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# Minister cuts Oasis ribbon

## Oasis Academy in Putney has officially opened its doors.

The school moved into its brand-new Putney Common building late last year, but invited the education secretary Justine Greening and the leader of Wandsworth Council Ravi Govindia to a grand opening in January.

The school's first pupils joined the VIPs to plant a tree to mark the event, and parents and guests were treated to a singing performance.

The tree's growth and development will reflect that of the children who progress through the Academy. Di Morgan, Principal Designate of the new school said, "Today is a very proud moment for all of us at Oasis Academy Putney, and for the large number of people whose vision and hard work has contributed to the completion of this beautiful new school for future generations of Putney children."

Oasis Academy Putney is a two-form entry primary school. The Academy currently has a reception class, and will be gradually fill up to full occupancy of 420 four to eleven year olds.

## Harris makes great progress

**Harris Academy in Battersea has come third in the UK in the latest performance tables.**

The tables, published by the Department of Education, looked at how well students progressed during their time at school – the so-called Progress 8 score – not just the raw exam result that they achieve at GCSE. Last summer's GCSE results at Harris Battersea rose by 22 points. It achieved a Progress 8 score of 1.15, well above the national average of 0.03.

Nearly all of the 11 mainstream state secondary schools in Wandsworth scored above the national Progress 8 average. Three schools, **Harris, Graveney School and Ashcroft Academy** achieved 80 per cent or more pupils receiving grade C or higher in English and Maths GCSE. The UK average is 63 per cent.

See the results for all schools at [www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk](http://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk)



# Students debate with US Ambassador

Around a hundred history and politics students from Wandsworth Schools quizzed outgoing US Ambassador Matthew Barzun on topics including racism, Isis, gun laws, Brexit and America's role in the Middle East during a visit to the town hall

The event was part of the Embassy's long running student outreach programme and included a talk by the Ambassador about the way the US engages with the world and its special relationship with the UK. The Ambassador has previously visited several borough schools as the US Embassy prepares to move to its new home in Nine Elms this year.



**Swaburah Batanda**  
St John Bosco College:

“ It was very informative  
and I liked the  
interactive way of  
learning. ”





# New head for Allfarthing

**Allfarthing Primary School in Wandsworth has a new headteacher.**

Tom Holmes was most recently acting head at St. Mary's CE Primary School in Twickenham, rated outstanding by Ofsted. He has also previously taught at **Honeywell School**.

He said: "As well as ensuring that we have a rich, balanced curriculum with a strong focus on English and Maths, I am planning to expand our extra-curricular activities. For example, I leave a legacy of running clubs in my last three schools and I'm keen to introduce the same at Allfarthing. My arrival marks the start of a new era of positive change for the school and I can't wait to get started."

Last year Allfarthing celebrating the opening of a new playground, outdoor classroom and nature zone. It has also benefitted from a new nursery being built on site, in which the council invested £724,000.

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# Students shown path to good mental health

A major new project is helping to improve the mental health of Wandsworth's school pupils.

Students in ten primary schools will be taking part in the PATHS (Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies) programme for the next four years.

PATHS helps young people develop self-control, emotional awareness and problem-solving skills. They are taught to recognise emotions, and learn that although all feelings are OK, some behaviours are not. They then learn how to solve problems within their relationships, and the importance of self-esteem.

The skills are taught through special lessons and teaching materials, and the PATHS ethos is embedded into everything the school does.

The programme is being run by the charity Barnardo's. It is funded by the NHS and was commissioned by Wandsworth Council as part of its commitment to improving the long-term mental health of the borough's schoolchildren.

As well as teaching lessons once or twice a week, teachers will receive coaching from Barnardo's throughout the four years that the scheme is running.

Find out more about PATHS at [www.pathseducation.co.uk](http://www.pathseducation.co.uk).



The picture shows work by a pupil in Year 1 at All Saint's School, Putney who is learning to recognise different emotions.

The schools taking part are **Allfarthing, All Saints, Christ Church, Falconbrook, Franciscan, Granard, Griffin, Sacred Heart Roehampton, St Boniface** and the **Victoria Drive pupil referral unit**.

## Be history detectives

There's still time to sign up for the Wandsworth Council/GLL Heritage Awards for Schools.

Last year's winners were **St Boniface RC Primary School** for their entry focusing on the listed former Granada Cinema, now the Gala Bingo Hall in Tooting, **Earlsfield Primary School** for their work on A Quid for Sid – a local campaign raising money to erect a plaque the youngest soldier in the first world war Sidney Lewis and **All Saints School** in Putney for a project on Putney Bridge.

The deadline for entries is **March 31**. If you are interested in entering your school, email [HeritageAwards@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:HeritageAwards@wandsworth.gov.uk) or visit [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/schoolsheritageawards](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/schoolsheritageawards).





# St Faith's take the rhyme prize

**St Faith's School in Wandsworth took home the winner's trophy in the Key Stage 2 Word of Mouth competition.**

The contest brings together students from primary schools across the borough to the town hall, where they compete to recite poems in a way that brings their meaning to life and entertains an audience.

Group winners **St Faith's** were praised by judges for their comic effect and good timing. Team members were Nathaniel Melinchenko, Oleg Poborcev, Martin Aleksandrov and Malakai Colehe. Runners up were **St Mary's RC School** in Battersea and **All Saint's School**, Putney.

The prize for best individual reading was Ella Slater from **St Michael's** in Southfields, who won praise for the "fantastic performance of a complicated poem." The runners up were Esher Imran from **St Faith's** and Lena Muziol from **Our Lady Queen of Heaven**, Southfields.



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# STEM Celebration

**Ernest Bevin College** has been celebrating achieving **STEM Assured Status** in 2016.

STEM covers Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths, although Computing and Art are often included.

Gaining STEM Assured status recognises the college's excellence in these subject areas and its commitment to forging even stronger links with employers and universities. **Ernest Bevin** is one of only a handful of schools in the country to get the award.

At the ceremony visitors were able to look at examples of the work being carried out including wind turbine design, constructing Formula 1 components, code breaking, robotics and virtual reality. Top students were given awards.





Mark Weatherhead,  
Vice Principal, said:

“ During the process of gathering evidence for the application and STEM inspection visit, I was genuinely surprised by just how much STEM related work we did in school. It creates a real buzz about the school and will provide plenty of opportunities for our students and staff to build on strong foundations. ”



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# All aboard the Brain Bus

**Olympic gold medallist Phelan Hill visited West Hill Primary School in Wandsworth to officially open their Brain Bus.**

Phelan is the cox for the Olympic gold medal men's eights rowing team and current world champion, as well as a Wandsworth resident and a West Hill parent.

The athlete cut the ribbon on a double decker bus, which was installed in June 2016, after giving a talk to pupils on how resilience, determination and a 'growth mindset' enabled him to succeed.

The bus is in a playground and has been refurbished so that it acts as a classroom and also as a quiet space for the children to practise their learning or do some reading during breaks.

The outside of the bus is decorated with neurons, a reminder that new connections are formed in the brain when pupils try new things and practise them over and over.



# Sam's in fine voice

Sam Howells, a Year 8 pupil at **Saint Cecilia's**, has fought off tough competition to be accepted at the prestigious National Youth Choirs of Great Britain (NYCGB).

Originally set up as a single choir of 100 of the best young singers in Britain, NYCGB now consists of five choirs containing a total of around 750 young people aged 9-25.

John Wells, Curriculum Team Leader for Music at the school said: "Getting a place in the National Youth Choirs is an amazing achievement."

Saint Cecilia's has been graded outstanding in all areas at its recent Statutory Inspection of Anglican Schools (SIAMS) inspection. The inspector, who looked specifically into the school's Christian ethos, praised the 'truly exceptional quality of care for staff and pupils.'

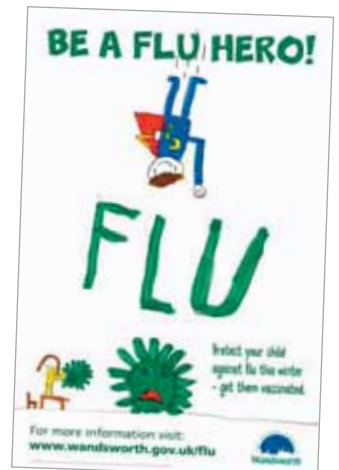


## Sonny is flu hero

Sonny Angus from **Holy Ghost school** won a competition to design a poster to encourage parents and carers to get their children vaccinated against flu.

He was presented with a certificate by the Mayor of Wandsworth, Cllr Richard Field and his design appears on posters put up around the borough, on leaflets in health centres and other publicity.

Find out more about the flu inoculation at:  
[www.wandsworth.gov.uk/flu](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/flu)



# Students meet boxing heroes

Students at **Swaffield School** in Wandsworth have been inspired by visits from three top sportspeople.

Rio Olympic super-heavyweight silver medallist Joe Joyce, 2016 British Welterweight Champion Bradley Skeete and twice Commonwealth Light Middleweight Champion Richard Williams spoke at an assembly about the importance of positivity, effort and determination in achieving success.

The boxers' visit was arranged with Sid Khan from Earlsfield Amateur Boxing Club in Garratt Lane and was part of the school's Black History Month celebrations.

Afterwards, the three sports stars received 156 thankyou cards, containing messages including "you



inspired me to use setbacks and turn them into positivity", "your assembly taught me to never give up on a dream" and "You inspired me to be anything I want to be. I will never give up like you said. I am going to play table tennis at the 2020 Olympics."

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# Cracking the code

**School coding clubs are helping young people get a grounding in skills that could get them a good job in the borough's burgeoning tech companies.**

The council has commissioned Blue Shift Coding to run the clubs and around a hundred young people a week go along to learn skills, work collaboratively and create their own coding projects that they can develop and keep in a portfolio.

The aim is that young people who have never before considered computing as a career are able to get an insight into what it is like and are encouraged to take the subject at GCSE level and beyond. It also means Wandsworth businesses have a steady source of young, local talent.

The schools taking part are Burntwood Academy, Southfields Academy, Bolingbroke Academy, Chestnut Grove Academy, St John Bosco, Ark Academy Putney, Harris Academy, Ernest Bevin College and Graveney Academy.

See examples of the students' work at [www.students.blueshiftcoding.com](http://www.students.blueshiftcoding.com)

**Cyrus** - Harris Academy

“ I really enjoy Blueshift editor because I have learned so much throughout this. One day I will become a programmer and create a website which can help children learn maths through chatlines. ”

**Azizi** - Ernest Bevin College

“ Learning about Bootstrap in Lesson 8 today was really interesting as it now inspired me to make a personal website over the Christmas holidays. ”

**Alfie** - Ark Academy

“ In today's lesson we learnt how to create basic web browsers. Our web browsers were able to search a pokemon website and we could take various bits of data and put it into a graph. ”





# Young chefs prepare to do battle

**The final of this year's Wandsworth Young Chef of the Year competition will be held next month.**

This is the fourth year the competition has been run, providing valuable training and experience to young people interested in a career in catering or hospitality.

The inter-school competition is run by the Mayor of Wandsworth and the council's Lifelong Learning Team. Support is being provided by the South Thames College catering school and major catering company Compass.

Each school has held a 'cook-off' to choose their finalist. Before they battle it out next month, they will be taken to Billingsgate to learn how to select and prepare fish and will receive a masterclass from Compass at its Chertsey headquarters.

In April the finalists and Compass will host the Mayor's charity dinner in the Wandsworth Civic Suite.

The schools taking part are St Cecilia's, Burntwood, Ernest Bevin, Southfields and Harris Academy.



Students meet council leader Ravi Govindia

# Teenagers take over

Young people took over the town hall in November, shadowing senior decision makers as part of the Takeover Challenge. Wandsworth Council's communications department was taken over by 16-year-old Shumaila Iftikhar who attends Graveney School. She has written an article for Headstart talking about the day.

**By Shumaila Iftikhar**

“ The Take-Over Day Challenge is an annual event organised by the Children's Commissioner for England, which gives young people the chance to experience the world of work in a career of their choice.

In Wandsworth, this challenge has been running for the past five years and is the product of months of hard-work and cooperation by the Wandsworth Youth Council.

This year, I, along with 26 other young people from school, colleges and youth groups in the borough of Wandsworth, have been given the opportunity to take over a decision-maker's role to inspire the adult world so they can continue to adapt their services to suit younger people and give our generation an active voice.

It is an extremely successful event as many young people who have taken part in it are offered further work experience and even job opportunities, and many participants return for another chance to inspire the adult world with their ideas; in fact, on one occasion, one decision maker was so impressed with a participant's efforts that she was invited back to the House of Commons to talk about specific issue she had been concerned with whilst taking over a role.

Personally, I have really benefited from such an opportunity as it has helped a previously quiet and unconfident person like me to finally step



out of my comfort-zone and experience a career doing what I love: TO WRITE. ”

**To find out more visit**  
[www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/learn-more/takeover-challenge](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/learn-more/takeover-challenge)

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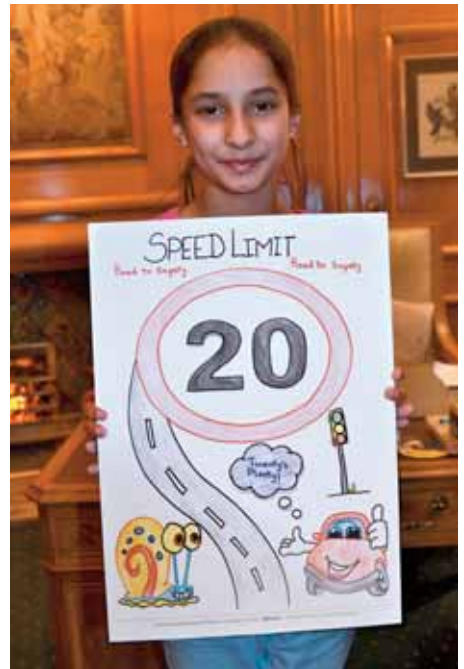
# Aniqa's poster helps keep speeds down

Aniqa Shahid from St Boniface School is the winner of a competition run by the council and the police to design a poster reminding motorists to keep their speed below 20mph.

The runner up was Maddy Squirrel from Beatrix Potter School, and third place was taken by Francesca Maino from Our Lady of Victories.

Aniqa's winning design will be on display on poster sites across the borough and on publicity flyers to remind drivers of the new 20mph limit being introduced in all Wandsworth's residential streets.

The council has also been working with the police, schools and local residents on a Community Roadwatch scheme reminding drivers to slow down near schools.



## Valuable scrap

**The Work and Play Scrapstore provides clean materials for the community to use for art, craft, design and creative play, donated as surplus by eco-friendly businesses.**

If you're a teacher, group leader, student, family or artist, you can visit as often as you like for a one-off annual fee, to collect materials and talk with the team about how to get the most out of your ideas.

Visitors are always welcome to pop in, have a look around and chat with the team. Find out more at [workandplayscrapstore.org.uk](http://workandplayscrapstore.org.uk) or call (020) 8682 4216.





# Cultivating inspiration

Wandsworth students are learning all about the Nine Elms regeneration programme and exploring the many creative sector careers linked to the place making industry.

The council's Cultivate Nine Elms project has seen Architect Wendy Smith working with secondary students from **St John Bosco College** to explore masterplanning with New Covent Garden Market.

Jasper Sutherland, a communications and engagement designer from Make:Good, created play structures with a class from **John Burns Primary** at a riverside site and got the children thinking about ways they would like to improve their area, and artist Anne Harild worked with a class from **Chesterton Primary** to explore sculptural forms and architecture.

The Cultivate project acts as a bridge between Wandsworth schools and the cultural opportunities being created throughout Nine Elms.

Francesca Charlesworth, Head of Art, at **St John Bosco College** said, "A big thank you for the 'Exploring Nine Elms' project, the students benefited massively from working with Wendy with her architectural knowledge and passion to share her experience."

Cultivate is a partnership project with investment from Wandsworth Council. It is developed on behalf of Wandsworth Council by Enable Leisure and Culture.

Find out more at [www.cultivate.london](http://www.cultivate.london)





# Gear up for the Youth Games

The London Youth Games returns for its 40th year in 2017, and Wandsworth is keen to hear from local young athletes who want to take part.

As part of Wandsworth Council's borough-wide sports programme, hundreds of young people from the area will be taking part in this year's competition, featuring more than 30 sports across nine months including badminton, weightlifting, football, kayaking and handball.

All 33 London boroughs participate in the games, with Wandsworth crowned as champions three times in the last four years, and not finishing outside the top two since 2010.

If you are interested in being involved in any of the sports email [lyg@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:lyg@wandsworth.gov.uk) or visit [www.enablelc.org/leisure/lyg](http://www.enablelc.org/leisure/lyg).





Crunchy the Owl visits Tooting Library

# Children get stuck into books

Last year Wandsworth children's libraries issued over three quarters of a million books – almost 3,500 more than the amount of adult books loaned out.

In total 733,711 children's books were issued, compared to 698,941 adult titles. Overall Wandsworth libraries had the largest number of issues in London.

The most children's books were issued by Balham library, with a staggering 120,940 loans. Southfields was second with 117,014.

All 11 borough branches include facilities for children, and the children's libraries at Northcote and Tooting have recently been completely refurbished. As well as lending books, there's a programme of fun activities for families to enjoy together, including arts and crafts, music and story times, plus space for children to study.

Find out what's on at your local library at [www.better.org.uk/library/london/wandsworth](http://www.better.org.uk/library/london/wandsworth).



Local environmental group Transition Town Tooting held a sustainable arts workshop at Tooting Library (Picture: Charles Whitehead)



An Eid-themed story time at Balham Library

# Partnership promotes good food

**Local families and schools are invited to join the Wandsworth Food Partnership.**



The Partnership is a network of people interested in food in Wandsworth. It aims to encourage people to eat good, fresh, locally grown food, promote healthy lifestyles and reduce food waste.

Wandsworth Food Partnership was set up by the council's public health team but is an independent, grassroots organisation. So far there are around 56 members, mostly made up of community groups and organisations involved in different aspects of food such as growing, production and sustainability.

Now the Food Partnership is keen to hear from young people and their families and teachers. It wants them to sign up and start thinking about what they can do to help.

A free event will be held this half term in Battersea including fun activities, cooking, growing and tasting, plus information from the Wellcome Trust about

their Crunch Project. Afterwards there will be a free hot meal from 7pm produced by professional chefs using food that would otherwise have been wasted.

Find out more in the listings section on p25

Meanwhile, take a look at the Partnership's Facebook page – [facebook.com/WandsworthFoodPartnership](https://facebook.com/WandsworthFoodPartnership)



# Be Food Smart

Do you know how much sugar, saturated fat and salt is in your food?

Without realising it, we are all eating too much sugar, saturated fat and salt. Over time this can lead to harmful changes on the inside and increases the risk of serious diseases in the future. In England, more than a third of 10 and 11-year-olds are overweight or obese.

The new Be Food Smart campaign is helping children and their parents make healthier food and drink choices and includes a handy app so families can quickly see what's in the food they're eating.

The free app works by scanning the barcode of products, revealing the total sugar, saturated fat and salt inside and providing hints and tips for adults plus fun food detectives activities for kids.

The Be Food Smart app is available from the iTunes store or Google Play. Search Change4Life for more information.

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# Monster Soup!

Explore the Thames River through theatre, music and some very big puppets!

The Kids Create Club is investigating microscopic monsters from the Thames. Why do they exist? Where can you find them? How do they help our local environment? Participants will collect water samples from the river and document fictional microbes in the water, after which they will begin designing their very own giant, illuminated puppet monster. A final public event will give everyone the chance to show off their creation.

Kids Create Club is a partnership between Pump House Gallery, Puppets with GUTS and Wandsworth Council.

Kids Create Club, ROSE Community Centre, Nine Elms, Wandsworth, SW8 4DL. 4pm to 5pm on Wednesdays until March 22.

To find out more call Ivan Thorley on 07942 459 451 or email [mail@puppetswithguts.com](mailto:mail@puppetswithguts.com)



## Love books at Somerset

Parents will be invited into Somerset Nursery School to celebrate World Book Day on March 1 by sharing and read familiar books in their mother tongue.

The nursery in Battersea Church Road is one of three local authority schools rated outstanding by Ofsted providing education to nursery aged children. It is led by a team of qualified teachers and highly-experienced early years professionals.

Headteacher Louisa Halls said: "At Somerset supporting the development of literacy for young children is about creating a rich and stimulating learning environment where children increase their language development through play and first hand experiences. Books form an integral part of that."

Schools across Wandsworth will be distributing £1 book tokens on March 1. Find out more at [worldbookday.com](http://worldbookday.com).

You can apply for a place at Somerset Nursery School now by calling (020) 7223 5455.

# Winter listings

This is just a taste of what's going on. For lots more activities, visit the Family Information Service at [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/fis](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/fis)



## • Get Set Go!

February 27, 10am-1pm

Employment fair for young people with special educational needs aged 14-25 and their parents, carers and professionals working with them.

South Thames College, Wandsworth High Street

[ethan@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:ethan@wandsworth.gov.uk)

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## • Football Holiday Course

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Furzedown Recreation Centre, Ramsdale

Road, Tooting

020 8767 6542

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February 13-17

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## • Zesh Rehman Foundation Football

These term-time Saturday afternoon football coaching sessions are for any 5-11 year old who enjoys playing football and wants to improve their skills.

Graveney School, Welham Road, Tooting.

07583 628 324

[info@zeshrehmanfoundation.org](mailto:info@zeshrehmanfoundation.org)

[www.zeshrehmanfoundation.org](http://www.zeshrehmanfoundation.org)

## • Furzedown Soccer School

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£50 per week or £12 per day

Furzedown Recreation Centre

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[www.enablelc.org/frc](http://www.enablelc.org/frc)



## All Star Tennis Junior Holiday Courses

February 13-17

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Wandsworth Common

[www.allstartennis.co.uk](http://www.allstartennis.co.uk)

[info@allstartennis.co.uk](mailto:info@allstartennis.co.uk)

(020) 8871 7171

## • Star Track Athletics

Monday 13 to Friday 17 February  
10.30am to 2.30pm

7 to 14 year olds

£50 per week or £11 per day

Tooting Bec Athletics Track

020 8871 7171

[www.enablelc.org/tbat](http://www.enablelc.org/tbat)

## • Holiday fun at Battersea Sports Centre

13-17 February

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Battersea Sports Centre,

Hope Street SW11.

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[bsc@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:bsc@wandsworth.gov.uk)

[www.enablelc.org/bsc](http://www.enablelc.org/bsc)



## • Learn to play table tennis February 16, 4pm-7pm

Learn the rules of the game and how to play it. Suitable for boys and girls aged 11-19

Roehampton Youth Club

36 Holybourne Avenue

To register ring Sandra Wright on

07585 316482



## HEALTHY STUFF

### • Love Wandsworth February 14, 2pm-4.30pm

This free family event from the Wandsworth Food Partnership



Partnership will include cooking and tasting home grown food, sharing tips on growing your own nutritious food, and more. The event will be followed by hot food at the nearby London Cooking Project in Ethelburga Street for a community meal made from ingredients that would otherwise have been wasted. The meal in the evening starts at 7pm.

**The Venue, Park Court, Battersea**

To book sign up on Eventbrite <https://love-wandsworth2017.eventbrite.co.uk>

### • Free led walks

Join a walk in Battersea Park, Clapham Common, King George's Park, Tooting Common or Roehampton.

Call 020 8871 6373 or visit [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/walk4life](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/walk4life)



### • Beat It! Healthy Lifestyle and Weight Management Programme

Afterschool from 4.30pm, Monday-Friday & half term activities

5-11 year olds and 12-18 year olds. Free, book required. To book onto the programme, please call 020 8871 8377 or email AMacNaughton@wandsworth.gov.uk  
**Battersea, Tooting, Roehampton, Queenstown**  
[www.enablelc.org/beat-it](http://www.enablelc.org/beat-it)



### • Sport at STORM

The Jimmy Asher Foundation Charity (JAF) empowers and inspires young people to fulfil their potential in areas such as sport, arts, catering and media. The charity runs workshops on schools, community centres and youth clubs.

Look out for a new programme of sports activities starting at the STORM Family Centre in Battersea in the spring.

Check [www.jimmyasherfoundation.org](http://www.jimmyasherfoundation.org) for updates.

### • Get Out Get Active Roehampton!

Local people of all ages can take part in a new sport and physical activities initiative in Roehampton.

Get Out Get Active runs regular exercise and sport in community venues across the Roehampton area, including the Alton estate. Activities being arranged include 'turn up and play' football, and junior non-contact beginners kick-boxing, both aimed at young people.

For more information, contact Emma Toft, Sport and Physical Activity Officer, on (020) 8871 or [etoft@enablelc.org](mailto:etoft@enablelc.org)

### • Mini Dribblers Saturday Morning Sessions

Sessions run from 8.45am-9.30am and 9.30am-10.15am

An enjoyable introduction to football for 3-to-5 years olds

Sessions are indoors and are 45 min long Coaches are FA qualified & CRB checked

**Tooting Leisure Centre**

For more information or to book [go4goal.org.uk](http://go4goal.org.uk)  
[bookings@go4goal.org.uk](mailto:bookings@go4goal.org.uk)  
0330 111 3686



### • Under 8s swim for free

Swim for free at Latchmere Leisure Centre. All children must register and get a membership card to swim for free, and must be accompanied by an adult.

**Latchmere Leisure Centre, Burns Road, Battersea**  
(020) 7207 8004  
[enquiries@latchmereleisurecentre.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@latchmereleisurecentre.co.uk)  
[www.placesforpeopleleisure.org/centres/latchmere-leisure-centre](http://www.placesforpeopleleisure.org/centres/latchmere-leisure-centre)

# THEATRE, MUSIC AND BOOKS

## • Group 64 Youth Theatre holiday projects

February 15-16

The Magical Chocolate Factory  
Join an adventure of making a magical chocolate factory.

Ages 4-7

Cost - £54

February 17

Treasure Island Play in a Day

Jim and his pirate friends set sail to find the buried treasure, but Long John Silver and his crew are not too far behind

Ages 7-11

Cost - £38. Book in advance

Putney Arts Theatre, Upper Richmond

Road (020) 8788 6935

[www.g64.org.uk](http://www.g64.org.uk)



## • Ground Control

February 17

You are Ground Control and Futuretron needs your help to decide the future of a new planet. This is a children-only show – no adults allowed. Suitable for ages 7-12.

Tickets £10.

Battersea Arts Centre, Lavender Hill, Battersea

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



## • Time and the Conways

Wednesday 15 to

Saturday 18 February, 7.45pm

Wed-Fri, 5pm Sat

The year is 1919 and Kay Conway celebrates her 21st birthday. With World War One over, she and her family anticipate their futures. All have high expectations of what they will become.

## • Much Ado About Puffin

February 16-17

Traverse stormy seas in this funny tale about a man all alone, a friendly puffin and a lot of fuss over nothing.

Told with puppetry, music and storytelling. Suitable for children aged 4+. £10 adults, £8 children and concessions.

Battersea Arts Centre,

Lavender Hill,

Battersea

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



Nineteen years later, they are reunited in the family home in very different circumstances. Tickets £10, concessions £7.50, (Wednesday and Saturday).

Chestnut Grove Academy Theatre, Chestnut Grove SW12. Box office: 07914 657524 or online at [www.southsideplayers.org.uk](http://www.southsideplayers.org.uk)

## • Lunchtime Recital

March 8, 1.10pm

Free recital by the National Opera Studio, just turn up

All Saint's Church, Wandsworth [www.nationaloperastudio.org.uk](http://www.nationaloperastudio.org.uk)

## • Wandsworth Symphony Orchestra

March 18

Music from Aladdin by Nielsen and

Symphony No1 in E minor by Sibelius  
St Barnabas Church, Southfields  
[www.wandsworthsymphony.org](http://www.wandsworthsymphony.org)

## • Storytime in the Libraries

Storytime sessions in borough libraries for children aged 2-5

- Balham – Monday and Thursday 11am
  - Battersea - Monday 4pm
  - Battersea Park - Friday 3.45pm
  - Earlsfield - Thursday 3.45pm
  - Northcote - Thursday 10.30am
  - Putney - Thursday 2.30pm
  - Roehampton - Friday 3.45pm
  - Southfields - Tuesday 10.30am
  - Tooting - Tuesday and Saturday 2.30pm
  - Wandsworth Town - Friday 10am
  - York Gardens - Friday 3pm
- [www.better.org.uk/london/wandsworth](http://www.better.org.uk/london/wandsworth)

## • Wandsworth Arts Fringe

May 5-21

From Wandsworth to Putney, Tooting to Balham, Battersea to Roehampton, street performances, comedy, music, dance and workshops are coming to Wandsworth. Don't miss this year's annual arts extravaganza! Keep an eye on [wandsworthfringe.com](http://wandsworthfringe.com) and sign up for email updates to keep up to date with all the latest festival activities and events. Tickets go on sale Wednesday 1 March.

[wandsworthfringe.com](http://wandsworthfringe.com)



## JUST PLAY



### • The Party

February 14-18

It's going to be the best birthday ever. But with the arrival of some unexpected guests, things don't quite go as planned. Enter a cyclist, a man dressed as a giant chicken and a mysterious stranger as this topsy-turvy celebration spirals out of control!

Tickets £13.50, £10 concessions.

Recommended for ages 3-7

Polka Children's Theatre, Wimbledon.

[www.polkatheatre.com/](http://www.polkatheatre.com/)

[event/the-party/](http://www.polkatheatre.com/event/the-party/)  
(020) 8543 4888



### • Hadaway Harry

February 17 & 18 7.30pm and matinee 2.30pm Saturday

Harry "Hadaway" Clasper, who was from Tyneside, was the Sir Steve Redgrave of his day having led seven teams to win the Championship of the World on the Thames at Putney. Tickets cost £16 - call 01914 247788.

London Rowing Club, Putney SW15.  
[www.hadawayharry.co.uk](http://www.hadawayharry.co.uk)



### • Playrangers at the Alton Activity Centre

Monday, Wednesday and Friday during half term

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

Alton Activity Centre, Ellisfield Drive, Roehampton



### • Battersea Park Playground

Swings, slides, exercise stations, trapeze bars, activity rocker and stationary equipment. Suitable for 8-14 years.

Open access. Free

There are 49 playgrounds across the borough.

For a full list see

[www.enablelc.org/parks/who-does-what](http://www.enablelc.org/parks/who-does-what)

### • Supercamps at Putney High School

Feb 13-17

Your child can expect to take part in around six activities a day.

£190 a week, £47 a day.

Putney High School, Putney Hill

01235 467 300

[info@supercamps.co.uk](mailto:info@supercamps.co.uk)

[www.supercamps.co.uk/camps/putney-high-school-2](http://www.supercamps.co.uk/camps/putney-high-school-2)

### • Schools out Club, Balham

Feb 13-17

During half term the centre opens each morning at 8am. There will be a full day of planned, prepared and fun activities, including trips out. Breakfast (before 9am), mid-morning snack and afternoon tea provided – bring a packed lunch.

Balham Community Centre,

91 Bedford Hill

020 8673 4350

[jackiebcc@btconnect.com](mailto:jackiebcc@btconnect.com)

### • Youngstars Holiday Camp

13-17 February

Sports and activities.

£30 a day.

St Luke's Church Hall,

Ramsden Road

07920 426 499

# ARTS AND CRAFTS



## • Affordable Art Fair

March 9-12

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

Battersea Park

[www.affordableartfair.com/battersea](http://www.affordableartfair.com/battersea)



## • Art Deck-O

February half term 2017

This half term course is an introduction to Skate Board Artwork. Produce your own art on a skateboard and learn how to use your finished board.

Suitable for young people aged 8-15. Email to request a booking form

**STORM Family Centre, Battersea park Road.**

[stormempowerment@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stormempowerment@hotmail.co.uk)



## • InHouse family workshops at Pump House Gallery

February 12, February 26, March 12. Noon-4pm

InHouse projects are an opportunity for visitors to drop in to the gallery's Project Space and explore ideas with an artist through hands-on activities during gallery hours. Alongside Pilvi Takala's exhibition, artist Emma McGarry invites you to explore the physical experience of making art and to play with ways of producing art.

Age range: Drop-in workshop for all

ages. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

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

[whats-on/upcoming](#)

## • Creative short courses for families and young people

**February 13-15**, Family Learning Pottery. Have fun making and decorating pottery and ceramic figures. For parent and child aged 7-13 working together. Materials provided.

**February 13-15**, Throwing for Beginners. Learn the magic of throwing pottery on the wheel. Suitable for adults and young people aged 14 and over

**February 16-17**, Family Learning Painting. Draw and paint under expert guidance. Suitable for children 7-13 accompanied by an adult. Materials provided

**Putney School of Art and Design, Oxford Road SW15.**

[www.webenrol.com/psad](http://www.webenrol.com/psad).

(020) 8788 9145

# HOLIDAY PLAYSCHMES

## • Christchurch Primary School

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

## • Smallwood Primary School

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

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

**For more information call the booking helpdesk on 020 8871 6348 or you can email us at [EYISSChildcare@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:EYISSChildcare@wandsworth.gov.uk). The helpdesk is open Monday to Friday, 10am - 1pm.**

# DAYS OUT

# Winter listings



## • February Half Term Fun at Battersea Park Children's Zoo

### • Love Heart Hunt February 11-19

As you go round the zoo count up how many love hearts you can see and enter the draw to win a family day ticket

### • Animal Story Time February 13

Listen to a story about a small furry animal and meet the real-life character, plus colouring-in fun.

### • Heart-shaped feeding time February 14

Heart-shaped feeding time fun on Valentine's Day plus make a lovebird puppet

### • Hibernating Animalzzz February 16

Story time plus make a 3-D picture. Some extra charges apply, plus usual entrance fees. Children must be accompanied by an adult.  
**Battersea Park Children's Zoo**  
[www.batterseaparkzoo.co.uk](http://www.batterseaparkzoo.co.uk)

## • 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](http://www.deencityfarm.co.uk)

## • 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**

## • Putt in the Park

Mini-golf in Wandsworth Park and Battersea Park. Enjoy a round of putting and then relax in the cafe. The new Battersea venue also includes a Pizzeria and Bar. Open 9am to dusk. No booking required.  
[www.puttinthepark.com](http://www.puttinthepark.com).



## • Half term at the Wetlands Centre February 11-19

London Puddle Jumping Championships: Children of all ages can grab their wellies and have fun jumping in puddles in the fresh air. Use your imagination to create the biggest, most exciting splash. Puddle Jumping is free with paid admission to the Centre.

February 19 - Udderly Amazing Cows! Spend time behind the scenes with our cows to learn more about their importance. Spaces are limited so please book your place at admissions on the day (first-come first-served basis). Participation is free with paid admission to centre.

**London Wetlands Centre, Barnes**  
[www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres/london/](http://www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres/london/)



# CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES



## • Supported swim session

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

Aspire Centre, Merton Road  
mdoherty@wandsworth.gov.uk  
(020) 8871 6857

## • Special Olympics Wandsworth Taster Session

February 14, 10am-2pm

A free event, which includes lunch. Try out different sports including athletics, cricket, tennis, football and multi sports and talk to the coaches about how to take part regularly. All ages and abilities welcome.

Ernest Bevin College, Beechcroft Road, Tooting  
020 8871 6857  
mdoherty@wandsworth.gov.uk

## • George Shearing Centre

For young people aged 13-25 with severe learning disabilities and complex needs.

Este Road, Clapham Junction  
(020) 7228 2230  
www.wandsworth.gov.uk/youth

## • Family Play Session

March 4, 10am-11.30am

Drop-in stay and play session for all the family on the first Saturday of the month at the West Hill Enhanced children's centre for children aged 0-5 with a disability, special need or complex medical need.

020 8877 0758  
enhancedcc@wandsworth.gov.uk



## • DCR and WAND+ free films at Cineworld Wandsworth

February 17

Members of the Disabled Children's Register can see The Secret Life of Pets for free.

020 8871 7899  
www.wandsworth.gov.uk/localoffer

## • Lady Allen Adventure Playground

Adventurous play for children with special needs and their siblings aged 5-14. Activities include a soft play area, indoor slide, arts and crafts, swings, hammocks, a dip wire, a giant see saw, slides, tree houses and a wide range of two and three wheeled bikes

Call for more details  
Chivalry Road, Battersea  
(020) 7228 0278  
www.kids.org.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/

## • Sport for people with disabilities

Got a special need or disability and would like to get involved in sport? There has never been a better time to try a new activity with e plenty of opportunities for many types of sport including:

- Tennis
- Football
- Swimming
- Archery
- Water-Sports
- Dance
- Multi-Sports
- Cricket

There are activities that are inclusive for all, as well as some specific groups for impairment groups such as learning disabilities, autism and visual impairment.

For all matters regarding disability Sport, contact Matt Doherty on mdoherty@wandsworth.gov.uk or (020) 8871 6857. Suggestions for future activities, feedback and questions are all welcomed.

## CHILDREN'S CENTRES

Children's centres across the borough will be holding special half-term activities.

To find your nearest centre and download a timetable, visit [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/fis](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/fis)

# How do I find out about...

## Schools

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

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

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

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



## Recycling

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

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



## Arts, leisure and culture

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

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

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

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

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



## Parks

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

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



## Health, childcare and parental support

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



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

