in next year's Wandsworth Arts Fringe festival.

There are loads of ways to get involved - host your own activity or be a venue for someone else, team up with a local artist or devise your own creative showcase... whatever you want to do, we want to hear from parents, teachers, pupils, community organisers or anyone a creative idea!

Expressions of Interest for WAF 2022 are opening soon. Visit [wandsworthartsfringe.com](http://wandsworthartsfringe.com) and sign up to our newsletter to stay up to date and find more about getting involved.

## Views of WAF

In June the Wandsworth Arts Fringe (WAF) welcomed some brilliant young people from Wandsworth aged 14-19 to share their experiences.

WAF is the borough's flagship annual arts festival organised by the council's arts team. As part of a pilot project to develop arts writing skills and get young people involved with WAF, the Young Reviewers attended an online workshop session to find out about this year's festival and explore how to write their own reviews with actor, writer and critic, Kalungi Ssebandeke.

Read Young Reviewers Pen, Anoushay and Danu's reviews here: [bit.ly/WAFYoungReviewers](http://bit.ly/WAFYoungReviewers)

For 2022, WAF wants to hear from schools and young people who'd like to take part in the second round of the Young Reviewers scheme, for more information contact: [creativewandsworth@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:creativewandsworth@wandsworth.gov.uk)





• **Battersea Park Fireworks**

This year there will be a two-night extravaganza on November 6 and 7. Saturday night will be the classic Bonfire celebration, with Sunday night tailored to families and children with an earlier start time and new programming including the Visual Volcano, a unique, fully-immersive lighting installation and a singalong to a selection of family classics. Visit [enablelc.org/fireworks](http://enablelc.org/fireworks).

# 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/thriveonline](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/thriveonline)

**How to be listed**

Send details to: [headstart@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:headstart@wandsworth.gov.uk)

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## All Star Tennis

October 25 -29

Holiday tennis camp for three-year-olds to teens:

- Leader's Gardens
- Wandsworth Park
- King George's Park
- Wandsworth Common
- Tooting Common

Visit [allstartennis.co.uk](http://allstartennis.co.uk)  
info@allstartennis.co.uk

### Wandsworth Family Learning Festival

Family Learning workshops from October half-term into November, including coding, family film-making, photography and podcasting, sign language and first aid.

[wandsworthlifelonglearning.org.uk](http://wandsworthlifelonglearning.org.uk)

### Holiday Clubs

October 25-29

- Energy Kidz Balham Holiday Club

Ravenstone School

[energy-kidz.co.uk/holiday-club/balham-ravenstone-primary-school](http://energy-kidz.co.uk/holiday-club/balham-ravenstone-primary-school)

- Crazy Camps, Ernest Bevin College and St Francis Xavier 6th Form College

[crazycamps.co.uk](http://crazycamps.co.uk)

- Funky Moves holiday course, Alderbrook Primary School, Balham

[funkymoves.com/kids/kids-holiday-courses](http://funkymoves.com/kids/kids-holiday-courses)

- Funky Moves holiday course, Alderbrook Primary School, Balham

[amsportsacademy.co.uk/camps](http://amsportsacademy.co.uk/camps)

### Black History Month: Celebrating John Archer

As part of Black History Month and beyond, Black Heroes Foundation are celebrating the life of John Archer - civil rights campaigner, labour rights activist and London's first black mayor, appointed Mayor of Battersea in 1913.

Beginning in October 2021, local school children will work with Black Heroes Foundation at Wandsworth Libraries to develop creative responses to The Story of John Archer in spoken word, images, music, drama, and video.

### Illuminate

October 22-January 9

An illuminated light trail including huge, beautifully-lit models and interactive light displays at the Wetlands Centre in Barnes.

Tickets are £17.50 for adults and £12.50 per child and must be pre-booked online at

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



**Sleeping Beauty and the Beast**  
SLEEPING TREES

**Sleeping Beauty and the Beast**  
Nov 26- December 30  
Ever wondered where Pantomime villains go at the end of the story? They go to Goodie-versity: the institute for reformed baddies, where Headmasters Beast and Belle teach them to be good. Book now for this panto-mysteries from Sleeping Trees. All tickets Pay What You Can. [bac.org.uk](http://bac.org.uk)

**Half term at Battersea Park Zoo**  
October 25-29  
Including a pumpkin trail, hedgehog day, spider and creepy crawly day and a chance to dress up and take part in Halloween fun.  
[Batterseaparkzoo.com](http://Batterseaparkzoo.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/thrivewandsworth](https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/thrivewandsworth)





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