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Franciscan School goes to the polls

There's one election you may not have seen on the news recently. Key stage 2 pupils at Franciscan School held their own mock election on polling day on June 8.

Candidates from the Vision Party, The Progress Party, The Tomorrow Party and The Transform Party drew up manifestos and campaigned around the school. Pupils voted at the school's mock polling station which was overseen by a team of polling officers from Year 6. The winner was Vision.

"We had a secret ballot inside a polling booth and put an X next to the candidate we agreed with the most. It was great being part of an election. It made me feel important" said Delfie Simpston in year 5



Young people get growing in Battersea

Members of the gardening club at **St George's School** in Battersea took part in this year's Chelsea Fringe alternative garden festival, and held a workshop to create a salad garden (pictured right).

Chelsea Fringe coincides with the world-famous Chelsea Flower Show event, and shines the spotlight on community celebrations.

There were a string of events in Nine Elms and Battersea, including talks, workshops and an open day at the Doddington and Rollo Community Roof Garden (main picture) which featured games, arts and crafts, strawberry picking and music.

Visit www.nineelmslondon.com



Equipment helps children walk

Greenmead Primary

School is the first school in the UK to have an innovative piece of equipment after a fundraising drive raised £31,000.

An Innowalk is a specialist piece of mobility equipment that allows children who have complex physical disabilities the opportunity to move and exercise. The school has bought one thanks to help from friends and families of the school, plus a donation from the Victoria Foundation.

Children who are often very stiff from sitting in their wheelchairs and who often struggle with their breathing and chest infections have benefitted enormously from having time on the Innowalk built into their physiotherapy programmes. One pupil said he “feels like Usain Bolt..... I can do 800 meters.”

The picture shows Greenmead pupil Erin using the machine with Headteacher Toni Edmonds-Smith





High View gets even better

Pupils at High View Primary School are enjoying a brand-new library and an upgraded playground.

The school received £4,500 from the Foyle Foundation to buy books for the colourful new library and learning space, dubbed 'Battersea Beach' because of its bright yellow floor. High View has a strong focus on reading for pleasure and the library has proved a real inspiration, with children excited to choose their own books to take home.

Another grant of £8,000 from Tesco's Bags of Help scheme has helped transform the reception playground with a new artificial grassy area, climbing frames and new outdoor learning equipment. Pupils will be able to be involved with gardening activities using specially-designed child-friendly planters.



Georgina Roberts
Headteacher said:

“ Visitors to High View are often surprised at how light, bright and colourful our school is and these newly developed spaces are making use of every bit of space to help our children love to learn. ”



How to apply to a Wandsworth school

Need to choose a primary or secondary school for your child? We answer your questions.

Which is the best school for my child?

- Pick some schools that look interesting and do your research. Look at their website and read their entry in the council's Choose a Wandsworth School brochure (available online at wandsworth.gov.uk/admissions).
- Go on the Ofsted website – find it on gov.uk – and see if the school has had a recent inspection. This will tell you about results, the culture of the school, the effectiveness of its leadership and teaching and what parents and pupils think of it.
- Look at the chatter on sites such as mumsnet and nappyvalley.
- See if there's any open days coming up where you can visit the school and see if for yourself.
- As well as results, think about things like pastoral care and extra-curricular activities and practical matters such as the distance from your home – if it's too far away it might be difficult for children to go to after-school clubs if they face a long journey late at night.

How do I know if my child is eligible for the school I chose?

Go on the school's website and look at its admission policy. Admission policies are also available at wandsworth.gov.uk/admissions. See if it requires an entrance exam or proof of religious affiliations. People living nearer get priority. Be realistic about your chances of getting your child in.

Being in the nursery class does not mean your child will automatically get a place in that school's reception. To qualify for a sibling place, the older child must still be at the school at the start of the academic year in which the younger child will start.

How do I apply?

Apply online at wandsworth.gov.uk/admissions. Wandsworth Council coordinates admissions for Wandsworth residents – including applications for schools in other boroughs and free schools.

You can choose six. Put them in order of priority. Be careful - putting fewer schools down will not increase your chances of getting your first choice, but it will make it more likely to get none of your choices.

Some schools require a supplementary application form - the online application system will tell you if any of your choices do.

What happens next?

After your application is received, the council will allocate your child a place based on published admission criteria. If more than one school can offer a place, you will be offered whichever one of those schools was listed highest on your form.

You will need to accept or reject the offer. Don't reject the offer unless you've got a place lined up elsewhere. The school will contact you to make any further arrangements prior to the start of the autumn term.

What if I don't get the school I want?

You can appeal. Details on how to do this are at wandsworth.gov.uk/admissions. You can also be put on a waiting list for any school you choose and check your position on the list on the admissions page.

**Primary School
admissions deadline
15 January 2018**

**Secondary School
admissions deadline
31 October 2017**



For full details, visit www.wandsworth.gov.uk/admissions

Hubbab is top young person

Hubbab Nasir, 16, is the 2017 Wandsworth Young Person of the Year.

Hubbab, who attends Graveney School, picked up a trophy, certificate and cheque for £500. She received the award for her achievements, leadership and drive, and her commitment to helping others. While working for her A-Levels she is part of the two-year Kings College Law Mentoring Programme. She has also led teams to success in national and international business and innovation competitions, and volunteers in her local community, including for the British Heart Foundation.

She works with the police to engage with young people and has developed out-of-school sports activities to keep young people out of trouble. On top of all that she is a published poet through the 2016 First Story Programme.

Hubbab said: “I did not expect to win at all but I have to say that I am proud of myself. I never expected to be rewarded for what I have done but to receive the award fills me with pride and I am more than grateful.”

Other winners were:

- **Young Musician of the Year:** Faye Evans
- **Group Award:** Southfields Academy Peer Mentoring group
- **Overcoming adversity:** Sapphire Phillips.
- **Special contribution to community safety:** Mosam Patel
- **Outstanding achievement:** Kalysha Stapleton.

The event is organised by the Young Person of the Year Trustees in conjunction with Wandsworth Youth Service and is funded by the Rotary Club and Wandsworth Community Safety Trust. Nominations for next year's award will open in the autumn.





All the winners

POLKA
Where theatre begins...

THE BORROWERS

A play by
Charles Way
Based on the book by
Mary Norton

Ages 5-11

16 Jun - 20 Aug www.polkatheatre.com
Polka Theatre, Wimbledon, London SW19 1SB



Wiki gives young people a voice

The new 'Wandsworth Wiki' for children and young people with SEND was launched at a major town hall conference.

The conference was jointly funded and organised by Positive Parent Action (PPA) and Wandsworth Council and discussed changes in the law which mean organisations like the council have to work in much closer partnership with the children and their parents, and give them more say in their care.

As part of the day, the new 'Wandsworth Wiki' was demonstrated by Wandsworth's Young Wiki Champions. Aimee Goodwin, Lucy Caroline Munday and Conor Schofield showed the conference how the combination of pictures, videos, sound and text makes it possible for a wiki to capture a bit about their personalities, abilities and needs.

This simple web-based tool helps young people with SEND communicate and prepare for independent living. They can create their own individually tailored Wiki's and share their interests, likes and dislikes with selected friends and the professionals who work with them.





Conor has information on his wiki about his dream of playing table tennis in a future Paralympics and also has a short video of his 'triggers' that annoy or upset him.

Aimee uses hers to capture how close she is to her family and her fiancé. It also explains why she has a little bag with her at all times, and what to do if she needs it.

Lucy Caroline's wiki is about her, where she lives in supported housing, the people helping her and what she likes to do.

Find out more about the support available to young people with SEND and their families at wandsworth.gov.uk/wandhub

Godley Gardens upgrade

There's still time to comment on plans to improve Godley Gardens in Earlsfield.

The council proposes improvements including a musical area, trampoline, more seating and a sundial. But hurry – the consultation ends July 16.

Comment online at wandsworth.gov.uk/consult

Get reading

The Summer Reading Challenge kicks off in borough libraries this month.

Look out for events in your local library, including a launch event at Battersea Library on July 15 from 2pm-4.30pm. For full details visit better.org.uk/whats-on-in-wandsworths-libraries

Safer speeds in Wandsworth

A **20mph speed limit** is now in place in all residential streets in the borough.

Busier roads like red routes, A-Roads and most B-Roads are not affected by this change

Reducing speeds will make our streets safer, encourage walking & cycling and help improve air quality.

www.wandsworth.gov.uk/20mph



What residents said

59%

of residents support a **20mph limit** on residential streets

64%

of residents said a **20mph limit** should not apply on main roads





Luca takes centre stage at Centre Court

Luca Schmetzer (11), who attends **Allfarthing Primary School**, will be performing the coin toss at the mens' Wimbledon finals on July 16.

Luca is representing Place2Be, a children's mental health charity which provides emotional and therapeutic services in schools across the UK. Place2Be was nominated by HRH The Duchess of Cambridge in her new role as Patron of The All England Lawn Tennis Club.

Tom Holmes, Head Teacher at Allfarthing Primary School said, "Place2Be has benefited Luca and his family to a great extent during his time at Allfarthing. A range of children access the service throughout the school in order to assist them with various mental health needs. This has a huge benefit on the whole school - children, teachers and parents."



SJB rated 'good'

John Bosco College has been given a good rating by Ofsted in its recent inspection.

The inspectors noted that 'St John Bosco is a Catholic college, but admits pupils from a wide range of faiths and cultures and these differences are embraced and celebrated.' They also commented that the school has 'established an ethos based on Saint John Bosco's educational philosophy of learning through reason, religion and kindness.'

Headteacher Paul Dunne, pictured here with students, said "This is an exciting time for the school. The number of children joining us in September has risen by 50 per cent and we are working hard to grow the school and to achieve an outstanding judgement next time Ofsted visit."

Visit www.sjbc.wandsworth.sch.uk for more information. For further enquiries or to arrange a visit to the school call Margaret Ansley on 020 7924 8310 or email mansley@sjbc.wandsworth.sch.uk.



New playground for Battersea Park

There's a brand-new playground in Battersea Park to enjoy.

Designed for kids aged up to 12, it's got some of the latest play equipment and is part of a £820,000 upgrade of the park.

Find the new playground near the café. The existing large adventure playground can still be found on the other side of the park near Sun Gate.



Photos: Robert Piwko



Helping to clean up the air

To mark Clean Air Day on June 15, **High View Primary School** in Battersea held a special assembly to teach students about air pollution. The council's environment spokesman Cllr Jonathan Cook went along to hear the assembly and chat to students.

Afterwards at pick-up time the council's environmental health officers were outside the school urging parents not to leave their car engines idling while they wait for their children, because this contributes to air pollution.

Throughout the year the council supports schools to teach children how to avoid their exposure to air pollution, and what they can do to help prevent it.



As well as anti-idling signs outside many schools, there are free bike safety lessons for children, support to draw up school travel plans to reduce the amount of children arriving at school by car, and a programme of environmental theatre productions to teach children how their travel choices affect air quality – like this production called The Pollution Solution which toured St Boniface, Gatton, Smallwood, Allfarthing, Swaffield, Albemarle, Sheringdale, St. Anselms and Holy Ghost.



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Green-fingered Granard

Granard Primary School in Putney has been gardening.

Students, with help from staff, governors and members of the local branch of Good Gym, planted a new 50-meter hedge along the Westleigh Avenue side of the school in order to increase biodiversity. They used free and purchased hedging from the Woodland Trust, with funding from Tesco Bags of Help.

Around 20 GoodGym members ran to the school and spent 45 minutes digging a trench along Westleigh Avenue on Easter Monday. Their work enabled the students to come back after the holidays and plant immediately. It took nearly a week to plant over 300 new hedging saplings.

Headteacher Cheryl Grigg said: “The children are hugely excited to watch and observe their hard work over the next few years as the hedge grows. It is a green legacy of which they can be exceptionally proud. Granard is hugely appreciative of all the support from the local community in making this happen, and is looking forward to creating more opportunities for community participation and engagement.”



Up and Under!

Ronald Lyon, Gabriel Idusohan and Marco-Antonio Cardenas have beaten off stiff competition to be selected for the Harlequins Development Programme. The three Year 7 pupils from **Saint Cecilia's Church of England School** are now following in the footsteps of four other pupils from the same school, who are already in the prestigious programme.

The DPP at Harlequins is the first stage of the national academy and provides an entry into a long-term player development programme which in some cases will lead towards the highest level of rugby.



Cadets on parade at Ernest Bevin

A new Royal Marines Combined Cadet Force section has opened at **Ernest Bevin school** in Tooting.

The creation of the new unit makes Ernest Bevin's cadets only the second CCF Royal Marines Detachment in the whole of London. CCF units aim to promote military values and ethos into schools to help young people get their most out of their lives and contribute to their communities.

The Royal Marines CCF Contingent Commander is Captain Nick Mason, who also doubles as one of the geography teachers. He has taught at Ernest Bevin since 2008 and served in the British Army as a platoon commander with the Mercian Regiment.

"It's been a fantastic day for the College and I'm really proud of our cadets," said Nick.



EB students studying harder than ever

Ernest Bevin is expecting good GCSE results this year after discovering students have been making record use of an online revision aid.

Students at the Tooting school are among the heaviest users of GCSEPod - a series of learning and revision videos, called 'Pods', which students can access on their phones, tablets and PCs. This term, students have watched 4,456 more pods during the exam revision period than they did during the same period last year.



Founder - Annalise Boucher

SEN Talk supporting parents

Looking after a child on the autistic spectrum, or who has ADHD, can be a struggle.

SEN Talk is a new organisation set up by parents to help support Wandsworth families. It brings families together through regular get-togethers and after school activities. Parents can share their experiences and find out about the support available.

It also runs coffee mornings, community events and trips, respite, sport and therapeutic programmes and advocacy support. At open play sessions families can get speech and language therapy support, occupational therapy support and dietary and nutrition advice.

Its Volunteers Project gives trainee teachers or people studying on education courses experience working with children with SEND. The trainees support SEN Talk's Lego social skills project, funded by the council's Wandsworth Grant Fund. This helps children with social and emotional difficulties build skills and confidence through Lego.

Founder Annalise Boucher told Headstart she set up the charity after her son was diagnosed: "You shouldn't feel alone, you shouldn't be confused, the support should be genuine. We need to share our journeys to make the next part of the road clearer for our little individuals."

Find out more at sentalk.org
or search SEN Talk parent support group on Facebook

Bringing history alive

Mosaic Jewish Primary School in Roehampton hosted the World Jewish Relief Roadshow, which is travelling the UK to connect people with their family histories.

World Jewish Relief, the UK Jewish community's international development agency, rescued 65,000 people from Nazi Germany in the 1930s and 40s, including nearly 10,000 children on the Kindertransport. Its archives were recently digitised, and the charity is working to reunite people with their family history.

Mosaic governor Naomi Reiniger said "We are thrilled that our wonderful school buildings are being put to such excellent use in our local community. The work of WJR is an inspiration to us all and reminds us all not only of our responsibilities to each other in times of crisis, but of how reflecting on the past serves to build a better future."

Richard Verber from World Jewish Relief said: "If you or your family came to the UK in the 1930s and 40s there is a high chance they were helped by World Jewish Relief and we may have your family papers. There is no charge for this service."

Search for your family history at worldjewishrelief.org/archives



George and Peter Summerfield who came on the Kindertransport with their files from World Jewish Relief



Green festival turns scrap into art

Re-use charity Scrapstore staged the very first Hazelfest in May at the Hazelhurst Estate in Tooting.

The green area in front of Hayesend House was transformed from a disused patch of grass to a hive of artistic activity, with more than 200 pieces of artwork made.

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. The art at Hazelfest was created from these donated items.

If you're a teacher, group leader, student, family or artist, you can visit Scrapstore 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.

Find out more at workandplayscrapstore.org.uk or call (020) 8682 4216.

Be a Young Inspector

The Wandsworth Youth Council needs inspectors to help it see if career support services are up to scratch.

It is responding to comments from young people who said that there is not enough suitable career support available and that young people do not always know what support there is.

Young people will be trained up to be Young Inspectors and will learn how to run and deliver an inspection, looking at how accessible and suitable career support services are for young people. They will speak to several services and create recommendations for each. They will then present these recommendations back to decision makers, to advise them on how we can best support young people into employment.

Young Inspectors will receive an accreditation, reference for their CV and learn key skills in this role.

If you are interested in being involved, contact Tiffany on 075 119 42396 or tbrown1@wandsworth.gov.uk



Beat It!

FREE Weight Management & Healthy Lifestyle Programme for young people

Come join our Summer Holiday programmes for a fun packed week!

- Move more – multisport activities
- Eat healthily – cooking workshops & nutrition tips
- Have fun – join in our fun games

Ages 5-13

Week 1
31st Jul – 5th Aug 2017 9.30am to 3pm
Sacred Heart School
Este Road, Battersea, SW11 2TD

Week 2
7th -11th Aug 2017 9.30am to 3pm
Granard Primary School
Cortis Road, Putney, SW15 6XA

To register, contact:
020 8871 8377 or
ama-naughton@wandsworth.gov.uk

Places are subject to the children & families meeting the programme criteria.



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Summer 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



• Junior Tennis

Aug 14-18

Summer holiday course for children aged 4-16 of all abilities.

Call for details

Furzedown Recreation Centre, Tooting

(020) 8767 6542

• Junior Tennis four day camp

July 24-27

Four day holiday camp covering all aspects of tennis. 6-8 years

10am-12pm, 9-12 years 1-3pm

£59.20

Batterseas Park Millennium Arena

enablelc.org/bpma

How to be listed

Send details to:

headstart@wandsworth.gov.uk

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SPORTS AND FITNESS



• All Star Tennis holiday camp

Camps run for juniors aged three to teens throughout the school holidays. All levels and abilities welcome.

- Wandsworth Common
- King Georges Park, Wandsworth
- Tooting Common
- Leaders Gardens, Putney

www.allstartennis.co.uk

info@allstartennis.co.uk

020 8871 4706

• Athletics Camp

Aug 7-10, 10am-1pm

Four day courses covering all athletic disciplines for children aged seven to 12. £36.90

Battersea Park Millennium Arena

enablelc.org/bpma

• Battersea Sports Centre Holiday Fun

July 24-August 11

Kwik cricket, volleyball, football, trampolining, basketball and more.

£13 per day, £50 a week

enablelc.org/bsc

• Battersea Summer Scheme Sport in the Park

Run over four days in August, the scheme offers a range of sports including football, archery and tennis in Battersea Park.

For details of this year's event, including dates and costs, visit

batterseasummerscheme.org.uk

• Chelsea FC Soccer Schools

Summer holiday soccer schools at Battersea Park and Chestnut Grove School. Visit website for details of dates and costs

www.chelseasoccerschools.co.uk



• Activ Camps

Multi-activity camp for children aged four to 14. Dodgeball, quad biking, inflatables, water slides, indoor rock climbing, swimming, foam stick hockey, obstacle courses and more.

Ark Putney Academy: July 31-August 25

Barn Elms: July 24-August 18

Emmanuel School: July 10 – August 4

Graveney School: July 24-August 25

Trinity Fields: August 7-September 1

info@activcamps

activcamps.com

• Junior Rowing

July 10-Aug 25

Suitable for 12-18 year olds.

£120

Barn Elms Boat House

Enable.org/bebh

• Summer multi-sports camp

Aug 14-17

Four day multi sports camp for children aged seven to twelve with a variety of fun sports and games

£90 (sibling price £70)

Battersea Park Millennium Arena

enablelc.org/bpma

• Summer Sports Camp

Aug 7-11, Aug 14-18, Aug 21-25

10am-3pm

Multi sports and activities for children aged 8-14 of all abilities.

Barn Elms Sport Centre

Enable.com/besc

• Summer Soccer Schools

Aug 7-11, Aug 21-25

Five-day football course for all abilities aged 6-11. All participants receive a medal when they complete the course.

£50 per child.

Furzedown Rec

enablelc.org/frc

• Zesh Rehman Foundation Football

These 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.

info@zeshrehmanfoundation.org

www.zeshrehmanfoundation.org

JUST PLAY



• Fencing

Fencing for beginners aged 7-12. £8 per session including the use of all equipment, with half price rates available for people that live on local estates. Classes every Mon & Wed from 4.30 - 5.30 during term time.

Ethelburga Community Centre, Battersea SW11 4RA
contact@thefencingschool.com
www.thefencingschool.com

• Battersea Park Playground

Exciting play equipment suitable for children over 8. Under 8s should be supervised by an adult. Free – just drop in. The playground is open the same hours as the park.

Enter through Sun Gate entrance.

• Edenfest Holiday Club

Monday-Wednesdays, 10am-4pm

Days out, arts and crafts, fun days, science and more.

Southcroft Church, 276 Mitcham Lane, SW16
edengardenschildcare.org

• Go Ape

Treetop fun in Battersea Park
goape.co.uk

• 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
- Children must be supervised by parents at all times whilst using the soft play area.

placesforpeopleleisure.org/centres/latchmere-leisure-centre/soft-play

• Supercamps

July 10-August 25

Children are able to experience up to eight different activities per day to include sports, arts and crafts.

£55 a day, £235 a week

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



• Football At Burntwood

July 24-August 18, 10am-1pm

A football club for boys and girls aged 4 – 11. All levels welcome. Come along to learn new skills, play matches and have fun.

£20. Discounts available for siblings and friends booking together
Burntwood School, Burntwood Lane, London, SW17 0AQ
info@footballatburntwood.co.uk
www.footballatburntwood.co.uk
 07875 581376

DAYS OUT

• BACTA Community Fun Day

July 15, noon-5pm

People from all faiths, cultures and backgrounds are invited to come together for a day of fun and enjoyment for all ages in Tooting.

Children's activities, food, workshops and more

<http://batca.org/fun-day-2017/>

• Summer Fair

July 22, 1pm-4pm

Stalls, kids' activities, tombola, bouncy castle, BBA, tea and cakes, bar. In aid of Age UK Wandsworth.

Adults £1, children free

St Margaret's Church, Putney Park Lane



• Battersea Park Zoo

Summer fun at the zoo, including

July 25: Hedgehog Day

July 27: Snake Day

August 1: Snail Day

August 3: Composting with Wiggly Worms!

www.batterseaparkzoo.co.uk

• Deen City Farm

Children's events, riding lessons, educational programmes and a collection of friendly animals. Open from 10am-4.30pm all year round. Closed on Mondays.

39 Windsor Avenue, South Wimbledon
(020) 8543 5300

www.deencityfarm.co.uk

• Luna Cinema

Cinema under the stars

July 26: Wandsworth Park, Top Gun

July 27: Wandsworth Park, Love Actually

Sep 12: Battersea Park, La La Land

Sep 13: Battersea Park, Jurassic Park

Sep 14: Battersea Park, Moulin Rouge

www.thelunacinema.com



• Get Active Wandsworth Festival

July 15, noon-5pm

A free fun day of live performances, sports, health and nutrition advice, entertainment, free NHS health checks, crafts and food. Just turn up King George's Park, Wandsworth
Enablec/active

• Get Active Battersea Festival

July 22, 2pm-7pm

Sports taster sessions, food, music and family activities

Free

York Gardens Park, Lavender Road

• Family Saturdays at the BAC

July 29

Join the BAC on the final Saturday of every month for a day of fun, food and free activities, including face painting, music, workshops storytelling and free entry into the magical indoor play space for under 5s.

The recommended age is 0-11s and their families

Battersea Arts Centre, Lavender Hill
www.bac.org.uk



• Feel Good Festival

July 29, noon-7pm

Food, family activities and music, organised by Regenerate. Free
Danebury Avenue Green, Alton Estate, Roehampton

• 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



• Mini Beast Hunts

Aug 9, 16 and 23. Noon-2pm

Come and explore the creepy crawlies that lie in the undergrowth at Tooting Common. Children will have the opportunity to hunt, catch and identify some of the mini beasts that lurk amongst the woodlands and meadows.

Free event. Suitable for ages 4-10 (children must be accompanied by an adult). Booking required.

Email: TCHP@wandsworth.gov.uk to reserve your spot.



• Foodstock

July 15-16

Two days of food, drink and music.

Advance tickets £2 adult, child under 16

£1, on the door £5 adult, child £2.50

Battersea Park

www.foodstock.london

• Prudential Ride London

July 30

Watch the annual cycle race in Putney with the cyclists racing along the High Street and Putney Hill. The roads are closed to traffic, but shops, bars, restaurants and cafes will be open for business as normal.

Prudentialridelondon.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

(020) 7582 4204

info@vauxhallcityfarm.org

www.vauxhallcityfarm.org

• Wandsworth Jumble Trail

July 16, 11am-5pm

Sell your unwanted items, search for new treasures and spend time with your neighbours at the Wandsworth Jumble Trail.

A Jumble Trail is a jumble sale, but on your street. Communities co-ordinate to set up stalls outside their houses to sell bric-a-brac, toys, vintage clothes, cakes or anything else they fancy.

jumbletrail.com/event/Wandsworth2017



• Summer at the Wetlands Centre

July 22 - September 3

Dusty's Wildlife Rangers

Grab a net and try pond dipping; join our warden to discover more about our wildlife; or learn how to use binoculars. When you arrive you'll get a free logbook to record your discoveries. Dusty Duck was created by Aardman Animations, who made Wallace and Gromit.

London Wetlands Centre, Barnes

www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres/london

• Made in Paradise Summer Fete

July 15, 12 noon

Paradise Co-operative is holding a Summer Fete on its beautiful community garden next to Wandsworth Common. All are welcome.

Food, BBQ, bar, cakes, ice-creams, facepainting, music, talks, games and activities for kids and a chance to come together as a community and celebrate summer.

facebook.com/Paradisecooppearlsfield/



CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

• Alton Resource Base Holiday Scheme

For children aged 3-11 with Autistic Spectrum Disorder.

(020) 8871 6348

playservices@wandsworth.gov.uk

psebookings.wandsworth.gov.uk

• Art Club for hearing impaired children

Mondays, 3.30pm-4.45pm

Free to Hearing Impaired children in Wandsworth. Places are limited so please call 020 8673 7564 or email davis@wandsworthhis.org.uk to save your place.

Sellincourt Primary School, Tooting
wandsworth.gov.uk/fis

• DSC Community Club

Tuesdays, 4.30pm-6pm

Sport for young people aged 11 and over with any disability.

(020) 8021 0973

Caius House Youth Centre, Battersea
disabilitysportscoach.co.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/

• George Shearing Centre

Open for young people aged 13-25 with severe learning disabilities and complex



• Role Models Summer Camps

July 24-28

August 21-25

Role Models' Wandsworth camps are OFSTED registered and meet the needs of 6-12 year old children with mild to moderate special needs, including Dyspraxia, Down's Syndrome, Autism and Asperger's Syndrome.

Each day is a balance of calm and dynamic activities, including games of balloon tennis, designing posters & pictures, yoga, cupcake decorating, team competitions, music & gaming sessions plus some brand new activities.

Sessions are £72 per day discounted to £60 if 5 days are booked. Wandsworth Council may cover some of the cost if your child is in a medium or high disability living allowance (DLA) group and does not access other council funded services.

Albemarle Primary School, Princes Way, Southfields

www.rolemodels.me

needs. Activities include pool, drumming, football, art, computers, Wii and a sensory room.

Este Road, Clapham Junction

(020) 7228 2230

aburman@wandsworth.gov.uk

www.wandsworth.gov.uk/youth

• Lady Allen Holiday Play scheme

Lady Allen provides a holiday play scheme for disabled children and their siblings from the borough of Wandsworth between the ages of 5 - 14 years. Phone and ask to come for a visit on a Saturday, between 11am and 3pm with the child. On that visit all forms can be completed and the

child's needs can be assessed.

Lady Allen Adventure Playground, Chivalry

Road, Clapham Junction

(020) 7228 0278

ian.logan@kids.org.uk

www.kids.org.uk

• DCR/WAND members picnic

July 26

Meet at the Tree Tops Cabin in the zoo between noon and 1pm and enjoy a fun day out.

Battersea Park Zoo, Battersea Park

www.wandsworth.gov.uk/localoffer

HEALTHY STUFF

• Beat It! free summer holiday camps



Beat It! is a healthy lifestyle and weight management programme for young people aged 5-13 in Wandsworth. The free camps include multisport games, obstacle courses and relays as plus learning about healthy eating through fun cooking workshops and tasting sessions. Places are subject to meeting the programme criteria, please call for further information.

Putney Programme: 7-11 August, Granard School, Cortis Road, SW15 6XA
Battersea Programme: Sacred Heart School, July 31 - August 11.
020 8871 8377
enablelc.org/beat-it

• Drop-in Behaviour and Sleep Clinic

July 19, 1pm-2.30pm

Free session for parents experiencing difficulties with their child's behaviour or sleep

Franciscan Children's Centre, Franciscan Road, Tooting
(020) 8672 3048
wandsworth.gov.uk/fis

• Dyslexia support

Support for adults and children with dyslexia from A2i Dyslexia. Support for children includes assessments, screenings, support with numeracy and literacy, a reading class and arts and crafts classes

Caius House, Holman Road, Battersea
a2idyslexia.org.uk
info@a2idyslexia.org.uk
07476 012 992

• Free Led Walks

Walks led by trained leaders in Battersea, Tooting and Roehampton.
enable.org/walk4life/

• Hearts and Arts

Aug 14-18, 10-1pm

Summer workshop combining the benefits of meditation, yoga and creative arts for children aged 5-11 years old.

From £125 per week
Battersea Scout Centre
info@myadkids.com

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, pool and table tennis, and access to the internet.

You can also do a short course or workshop such as music making and recording, photography, sport, first aid and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. There are holidays programmes including trips and residential.

Many centres have sports and performance halls, recording studios, gyms, kitchens, IT suites and advice services. Tooting HUB and Roehampton Base have personal advisers at set times to help 13-19 year olds with course, training, jobs and careers as well as personal and family matters. The Gap youth project is for LBGTQ young people. Visit wandsworth.gov.uk/gap.



Youth Centres

Caius House

2 Holman Road,
SW11 3RL.
Tel: 07539 87 36 08 /
(020) 3818 6210

Devas Club

2a Stormont Road,
SW11 5EN.
Tel: (020) 7223 0297

George Shearing Centre

Este Road, SW11 2TF.
Tel: (020) 7228 2230

Roehampton Base Connexions

33-35 Danbury Avenue,
SW15 4DQ.
Tel: (020) 8871 5222



Roehampton Youth Centre

6 Holybourne Avenue,
SW15 4JE.
Tel: (020) 8871 5252

Tooting Hub

7a Beechcroft Road,
SW17 7BU.
Tel Tooting Hub:
(020) 8871 5396

Training & Resource Centre

St Faith's Alma Road,
SW18 1AQ.
Tel: (020) 8871 8530

Summer Events

Youth clubs will be running events throughout the summer. Get information directly from your local club or visit wandsworth.gov.uk/fis

THEATRE AND BOOKS

ARTS AND CRAFTS



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• Active Art Children's Workshops

July 18 – August 11.

The Nature Centre, Wandsworth Common. Groups for ages 3-6 and 7-11. Full and half day sessions.

07775 781332, artimatelondon@gmail.com
www.naturescope.co.uk

• Putney School of Art and Design Summer School

July 17-Aug 4

Creative short courses for adults and young people in the summer holidays including drawing, photography, painting and pottery

Oxford Road, Putney. (020) 8788 9148
www.wandsworth.gov.uk/psad

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 email EYISSChildcare@wandsworth.gov.uk. The helpdesk is open Monday to Friday, 10am - 1pm.

• Extravaganza Macabre

July 4-29, 7.30pm plus Saturday matinees 2.30pm

Little Bulb Theatre return to Battersea Arts Centre's open-air Courtyard Theatre with their tale of villainy and valour in Victorian London. A freak storm parts two lovers, setting them on a torturous path of cruel fate and hapless chance.

From £10, Age Recommendation: 8+
bac.org.uk/extravaganza
 020 7223 2223

• Group64 summer holiday projects

July 24-28: Don't Feed the Plant!. Ages 11-16, £112

July 31-Aug 4: The Land of Oz. Ages 7-11, £112

Aug 7-9: Misadventures of Dr Seuss. Ages 4-7, £70

Putney Arts Theatre
www.g64.org.uk

• Polka Theatre summer school

August 14-18

Budding actors aged 8-14 can spend a week training and working with a professional theatre director to explore a variety of drama techniques, learn new skills and create a new piece of theatre to perform for friends and family on the Polka Main Stage.

Polka Theatre, Wimbledon
www.polkatheatre.com



• The Witches

July 13-15

Roald Dahl's scariest book is brought to life by Group 64's 8-13 year old members. Suitable for all the family.

Putneyartstheatre.org.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

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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Wednesday 20th Morning

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Thursday 5th Evening

Monday 9th Morning

Weeks commencing 9th & 16th October, Open House by appointment

Mornings – 08:45-10:15 & Evenings 17:30-19:30

To visit during Open House weeks telephone 020 8875 2661

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