

School Newsletter

10th March 2026



Key Upcoming Dates

Thursday 19th March: PTFA Spring Fair 3:30–5pm

Monday 23rd to Thursday 26th: Spring Term Parent Conferences. Please see page 2 for more details about how to book an appointment

Friday 27th: End of term. School finishes at 1:45pm. No After School Club

Monday 13 Aprilth: Children return to school

Message from Andrew

We had a lovely World Book Day on Thursday where the children took part in a range of activities with children from other year groups. It was lovely seeing the older children share a book with the younger children, as well as performing stories to groups of children with props that they had made for their 'story sacks'. We had some very innovative and imaginative costumes, too!

We will be sending out our activity club letter today for Year 1 to 6 children. This must be returned by Monday 16th March. See page 3 for more details.

Please log on to Scopay tomorrow to book your parent conference meeting with your child's teacher (see page 2).

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Spring Term Parent Conference Meetings

Tomorrow morning, the booking system will go live for scheduling a parent conference meeting with your child's class teacher. This will be done using Scopay, as was the case for the Autumn Term meetings. Appointments are for 15 minutes and typically the first appointment will be at 3:45pm and the last one at 5:30pm, although each teacher may have a slightly different schedule. Most meetings will be held on Monday 23rd to Thursday 26th March.

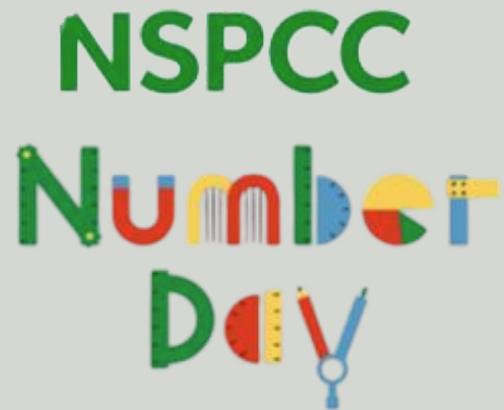
Breakfast and After-School Club

The booking for next half-term will go live at 10am on Tuesday 24th March. By this time, you will know which activity clubs your child has been offered, if applicable.

NSPCC

Thank you for your generous donations on our NSPCC Number Day.

We raised £2872 which is a fantastic amount, going to a great cause.



Parent Information Sessions

We are holding three parent information sessions over the next couple of months:

Year 6 SATs: Thursday 19th March at 9am

This session will explain what the SATs week will involve, what adjustments can be made for children with specific needs, and what you can do to support your child in the build up to these statutory tests.

Supporting Literacy Needs: Thursday 16th April at 9am

This session will go through our policy for how we support children with literacy needs (including dyslexia).

Oracy: Wednesday 6th May at 9am

This session will go through how we are approaching oracy at Walnut Tree Walk.

PTFA

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A reminder that the PTFA meeting is on Friday 13th March at 9am. All parents welcome.



Last week's attendance

97.8%

Well done to Year 3 Shuhana's class who had 100% attendance last week, and Year 6 Tilly's with 99.6%!

KS1 and 2 Activity Clubs for Summer Term

We will be running some after school activity clubs in the summer term, starting in the second week beginning Monday 20th April. However, we will be changing the groups so please apply for the clubs you wish for your child to attend. You can re-apply for clubs that your child currently attends or choose alternative clubs. However, we may prioritise children who have not attended the clubs before.

Each club will run for between 9 and 10 weeks over the summer term (starting in the 2nd week back, week of 20th to 24th April, with the last clubs the week of 29th June to 3rd July). Please note that we have one Bank Holiday (Monday) and one INSET day (Friday) next term which is why some clubs are running for nine sessions rather than ten sessions for the others.

Cost

The cost for these clubs is as follows:

£40 per club for the 10 sessions (so £4 per session), or £36 if a Monday or Friday club as these only run for 9 sessions.

£10 per club for the 10 sessions if your child is eligible for Free School Meals (so £1 per session), or £9 if a Monday or Friday club as these only run for 9 sessions.

How to sign up for a club

A separate letter will be sent home with your child at the end of the day that shows the clubs on offer.

1. Please check the club age range is for your child's year group.
2. Complete the form, numbering them in your preference order.
3. Please state the maximum number of clubs you would like for your child. Every child will get at least one.
4. Return the form to the school office or hand to Andrew on the gate **by no later than Monday 16th March**.

Day	Club	Age Group
Monday	Art	KS1
Monday	Basketball	Year, 4, 5 & 6
Monday or Tuesday	Football*	KS2 (see note below)
Wednesday <i>*before school*</i>	Taekwondo <i>*before school*</i>	Years 2 to 6
Tuesday	Ballet	KS1
Tuesday	Drama	KS2
Tuesday	Coding	KS2
Tuesday	Art	KS2
Wednesday <i>*before school*</i>	Taekwondo <i>*before school*</i>	Years 2 to 6
Wednesday	Dance	KS2
Wednesday	Multisport	KS2
Wednesday	Orchestra (by invite only)	KS2
Thursday	Football	KS1
Thursday	Drama	KS1
Thursday	Yoga	KS2
Friday	Multisport	KS1
Friday	Chess	Years 2 to 6

*Please note that Football club on a Monday will be off site, using the pitch at Lollard Street Adventure Playground. We are going to group the children and will let you know which group and day your child can attend. If you select football as an option, your child must be available on both days as it is not possible to choose which session your child goes to.

Dates for the Diary

<p>March</p>	<p>Wed 11th: Years 1 and 2 to Royal Festival Hall to watch a live concert, <i>Brightsparks</i></p> <p>Thurs 12th: Year 5 (Steph) Class Assembly</p> <p>Fri 13th: Year 5 (Joanne) Class Assembly</p> <p>Fri 20th: Year 3 (Luke) Class Assembly</p> <p>Tues 24th: Year 4 (Shifa) to Kew Gardens</p> <p>Tues 24th: Year 2 at Lambeth Music Festival</p> <p>Thurs 26th: Year 4 (Davina) to Kew Gardens</p> <p>Thurs 26th: Jewish Museum workshop in school for Year 3</p> <p>Thurs 26th: Year 5 to Haberdashers' Borough Academy for sports session</p> <p>Fri 27th: Year 3 (Shuhana) Class Assembly</p> <p>Fri 27th: End of term. School finishes at 1:45pm. No After School Club</p>
<p>April</p>	<p>Mon 13th: Children return to school</p> <p>Fri 17th: Year 1 (Aimee) Class Assembly</p> <p>Tues 21st: Year 2 to Camley Street Natural Park</p> <p>Thurs 23rd: Year 5 (Steph) to Hampton Court</p> <p>Fri 24th: Year 1 (Peter) Class Assembly</p> <p>Thurs 30th: Year 5 (Joanne) to Hampton Court</p>
<p>May</p>	<p>Fri 1st: Year 4 (Shifa) Class Assembly</p> <p>Wed 6th: Y5 (class tbc) to National Gallery</p> <p>Thurs 7th: Year 5 to Unicorn Theatre to see A Midsummer Night's Dream</p> <p>Fri 8th: Year 4 (Davina) Class Assembly</p> <p>Mon 11th - Thurs 14th: Year 6 SATs Week</p> <p>Tues 12th: Y5 (class tbc) to National Gallery</p> <p>Fri 15th: Year 2 (Ana) Class Assembly</p> <p>Fri 22nd: Year 2 (Simon) Class Assembly</p> <p>Fri 22nd: Last day of half-term. School finishes at normal time. After School Club as normal.</p>

Online Safety

Lambeth have asked all schools to share the following. While this is only relevant to older children, we would like to make all families aware.

Understanding Com-Networks: Keeping Children Safe Online



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Introduction

Com-Networks are an increasing safeguarding threat, posing significant risks to the safety of children online.

What are Com-Networks?

Online communities operating on closed platforms such as Discord. The most commonly-referenced group is 764, and others include No Lives Matter, Order of Nine Angles and CVLT.

These groups manipulate young people into livestreaming themselves committing violence or self-harm, and host violent, terrorist, and illegal sexual content on their platforms to desensitise young people.

Who is Most at Risk?

All young people may be vulnerable. Some young people who are neurodivergent may be more susceptible.

Levels of Harm

- False reporting of victims to authorities and Harassment
- Animal Abuse
- Self-Harm (Cutting names into the body, suicide)
- Indecent images of children
- Sextortion (Gaining sexual photos for further extortion)
- Terrorism (possession of terrorist content, bomb-making, etc).

Recent UK Convictions of 764 users

Cameron Finnigan – 19yrs old

Finnigan, from West Sussex, was sentenced to six years in prison for encouraging an Italian girl to livestream her suicide. He was also found guilty of possessing terrorist manuals and of possessing indecent images of children.

Vincent Charlton – 17yrs old

Charlton, from Gateshead, was sentenced to 28 months in prison for creating and possessing indecent images of children and possessing terrorist manuals. On his devices, police found video of a young girl cutting his name into her body along with documents on bomb-making.

Warning Signs

Changes in Behaviour

- Reluctance to allow parents to look at devices
- Rapid decline in mental health and increased isolation
- Increased secretive behaviour

Online

- The use of unusual symbols
- Signs young people are being pressured to join other platforms
- Downloading of unusual messaging apps e.g. Telegram
- Using (or having contact with) profiles with few/no pictures and followers

What Can You Do?

- Remain calm and supportive whilst finding out more
- Visit ACT Early site for helpful tips:
<https://actearly.uk/advice/tips-for-talking/>
- Report harmful accounts to the platform
- Contact prevent@Lambeth.gov.uk if concerned about an interest in mass-casualty violence or engagement with extremist/terrorist material
- Contact police on 999 if concerned about immediate serious harm

Further resources

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c2dn91z3e2ko>

<https://www.parents.com/764-is-the-latest-online-threat-targeting-your-tween-11742468>

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Parental Controls

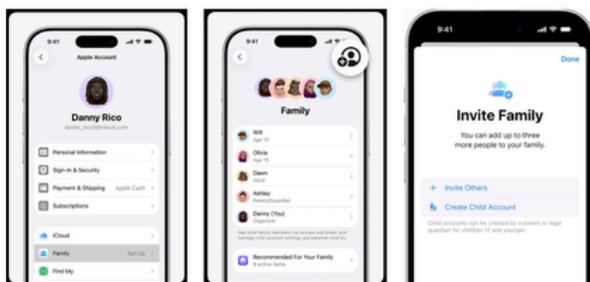
- Free built-in family tools on iPhone and Android help parents keep children safe online, not just restrict screen time.

Features

- Google's Family Link or iPhone Family Centre allow you to connect your phone to your child's and set up controls. You will receive a notification whenever your child wishes to download a new app. This gives you the opportunity to have a conversation with your child about why they feel they are ready for the app and how they can stay safe on there. Tips on conversations <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>

Apple Family Share steps

1. On parent's device, open settings -> Name -> Family -> Add -> create child account



2. Add child's name and birthday -> review terms and conditions -> click agree -> add child's existing iCloud email
3. If child doesn't have an iCloud email, create one when prompted on screen -> create password both you and your child will remember -> enter your mobile number
4. Follow onscreen instructions to set up desired parental controls -> choose passcode to enter parental controls in the future

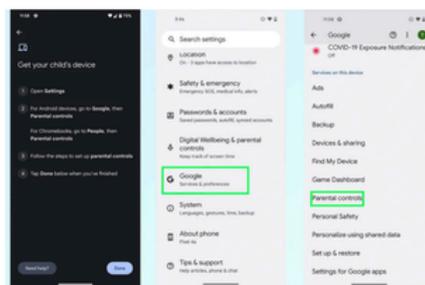
Set up is now done for both devices

For more help on installing and using Family Sharing

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8siFNH-brM4>
- <https://www.apple.com/uk/family-sharing/>
- <https://support.apple.com/en-gb/108380>

Google Family Link steps

1. On child's device, open settings -> Google -> All Services -> Parental Controls



2. Choose account you wish to supervise (create a google account for your child if they don't have one yet) -> click next
3. Enter parent email -> enter child's account password -> click allow

Set up on child's device is now done

4. On parent's device, download FamilyLink -> enter parent email -> click continue

Set up on parent's device is now done

For more help on installing and using FamilyLink

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AQRDLBrWr0E>
- <https://www.tomsguide.com/how-to/how-to-set-up-parental-controls-on-android-with-google-family-link>
- <https://support.google.com/families/answer/7101025?hl=en>

Workshop Events with Lambeth Council

Join our next online safety workshop on March 16th: <https://buytickets.at/communitysafety/1426503>

Check age requirements and safety info for popular apps like WhatsApp, TikTok, Discord and Telegram here: <https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/apps-and-platforms>