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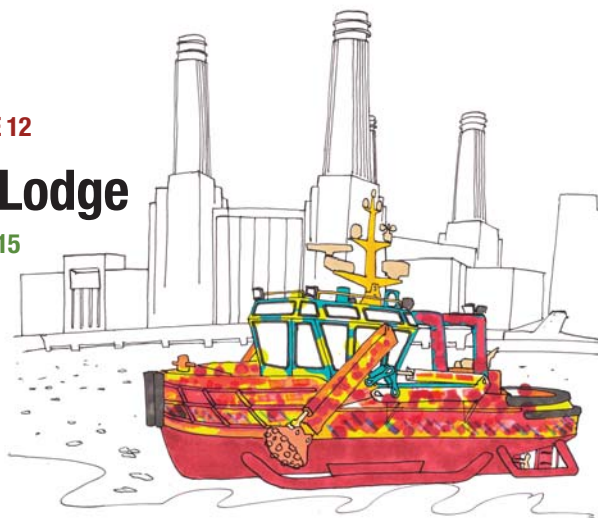
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# Futuristic tractor wins the prize

**Ronald Ross School has been named a National Farmers' Union Farmvention Champion.**

The Ronald Ross team won for their design of a tractor of the future - an eco-friendly drone zip line that protects soil structure by sowing, maintaining and picking the crop from above, removing the need for heavy machinery. Their prize will be for their school to be turned into a farm for the day.

Farmvention challenged primary school children to use science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) subjects to design a tractor of the future, create a healthy British snack product or create an environment for laying hens. They showed off their designs at a showcase at the House of Commons, featuring nine schools from an original thousand entries.

Afeefa Haroon, the eight year old mastermind behind the Ronald Ross entry, said: "Farmvention has been really fun. My favourite part was making the model farm with the zip line. The zip line is good because it can do the farmer's work without squashing the soil. Winning the competition makes me feel really proud."



Ronald Ross get inspired on a visit to Paula Matthews' farm in Surrey



# Schools Streets

Five schools are being asked if they are interested in supporting a scheme that would stop traffic from driving past their school gates at drop-off and pick-up times.

Wandsworth is currently considering the practicality of “school streets” at **Penwortham, Hillbrook, Alderbrook, Earlsfield and Furzedown** primaries.

The council is keen to pilot the school streets initiative at suitable locations as part of its efforts to encourage safer and healthier travel to and from school, while also helping to boost air quality levels.

The scheme could see the roads containing school entrances closed to traffic when pupils arrive in the mornings and leave in the afternoons. Where schools and parents back a scheme, there will be a wider consultation with local residents.

If people support the scheme it could be introduced on a trial basis from September onwards.

Free cycle training sessions are available to children who live or study in Wandsworth, and can be tailored for special needs. The next sessions are during May half term.

The council also runs pedestrian training and road safety talks for children, free courses for adults, free beginners’ bike maintenance classes and free Dr Bike safety checks and security marking.

Find out more at [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/cycling](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/cycling)



## Raising the roof

1,200 young musicians from schools all over the borough took part in this year’s A Brighter Sound concert at the Royal Festival Hall.

The concert was organised by the council’s Wandsworth Schools’ Music Service and featured young people performing in orchestras and choirs from the borough’s primary and secondary schools and from the Wandsworth Music Academy.

Wandsworth Schools’ Music Service works with young people across the borough to nurture young talent and offer training and the chance to perform. It is the lead partner in the Wandsworth Music Education Hub. Other members of the Hub taking part in the concert included musicians from the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and the Wandsworth Community Choir.

Find out more about the Schools Music Service at [wandsworth.gov.uk/musicservices](http://wandsworth.gov.uk/musicservices)



Susannah and Grace

# Awards for amazing achievements

**An incredible 75 young people from across Wandsworth came together to receive prestigious Jack Petchee Foundation Achievement Awards.**

The event honoured Achievement Award winners aged 11-25 who received a medallion, framed certificate and a cheque for £250 each. They were nominated by their peers and leaders, winning awards for a variety of achievements and for always doing their best.

As well as local schools, the Wandsworth Youth Service was represented by five clubs: The Base, Roehampton Youth Club, Tooting Hub Youth Club, Devas Youth Club and Unique Youth based at the George Shearing Centre.



Olympian Donna Fraser with Adrian Rogola



### Winners included:

Milun Corkett, 13, who attends Chestnut Grove School. Milun looks out for fellow students who may be struggling with settling in to secondary school.

Susannah Honoer and Grace Bostock Westland, both aged 17, attend Graveney School. They support a period poverty charity and plan to raise money to set up a sanitary product bank for students.

Etta Sam, aged 14, attends Bolingbroke Academy. Etta has been recognised for her incredible work as a sports leader at the school.

Adrian Rogala. Adrian is a committed member of Unique Youth Club who loves gardening, socialising, DJ-ing at the monthly disco and supporting his friends.

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## **Starlett the Therapy Dog has been helping children with their reading at Putney Library**

Bark and Read sessions give children with English as a second language, or perhaps those who struggle reading aloud, the chance to read to Starlett. Similar events in schools have shown that some children respond much better to reading to dogs than they do to adults, with the added fun of brushing and petting Starlett.

Bark and Read is run by a group called Therapy Dogs Nationwide. Kate Stevens, children's librarian at Putney Library, says she is hopeful this might be the start of a number of events involving Starlett. She said: "We are very open to hosting things that encourage children to read and have a successful Summer Reading Challenge where youngsters read lots and think about what they've read."





# Spellbinding fun



## Tooting and Balham libraries hosted a Harry Potter workshop.

A packed room of children and parents enjoyed a wand-making session then moved onto a magical, interactive performance from Tim the magician and a very special guest in the form of Dumbledore. At the end all students 'graduated' from the School of Witchcraft and Wizardry with a certificate.



“We loved it and we would love to come to more of these events,” said Gabriele, aged nine, dressed up specially for the event along with his sister, Jennifer, aged five. “We come to this library a lot because we enjoy reading so much and I always like to take books home with us.”



There are loads of events for families and children at all the borough's libraries. Find out more at [www.better.org.uk/library/london/wandsworth](http://www.better.org.uk/library/london/wandsworth)



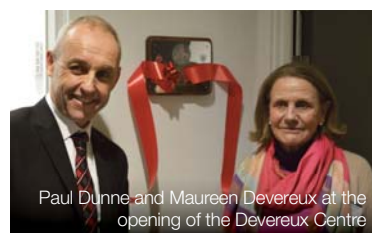
# Devereux Centre opens at St John Bosco

**St John Bosco's** new specialist targeted resource base for students with ASD and additional health needs has been officially opened.

The centre is the first of its kind in Wandsworth and will support youngsters who have ASD or Social Communication Disorder and a mental health need such as high levels of anxiety, eating disorders, phobias or self-harming behaviours. It was named after Selesian missionary and aid worker Sean Devereux and was opened by Maureen Devereux who spoke about her son's dedication to helping others.

"The strong, caring and inclusive ethos of our Catholic school as well as its relatively small size will provide robust pastoral care and support for students with such needs. This fits into the school's wider vision in terms of inclusivity, pastoral care and working closely with the local Wandsworth community," said headteacher Paul Dunne.

St John Bosco has had a busy 2019 so far. Two of its Year 12 students recently visited Don Bosco Ashalayam in Kolkata, India and on World



Paul Dunne and Maureen Devereux at the opening of the Devereux Centre



The trip to India

Book Day in March the school celebrated 12 of its Year 7 students achieving Word Millionaire Status based on successfully passing Accelerated Reader quizzes on books they have recently read.

These successes build on strong results in last year's GCSEs, which saw significant gains at the school. Some subjects had a 100 per cent pass rate at grade five or above, including biology, physics and chemistry.



# Cherish your books

Year 7 and 8 students from **Chestnut Grove Academy** have been learning about the work of Book Aid International, which sends 1.3m books a year to remote places in war-torn and impoverished countries.

The charity went along to Balham Library to tell the students how children in these places rarely read new books and how the concept of a vast public library, where you can take out armfuls of books at a time, is alien to them.

“We send books around the world, mainly to East Africa,” said Sally Victor from Book Aid. “We try to send them to the places where people don’t have any kind of access such as a remote community in Zimbabwe where we had to set up a donkey library so donkeys could take our books to the children.”

“It made me feel lucky that we have all these resources which we just take for granted,” said Lucy, aged 12. “Libraries are so important because if you don’t have enough money to buy books you can borrow them here for free.”

“And libraries are important to a community because you can meet new people who also like reading,” added Izzy, aged 11. “The presentation made me appreciate more what I have. I love reading but I don’t have a favourite author as I like all books...it’s like they are my children.”

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**Izzy, aged 11**



# Mia cooks up a storm

## Mia Weatherhead has won the sixth annual Wandsworth Young Chef of the Year competition.

Mia, 14, who attends Graveney School, impressed judges with her menu of salmon and scallop ceviche followed by chicken wrapped in Serrano ham with saffron sauce and chorizo croquettes. Desert was crème Catalana.

The Young Chef competition is run by the Mayor of Wandsworth and the council's lifelong learning team. It 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.

Francesca Sparrowhawk from Graveney school was second and Tenley Fuentes from Ernest Bevin College was third. The other finalists were: Aisha Syeda (Burntwood School), Remi Ebanks (Ark Putney Academy), Rose Picicco (Southfields Academy), Alife Turner-Smithson & Zakereya Ahmad from (Ernest Bevin College), Jake Grattrick (Saint Cecilia's) and Maia Blackman from Chestnut Grove Academy.

Each of the eight finalists won high street vouchers. Mia won £120 and a crystal trophy.





# Learn on the job

A group of Wandsworth apprentices and their employers enjoyed afternoon tea in the Mayor of Wandsworth's Parlour to celebrate National Apprenticeship Week.

Dante John-Baptise is an apprentice in the council's adult social services department. Senior administrator Heather Johnson said: "Dante is an amazing apprentice. He is keen, takes instructions well and is willing to learn. Dante has integrated well into our team and we enjoy working with him."

Apprenticeships are a way to earn and learn with an employer and offer work-based qualifications. Some are the equivalent of a degree, so can be a great alternative to university.

Contact the Lifelong Learning team for a chat about whether apprenticeships might be for you. Visit [wandsworthlifelonglearning.org.uk](http://wandsworthlifelonglearning.org.uk) or call 020 8871 8491.



## Challenging young people

A new initiative, the Wandsworth Challenge, is encouraging the borough's young people to put their mental and physical skills to the test.

The Royal Marines and **Southfields Academy** launched the scheme at the Royal Marines Reserve (City of London) Barracks and at the academy next door. Around 50 students from local schools went along to try something new.

The challenges were led by the Royal Marines, Harlequins Rugby Club, the London Fire Brigade, MET Police and Be Military Fit. They included self-defence techniques, nutrition classes, rugby drills, boxing and a climbing wall.

Lt Col Jason Durup (Commanding Officer, RMR City of London) said: "I hope the experiences they have had today will improve their self-esteem, help them to realise their full potential and I hope it will open their eyes to the possibilities of working in the uniformed services or in the sports and fitness industry."

## New head

**Saint Cecilia's** has a new headteacher.

Renata Joseph joins Saint Cecilia's from Canons High School in Edgware. She has many links to the Wandsworth community and was a pupil of Brandlehow Primary School. Mrs Joseph is a trustee for the National Association for Able Children in Education and has significant experience and expertise in outstanding provision for more able pupils.

# Silver celebration for Trust

**The Al-Risalah Educational Trust, which established Gatton Primary School, is celebrating its 25th anniversary.**

The trust now operates five schools for children of all ages, from nursery to secondary level. Although it has an Islamic-oriented ethos, its schools are committed to the education and advancement of all children irrespective of race, religion, creed or cultural heritage and it employs staff from a diverse range of backgrounds.

Gatton opened in the late 1990s, initially in the Tooting Islamic Centre, and when its new building opened in 2004 it became the first purpose-built Muslim VA primary school in the country. The school quickly became over-subscribed and so the Trust opened a second site in Balham two years ago. In 2014, the school achieved an “outstanding” grade in its Ofsted inspection.

## TSM one of UK's top schools

The standard of teaching and learning at Trinity St Mary's CofE primary school in Balham has seen it climb into England's top one per cent of high performing schools.

Its most recent Key Stage 2 exam results saw 100 per cent of its pupils achieving or exceeding nationally expected standards in reading, writing and mathematics.

In a joint letter to headteacher Lynn Anderson, Education Secretary Damien Hinds and School Standards Minister Nick Gibb praised the school for its academic excellence and high standards of professionalism.

Miss Anderson said: “We were delighted to receive this official recognition of all the hard work by staff, parents and pupils at the school. We are committed to giving our children the best possible education and we will continue to work tirelessly to raise standards even higher.”

# Shooting stars

The Para Team at **Burntwood School** won the Mayor's Award at the Active Wandsworth Awards for its work making sport accessible to all.

The awards recognise the borough's best sportspeople, clubs and coaches.

The Burntwood Team won the award for their outstanding work raising the profile of disability sport in their school and in the wider community.

Meanwhile Nicolas Flores Pujols (pictured right) won Young Volunteer of the Year for his work at the **Southfields Academy** Basketball Academy and **Broadwater Primary School** won the Active School of the Year award for encouraging all pupils to be active through a range of clubs and initiatives.



# Apple comes to Linden Lodge

**Linden Lodge school was chosen by Apple to launch new resources in the UK to make its Everyone Can Code initiative accessible to everyone.**

Sarah Herrlinger, Apple's Senior Director of Global Accessibility Policy & Initiatives, and a team of engineers flew over from California and were joined at Linden Lodge by members of the European education team.

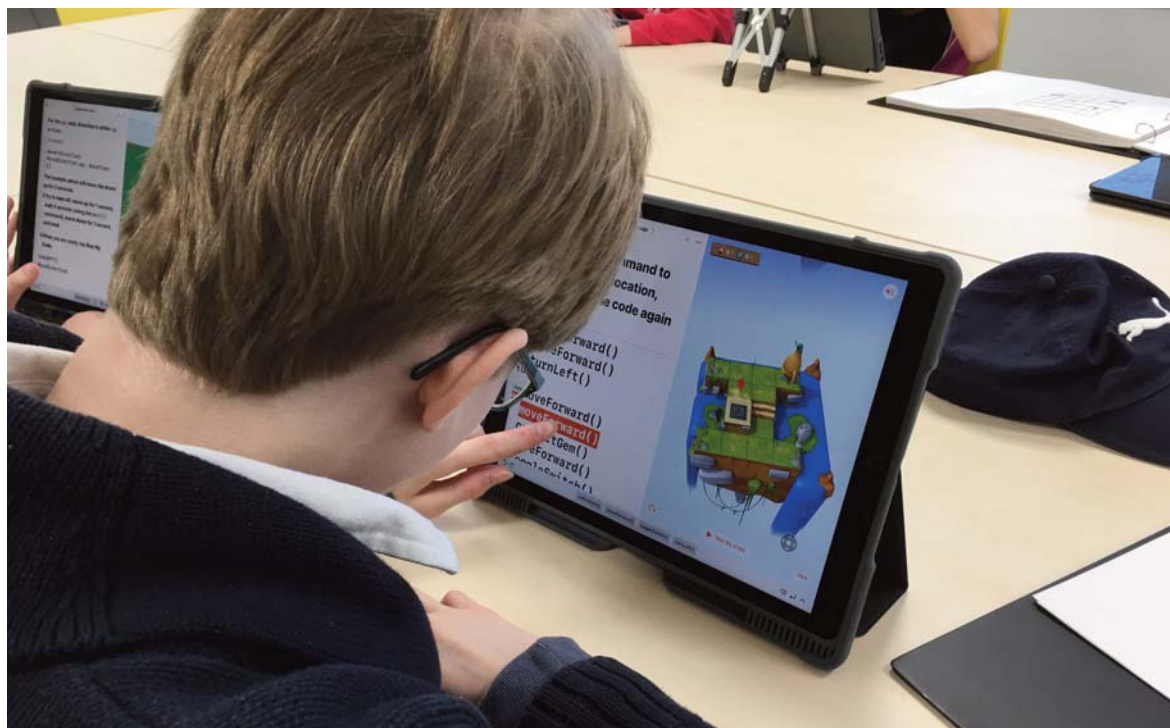
Everyone Can Code is a programme designed by Apple to let anyone learn, write and teach code. The company has been working with the Royal National

Institute of Blind People to develop new tools to make the programme accessible for students who are blind or visually impaired – the first time it has introduced such features outside of the US.

Linden Lodge and Wandsworth Sensory Support Service students were able to attend the first workshop in the UK, held in the school's Isobel Centre.

Wandsworth Sensory Support Services support almost a thousand children and young people. Find out more at [wandsworthhearingsupportservice.org.uk](http://wandsworthhearingsupportservice.org.uk)

Apple will open its new London Campus at Battersea Power Station in 2021.





MyWandsworth poster competition: the nine winners and runners-up attended a special prize giving ceremony on World Book Day at Wandsworth Town Hall

# Taking pride in the borough



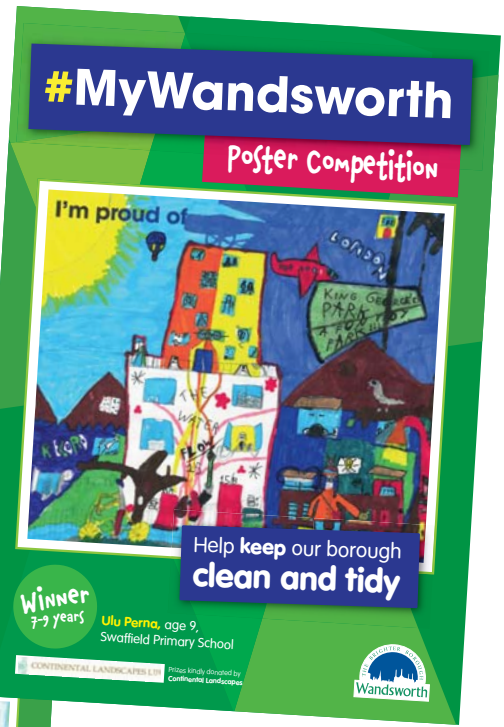
Primary school children across Wandsworth showed their creative side in a poster competition encouraging people to take pride in the area, sending a clear message that fly-tipping is unacceptable.

Nearly 250 children between the ages of four and 11 took part in a poster competition celebrating what's great about the local area, as part of the council's

MyWandsworth campaign, highlighting that any littering, even if it's dropping a sweet wrapper, is unacceptable.

Congratulations go to all the winners, who were presented with book tokens at a special prize giving ceremony with the Mayor of Wandsworth, Cllr Piers McCausland on World Book Day. And thanks goes to the pupils of Honeywell, Falconbrook, West Hill, Swaffield and Trinity St Mary's schools, along with the 4th Streatham Scouts Group, for getting stuck into the competition.





## Competition winners

**4-6 age category**

- Penny Mountford, Honeywell Infant School (first prize winner)
- Sidra Bano, Trinity St Mary's Primary School (runner up)
- Ana Hulls, Honeywell Infant School (runner up)

**7-9 age category**

- Ulu Perna, Swaffield Primary School (first prize winner)
- Shasmeen Mahomed, Falconbrook Primary School (runner up)
- Iqra Malik, Falconbrook Primary School (runner up)

**10-11 age category**

- Sarai Albert, Trinity St Mary's Primary School (first prize winner)
- Mercy Mondhlani, Falconbrook Primary School (runner up)
- Noor Zahid, West Hill Primary School (runner up)

The first prize winners are printed above.

Continental Landscapes, the council's contractor responsible for keeping the boroughs streets and town centres clean and tidy, kindly donated book tokens for the first prize winners, and two runners-up in each age category.

On top of that, the schools of the winning pupils - Honeywell Infant School, Swaffield Primary School and Trinity St Mary's Primary School - each received £200 to spend on an activity which helps children take pride in their local area.

The winning entries can all be viewed online at [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/mywandsworth](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/mywandsworth)



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# Spring Clean

Young people have been working hard to get fit and keep their communities clean.

A 15-strong team from the 4th Streatham Beaver Scout group came together for a community clean at Furzedown Recreation Ground in Tooting.

The six to eight years olds spent the morning picking up litter in the grounds of the recreation centre earning their Community Badge. They also learnt about the council's #MyWandsworth campaign to encourage local

people to take pride in their community.

Assistant Beaver Scout Leader, Lee Curry, said: "It was a great way to spend a Saturday morning, doing something outdoors that helps the community instead of staying at home in front of tablet or smartphone."

Meanwhile students on Honeywell School's Eco Community asked if they could



help clean up local streets, so they have been working with Plogolution to pick up rubbish and get fit at the same time.

Plogolution and the Western Riverside Waste Authority offer workshops, assemblies and more for local schools. Visit [plogolution.com](http://plogolution.com) and [wrwa.gov.uk](http://wrwa.gov.uk)

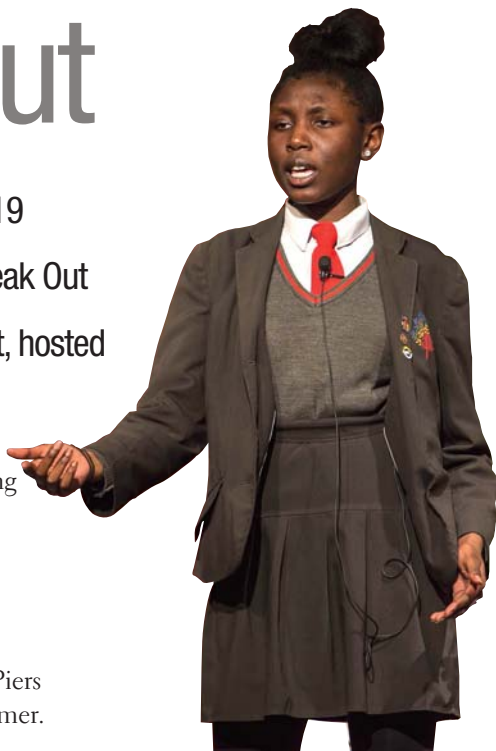
Find out how else your school can get involved at [wandsworth.gov.uk/mywandsworth](http://wandsworth.gov.uk/mywandsworth)

# Zoe speaks out

**Burntwood School's Zoe Mensah** has won the 2019 Wandsworth Regional Final of the Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge, the world's biggest youth speaking event, hosted by **Ernest Bevin College**

Zoe gave an impassioned speech called Redefining Hate, talking about how hate can cause pain, but also be a force for change. Second place was won by Asal Dalmar from **Bolingbroke Academy** with his speech Be Proud, and third place went to Tyrese Fearon from **Ark Putney Academy** for Dear Dad.

The awards were presented by the Mayor of Wandsworth Cllr Piers McCausland. Zoe will now go through to the finals in the summer.



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## Everest and Beyond

Author Matt Dickinson visited Saint Cecilia's School in Southfields to speak about his travels, adventures and life experiences and how they have influenced his writing. The visit ended with a creative writing workshop in the school library.

As well as an author, Matt is also a director and cameraman for National Geographic TV, Discovery Channel and the BBC and has filmed Everest's summit in Antarctica as well as Greenland, Alaska and on top of the highest live volcano in the world.

One Year 8 pupil said: "Matt's talk has inspired me to take any challenges that get thrown at me!"



## Ending the Hate

A film part-funded by the Wandsworth Grant Fund has been screened at the Battersea Arts centre. It was shown alongside shorts made by young people in Wandsworth and Hackney which responded to the film's themes, followed by a live audience debate.

#Haters started as a theatre show by Odd Eyes Theatre and grew into a film-making and debate project for schools and communities. It aims to build positive relations between young people from disadvantaged backgrounds and from new communities in regeneration areas.

# Girls get active

**Girls from Ark Putney Academy, Burntwood and Graveney Academy have been taking part in a pilot to encourage girls to get active.**

The Girls Active scheme also provides the support they need to gain a sports qualification so they can deliver sport and exercise sessions to other students.

Research shows that nationally teen girls aged 13-16 lose interest in sport and physical activity, and their participation is at an all-time low. Girls Active, run by Enable Leisure and Culture on behalf of Wandsworth Council with funding from the Wimbledon Foundation, aims to halt the fall and keep Wandsworth girls active.

Burntwood Academy and Ark Putney Academy have both hosted a Girls Active Day to give girls a chance to sample a variety of sports including tennis, boxercise, indoor rowing and Zumba.

## Calling history buffs

**Young historians have until June 7 to enter this year's Wandsworth/GLL Heritage Award for Schools.**

The competition is aimed at Key Stage 2 pupils and there will be awards for best class and best individual. 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.

Find out more at [wandsworth.gov.uk/schoolsheritageawards](http://wandsworth.gov.uk/schoolsheritageawards).

# FAB Book Awards are 10

This year the Wandsworth Fabulous Book Award (FAB) celebrated its 10th anniversary.

The FAB Award is run in conjunction with seven borough schools and celebrates the most popular children's and young adult fiction books as selected by the children's themselves. The final was held at **Burntwood School**.

The award was won this year by Nic Stone (pictured right) for her book *Dear Martin*. Nic sent a thank you message from the United States.

Katrina, a Year 8 pupil from **Saint Cecilia's School**, said: "FAB's really exciting because there's always a debate about which book we like the most, and which bits in the book are the best bit, and then we add up all the points and see which one we want to win."



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# SEND support

## Around 300 young people, parents, carers and teachers went along to Get Set Go! 2019.

The free annual event is a chance for young people with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) to get help with moving into adulthood, including advice on employment, training, jobs, housing and travel.

Get Set Go is just part of the support offered to Wandsworth families with children with a special need or disability. Other help includes:

- WAND Card – A card that families can show to get extra support and discounts when out and about, e.g. special cinema showings, free Go Ape sessions and half price entry to Flip Out

- Disabled Children's Register (DCR) – Joining this will let you apply for a WAND Card and will mean you are kept informed and given the chance to have an input into SEND support
- Funded short breaks for children, young people and families needing a high level of support
- Local Offer online information hub
- Supported internships offered in association with South Thames College

Parents are also encouraged to play a key role, including Parent Champions who help spread the word about the DCR and WAND Card and the Parent's Forum, members of which sit on panels and committees, helping to shape policy and act as the voice of parents.

Find out more at [wandsworth.gov.uk/localoffer](http://wandsworth.gov.uk/localoffer)



Jemal 'Big J' Peters – founder of Big J's Kitchen is seen here at South Thames College. He also gave a talk at Frances Barber PRU.

## Reaching future business stars

The second annual Wandsworth Enterprise Schools Week saw students at Chestnut Grove the Frances Barber Pupil Referral Unit, Oak Lodge and South Thames College get tips in business success.

The event, part of the council's Wandsworth Enterprise Month business support programme, featured inspiring sessions from successful young entrepreneurs sharing their story of how they got started, plus interactive workshops from Nat West.

# 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](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/thriveonline)

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- 1> **FURZEDOWN BIG DAY OUT | Saturday 15 June**  
Furzedown Rec, SW17 9BP | Free entry | 12 noon to 7.30pm
- 2> **FALCON ROAD FESTIVAL | Saturday 26 June**  
Shillington Gardens, SW11 2TT | Free entry | 12 noon to 6pm
- 3> **GET ACTIVE ROEHAMPTON | TBC September**  
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### Get Active Wandsworth Roadshow

Wandsworth Council's annual Get Active Wandsworth festival is back for its tenth year. The festival goes on the road to three community events, so there will be one on your doorstep. Come and join Get Active Wandsworth and 'Find Your Active'. We will be giving away free goody bags that contain a free sports voucher to help you get active. See page 24 for more details.

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# DAYS OUT

## Get Active Wandsworth Roadshow

### • Furzedown Big Day Out

Saturday June 15,  
Furzedown Rec, SW17 9BP:  
12noon to 7.30pm: Free Entry

Free tennis, football, skateboarding and korfbal sessions, free adult health checks, body MOT's, interactive kids' zone, live music, food and gift stalls. Children's activities include crafts, face painting and bouncy castles.

### • Falcon Road Festival Saturday June 29, Shillington Gardens, SW11 2TT:

12noon to 6pm: Free Entry  
The Get Active Wandsworth Festival Zone features local clubs providing activities for all the family. Visit the Get Active Wandsworth stand to find out more about getting active in your local area. Wandsworth Radio and Battersea Fire Brigade will also be there.

### • Get Active Roehampton Festival

September TBC: The Bull  
Green SW15 4EN: Free Entry

The festival will feature providers of Tennis, Football, Rugby, Multisport and Yoga as well as many other activities included on the Get Out, Get Active Programme in Roehampton. Get Active Wandsworth will be inspiring everyone to get active will challenges and come and get your free adult health check.

The Get Active Wandsworth Festival is delivered by Enable Leisure and Culture in partnership with Wandsworth Council.



### • Wandsworth Heritage Festival

May 25-June 9

Events for families during this year's festival include a magic show where children can join former Battersea magician and watchmaker John Neville Maskelyne in 19th century Wandsworth for some magic tricks interspersed with weird and wonderful facts from the borough's history

See all events at  
[better.org.uk/library/london/wandsworth/wandsworth-heritage-service](http://better.org.uk/library/london/wandsworth/wandsworth-heritage-service)

### • 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](http://www.deencityfarm.co.uk)



### • Family Saturdays at the BAC May 25

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



## • BBC Springwatch Experience

May 25- July 20

Could you be the next Michaela Strachan or Chris Packham? Find out at the brand new BBC Springwatch Experience at London Wetlands Centre. Grab a cue card and present your wildlife knowledge to camera, whilst sitting on a Springwatch-inspired sofa. There'll be wildlife clips on screen for you to talk about and you can even film your pieces to camera on your mobile phone.

Free with paid admission to the centre  
**London Wetlands Centre, Barnes**  
[www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres/london](http://www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres/london)

## • 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](mailto:info@vauxhallcityfarm.org)  
[www.vauxhallcityfarm.org](http://www.vauxhallcityfarm.org)



## May Half Term Fun at Battersea Park Zoo

It's Love Your Zoo week, and the zoo is joining in with the campaign to celebrate zoos and the essential conservation work they do.

This half term five animals have been chosen to step into the spotlight. Young visitors will get the chance to make a badge of that day's animals, listen to a story, meet and help the zookeepers and meet the animals.

The animals chosen are:

- Monday 27: Monkeys
- Tuesday 28: Rats
- Wednesday 29: Meerkats
- Thursday 30: Otters
- Friday 31: Barn Owl.

Usual entrance fees apply. Badge making cost £1, drop in between 11am and 12.30pm. Animal story time is free and is at 11.45am. Free entry for WAND card holders and a parent/carer.

Battersea Park Children's Zoo  
[Batterseaparkzoo.co.uk](http://Batterseaparkzoo.co.uk)  
 (020) 7924 5826

## • Putt in the Park

Mini-golf in Wandsworth Park and Battersea Park. Enjoy a round of putting and then relax in the café. The Battersea venue also includes a pizzeria and bar. Open 9am to dusk. No booking required.

40 per cent off mini golf family fun for WAND card holders.  
[www.puttinthepark.com](http://www.puttinthepark.com)



## • Battersea Park Dog Show

June 23

Pets can be entered in a choice of pedigree and novelty classes. Entry to the show is free, but there is a fee of £1.50 to enter a dog per class. Entries will be taken on the day from 10.30am and judging starts at 12.30pm.

Battersea park, near boules area  
 (020) 8871 7124

# DAYS OUT

# THEATRE AND BOOKS



## • Live at the Bandstand

June 15

A free afternoon of live music and more at the Battersea Park Bandstand. No ticket required – just turn up.

[Enablelc.org/bandstand](http://Enablelc.org/bandstand)



## • Wimbledon Windmill Museum

Saturdays 2pm-5pm, Sundays and bank holidays 11am-5pm

Get a fascinating insight into the world of windmills and milling. The mill ceased working in 1864 and became living accommodation for six families before opening as a hands-on museum.

Windmill Road, off Parkside, Wimbledon

## • Walking out of Darkness

May 18

Walk through central London to Battersea Park to raise awareness and

end the stigma around mental illness. £10 registration  
[claspcharity.com/Walking\\_Out\\_Of\\_Darkness](http://claspcharity.com/Walking_Out_Of_Darkness)



## • Hazelfest 2019

May 19, 1pm-4pm

This free community-based green festival brings celebration, music, performance, arts and crafts to Hazelhurst Estate, Tooting. Connect with lots of local creatives and estate residents for a fun relaxed vibe.

Free, no booking required  
 Work and Play Scriptorer  
 Hazelhurst Estate  
 13 Blackshaw Road, Tooting

# THEATRE AND BOOKS



## • Dirk Gently's Holistic Detective Agency

May 29-June 1

Southside Players explore the fundamental interconnectedness of all things in this version of Douglas Adams' other masterpiece.

£12, or £9 for Wednesday and

Saturday concessions

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

## • Balham Literary Festival

Storytime:  
 The Dinosaur  
 Department  
 Store

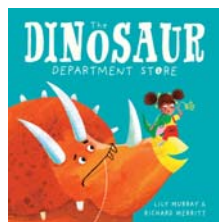
Saturday

June 15

10.30am –  
 11.30am

Balham Library,  
 SW12 8QY

Free, but please register online at  
[www.balhamliteraryfestival.co.uk](http://www.balhamliteraryfestival.co.uk)



## Little Legends Drama Workshop

May 19, 2pm

Discover fabulous European stories and myths with actor, writer and comedian Erin Hunter. Suitable for ages 2-5

Free, booking required

The Bedford, Balham

Part of the Wandsworth Arts Fringe –  
[wandsworthfringe.com](http://wandsworthfringe.com)

Alex Wheatle

Saturday June 15

£5 or £10 with a copy of *Home Girl*  
 (RRP £7.99)

The Ballroom, Balham Bowls Club, SW12  
 8QX. 5pm – 6pm

# SPORTS AND FITNESS



### • Kimber Road Skatepark

Entry is free but under 8s must be accompanied by an adult

Email [kimberskatepark@gmail.com](mailto:kimberskatepark@gmail.com)

### • Chelsea Soccer Schools

Soccer Schools are for boys and girls of all abilities aged 5-13. Learn the skills of the game in a fun, safe environment.

**Battersea Park**

**Chestnut Grove School**

**Barn Elms**

[www.chelseafc.com/soccerschools](http://www.chelseafc.com/soccerschools)

### • Zesh Rehman Foundation Football

These Saturday afternoon football coaching sessions are for any 3-11 year old who enjoys playing football and wants to improve their skills.

**Graveney School, Welham Road, Tooting.**  
07583 628 324

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

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

### • Urban Energy Sessions

Multisport sessions for children aged 5-12. Getting children fit and active every Friday 6.30-7.30pm.

Sessions are £2 each or £3.50 discounted family rate (siblings only).

**Battersea Sports Centre**

020 3959 0050

[enablelc.org/bso](http://enablelc.org/bso)



### • All Star Tennis holiday camp

May 28-May 31

These popular courses for all abilities are suitable for ages three to ten

**Tooting Common**

**King George's Park, Wandsworth**

**Wandsworth Common**

**Leaders Gardens, Putney**

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

# MUSIC AND DANCE

## • Flagz Carnival Workshop and Reveal

Have fun learning some of the dances of Carnival and the Caribbean. If you enjoy dancing and listening to Soca, Calypso, Dancehall and Reggae this workshop is for you. **10+, £3, booking required**  
Part of Wandsworth Arts Fringe  
[www.flagzmasband.com/jnr-mas/](http://www.flagzmasband.com/jnr-mas/)



World Heart Beat Music Academy, Kimber Road, Southfields  
Part of the Wandsworth Arts Fringe – [wandsworthfringe.com](http://wandsworthfringe.com)

## • Get a Taste for Dance

Tuesday 14 May, 11am-12pm (for toddlers 2 ½ upwards and carers), 1pm-2pm (musical theatre and jazz class for age 55+), 4pm-5pm (explore Narnia for ages 5-8), 5pm-6pm (explore Narnia for ages 9-11).

Royal Academy of Dance leads free themed taster sessions taught by highly experienced tutors.

Free, booking required

020 7326 8000 or [info@rad.org.uk](mailto:info@rad.org.uk)

St George's Church, Patmore Street, Battersea, SW8 4JD

## • World Heart Beat Academy Summer Vocal Fiesta

May 17, 7pm-9pm

Hear a programme of contemporary music created and performed by young musicians and singers. **£10**

## • Classes at Sellincourt

Sellincourt Primary School in Tooting runs affordable activities which are open to the wider community.

• **Mondays – 1pm to 3pm:** Free ESOL classes for Adults run by South Thames College

• **Wednesdays: 7pm – 9pm:** Swing Dance Classes for Adults

• **Thursdays: 4.30pm – 8pm:** Blaze Gymnastics for Children

• **Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday mornings:** Puddle Ducks Swimming Lessons for Babies and Toddlers

• **Saturday Mornings:** Siegeris School of Dance (Royal Academy Ballet Lessons for Children)

• **Saturday afternoons:** Blaze Gymnastics for Children



• **Saturday and Sunday from 10 am to 2pm:** First4Tuition – Childrens Tuition classes including Verbal and Non Verbal Reasoning

In addition MPA Academy is running a Performing Arts Holiday Club from 8.30am to 6pm every school holiday including May Half Term. Cost £100 for a full week or £25 for individual days.

**To find out more about any of these, email [jpotter@sellincourt.wandsworth.sch.uk](mailto:jpotter@sellincourt.wandsworth.sch.uk)**

# HEALTH AND WELLBEING

## • Learning at Work Week May 14-23

Get inspired through a week of free to attend workshops tailored for professionals working in Wandsworth Courses include how to write a business plan, public speaking, business development, social media and leadership skills

Find out more at

[www.wandsworthlifelonglearning.gov.uk](http://www.wandsworthlifelonglearning.gov.uk) or call 020 8871 8618

## • Macmillan Move More

Macmillan Move More is a physical activity service for anyone with a cancer diagnosis living in Wandsworth. We offer individualised support to help people get active in a way that's right for them.

For more information please call 020 3959 0031 or email

[waccg.movemorewandsworth@nhs.net](mailto:waccg.movemorewandsworth@nhs.net)

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



## • Free Led Walks

Walks led by trained leaders in Battersea, Tooting and Roehampton.

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

# 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 **£10.80 per child for a half day, £21.60 for a full day.**  
[wandsworth.gov.uk/psbo](http://wandsworth.gov.uk/psbo)

# ARTS AND CRAFTS

- **James Capper's MUDSKIPPER sculpture**
- **Thursday 16 May to Sunday 16 June** – moored at Battersea Power Station pier.
- **Thursday 16 May, 6pm-7pm** – Thames path near London Peace Pagoda Battersea Park, SW11 3NJ
- **Saturday 25 May, 11.45am** - Thames path near London Peace Pagoda Battersea Park, SW11 3NJ
- **Thursday 30 May, 5pm** – Thames path near The Riverside, Hamilton House, 5 St George Wharf, SW8 2LE
- **Sunday 9 June, 12pm** - Thames path near The Riverside, Hamilton House, 5 St George Wharf, SW8 2LE
- **Monday 10 June, 1pm** – Thames path near Nine Elms Pavilion (opp US Embassy), Riverside Walk, SW8 5DF

Artist James Capper has transformed a working Thames boat into a walking sculpture. See the amphibious sculpture emerge from the Thames onto the foreshore using two step-type propulsion legs. **Free**  
[Nineelmslondon.com](http://Nineelmslondon.com)

## • 'Colour and pattern' half-term workshops

**Tuesday 28 May, 11 am-12.30pm (for ages 5-7) and 1.30pm-3pm (for ages 8+)**

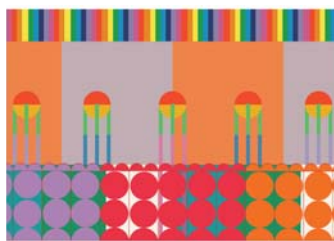
Families from the Thessaly Road and Nine Elms area are invited to hear the designer Yinka Ilori talk about how he uses colour and pattern and join him in a hands-on workshop where you can design your own pattern. **Free, places allocated on first come first served basis**  
**ROSE community centre, Ascalon Street, SW8 4AN**

## • Putney School of Art and Design Half Term Programme

**30 May-2 June**

Including Art and Design for 14-19 year olds, Family Learning Painting and Family Learning Pottery

**Oxford Road, Putney**  
[www.enablelc.org/psad/about](http://www.enablelc.org/psad/about)



## • 'Build your Happy Place' drop-in workshop

**Tuesday 21 May, 4pm-8pm**

Families in the Thessaly Road and Nine Elms area are invited to a workshop where they can have a go at building a 'happy place' creation using mini-modular pieces. Run by Red Deer architects, the practice working with artist Yinka Ilori to bring Thessaly Road's Happy Street bridge design to life. Ages 7+ **Free**  
**StudioRCA, 1 Riverlight Quay, Nine Elms Lane, SW8 5AU**

## • Arts and Crafts at Aspire

Explore your creativity and get messy! For children aged 7-13 of all abilities.  
**Aspire Centre, Merton Road, Southfields.**  
**Call for details (020) 8875 2603**  
[info@aspirecentre.com](mailto:info@aspirecentre.com)  
[www.aspirecentre.com](http://www.aspirecentre.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](http://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 [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/thriveonline](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/thriveonline)

# JUST PLAY



• **Go Ape**  
Treetop fun in  
Battersea Park  
[goape.co.uk](http://goape.co.uk)

## • 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.

## • Aqua Run

Slidey, splashy fun at Tooting Leisure Centre with giant inflatables in the pool during May half term.

[Placesforpeopleleisure.org/centres/tooting-leisure-centre](http://Placesforpeopleleisure.org/centres/tooting-leisure-centre)

## CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES



### • London Recumbents - free bike hire for WAND and 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](mailto:info@londonrecumbents.com)  
[www.londonrecumbents.com/](http://www.londonrecumbents.com/)



### • George Shearing Centre

Open for young people aged 13-25 with severe learning disabilities and complex needs. Activities include pool, drumming, football, football, art, computers, Wii and a sensory room.

Este Road, Clapham Junction  
(020) 7228 2230

[zenova.grant@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:zenova.grant@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk)  
[www.wandsworth.gov.uk/localoffer](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/localoffer)

### • Unique Youth

Activities include residentials, life skills, playstation, discos, football and just chilling. Unique is a council-run specialist youth service 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

[zenova.grant@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:zenova.grant@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk)  
(020) 7228 2230  
[wandsworth.gov.uk/localoffer](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/localoffer)



### • Lady Allen Holiday 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, slides and more.

Lady Allen Adventure Playground,  
Chivalry Road, Clapham Junction  
(020) 7228 0278  
[www.kids.org.uk](http://www.kids.org.uk)

# 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)



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

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





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Middle aged and feeling it?  
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[wandsworth.gov.uk/oneyou](http://wandsworth.gov.uk/oneyou)

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