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I want to start by thanking all of you – especially our brilliant schools - for everything you do to make Wandsworth such a fantastic place for children to grow up.

I'm really proud of the wonderful work being delivered by all our schools across Wandsworth and for everyone's hard work – pupils, parents and teachers – that has made this school year such a success.

We're delighted that Wandsworth schools are already backing our campaign to be named London Borough of Culture 2025! The title would bring exciting opportunities for our young people, so we'd like everyone to help us shape the borough's bid. Read more on page 22.

Our ambition is that Wandsworth provides the right support, at the right time in the right place. To ensure we meet that aspiration it's important we really listen to what young people and families want from local services, so find out how you can get involved – whether it's as a member of

the Youth Council or as a parent champion or by taking part in our Limitless service gathering the views and ideas of local people.

Wandsworth is committed to becoming more sustainable, so read about our fantastic Single Use Plastic exhibition at Southside and about how you can safely travel to school on foot or by bike.



Taking a byte of Apple

Around 80 Year 5 students from St Mary's Primary School and Sacred Heart Primary School have been learning coding and digital creativity skills thanks to a unique link up between Wandsworth Council and Apple.

Last month they went to Apple's new Battersea campus to show off what they've learnt to the Leader of Wandsworth Council and Apple employees.

During their visit they got a taste of working in a hi-tech office and asked Apple employees about





A scheme to help people buy costly school uniforms will run again this coming school year.

The scheme has already helped dozens of hard-up families who are struggling with the Cost-of-Living crisis. This year the value of the vouchers will increase to £40 (reception) and £160 (Year 7).

To be eligible you must be a Wandsworth resident in receipt of Free School Meals with a child moving into Reception or Year 7 in September 2023.

Kate Stock, cabinet member for children, said: "We know what a help this was for families last year. Parents want to send their children to school looking smart, but uniforms are expensive. This way families can enjoy their summer break without worrying about what they will have to cut from their budgets elsewhere to meet this bill."

If you are eligible for the Uniform Support Scheme, you should have already been contacted. If you have not, but think you should have been email **voucherandholidaysupport@** wandsworth.gov.uk





The pilot scheme to provide healthy hot breakfasts in 20 primary schools is up and running.

Kate Stock, cabinet member for children, went along to St Mary's School in Battersea to see the scheme in action.

Associate headteacher Clare Mitchell said that as well as sit-down breakfasts, all children could grab a hot buttered bagel on their way into school. "It means every child has access to a breakfast and can start the day fuelled and ready to learn."

Wandsworth Council is working with the charity Magic Breakfast to run the year-long, council-funded scheme. If successful it will be rolled out to other schools

Magic Breakfasts are part of a wider plan, the Children's School Food Strategy, to tackle food poverty during the Cost of Living crisis. Other measures include

- an increase in the value of vouchers provided to families on free school meals during the holidays from £15 a week to £20
- encouraging all eligible families to apply for free school meals and healthy start vouchers
- a new school meals contract from September using fresh, seasonal produce, no refined sugars, packet mixes or processed ingredients
- school kitchens will link up with classes to make food part of a child's education
- holiday schemes that provide free lunches for children on free school meals – read more about that on page 24.



Get involved!

A new council service called Limitless is dedicated to making sure children, young people and their families and carers have a voice in local decision making.

We want to hear about the big (and small) things that impact on people's lives — especially people we don't usually hear from. There are already loads of ways to get involved and we'll be building on them over the coming months. To find out more or share your ideas,

email limitless@wandsworth.gov.uk

The SEND Local Offer

Get information and links about support, services and advice for families with a child or young person with special education needs and/or disabilities and find out about benefits, discounts and concessions offered via the WAND Card.

wandsworth.gov.uk/localoffer





Getting parents involved

Parents Champions are trained volunteers who use their experiences to talk to other parents and carers about children's services in the borough.

One parent who was helped by the champions, and is now a Parent Champion herself said: "I was moved to Wandsworth due to domestic violence for my family's safety. It was lockdown and I didn't know anyone but in a chat in the playground a champion told me what was on my doorstep. We now have somewhere to go and new friends and I feel I'm living - not just going through the motions."

Empowering Parents Empowering

Communities is a unique parent- led course that helps parents learn practical communication skills to raise happy, confident, co-operative children. It combines peer-led parenting groups with training, supervision and support from parenting specialists.

Getting young people involved Children Looked After in

Care Council is one of a number of different groups, activities, projects and opportunities for children and young people who have experience of living in care, being a care experienced asylum seeker and/or care leaver.

The Wandsworth Youth
Council is a group of dedicated young people aged 11-19, and up to 25 for those who have SEND, who make sure young people's voices are heard, understood and included by decision makers. They're currently looking closely at issues around the cost of living crisis and young people's mental health.

Find out more at wandsworth.gov.uk/fis





New clean air superzone

Wandsworth is working with local schools on ways to ways to clean up the air around schools and encourage walking and cycling.

A clean air 'superzone' funded by the GLA has been set up around St Mary's School, Battersea. Air quality will be monitored and students and parents will get guidance on low air pollution routes to school.

As part of a crackdown on drivers leaving their engines idling near the school, students

have been handing out leaflets and talking to motorists about air quality.

Meanwhile students at nearby St George's CE Primary School and Griffin Primary have received new bikes and cycle storage to encourage them to ride to school and take part in cycle clubs.



The council offers free cycle training, including sessions for children in August.

Find out more at wandsworth. gov.uk/cycle-training-and-skills

School Streets update

Four more primary schools have joined Wandsworth's network of School Streets.

School Streets mean the street outside a school is closed to traffic during drop off and pick up time.

Students at St Boniface in Tooting and Tooting Primary School can travel to and from school in safety after the scheme was introduced in April. This month Smallwood Primary and Riversdale School will also join the scheme.

There are already 25 school streets and the council wants to introduce them at half of all primary schools.

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





Sacred Heart turns green

Sacred Heart Primary has become the UK's second-ever Green Earth School.

The school is working with Earthwatch Europe to create a new green space designed by the children themselves to be a place for learning and for creating biodiversity. The aim is to help students build a connection to nature and encourage them to think about how they can help meet the climate crisis.

The Mayor of Wandsworth went along to the launch last month to admire the new green space and help plant tomatoes, pumpkins, peppers and green beans.



Schools help you refill it

Students at seven Wandsworth schools are setting up refill shops selling sustainable, affordable products including body wash and washing up liquid.

The project is being funded by the council and run with Pupils Profit. It aims to teach business skills as well as reducing plastic waste and encouraging conversations around sustainability.

The students run the shop themselves, including drawing up a business plan, holding board meetings, allocating jobs and taking payment. The shops run once a month after school and parents bring containers to refill.

Four of the shops will launch this month at Gatton Primary, Shaftesbury Park Primary, St Joseph's Catholic Primary School and Westbridge Academy. Penwortham, Rutherford House and Sacred Heart primaries are also taking part.



Giant jellyfish invade Southside!



Single Use Planet was an art exhibition featuring work created by hundreds of year 4 and 5 pupils from 50 classes in 30 primary schools.

Workshops led by the artist Blake C Joshua from the Royal College of Art introduced students to ideas around climate change and how plastic effects our oceans, and encouraged them to look at plastics and waste as material from which they can create something new and beautiful, rather than it being thrown away.





Each class then created a jellyfish made entirely from single use plastics, which were suspended together in a public part of Southside Shopping Centre, Wandsworth.



Cutting carbon

Wandsworth has started decarbonising schools. This summer three schools, Garratt Park, Riversdale and Smallwood will get improvements including LED bulbs and more efficient energy management systems.

Over the next two years more schools will get retrofits, and the least energy-efficient will get additional work such as air source heat pumps and insulation.

Making school buildings more efficient will help the council meet its target to become a net zero organisation by 2030 and also helps school budgets during the Cost of Living crisis – in the last two years schools' energy bills have increased by up to £50.000.

A Schools Climate Network and Resources Hub has also been set up to help schools come together and share ideas on how best to teach climate change in a creative and innovative way.



Foster parents, councillors and members of the council's fostering team walked around Battersea Park during Fostering Fortnight to raise awareness of the vital work foster parents do in giving young people a stable and loving home. If you are interested in fostering as a career, you can come to a Fostering Information Session — either in person or online.

The next two are 6 July from 6pm-8pm and 14 September from 10am to 11.30am.

Find out more at fostering.wandsworth.gov.uk or call 0808 175 3327.





Brighter sound

Some of Wandsworth best young musicians performed to a sold out audience at the Royal Albert Hall at the Wandsworth Music Brighter Sound concert.

1650 pupils from 33 schools and the Wandsworth Music Academy joined musicians from the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and the National Opera Studio.

The programme included a wide range of popular and classical music, and Wandsworth special schools presenting the world premiere of This World of Ours, an original composition based on the theme of climate change.

Find out more about Wandsworth Music and its work with local schools at wandsworthmusic.co.uk.





Free gym and swim

Families in receipt of free school meals can use leisure centre swimming pools and gyms for free from July 24. If you're eligible, you'll get a text message on July 1 so you can register in advance.

It's part of the council's work to help local families through the cost of living crisis and make sure everyone has access to fitness and leisure facilities.

Through leisure centre contractor Places Leisure, anyone receiving Universal Credit will be able to enjoy free off-peak adult gym and swim sessions (off peak is before 5.30pm on weekdays and all day at weekends).

Young people aged 15 and under who receive free school meals will be able to swim for free. A parent or guardian looking after one or two children will also be able to join them for free so that families can enjoy a swim together. They will also be able to use the junior gym for free, which is open to young people aged 11-15, and they can make a free sports booking, such as

squash courts, during off peak hours.

Asylum seekers and foster carers also quality, and care leavers up to the age of 25 can get half price membership.

Swimming sessions should be booked in advance and are subject to availability. You can register from 1st July to allow early registration in advance of the launch date of 24th July 2023, when bookings can be made. Find out more and book on the leisure centre website.





New children's

library

Young readers can enjoy a beautiful dedicated children's library at the new-look Northcote Library in Battersea.



The library in Northcote Road has been rebuilt, including all the latest energy-saving measures to make it one of the most eco-friendly in the country.

As well as the new children's library, it also has a larger study area and meeting rooms for community hire. Wandsworth has 11 libraries, all with dedicated children's libraries and an extensive programme of events. **Find out more at wandsworth.gov.uk/libraries.**





Sporting stars shine brightly

Congratulations to Amalia Freeland and Julia Marczak – jointly awarded 2022 Active Wandsworth Awards Junior Sports Person of the Year.

Amalia is a triple World Champion and broke two world records at the Down Syndrome World Swimming Championships, while Julia has had Judo success at European and World level and is now ranked third in the world in her category.

The award for Active School of the Year went to Smallwood Primary in Tooting, and Young Volunteer of the Year was awarded jointly to Phoenix Green, Marcell Kodom-Nyamekye and Attila Chilanga-Halbritter. Find out how to get involved in sport in Wandsworth at enablelc.org/awa2022







Let's do this together!

Wandsworth is going for the 2025 London Borough of Culture title and St Joseph's primary school came along to Wandsworth Town Hall to show their support.

Over the summer we'll be working with schools, families and young people to develop a London Borough of Culture proposal that builds on all the creativity and vibrancy that Wandsworth has to offer.

Winning would bring funding for a year-long programme to celebrate local culture and heritage and bring opportunities for young people who live here.

Deputy council leader Kemi Akinola said: "Culture is our local identity so we invite everyone living, working and studying in Wandsworth to help showcase our borough so we can win London Borough of Culture 2025."



Another 'green wall' has been installed by Crew Energy with grant funding from the council.

Ernest Bevin's green wall was installed over the February half term break and is already thriving. It joins other green walls at schools across the borough, including this one at Fircroft installed last year (pictured right).

Ernest Bevin headteacher Tracy Dohel said: "The wall looks fabulous. I am already hearing positive comments from the school community and the wall really does brighten up our concrete quad'.











25 July – 24 August

The Wandsworth Connected Summer HAF programme is for young people and families in receipt of free school meals to enjoy a healthy meal and a fun activity every day for five weeks this summer.

Activities last for a minimum of four hours per day and young people can book for multiple activities as long as they do not overlap. The council works with loads of local organisations to put on activities, including the Alton Activity Centre, Caius House, Crazy Camps, Elays, Kimber Skate Park, Metro Tennis, Mushkil Assan and many, many more.



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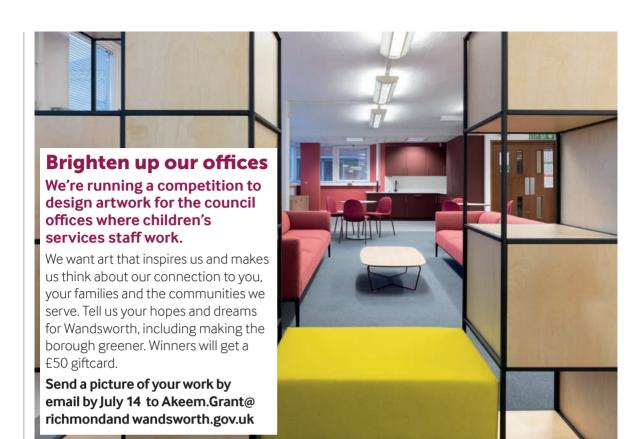
Find out more by visiting **Wandsworth.gov.uk/fis** and searching for wandsworth Connected HAF 2023





Last summer more than a thousand young people took part in Wandsworth Connected: Summer Fun, with local clubs and organisations putting on loads of activities including sport, arts, crafts, cooking, drama, music and days out. Visit the website to see what's on offer this year.













Happy Streets Festival 15 July

It's back! Don't miss this annual one-day festival of music, dance and entertainment in the Thessaly Road area of Battersea.

Free and open to all families across the borough, come along from 12-6pm to enjoy live performances, pizza making, wellbeing sessions, playspaces and information stalls.

Find out more and see a video of last year's event at nineelmslondon.com/happystreets2023





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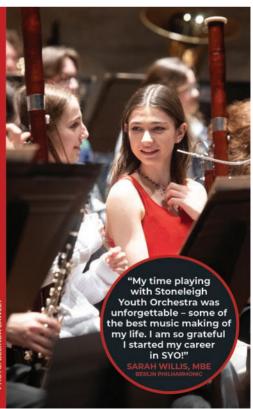
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• Energy Kidz Holiday Club, Sheringdale School, Wandsworth

energy-kidz.co.uk/holiday-club/wandsworthholiday-club-sheringdale-primary-school/

- Funky Moves holiday course,
 Alderbrook Primary School, Balham
 funkymoves.com/pages/kids-holiday-courses
- Super Camps, Putney High School supercamps.co.uk
- Gymfinity Wandsworth camp, Garratt Lane
 gymfinitykids.com

Chelsea Soccer School

Summer holiday courses are running in Battersea Park and Chestnut Grove School

Chelseasoccerschools.co.uk

Northcote Road Summer Festival

July 19 11am-6pm

Stalls and entertainment, plus the men's Wimbledon Finals on the big screen

Northcoteroad.london

Drawn to Water

Until 10 September

Discover nature through the art of Quentin Blake, with illustrated trails around the Wetlands Centre and activities for all ages and abilities.

wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres/London





Libraries

Fun events, storytimes, workshops and crafts.

better.org.uk/whats-on-in-wandsworths-libraries



All Star Tennis

Summer holiday tennis camp for three-year-olds to teens

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

allstartennis.co.uk info@allstartennis.co.uk



Mix and Munch Cooking Holiday Camps

Participants make three dishes in three hours, eat together and take home leftovers. All food, take-away containers, aprons and recipes are provided.

Based at Saint Cecilia's, Southfields. Suitable for six to 12 year olds. After school classes also available.

mixandmunch.com, or email hello@ mixandmjnch.com

Making Life Better Together Summer Street Party

5 July - 1pm-4pm

Food stalls from around the world, a market place with information stands about different Trust and community services and free activities to take part in. Everyone invited. Springfield Drive, Springfield Hospital. Tooting

eventbrite.co.uk/e/swlstg-summer-street-partyregistration-335396779797



Devas Youth Club

Devas Youth Club has loads of fun activities at its afterschool clubs, including music, boxing, football and dance. Juniors (8-11 years) club runs from 3.30pm – 6pm each

afternoon and Seniors from 6,3.30pm – 6pm each afternoon and Seniors from 6pm – 9pm. It only costs £1 to join in. There will also be a full programme of summer holiday activities. **Find out more at devasclub.org.**

Group 64

Summer theatre holiday projects for 4-7 year olds, 7-11 year olds and 11-16 year olds at the Putney Arts Theatre

g64.org.uk/holiday-projects

Childminder briefing session

4 July, 10am-noon

Find out if being a childminder is for you and start the registration process. Sessions are held online.

To book a place email childmindingservice@wandsworth.gov.uk or call 020 8871 6223

Summer In Battersea Park

Enjoy events in the part throughout the summer including:

July 1 & 2 Performances and workshops from Circus Sensible and African Acrobatic Circus plus a selection of fairground rides and lots of free activities for all the family.

July 8 Sea shanties and slapstick comedy from Calf2Cow, a day-long programme of acoustic music, the ultimate inflatable obstacle course for children ages 5 and over (no adults), a smaller bouncy castle for younger children and art classes hosted by Putney School of Art and Design.

July 9 Battersea Dog Show and Wandsworth Armed Forces Day

enablelc.org/summerinbatterseapark

The George Shearing Centre

The George Shearing Centre is a specialist centre for children and young people with disabilities. Services include:

- Unique Youth holiday and afterschool provision to young people 11-25 with moderate to complex SEND.
- Generate a youth group for young people with moderate disabilities
- Baked Bean drama and dance group operating on a Saturday during term time
- Dance sessions from Enable on Sundays

Find out more at wandsworth.gov.uk/localoffer

about.

Schools

General information: wandsworth.gov.uk/schools

Admissions: wandsworth.gov.uk/admissions

Term dates: wandsworth.gov.uk/termdates

Find a school: wandsworth.gov.uk/schoolsAtoZ



Recycling

General information: wandsworth.gov.uk/recycling

What can I recycle?:

wandsworth.gov.uk/recyclefromhome



Arts, leisure and culture

Arts: wandsworth.gov.uk/arts

Events: wandsworth.gov.uk/events

Libraries: wandsworth.gov.uk/libraries

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

Adult Education: wandsworthlifelonglearning.co.uk



Parks

General information: wandsworth.gov.uk/parks

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



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

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