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The winners with PC Andy Smith and the Mayor of Wandsworth Cllr Piers McCausland



Schoolchildren help catch speeders

Around a thousand local schoolchildren helped police and the council to catch speeding motorists and encourage safe parking around schools during Road Safety Week.

Year Five and Six students took part in Junior Community Roadwatch events and caught 40 drivers breaking the speed limit. Meanwhile the council visited ten borough schools during the week to remind parents to park safely during drop-off and pick up time.

Olivia Farat from **West Hill Primary School** was the winner of a competition to design a poster to encourage road safety. Her poster will be displayed around the borough this month.

Second place was won by Rosie Van Der Grucht from **Broomwood Hall Upper School** and third was Milena Visinskaite from **Furzedown Primary School**.





Lily Scott enjoys a book

Pop-up books

John Burns was one of five schools chosen to host a 'Little Pop-Up Book Hut' from the London Children's Book Project.

The hut was in the playground for children to use freely at break times and after school. Teachers could allocate a class at a time to pay it a visit or to weave it into their creative work.

"What an amazing project to be part of. There was a real buzz and excitement about using the Pop Up Book Hut," said headteacher Brian Grogan.

Ava-Lee Painter, Year 3

“The book hut has loads of interesting books.”

Evie O'Sullivan, Year 4

“I think it's really cool because it has books for all ages.”



Charity sleep-out

Pupils and Sixth Formers at **Saint Cecilia's** raised more than £2,300 for the homelessness charity Crisis with a sleep-out in the school playground.

One pupil said: "I can't imagine it getting any colder since it was pretty chilly anyway. I wouldn't want to do that every night – it must be awful, the worst!"

Can you help?

Linden Lodge is looking for volunteers, including classroom support, gardening, minibus driving, lunchtime helpers, art and music volunteers, café volunteers and library assistants.

Linden Lodge is a specialist school for pupils who are visually impaired, including those who are multi-disabled visually impaired, deaf-blind and have more profound learning difficulties and complex health needs.

If you can help, email volunteering@lindenlodge.wandsworth.sch.uk or call 020 8788 0107 ext 290.

Nominate a young star

The deadline to nominate an exceptional young person for a Wandsworth Young Person of the Year award is February 17.

The award, now in its 27th year, honours young people who deserve recognition for their achievements, courage, generous attitude or ability to overcome difficult personal circumstances.

Find out more and nominate online at wandsworth.gov.uk/wypy



Welcome to Panda Tacos

Burntwood School students Donia Kamran and Kaafiya Bhatti have officially launched Panda Tacos after winning the Tooting Streetfood Challenge.

The first-ever inter-school Tooting Street Food challenge offered young people a unique opportunity to develop a business idea and put their entrepreneurial skills into practice. Teams from **Burntwood School, Chestnut Grove Academy, Ernest Bevin College, Nightingale Academy and Southfields Academy**, received coaching and mentoring from professionals in the hospitality industry.

Donia and Kaafiya were mentored by local chef Sarah Kettel. Donia said: "Everything about the competition has been fantastic. We couldn't have done it without our mentor, Sarah, who is amazing! Kaafiya and I have put so much hard work into this but we now need to get down to some serious studying and preparation for our A-levels. After that we are going to return to our business idea. This is just the start of Panda Tacos!"

Wandsworth Lifelong learning is already planning next year's Tooting Street Food Challenge. Visit www.wandsworthlifelonglearning.org.uk





Getting in the swing of things

The Pleasance green space in Putney has a brand-new swing.

Postcode Community Trust awarded £7,373 to Enable Leisure and Culture, on behalf of Wandsworth Council, to buy and install the new bucket swing. With no other playground within a mile radius, this play space is especially important to local people.

This is the latest in a string of playground improvements in Wandsworth over the past two years, including a new playground in Battersea Park and revamped playground and play areas at Leaders Gardens in Putney, Tooting Playground, Chivalry Road at Wandsworth Common and Swaby Gardens and Godley Gardens in Earlsfield.

Play areas at Fred Wells Gardens and Falcon Park in Battersea are also scheduled to get improvements soon.



Students at Southfields Academy take part in last year's event

Young business stars

The second annual Wandsworth Enterprise Schools' week takes place between March 25-29, featuring a series of workshops, assemblies and talks by young entrepreneurs in schools across the borough.

Find out how to get involved at wandsworthenterprisemonth.biz

Outdoor learning

Think Outside, which runs gardening workshops with children and helps schools plan outdoor learning, held a workshop in December for local primary schools, with more planned for this year.

The next session on March 14 will be run jointly with the RHS Campaign for School Gardening and will look at establishing an edible school garden. The following session on June 13 will be about introducing gardening to young people with SEND.

The workshops will be held at Battersea Arts Centre and are free to attend. Call 07932 400593 or email keith.allen500@gmail.com. Visit think-outside.org.uk for more details.

Debating workshop

This workshop for primary schools is on March 6 and will develop pupils' debating skills. Find out more at <http://schools.tpd.org.uk> course code SCH CURR292



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Tunnel trip

Sixth Form engineering students from Ernest Bevin College spent the day at the Thames Tideway Tunnel site in Fulham.

They talked to different types of engineers working on the project and asked questions about careers in Civil Engineering, followed by a tour of the site, including an immersive 3D simulation of the entire 25km tunnel.

Stephen Gooding, Head of Engineering at Ernest Bevin College said: “All the boys were very enthusiastic about what they had seen. They found the sheer scale of the project quite an eye-opener, but were particularly interested in the use of CAD (Computer Aided Design) applications. They also found it helpful to see how what they are learning in class relates to engineering in the real world.”



Research the past

Junior history buffs are invited to enter the fifth annual

Wandsworth/GLL Heritage Award for Schools.

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

There will be two prizes of £750 each for best class and best individual entry. Last year's winners included **Granard Primary School's** exploration of the sports played on Putney Heath through the ages, **Riversdale School** who imagined what local sights children would see if they travelled back in time, **Alton Primary school** who researched the history of the Alton Estate and **Burntwood School** for a project on the historical ice house in the school grounds.

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



EXPLORING THE HISTORY OF EVENTS & PEOPLE OF WANDSWORTH BOROUGH

Last year's winners



**THE WANDSWORTH/GLL
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A specially designed competition that inspires young people to learn about Wandsworth's rich history and heritage.



Learning about faith

Children from seven Wandsworth secondary schools went on a whistle-stop tour of the borough's different faiths at the annual Faith Direct event at the town hall.



The students from Year Nine were able to ask a series of quick-fire questions at representatives from the borough's different faith groups.

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.

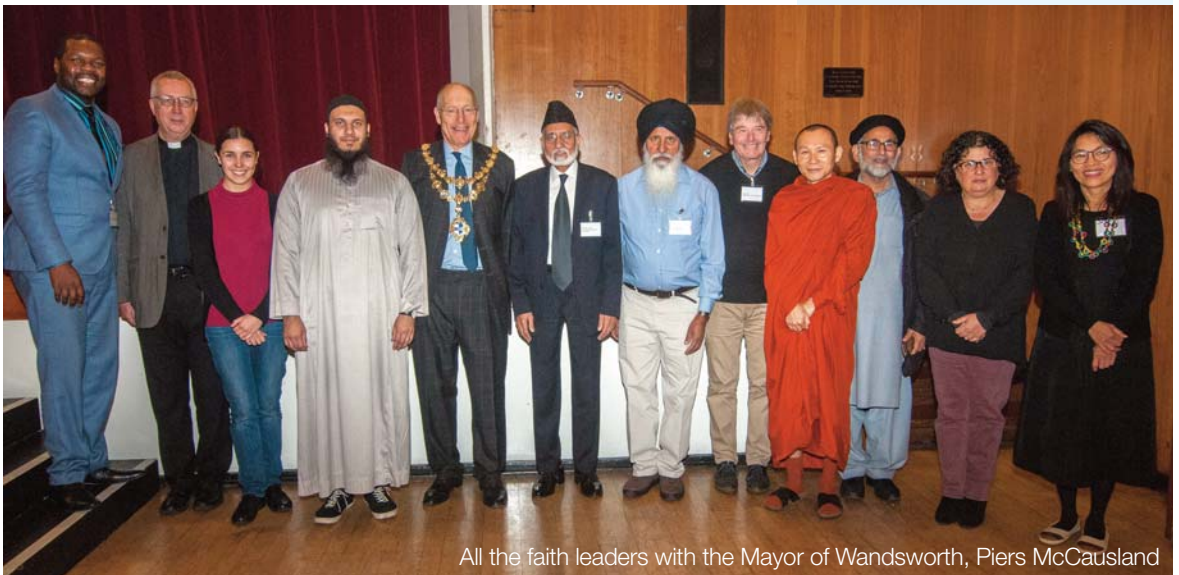


Hamza chats with Jon Fyale from Humanists UK

13-year-old Hamza, who attends Ernest Bevin School, said he had enjoyed the event:

“ We've learnt different religious views, some that connect and some that are in opposition to each other. We've learnt that there are many manifestations of Christianity and many forms of Islam.

“People should learn to share empathy and happiness and work together instead of arguing.”



All the faith leaders with the Mayor of Wandsworth, Piers McCausland

Learning how to be a good citizen

More than 2,000 children from primary schools across the borough took part in the most recent Junior Citizen scheme which has been running across Wandsworth's schools for nearly three decades.

The two-week scheme is staged twice a year and teaches the borough's Year Five pupils how to cope with dangerous and potentially life-threatening situations they could encounter in everyday life.

Students play active roles in 12 different "real life" scenarios including the risks of online grooming, steps they can take to reduce the chances of them becoming a victim of crime, staying safe in the kitchen and the risks and hazards of playing on or near railway lines or near lakes and rivers.

They also learnt how to administer CPR, as well as guidance on how to be a good citizen, such as helping elderly neighbours.

To find out more visit www.wandsworth.gov.uk/juniorcitizen.



Children from Battersea's Chesterton School are given lessons in first aid

Getting a first taste of the world of work

School students and employers from around the borough have celebrated 25 years of successful work experience placements in Wandsworth – which has seen around 25,000 young people getting their first taste of the world of work.

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

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

Students talked about their work experience at the Polka Theatre, the local NHS, Waitrose, Digilab Tooting and accountancy firm The Tax Guys.

Find out how to get involved at wandsworthlifelonglearning.org.uk

Eleanor Challands from Burntwood School talks about her experience working with the Marks and Spencer buying and merchandising team.





Cooking up young talent

Budding chefs from schools across the borough have attended the launch of the sixth annual Wandsworth Young Chef of the Year competition

Young Chef nurtures young talent, teaches young people how to cook good healthy food to a budget, provides a chance to learn from the experts and helps young people get a foothold in the catering industry.

Schools have been holding heats, and the finalists will compete in the grand final in the spring. All finalists have received extensive support and mentoring from chefs at major catering company Compass, which has been involved with the competition since it launched in 2013.

Also supporting the scheme are South Thames College's catering school, hospitality company Baxter Storey, and Billingsgate Fish Market, which this month will teach finalists how to choose, prepare and cook fish.





Headteacher Mark
Siswick with deputy head
and English hub lead
Vicky Linke plus
Chesterton reception
class children

School spreads love of reading

Chesterton School is one of only 32 in the country to be given a vitally important mentoring role to promote reading beyond their own classrooms.

Some of the country's best performing primary schools have become "English Hubs" to improve reading standards in schools across the country. Chesterton was chosen because of its "excellent" standards in the teaching of reading and phonics, and for its experience in providing support for other schools.

It is one of only four in London to be given this prestigious role.

Schools and education spokesman Cllr Sarah McDermott said:

“ This is a great achievement by Chesterton which fully deserves all the praise it's receiving. ”

Helping young mums

The Young Mums Support Network (YMSN), a registered social enterprise offering support to single and young mothers, has successfully crowdfunded enough money to continue its work with isolated mothers in partnership with **Griffin Primary School**.

YMSN aims to empower young women to make informed decisions about their lifestyle and relationships. It offers access to educational support, mediation and counselling services as well as wider access to skills and employment. This year it has a range of new services at its Griffin Hub, including gardening and growing, pilates, cooking classes, sewing sessions and personal development programmes, and has work experience opportunities for mums looking for work around their school run

Young mum Samantha says: "I never enjoyed cooking so most of the meals I had with my children were from the takeaway or ready meals. At first I went to the Ladies Lunch just for the social bit but within a couple of weeks I found I enjoyed taking part in preparing and cooking foods. It made me realise I could be feeding my children better food and saving money"

If you, or someone you know, is a young mum who needs some support, find out more and get in touch at <https://ymsgn.co.uk/>



From left: Cllr Steffi Sutters Cabinet Member Community Services and Open Spaces, Chaghall class teacher (year three) Lola Corsan, Niko Mardushaj Continental Landscapes and Headteacher Anna Healy with pupils from West Hill primary school

Taking pride in the borough

Primary school children across Wandsworth showed their creative side in a poster competition encouraging people to take pride in the area and sending a clear message that fly-tipping is unacceptable.

Children between the ages of 4 and 11 were asked to design a poster celebrating what's great about the local area, as part of the council's new MyWandsworth campaign, highlighting that any littering, even if it's dropping a sweet wrapper, is unacceptable.

The winning entries will be printed and displayed as posters across the whole borough in March, with a £20 book token for the first prize winners and £10 for second and third prizes in age category: 4-6, 7-9 and 10-11 years old. On top of that, the schools of the winning pupils will each receive £200 to spend on an activity which helps children take pride in their local area.

The prizes were kindly donated by Continental Landscapes, the council's contractor responsible for keeping the boroughs streets and town centres clean and tidy.

The winners will be announced in February so please keep an eye out on our website: www.wandsworth.gov.uk/mywandsworth



Pupils at Trinity St Mary's primary school, showing their artistic streak, as they complete their competition entries.



Calder class teacher (year three) Joe Casey with Headteacher Anna Healy discuss Fatima Merzougui's entry, West Hill primary school



Pupils in favour of fining people who drop litter raise their hands at Trinity St Mary's primary school

Chloe, Harris Academy
Battersea, and Naqibullah,
Ernest Bevin College at a
political awareness session

Wandsworth
YOUTH
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Young people make a difference

The Wandsworth Youth Council has had a busy few months.

In November Youth Councillors organised the Takeover Challenge which gives young people the chance to take over the jobs of senior decision makers for the day.

Forty-three young people took over the jobs of 30 senior Wandsworth Council officers, including the director of children's services, and helped make decisions including planning for the opening of a new care home and helping shape services for young people with special educational needs and disabilities. They also took control of the council's twitter feed for the day.

The Youth Council has also signed up as members of the new London Youth Assembly, enabling Wandsworth's young people to have a voice in London-wide matters. At their first meeting at the end of November members agreed their key priorities will be youth violence and safety and mental health and wellbeing.

And the Youth Council's political awareness campaign has been engaging with councillors and recently held an event to explain its work to 150 council staff who work in children's services.

The Wandsworth Youth Council is made up of local young people who work to give the borough's youth a voice in decision making. It liaises with councillors, council officers, the police and other groups about local services and issues that affect young people.

Find out more at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/youth or follow @WBCYouthCouncil on twitter.



As part of her job as Head of Communications at Wandsworth Council during the Takeover Challenge, Amber Bence, from Ark Putney Academy, interviewed the council leader Ravi Govindia:

“ I asked Cllr Govindia why he wanted to become the leader and he said he wants to make improvements and do things differently if they need changing. I also asked him if he feels pressure when having to make big decisions for the better of Wandsworth and he said that sometimes he does feel pressure to get everything right and to make sure he has looked into both sides of the argument.

He said if he says he will do something, then he has to keep his promises. His main priorities are making sure that schools get good playgrounds to help children keep fit, cleaner buses and less pollution, and that the council is building a thousand homes for people who need them.

It was so fun at the Takeover Challenge. It's such a good idea and I really enjoyed the day and my new job!



TYPE 2 DIABETES KNOW YOUR RISK

Finding your risk of Type 2 diabetes only takes a few minutes. It could be the most important thing you do today...

Check your risk online at
[nhsdp.diabetes.org.uk/c/wandsworth](https://nhs.uk/health/diabetes/clinical-commissioning-groups/wandsworth)



Source: Public Health Annual Report 2016 - Diabetes in Wandsworth

Every week 15 people in Wandsworth are told they have diabetes



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



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



By: 2016/06/02/2017

Bradstow's interactive commemoration of people who lost their lives



Photo: Dan Thomsett

Remembering heroes

Borough schools have been marking the 100th anniversary of the Armistice and the end of the First World War.

The Combined Cadet Force at **Ernest Bevin** marched from the college to St Magdalene Church for a Service of Remembrance (pictured right). Students read poems they had written themselves in English lessons, as well as poems from renowned War poets.

Meanwhile **Swaffield School** marked the Armistice centenary by honouring the 914 'Swaffield Soldiers' who fought in the First World War.

Swaffield's Roll of Service lists every one of the 914 brave 'Swaffield soldiers' who took part in the Great War and has pride of place on display at the school.



Ninety of them did not return from the war, and their stories were heard at a special assembly.

Bradstow School hosted a living history exhibit of life during 1914-1918, which gave a glimpse into the home front and beyond, plus local stories told by actor Sam West.

And students at **John Burns School** learnt about the war with a special theatre show, and created a poppy art display using plastic bottles.

SEND Local Offer

Wandsworth Council's SEND local offer is more than just the Local Offer website.

The team also communicates regularly by post and email with over a thousand members of Wandsworth's Disabled Children and Young People's Register (DCR). They share information about all the services, support, activities and more which make up Wandsworth's SEND local offer.

All DCR members have WAND Cards, and a growing number of 18 to 24 year olds have WAND+ cards, which enable them to enjoy free and discounted access to activities in Wandsworth.

Find out more at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/localoffer, call 020 8871 7899, email thriveonline@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk or meet the team at outreach events around the borough.



Refugee tale takes centre stage

Pupils from **St George's Primary School** took part in a roof-raising performance at Battersea Power Station's Village Hall. Inspired by the experiences of refugee children, the free event re-told the Christmas story and included a book reading by Refugee author Anne Booth.

See more Nine Elms events at nineelmslondon.com

Top ten tips for belonging

Young people with special educational needs and disabilities have been asked to say what will help them feel they belong in school and their answers have been turned into a poster which has been put in schools across the borough.

A sense of belonging can help children to learn, to feel safe and valued, to feel connected to friends and people in the community and to feel a part of something.

If you have any ideas about what your school can do to help you feel you belong, talk to an adult you trust at home or at school. Wandsworth's educational psychology team would also like to hear your ideas. You can also request a copy of the poster.

Email edpsychs@wandsworth.gov.uk or call 020 8871 8744.

SCHOOL FOR EVERYONE

Our **Top Ten Tips** to help us feel we belong

FRIENDSHIP
Help us all to make and keep friends.

RELATIONSHIPS WITH SCHOOL STAFF
Get to know us. Be there for us when we need to talk to someone.

SCHOOL TRIPS
Make sure we can all take part in fun school trips.

COMMUNITY AND FAMILY
Invite and help our families to take part in school life.

SPORTS ACTIVITIES AND CLUBS
Have lots of different sport activities and clubs. Make sure we can all take part.

ACCEPTANCE
Accept, respect and be kind to everyone.

SAFETY
Help us to feel safe at school, listen to us. Do something about what we tell you.

GROUP WORK
Let us learn and take part in groups.

EQUIPMENT
Give us equipment that helps us when we learn and play.

TAILORED SUPPORT
When we need help think with us about special or different ways to help us.

Tooting tour

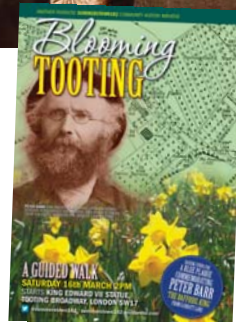
Students at **Broadwater Primary School** in Tooting have been learning about the history of their area from the **Summerstown182** project.

Year Two pupils went on a tour with local historian and archivist **Graham Gower** and learnt about the Romans, Vikings, Streatam Cemetery, Daniel Defoe, the First World War, Chief Khama of Botswana, Queen Elizabeth the First and the 'Great Wall of



Tooting'. They also learnt about The Daffodil King, Peter Barr, who ran the Tooting Nursery and popularised daffodils in the UK.

Guided walks are being held to raise funds to install a plaque in Peter Barr's memory. The next is on March 16 – meet outside Tooting Broadway station at 2pm. All ages welcome.



Sharpening creative skills

Young people in Wandsworth schools took part in free Cultivate Routes workshops during the Autumn term, trying out new skills with creative professionals.

During the workshops the young people tried new hands-on creative skills in journalism, visual art or clay and explored creative careers and local creative opportunities.

Pupils from St. Boniface Primary School, St. Joseph's Primary School and West Hill Primary School all took part in the workshops, which continue into the Spring term.

For more information on Cultivate Routes contact Katherine Hill, Cultivate Programme Manager: khill@enablelc.org
www.cultivate.london

Spring listings

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

How to be listed

Send details to:

headstart@wandsworth.gov.uk

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Wandsworth Arts Fringe children's art competition

Wandsworth Council's Wandsworth Arts Fringe (WAF) returns this year from May 3-19.

2019 is WAF's tenth anniversary and as part of the celebrations, children from across Wandsworth are invited to design the front cover for WAF's family guide. As well as having their original artwork featured on the cover, the winner will receive a goody bag including free family tickets to a WAF show of their choice. Two runners up will also receive free family tickets for a WAF event.

The theme for the cover art is 'WAF 10', meaning the artwork should celebrate the festival's tenth birthday and all the spectacular events that have taken place

over the years. These include everything from circus, acrobatics and dance (even ballet on bicycles!); theatre, comedy and opera, rock bands, rappers, orchestras and choirs... and everything in between.

The winning cover design will be fun, exciting, colourful and bold, and showcase all the different types of art WAF has to offer. The winner will be selected in collaboration with the Royal College of Art.

The deadline for entries is 5pm Friday February 22. For information on how to enter, and to find out more about WAF, visit wandsworthartsfringe.com

Wandsworth Arts Fringe is brought to you by Wandsworth Council in partnership with Enable Leisure and Culture.

SPORTS AND FITNESS

• All Star Tennis Courses

Feb 18-22

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

• Parent & Baby Yoga

Thursday, 12:30pm – 1:30pm

Sessions include gentle Yoga exercises to strengthen, tone and increase flexibility, also playful interaction, singing and rhymes with baby.

£9 per class

Earlsfield Library

Book within the library at reception or online better.org.uk/earlsfield-yoga

• Junior Rowing Courses

February 18-22

For age 11 (school Year 7) upwards. Suitable for beginners and experienced rowers.

£130

Barn Elms Boathouse

Complete a booking form available at enablelc.org/bebh



• Yoga Classes

Monday, 6pm-6.55pm

Sessions suitable for all fitness levels and include exercises to strengthen, tone and increase flexibility.

£9 per class

Earlsfield Library

Booking: book within the library at reception or online better.org.uk/earlsfield-yoga



• Chelsea Soccer Schools

Feb 18-22

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

www.chelseafc.com/soccerschools

• Monday Football Club

Mondays, 5pm-6pm (term time only)

For children aged 7-12

Battersea Sports Centre, Hope Street

020 8871 8529

• Junior football coaching

Monday 5pm-7pm, Wednesday 5pm-6.30pm

Fun football session to make friends and improve your skills. Book in advance

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



• Furzedown Football Drop-In Sessions

Weekly – starting 7 January (term time only)

- Mondays 5pm-6.30pm: 6 to 11 year olds (Year 1 to 6)
- Fridays 5pm-6pm: 9 to 11 year olds (Year 5 and 6)
- Saturdays 10am-11am: 4 to 5 year olds (Reception)
- Saturdays 11am-12pm: 5 to 7 year olds (Year 1 & 2)

Drop-in football sessions which run weekly for kids in primary school. Kids will learn football skills as well as taking part in mini games.

£4.00 per session

Furzedown Recreation Centre, Ramsdale Road, SW17 9BP www.enablelc.org/frc

DAYS OUT

• Deen City Farm

Children's events, riding lessons, educational programmes and a collection of friendly animals.

39 Windsor Avenue, South Wimbledon
(020) 8543 5300
www.deencityfarm.co.uk



• Half term at the Wetlands Centre

February 16-24 - 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

• 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



February Half Term Fun at Battersea Park Zoo

Half Term Events themed around wildlife that visit the zoo!

• Mice Story Time

Monday 18 February

Mouse Story at 11.45am and 2.15pm, make a set of Mouse ears and come and see Harvest Mice on display.

• Feed the Birds

Tuesday 19 February

Make your own bird feeder and encourage birds in to your garden, meet Muckle the Barn Owl and see how many wild birds you can spot as you make your way around the zoo.

• Earthy, Mucky Fun!

Thursday 21 February

Make your own newspaper plant pots and sow a seed to encourage wildlife into your garden plus handle and learn about earthworms.

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.

THEATRE AND MUSIC



Daisy Pulls It Off

Feb 20-23

Southside Players take you back to Grangewood School for Young Ladies in 1927 in this affectionate tribute to St Trinian's and the Famous Five.

Tickets £12, £9 concessions
Chestnut Grove Academy, Balham
Box Office 07914 657524 or book online
at southsideplayers.co.uk

Road. (020) 8788 6935
www.g64.org.uk

• Wandsworth Symphony Orchestra

Saturday March 23, 7.30pm

Works by Prokofiev, Britten/Colin Matthew and Sibelius
St Barnabas Church, Lavenham Road,
Southfields
wandsworthsymphony.org

• Rhyming News Reporters

Monday-Friday 6.30pm-8.30pm

Do you rap or sing? Learn how to write lyrics, record vocals and create a music video, and get top tips from music industry professionals.

Roehampton Youth Club
Places are limited. Email
rhymingnewsreporters@gmail.com



• Noisy Animals

February 21-23

Kid Carpet & The Noisy Animals is a rock and roll adventure that stretches across the nation. Follow, gorilla, bear, hedgehog and badger, as they make friends, cause mischief, contemplate the world and finally rock out at the grand dance contest. This lively and entertaining show contains a unique mix of live music, theatre, comedy and animation. Battersea Arts Centre For children aged 3-8 and their families
Battersea Arts Centre
bac.org.uk

Lunchtime Recital

Feb 13 and March 13, 1.15pm

Free recital by the National Opera Studio, just turn up but get there early to guarantee a seat.

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

• Group 64 Youth Theatre holiday projects

February 20

Incredible Superheroes

Do you have what it takes to be a superhero. Ages 4-7. **Cost - £30**

February 21

Gulliver's Travels Play in a Day

Explore new worlds with Gulliver.

Ages 7-11. **Cost - £41**

February 22

Play in a Day

Create your very own story. Ages 11-16

Cost - £41

Book in advance

Putney Arts Theatre, Upper Richmond

HEALTHY STUFF

Spring listings



• Beat It!

A free family focused healthy lifestyles programme supporting families who have children aged from 5-18 with a BMI that is above a healthy range.

The programme runs for ten weeks, each session lasting 90 minutes. Each session is split into a 45 minute lifestyle session and a 45 minute physical activity session.

This spring there will be courses in Battersea, Roehampton and Tooting. Programmes for 5 – 11 year olds require parents/guardians to attend every session with a tailored programme guide for adults to support sessions in the home.

Find out more and book a place by calling (020) 3959 0035 or emailing beatit@enablelc.org

• Community Learning at York Gardens Library

Wednesday courses

- CV workshop, February 27 to March 6
- Employable Me, February 27-March 6
- Interview Preparation, March 13
- Yoga, March 13-March 20
- Understanding Stress, March 20

To book a free place, contact Sharon Williams Tel: 020 8871 8055/07768 542337, Email: edlifelong@wandsworth.gov.uk

• Talk Shop

March 6, 9.am-11 am

The speech and language therapist will answer questions about your child's listening and attention skills, play, understanding, vocabulary, talking and communications skills.

Drop in session

West Hill in the Park

Children's Centre

020 8871 6655

• Walk Wandsworth

Free led walks around the borough
enablelc.org/walkwandsworth



• Catch 22 stop smoking support

This service is especially for young people aged 11-19 who go to school or youth clubs in Wandsworth who are worried about their smoking. It's based in schools, colleges or youth clubs and offers one-to-one support, group work and workshops plus advice and information. You can refer yourself via your school, college, youth club or support worker.

Call 07983 803 908

ARTS AND CRAFTS



• Half Term creative short courses Feb 18-22

A range of courses for families and young people including figure drawing, street and urban photography, make your own comic, pottery and painting, plus the Kids' Art Club (pictured).

Putney School of Art and Design, Oxford Road SW15.

www.webenrol.com/psad.
(020) 8788 9145

HOLIDAY PLAY SCHEMES

• Christ Church 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 £10.40 per child for a half day, £20.50 for a full day.

wandsworth.gov.uk/psbo

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



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• Pump House Gallery free family workshops

Sundays Feb 24, March 10 and March 24

Looking for free, creative activities to brighten up your Sundays? Head to Pump House Gallery in Battersea Park for a series of free workshops with artist and illustrator Amy Pennington. The Project Space has been transformed into an 'editing suite' for visitors to drop in and use, with activities investigating how popular culture shapes and recycles stereotypes.

This activity is brought to you by Wandsworth Council in partnership with Enable Leisure and Culture.

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

www.pumphousegallery.org.uk/whats-on/upcoming

• Affordable Art Fair

March 7-10

Contemporary Art Fair. All work for sale under £5,000.

Battersea Park

www.affordableartfair.com

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/thriveonline

YOUTH CENTRES

Wandsworth has seven youth centres, all open for a minimum of five days a week for 11-19 year olds (or up to 25 for young people with disabilities).

Activities include sport, dance, cooking, arts and crafts, table tennis, and access to the internet.

Find your nearest centre and discover what's on offer at

wandsworth.gov.uk/youth

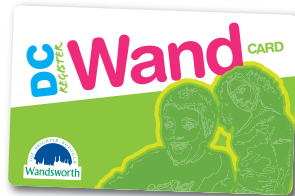
CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES



• 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



• 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. Half price sessions at Flip Out Wandsworth. Free entry to Battersea Park Zoo.

www.wandsworth.gov.uk/localoffer

• Unique Youth Term-time sessions 4pm-6pm and half term youth sessions

Activities include residentials, talents shows, life skills, playstation, discos, football and just chilling out. Unique is a Wandsworth Council-run specialist youth service that caters for 13-25 year olds with learning disabilities and complex needs. Referrals are taken from parents/carers or social workers.

**George Shearing Centre,
Este Road, Clapham Junction**
Email zgrant@wandsworth.gov.uk
or call (020) 7228 2230.

• Free swimming

WAND Card holders and a parent or carer can swim for free at Latchmere, Balham, Putney, Tooting Leisure Centres and Tooting Bec Lido, plus there are reductions on other activities such as junior gym, play zone, basketball, table tennis and squash.

Visit the Local Offer website for more information

• Generate's Boys and Girls Groups

These are after school and holiday youth groups for young people with mild to moderate learning disabilities.

George Shearing Centre, Este Road, Clapham Junction.
Email tim.aldcroft@generate-uk.org or melanie.terrade@generate-uk.org
or call 020 8879 6333

See more at wandsworth.gov.uk/localoffer

JUST PLAY



• Energy Kidz Wandsworth Holiday Club

Feb 18-22

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

Sheringdale School, Sheringdale Road, SW18
energy-kidz.co.uk

• 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



• Supercamps at Putney High School

Feb 18-22

Multi-activity camp.

Putney High School, Putney Hill
01235 467 300

info@supercamps.co.uk www.supercamps.co.uk



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www.wandsworth.gov.uk/healthchecks




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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)



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