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Pupils from John Burns primary school have been helping the police nab speeders

Pupils tell drivers to be safe around schools

Students in Wandsworth's schools have been getting stuck in with campaigns to make their local neighbourhood roads safer and less polluted.



Sacred Heart pupils hand out information to drivers



They've helped the council raise awareness about the 20mph speed limit and are reminding parents waiting to pick up their children not to leave car engines running because it causes air pollution.

Pupils at schools including **Sacred Heart** in Battersea and **Smallwood School** in Tooting helped the borough's network of volunteer Air Quality Champions speak to parents and hand out leaflets. They also had special themed assemblies and played giant games of air quality snakes and ladders in the playground.

Other schools have been taking part in Junior Community RoadWatch. This gives year 5 and 6 children the chance to use 'speed guns' alongside the police to help reduce speeding around schools.

And posters are going up next month designed by Connor Phoenix from **Smallwood School**, who won a council poster competition to encourage drivers to drive more slowly and park carefully around schools. The runners up were Emma Peon from **Hotham** and Emily Walker from **Ravenstone**.



Giant 'air quality' snakes and ladders at Smallwood



The winning posters



Girls on the ball

Girls at Saint Cecilia's Church of England School have been getting after-school football coaching from Chelsea Football Club. Coaches run two weekly sessions and help develop players' ball skills and match play.

Jaida in Year 7 said: "Chelsea football club is very enjoyable and fun, because we do exciting and enjoyable activities and matches."

Anna-Maria, also in Year 7, added: "The football club is fun and it teaches me new skills. If I was to rate it, I would give it 10/10."

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Anna-Maria
Saint Cecilia's Church of England School student



Boxing is a knockout

Carney's Community has brought the new trend of glow in the dark boxing from the US to Battersea.

Around 60 young people had a go at a recent session, with glow in the dark table tennis and yoga also on the cards in the future.

The session was supported by the council's Witness Da Fitness sports programme on the Winstanley and York Road Estates.

For more information drop in to see George Henry at the regeneration project office in Pennethorn Square on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays each week.

New era for Ravenstone



The new head of Ravenstone School, Joe Croft, is determined to make the Balham school one of the best in the borough – and so far his work is reaping results with some of the best results in years and innovating teaching and learning.



Top right: Children in the classroom
Middle: Joe Croft in one of the new sensory rooms
Right: The new playground

Top: Dan Westlands is a South West Maths Hub 'maths master' and helps other schools develop their maths curriculum. Visit @RavenstoneMaths on Twitter

Below: A World War 2 themed day

Old store areas have been turned into classrooms, there's a new playground and recently children on the autistic spectrum starting learning in their 'hub'. Autistic pupils are attached to a mainstream class but also have their own specially-designed classrooms with three specialist staff plus two brand-new sensory rooms.

Lessons have been redesigned and teachers are encouraged to be leaders in their field and are given time for planning, research and professional and personal development. The 'Ravenstone Entitlement' makes sure all students can benefit from trips and events to help their learning. Recent highlights include visits from scientists, politicians and other experts, themed days, trips to the Science Museum and the V&A and workshops with the charity Changes Faces that led to an appearance on Channel 5 news.

Keep up to date with what's going on via the Ravenstone Twitter account, @Ravenstone_



According to Mr Croft, the ethos of Ravenstone is enable all children to be the best they can.

“ I genuinely believe that every child can succeed and our vision is that every child can reach their potential within the heart of the community. ”



Free running

St George's CE Primary School in Battersea hosted Parkour workshops in December, with young people from the area having a go at this exciting urban sport.

The workshops were part of the Nine Elms Winter Trails Festival. Find out about other events going on locally at nineelmslondon.com.



Breaking down barriers

More than 70 pupils from Wandsworth secondary schools have been learning about some of the different faiths practised in the borough.

They attended this year's Faith Direct event at the town hall, where they were able to fire a series of quick-fire questions at representatives from the borough's different faith groups. The young people conducted a whistle-stop tour round the room interviewing each representative in turn.

The Faith Direct initiative, organised by the council and the Wandsworth Multi-Faith Group, was held during Interfaith Week. It brought together speakers from local Muslim, Christian, Sikh, Jewish, Baha'i, Humanist and Buddhist communities.



Faith Direct aims to increase young people's knowledge of different faiths and beliefs, promote understanding, tolerance and respect and offer an open forum for dialogue.

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Honour for Joanna



Joanna Brotherstone, a Governor at **Greenmead School**, has been honoured with an MBE for services to Children with

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.

Joanna co-founded the charity Small Steps which provides specialist help to parents with physically disabled children.



Do your DofE with Wandsworth

Find out more about completing your Duke of Edinburgh Award at weekly drop-ins and at two information sessions.

Wandsworth Youth Service runs DofE locally with a focus on Bronze and Silver Awards with young people aged 13-19 (up to 24 if they have a learning disability).

Weekly drop-ins are being held at the Training and Resource Centre, Alma Road, Wandsworth every Monday from 3.30pm to 6.30pm. There will also be info evenings for parents at the same venue on February 13 and March 8 at the same venue.

To find out more email tlangham@wandsworth.gov.uk, call (020) 8871 8530 or follow @WandsworthDofE.

Keeping Wandsworth clean

School pupils have been helping to stop people fly-tipping and littering.

Competitions and assemblies have been held at schools across Wandsworth as part of the council's campaign to keep the borough clean, and three children from **Shaftesbury Park School** took a stand against littering by designing their own anti-littering signs which will be displayed in prominent litter spots surrounding the school.



Students at **Ernest Bevin College** in Tooting have also been getting involved by attending a school assembly to talk about what counts as littering, and the impact this has on a place.

Working in partnership with schools and youth groups to tackle littering across the borough is a priority for the council. If you're a teacher or a parent and would like to run something similar at your school, please get in touch with Jessica Lewis Jessica.Lewis@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk.

Another great year for borough students

The final results are in for the performance of Wandsworth's schools in 2017.

At the Early Years Foundation Stage, a greater proportion of five year olds achieved a good level of development (75%) than those nationally (71%).

Meanwhile, primary schools continue to go from strength to strength. Ninety-seven per cent are judged by Ofsted to be good or outstanding and Wandsworth was ranked joint second in the country for the outcomes in reading, writing and mathematics at Key Stage 1. At Key Stage 2, 69 per cent of pupils in Wandsworth reached the expected standard in combined reading, writing and mathematics, compared with 62 per cent nationally, which places

Wandsworth among the top 20 local authorities nationally.

All Wandsworth's secondary schools are good or outstanding, and Wandsworth has the second highest proportion of students in the country being entered for Ebacc eligible subjects. A level results improved on the previous year, with the average point score across the best three A levels increasing from 32.55 to 33.19.

Visit wandsworth.gov.uk/schools

Don't lose your vote

If you want to vote in May's local elections you will need to make sure you are registered.

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Get your WAND Card

now

The council's WAND Card scheme, which helps the borough's disabled children and their families get out and about, has celebrated its fifth birthday, and is getting better than ever.

Lots of shops and attractions have signed up to offer support, help with parking and special discounts. Recent additions include Flip Out in Wandsworth, PUTT in the Park, Go Ape in Battersea Park and Kaspas Desserts. You can also get discounts at leisure and sports centres, free entry to Battersea Park Children's Zoo and lots more.

To get a WAND Card you need to sign up to the council's Disabled Children's Register (DCR), which offers a range of information and support to families with children with disabilities and/or SEND, including a new self-help group for local Muslim families.

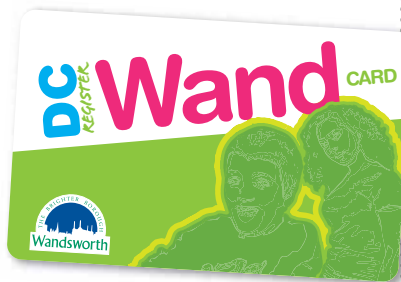
Find out more at wandsworth.gov.uk/localoffer



Siân Lyle tests out Go Ape



Parent champions: Dorota Flaszynska, Fatima Ali and Nusrat Mirza help out at the Eid event held at Tooting Leisure Centre



Children from St Boniface School at Tooting Library with a Read2dogs therapy dog from the charity Pets as Therapy. The project helps young people read aloud by making the experience less stressful.



Keep borrowing books

The borough's children's libraries have had another bumper year with 718,244 children's books issued – the second highest number in London.

The most children's books were loaned out by Balham Library – a staggering 126,938. Second highest was Southfields, followed by Tooting and Putney.

All 11 borough branches include facilities for children, including an extensive programme of events such as arts and crafts and story times, plus space to study. Find out more at better.org.uk/library/london/ wandsworth or follow @wandsworthlibs on Twitter.

Awards for local heroes

Two people who work with local schools and young people are amongst those who won a 2017 Wandsworth Civic Award.

Geoff Simmons runs the Summerstown 182 project to remember local people who gave their lives in the first world war, including Britain's youngest soldier Sydney Lewis who joined up at 12. He works with local schools to make sure students know about this part of their community's history.

He said "One of the highlights of 2017 was working with young people from the brilliant **Smallwood School** in Tooting. Many of the Summerstown 182 went to their school 100 years ago and came from the streets where the children live."

Edna Chandler, known as Akela to generations of Putney children, has been involved with the 5th Putney Scout Group for more than 40 years. One of her nominees said of her: "I don't know anyone else who can silence a group of around 20 boys and girls



under 11 by holding her hand in the air as a signal. Edna is selfless, dedicated and much loved by the scouting community."

Find out how to nominate for next year's awards at wandsworth.gov.uk/civicawards.



Geoff has also worked with Burntwood School



Young people take charge

Norbert and Cllr Govindia

Young people took over the town hall in November for the annual Takeover Challenge.



The national event is organised by the Children's Commissioner for England and for the last six years has been run locally by the Wandsworth Youth Council. Forty-six young people took part and took over senior roles in the council, police and local health services.

The young decision-makers chaired meetings, helped design a new nursery, managed a stall at the London Business Show, made budgeting decisions and held staff one-to-ones. Some of the young people attended a meeting at Stamford Bridge and were able to watch Chelsea FC train.

Norbert Szczyglowski who attends **Ernest Bevin College** interviewed the leader of the council Ravi Govindia about the council's commitment to improving air quality and the regeneration of Nine Elms.

"We spoke about improving air pollution in Wandsworth by having more electric cars and more charging points. We also spoke about the development of Nine Elms where there are thousands of new homes being built," Norbert said.



Follow the Youth Council, which gives local young people a voice in decision making, at @WBCYouthCouncil on twitter or wbcyouthcouncil on Instagram.

MBE for super foster mum

Pearl Howard, Wandsworth's most experienced and longest-serving foster carer, has been awarded an MBE.

Pearl has been fostering for more than 40 years, many of the those with her late husband Claude, and has provided a stable and loving home for well over a hundred young people. She said: "It was wonderful to know that all our work has been valued in this way."

The council's spokesman for education and young people, Cllr Sarah McDermott, said: "Pearl has opened her heart and her home to hundreds of young people and given them the chance of a caring, stable family life. She and all our other hard-working foster carers are worth their weight in gold."

Wandsworth is always in need of more foster carers. Find out more at an information session at the town hall on March 13. Book your place or chat to the team on (020) 8871 6666 or get in touch via Facebook at www.facebook.com/wandsworthfostering



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Granard is a STAR

Granard School is the latest to receive a Gold rating in the Transport for London STARS Awards for its school travel plan

The scheme rewards schools who work with staff, families, pupils and the council to encourage pupils to walk or cycle to school, or use public transport, rather than coming by car.

Granard joins other gold award winners **Albemarle, Eveline Day School, Furzedown, Our Lady of Victories, St Mary's CofE, St Michael's CofE and The Roche school**. All of them have seen car use decline over the last ten years.

If you want to know more about school travel plans, email schooltravelplans@wandsworth.gov.uk

The council provides free cycle training for children and adults. Road safety talks and shows and scooter sessions are available to schools. Email roadsafetyofficer@wandsworth.gov.uk



Verse masters

A team from **Granard School** impressed the judges of the annual Word of Mouth poetry reading competition at the town hall with their reading.

Hannan Ahmed, Isaac Innes, Daniel Byrne, Anshu Chopra, Mona Syed, Yi Wang and Dominique Tozer (Year 3) performed 'The Visitor' by Ian Serraillier. Judges said they brought a sense of drama to their performance, which built to an amazing crescendo, creating a real sense of ghostliness.

Welcome to Mr Kitchin

Oak Lodge School has a new head

The Balham school specialises in students with hearing, speech, language and communication needs. New head Derek Kitchin has been a head of two previous school and has experience in physical and mental health, wellbeing, safeguarding and working with vulnerable children and young people.

Before becoming a teacher, he served in the Royal Navy and as a Police Officer in Liverpool and has worked as a social worker. Since 2015 he's also been an Ofsted inspector, trained to inspect the full range of specialist provision including schools for the deaf and hearing impaired.

He said: "I'm really looking forward to leading the services provided by Oak Lodge School, Phoenix House and Deaf First and to working closely with the Governors, staff and students. I'm always keen to listen to, support, advise and reassure parents and carers in whatever way I can."



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Inside St Mary's

Take a video tour
around the new look
St Mary's RC School
in Battersea.

South West London TV went down to the school to chat to headteacher Jared Brading and look at the school's great new facilities, including a new playground that students can reach from the first floor via a slide and a rooftop sports pitch.

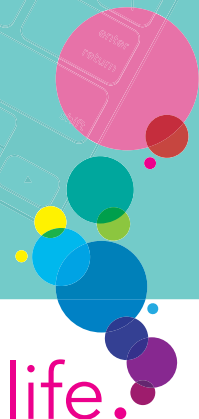
The school is part of the Battersea Exchange regeneration project, and Mr Brading told presenter Denise Waterman that children were taken on tours of the site by the builders, and were seeing a whole new neighbourhood spring up around them.

See the video at youtube.com/c/WandsworthBC

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Good start for youth games

The 2018 London Youth Games kicked off to an excellent start for Wandsworth with a win for Wandsworth's boys' cross country team.

The female athletes were not far behind, but were just beaten on the line by an ever strong Bromley team, meaning the Wandsworth ladies had to relinquish their grip on the overall trophy and claim second place.

The London Youth Games, now in its 40th year, is



Europe's largest youth sports event. Wandsworth's team of more than 400 young athletes represented their home borough against teams from London's other 32 boroughs. Over the past five years, the Wandsworth team has taken first place three times, and second place twice.

The games take place during nine months' of competitions across over 30 sports, including archery, football, hockey, netball, athletics and swimming, and will culminate in a last rush for points in the final this summer.

See page 24 for details of the next trials.



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Get help to communicate

Struggling to get your words out? There's a team that can help.

Wandsworth is one of the few boroughs that can provide support to secondary school pupils with speech and language problems at a time when they are likely to need the help most.

The St George's Hospital Speech and Language team will assess 11-16 year olds in their school and provides tools and techniques to overcome problems. One pupil explains how his stammer meant he wouldn't put his hand up to ask questions in class because he was embarrassed.

"My mum contacted the service because she was worried about my future, but now after therapy my stammer's barely affecting my life any more. The sooner you get help the more effective it is."

Students can refer themselves to the team, or referrals can be made by parents or schools. Call 020 8812 4032.

You can watch a video about the service, including testimonies from young people themselves, on You Tube at [youtube.com/c/WandsworthBC](https://www.youtube.com/c/WandsworthBC)

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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



• Get Set Go!

February 28, 10.30am-2.30pm

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

Find out about next steps into adulthood including working, training, money and benefits, housing, health and social activities

Wandsworth Civic Suite, Wandsworth High Street

getsetgo@wandsworth.gov.uk

www.wandsworth.gov.uk/localoffer

How to be listed

Send details to:

headstart@wandsworth.gov.uk

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SPORTS AND FITNESS

• Chelsea Soccer Schools

Feb 12-16

Soccer Schools are for boys and girls of all abilities aged 6-14. Learn the skills of the game in a fun, safe environment.

Battersea Park

Chestnut Grove School

(020) 7957 8220

londondevelopment@chelseafc.com

www.chelseafc.com/soccerschools

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• Junior football coaching

Monday 5pm-6.30pm,

term time only

Drop-in session – just turn up. Suitable for six to 11-year-olds of all abilities.

£3 per session

Furzedown Recreation Centre, Ramsdale

Road, Tooting

020 8767 6542

• 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

www.zeshrehmanfoundation.org

• London Youth Games mini-marathon trials

Sunday 4 February, 8.45am

(registration open)

Boys and girls: U11 2km fun run, U13 3km, U15 3km, U17 3km.

Please bring your own provisions such as water and suitable footwear/clothing.

The top three from each category (excluding U 11) will join the Wandsworth London Youth Games Team.

Entry: £1.

You can register on the day, or by calling

Matt Doherty on 020 8871 6857 or email

mtdoherty@wandsworth.gov.uk or visit

enablelc.org/minimarathon.

Battersea Park, Millennium Arena



• Under 8s swim for free

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

Latchmere Leisure Centre, Burns Road, Battersea

(020) 7207 8004

enquiries@latchmereleisurecentre.co.uk

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



All Star Tennis Courses

Feb 12-16

These popular courses, for all abilities, are a great way to improve tennis skills whilst having a lot of fun. Suitable for ages three-teens.

Courses in

- Leader's Garden, Putney
- King George's Park, Wandsworth
- Tooting Common
- Wandsworth Common

www.allstartennis.co.uk

DAYS OUT

Winter listings

• 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

• Putt in the Park

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

• Vauxhall City Farm

A piece of the countryside in the heart of London. Riding lessons, young farmers club and a collection of animals. Entrance free but donations welcome.
165 Tyers Street, SE11
(020) 7582 4204
info@vauxhallcityfarm.org



• Half term at the Wetlands Centre February 10-18 - 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.

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



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

- Feb 13 – Make a bird feeder and bird spotting challenge
- Feb 14 – Valentines Day fun and heart-shaped card making
- Feb 15 – Make a lovebird puppet

Some extra charges apply, plus usual entrance fees Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Battersea Park Children's Zoo
www.batterseaparkzoo.co.uk
(020) 7924 5826.



Make a date for the Wandsworth Arts Fringe 2018 from May 4-20.

Lots of events are free of charge, and will be suitable for all the family. Many events will take place outdoors, as well as in more traditional arts venues- and there will be some truly unexpected venues to come and discover!

Keep an eye on wandsworthartsfringe.com for more details.

CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

See more at
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

• 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



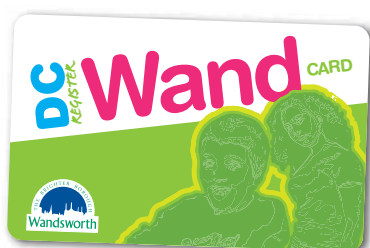
• Sen Talk Brick Club

Mondays during term time 4pm-5.30pm, Katherine Low Settlement, Battersea High Street

Thursdays during term time, 4.30pm-6pm, Kambala Community Hall, Fawcett Close, Battersea

Lego-based therapy for children on the autistic spectrum or with ADHD

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• Discounts for WAND Card holders

WAND Card holders and children and young people with disabilities or special educational needs from Wandsworth can enjoy offers including

- Free hire of a range of modified and adapted bikes, trikes, tandems and recumbent cycles at London Recumbents in Battersea Park
- Half price swimming at Aspire Centre and free swimming at People for Places Leisure Centres
- Reduced price tickets to Battersea Arts Centre
- Free entry to Battersea Park Zoo

www.wandsworth.gov.uk/localoffer

• 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

• A2i Dyslexia Homework Club

Each Wednesday 5pm-6pm during term time

A2i (Aspire2inspire) Dyslexia is a charitable organisation based in Wandsworth focused on supporting the dyslexic community. Its after-school homework club is aimed at improving the skills of children from KS1 & KS2.

Caius House Youth Club, Holman Road, Battersea

info@a2idyslexia.org.uk

a2idyslexia.org.uk



• Supported swim session

Monthly swimming sessions for children and young people with SEND and/or disabilities and their families. Parents and carers will need to swim with their child.

Aspire Centre, Merton Road

mdoherty@wandsworth.gov.uk

(020) 8871 6857

ARTS AND CRAFTS



• Affordable Art Fair March 8-11

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

Battersea Park
www.affordableartfair.com



• In House family workshops at Pump House Gallery

February 11, February 25, March 11 plus a final performance on March 25

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 Sriwhana Spong's exhibition, A Hook But No Fish, artists Rebecca Glover and Fritha Jenkins present Sounding Objects. Discover a landscape made from found objects and sculptures waiting to be tapped, rattled and played by visitors. There will be a final performance by the artists on March 25, working with all the sounds, surfaces and sculptures that have been developed and collected.

Drop-in workshop for all ages. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

pumphousegallery.org.uk/whats-on/upcoming



• Creative short courses for families and young people

- **Feb 12:** Make Your Own Comic. Working with author and illustrator Jane Porter. Suitable for children aged 8-13,
- **Feb 12-14:** Family Learning Pottery Have fun making and decorating pottery and ceramic figures. For parent and child aged 7-13 working together. Materials provided.
- **Feb 12-14:** Throwing for Beginners. Learn the magic of throwing pottery on the wheel. Suitable for adults and young people aged 14 and over,
- **Feb 15-16:** Family Learning Painting. Draw and paint under expert guidance. Suitable for children 7-13 accompanied by an adult. Materials provided.
- **Feb 15-16:** Kids' Art Club. Express yourself through drawing, printing and mixed media. 8-13 years.

Putney School of Art and Design, Oxford Road SW15.
www.webenrol.com/psad.
(020) 8788 9145

THEATRE, MUSIC AND BOOKS



• I Believe in Unicorns

Feb 14-18

Tomas hates reading and school, but his world is turned upside down the day he meets the Unicorn Lady in his local library, a place where the books hold more than stories within their pages...

Tickets £13.50, £10 concessions. Recommended for ages 6-12

Polka Children's Theatre, Wimbledon.

www.polkatheatre.com

(020) 8543 4888

• Lunchtime Recital

Feb 7 and March 7, 1.10pm

Free recital by the National Opera Studio, just turn up

Blackburn Hall, National Opera Studio, Wandsworth

www.nationaloperastudio.org.uk

• Group 64 Youth Theatre holiday projects

February 14-15

Moana Madness

Explore the magic and mystery of Polynesian life

Ages 4-7

Cost - £57

February 16

Around the World in 80 Days

Create a performance full of danger, mystery and adventure

Ages 7-11

Cost - £40

Book in advance

Putney Arts Theatre, Upper Richmond Road

(020) 8788 6935

www.g64.org.uk



• Noisy Holiday

Feb 15-17, 11am, 2pm

For children aged 3-8 and their families After a long, exhausting music tour, Kid Carpet is going on a nice relaxing holiday. But this might not be the soothing holiday he had expected as the Noisy Animals takeover his break with big beat songs, wonky donkeys, special effects, puppetry and animation. £10, £8 children & concs

Battersea Arts Centre, Lavender Hill, Battersea

www.bac.org.uk

• Half term in Wandsworth libraries

Balham

- Feb 14: Explore Learning – Be a Master Maths Sorcerer, 11am-12pm, 5-7 years old
- Feb 15: Chinese New Year Story Time and Craft Session, 11.30am -12.30pm
- Feb 16: Messy Play, 9.30am -11am

Battersea

- Feb 12: Valentine's Story Time, 4 – 4.30pm
- Feb 13: Chinese New Year – Paper Lantern Craft, 3.30pm – 4.30pm

Battersea Park

- Feb 13: Valentines day stories and crafts, 4pm – 4.30pm

Earlsfield

- Feb 15: Chinese New Year Story Time, 3.45-4.15pm.

Northcote

- Feb 12: Valentine's day craft session, 3pm -4pm
- Feb 15: story time and craft Chinese New year, 9.30am -10.30am
- Feb 15: Chinese New year craft 3-4pm

Putney

- Feb 15: Explore Learning - Put a spring in your step, 11am-12pm
- Feb 15: Explore Learning - Take a Seat on the King's Throne, 12.30pm -1.30pm

Roehampton

- Feb 15: Explore Learning - Put a spring in your step 11am-12pm
- Feb 15: Explore Learning - Take a Seat on the King's Throne 12.30pm -1.30pm
- Feb 15: Chinese New year craft – Year of the Dog, 10.30am -11.30

Southfields

- Feb 14: Cat Protection talks 11am, 1pm, 3pm - the talk is for any one who has or wants a cat.
- Feb 16: Chinese New Year - Lantern Designs 11am- 12pm

Tooting

- Feb 13: Chinese New Year Story Time 2.30pm – 3pm

Wandsworth Town

- Feb 16: Chinese Story Time and craft, 10am-11am

York Gardens

- Feb 16: Chinese New Year Story Time, 3pm – 3.30pm

JUST PLAY

• Soft play at Latchmere Leisure Centre

Two-storey soft play facility for children aged up to 8 years. Some of the features include:

- Slide
- Ball pond
- Tiger rollers
- Bish bash bags
- Spider web climbers

£4.25 per child

Call for details on

020 7207 8004.



• Battersea Park Playground

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

www.wandsworth.gov.uk/batterseaparkplayground.

• Energy Kidz Out of School Club

Feb 12-16

An Ofsted-registered club offering arts and crafts, science workshops and games.

Sheringdale School, Sherindale Road, SW18

Info@energy-kidz.co.uk

• Half term workshops at Eddie Katz

Activities at Eddie Katz in Putney and Earlsfield. Visit the website for more details.

eddiekatz.com

• Supercamps at Putney High School

Feb 12-16

Multi-activity camp.

Putney High School, Putney Hill

01235 467 300

info@supercamps.co.uk

www.supercamps.co.uk/camps/putney-high-school-2

• Kids Clubs at Naturescope

Term-time activities and holiday workshops including arts, martial arts and a toddler's playgroup

Nature Centre, Wandsworth Common
Naturescope.co.uk

• Arndale Youth Club

Every Friday, 4pm-7pm

Games, cooking, table tennis, arts and crafts for 8-14 year olds.

Penfold Centre, Neville Gill close, Wandsworth

• The Gap Youth Club

Every Friday, 6-8pm

This club for LGBTQ young people meets in Clapham Junction and includes activities and access to support.

https://info.wandsworth.gov.uk/Gap-Youth_Club

HOLIDAY PLAY SCHEMES

• 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

Prices start from

£10 per child for a half day,

£20 for a full day.

020 8871 6348

EYISSChildcare

@wandsworth.gov.uk

playservices

@wandsworth.gov.uk

CHILDREN'S CENTRES

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

To find your nearest centre and download a timetable, visit

www.wandsworth.gov.uk/fis

YOUTH CLUBS

Wandsworth has seven youth centres.

To find out about half term activities, visit

www.wandsworth.gov.uk/fis



Wandsworth Enterprise Schools Week

The first ever Wandsworth Enterprise Schools Week takes place in schools across the borough from March 12-16.

The event is a chance for young people to get more involved in the award winning Wandsworth Enterprise Week programme, which is now in its fifth year and provides advice and support to local businesses and budding entrepreneurs.

Schools Week, which will be held in partnership with Wandsworth Ambitions, will feature:

- Inspiring sessions from successful young entrepreneurs - sharing their story of how they got started
- Interactive workshops – to give students an insight into self-employment
- Talks from business support organisations such as NatWest and Virgin StartUp

Schools will also be encouraged to get their students involved with enterprise activities across the week.



Further information will be distributed to schools so talk to your teachers if you want to take part. Schools can find out more by emailing wesw@wandsworth.gov.uk or visiting wandsworthenterpriseweek.biz/schools

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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Be there for a child in Wandsworth...
...and we'll **be there** for you

**Come to one of three events
taking place on the dates below**
(10am-12noon or 2pm-4pm or 6pm-8pm)

Thursday 15 March 2018

Thursday 17 May 2018

Thursday 21 June 2018



Call us now on (020) 8871 6666

Read about our foster carer's experiences at
www.wandsworth.gov.uk/carer_experiences



To find out more:

 wandsworth.gov.uk/fostering

 carerrecruitment@wandsworth.gov.uk

 [wandsworthfostering](https://www.facebook.com/wandsworthfostering)

