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3rd October 2025

Dear parents and carers,

It is hard to believe we are in October already! The weather has certainly turned very autumnal this week. 1st October marks the beginning of Black History Month. We have commenced black history month this year with assemblies on the theme 'Standing Firm in Power and Pride'. The theme emphasises the remarkable impact of black leaders, activists and pioneers whose contributions have played a vital role in shaping history. It also inspires us to envision a future marked by ongoing empowerment, unity and progress.

Next week we will be writing to invite you to make an appointment to meet with your child's class teacher to see how well they have settled into the new term and to share some of the lovely learning they have been doing. Please look out for the letter and appointment slip in

your child's book bag. As the weather starts to get a little more chilly, please remember to make sure all items of children's clothing (coats, hats, gloves etc) are clearly labelled with their name to help us return lost property items to the correct children. Thank you.

Best wishes,

Manda George Headteacher



Rights Respecting Assemblies



As we celebrate the start of Black History Month, we've been talking about why it's important to learn about and appreciate each other's heritage and cultures. During our assemblies, we highlighted the contributions and achievements of those with African and Caribbean heritage throughout history. These discussions have helped us understand the importance of inclusion and respect for all



cultures. We're proud to be celebrating diversity in our school community!

Torridon Harvest Appeal



Torridon plan to support Lewisham Food Bank with their Harvest appeal this year. We are asking for the following donations which can be handed to your child's class teacher or Kelley on the reception gate.

Year group	Suggested items	
Resource Base	Tinned meat or sweet treats	
Nursery	Tinned fish or savoury treats	
Reception	Tinned veg or jams/spreads	
Year 1	Tinned tomatoes or toothbrushes	
Year 2	Rice or deodorant	
Year 3	Pasta or shower gel	
Year 4	Baked beans or shampoo	
Year 5	Cereal or toilet roll	
Year 6	Tinned fruit or sanitary towels	

Torridon Primary School are proud to support the Lewisham Foodbank and have worked closely with them since COVID to support many families in need within our community.

We hope to help as many families as we can this autumn, so every single donation will make a difference.



OPAL Parent Play Champion Invitation



Torridon are looking for dedicated parent play champions to support our continued development of our OPAL playground provision.

The role would involve:

- Observing and assessing playtime within the school at least once a year.
- Being part of the OPAL working party and attending development meetings once a term (virtually or in person).
- Supporting other parents to understand the school's approach to play.
- Advocating OPAL's approach and for children's play within the Friends of Torridon PTA and school community.
- Sharing contributions and ideas from parents and the wider community.
- Supporting the ongoing resourcing of loose parts from parents and the wider community.

We would love your input. If this is something that you would like to be part of, please send us an email to the admin email address for the attention of Gwen:

<u>admin@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk</u>. We look forward to hearing from you.

Black History Month

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We shall be having a whole school celebration on the last day of term, which is on 24th October, and we would like to involve the whole school community. We will be asking children, staff and parents and carers to come to school dressed in their cultural attires to mark the end of our black history month celebrations. We would also like to invite everyone to bring a dish to share. Please join us in making this year's celebrations a remarkable one. During the celebrations, we will have displays all around the school. There will be music, arts and crafts for parents and carers to dip into and showcase their creativity.

EYFS - Food Tasting

In nursery, we have been reading 'Lima's Red Hot Chili', where Lima eats a hot chilli that is too hot for her, so her family gives her lots of foods to try to cool her mouth down. We tried the foods from the story... samosas, jelly and ice cream. YUM!





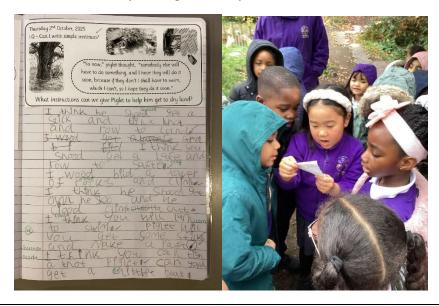
Resource Base - Social Skills

This week in the resource base, pupils have been working hard on their social skills. They have enjoyed a variety of activities that encouraged socialising, sharing and turn-taking. It's been wonderful to see everyone practising patience, kindness and cooperation while building friendships.



Year 1 – Simple Sentence Skills

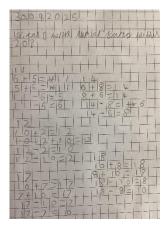
This week, year 1 have been learning all about Winnie the Pooh and his friends' many adventures. Today, during a science walk around forest school (spotting seasonal changes), we noticed a bottle with a message floating in the pond. It was from Piglet, calling for help! He had fallen in the pond! We used our amazing, simple sentence skills to write him instructions on how to get out of the water. We hope they will help him!



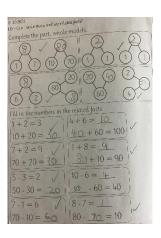
Year 2 Maths - Number Bonds and Fact Families

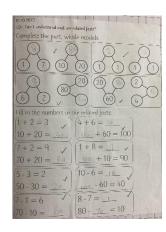
In maths, year 2 have been learning all about number bonds and fact families. We have been discovering how numbers can be grouped and rearranged to make different number sentences. We have also been learning how addition and subtraction facts link together to show different ways of making the same total. It's been exciting to see how one number bond can lead to lots of related facts.

Take a look at some of our brilliant learning...









Year 3 - Science



In science, year 3 carried out an investigation to find out which materials would reflect light the most. We made predictions and then worked in groups to carry out the investigation. Some of our results were quite surprising!

We used a torch to shine the light through the hole in the cardboard box. I looked

through the viewfinder to see the reflection of the light. The plastic bowl made the light bounce inside the box. — Carter

I enjoyed this investigation because when I looked through the hole the reflection of the light looked cool. — Milo





I liked using the torches to see which material reflected the light the most. — Oghenen

Year 4 - Drama

This week in year 4, we have continued to read our core text, Street Child.

We used a drama technique called a conscience alley to explore the main character Jim's inner thoughts in more depth. The children had to think of reasons to help him make a difficult decision: should he escape from the workhouse, or should he stay?

Here are some of the children's reasons for why Jim should escape or stay:

"I think Jim should stay because at least he gets food and shelter." — Zainab (4K)



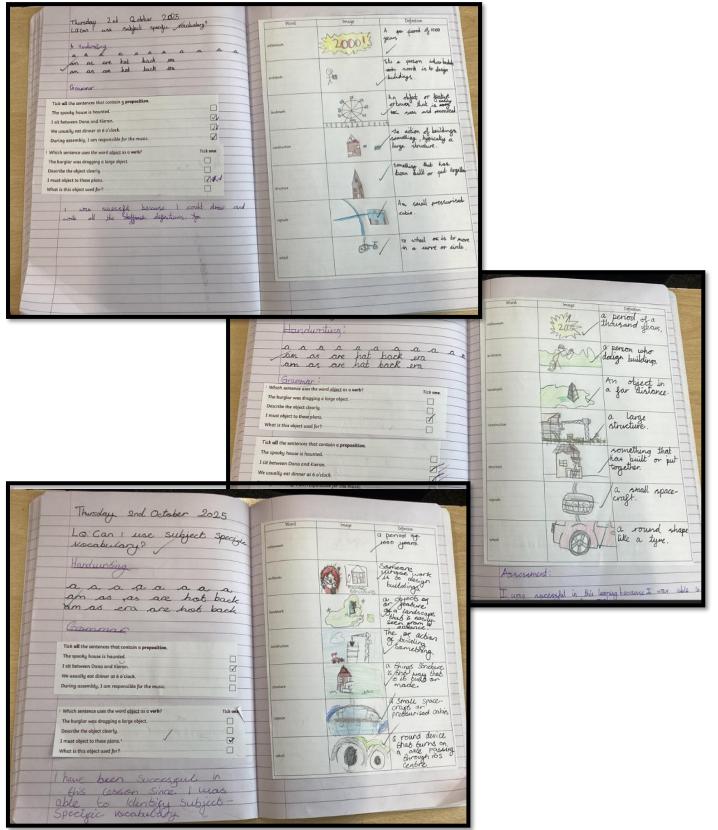
"I think you should run away because you would be free and maybe you will get to see Lizzie, Emily, and Rosie again." — **Talula (4C)**

"I believe Jim should escape because it will give him a chance to have a better life, and if he is lucky, someone can adopt him." — **Shahista (4S)**



Year 5 - London Eye Mystery

We have been exploring subject-specific vocabulary which children will use in their upcoming non-chronological reports about the London Eye. As part of the learning, pupils identified key terms such as "observation wheel" "capsule," and "panoramic view" and applied them in their writing. To reinforce understanding, they also created detailed illustrations to visually represent each word. This creative and hands-on approach made the vocabulary more meaningful and accessible, and the children were fully engaged throughout, taking great pride in their learning.



Year 6 - PE

This week in PE, year 6 have been developing their skills in **tag rugby**, focusing on key techniques that are essential to the game. Pupils have been learning how to **pass the ball backwards or to the side**, a fundamental rule in rugby that encourages teamwork and strategic play.

They've also been working on their **attacking and defending skills**, learning how to move into space, support teammates, and anticipate the opposition's moves. These skills were put to the test in a series of **mini games**, where students had the chance to apply what they've learned in a fun and competitive environment.

It's been fantastic to see their confidence grow and their understanding of the game deepen. Well done, year 6!





Weekly Attendance

Class	Atten	dance	Class	Atten	dance	Class	Atten	dance
1M	92%		3A	94%		5A	98%	100 September 10
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1W	97%		3S	92%		5V	97%	
2E	94%		4C	95%		6L	94%	
25	98.3%	(4. S),3,3 (8)	4K	98%		6LG	94%	
2SW	98.2%		4S	97%		6R	97%	

Well done to all the classes with over 97% attendance this week!

PTA BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION

Thanks to Teresa Dybeck, Sarah Macshane, Ruth Webster, and Megan Wybrew for volunteering to lead the PTA as charity trustees. Please take a moment to <u>submit our form</u> to confirm their election. We are still looking for people to help organise events and oversee special projects. Learn about what's involved <u>here</u>. Check out our <u>AGM presentation</u> to learn more about the PTA and the work we do for our school community. Questions or suggestions? Get in touch at <u>friendsoftorridonpta@gmail.com</u>. Thank you!

Year 5 and 6 Netball Tournament

On Tuesday, 8 children from year 5 competed in the Lewisham games mixed netball tournament at St. Dunstan's Jubilee Ground. The event offered a great learning opportunity for the children as it was a sport they were previously unfamiliar with. On the day, they played nine 5-a-side matches against other schools, and each game rotated the player positions meaning they experienced different styles of play on the pitch.

During the games, they made some amazing passes and interceptions as well as supporting each other through each game. By the end of the day, the children had a much better understanding of the different playing positions, the areas they could play in and the general rules of the sport. They tried their hardest throughout the day and played each game with passion and respect for their opponents. Well done to our netball team!





Dates j	for `	Your	Diary
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October	Black History Month		
Wednesday 8 th October	4K trip to Museum of London Docklands		
Thursday 9th October	4S and 4C trip to Museum of London Docklands		
Thursday 9 th October	Year 5 trip to Catford Broadway Theatre		
Friday 10 th October	Year 3 and 4 boys' football tournament		
Monday 13 th October	Year 5 trip to the London Eye		
Tuesday 14 th October	Reception to Year 6 flu immunisations		
Tuesday 14 October	Year 5 and 6 boys' football tournament		
Monday 13 th and Tuesday 14 th October	ber Open evenings for class 3A only		
Tuesday 14th and Thursday 16th October	Open evenings for parents and carers		
Monday 20 th and Tuesday 21 st October	Black History Month workshops for yrs 1 - 6		
Monday 27 th – Friday 31 st October	HALF TERM HOLIDAY		
Friday 7 th November	Year 5 and 6 girls' football tournament		
w/b Monday 10 th November	Anti-Bullying Week		
Tuesday 11 th November	Year 1 boys' football tournament		
Friday 14 th November	Children in Need		
Monday 17 th November	Individual and class photographs		
Friday 21st November	INSET DAY		
Monday 24 th November	Reception cinema visit		
Thursday 27 th November	Reception to Year 6 height and weight screening		
w/b 1 st December	Whole school assessment week		
Wednesday 10 th December	Music concert		
Thursday 11th December	PTA School Disco		
Friday 12 th December	Year 1 and Year 2 festive assembly		
	performances		
Monday 15 th December	Year 5 and Year 6 festive assembly		
	performances		
Tuesday 16 th December	Reception nativity performance		
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas Lunch		
Thursday 18 th December	Year 3 and 4 festive assembly performances		
Friday 19 th December	Last day of term		
Monday 22 nd December — Friday 2 nd	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY		
January			
Monday 5 th January 2026	First day of spring term		



STARS OF THE WEEK



Class	Name	Reason	
Nursery FT	Leo W	For sticking with his goal and listening to adults.	
Nursery AM	Ethan	For being a good friend and playing so nicely.	
Nursery PM	Bella	For being a good friend and playing lots of nice games.	
Blue Class	Robert	For his increasing confidence to tackle name writing independently and for	
		improved listening skills on the carpet. Keep it up, Robert!	
Red Class	Cassia	For always being kind and helpful and a fantastic role model to others. Well done!	
Yellow Class	Sebastian	For having a positive attitude to learning and always being friendly to others. Well	
		done!	
1M	Jesse	For always being so helpful and making sure our classroom is tidy and ready for	
		learning. Thank you, Jesse — you're a superstar!	
1N	Hani	For being such a great role model. She always follows the class rules and is a kind	
		and patient friend to all. Keep up the great work! 🕄	
1W	Mariyam	For amazing independent learning in writing. She wrote many great ideas,	
		remembering to use her capitals, finger spaces and full stops correctly. Well done!	
2E	Rowan	For becoming more independent with her learning. Rowan has worked hard to	
		ensure her amazing ideas are included in her writing. Well done, Rowan. Keep it	
		up! 🔞	
2S	Elliot	For his fantastic communication this week! Well done for using your words so well	
		and for completing some amazing expanded noun phrases too. Keep it up, Elliot	
		(©)	
2SW	Antonio	For determination and resilience within his independent learning.	
3A	Bernice	For having an excellent attitude to learning, and you always try your best.	
3G	Temi	For her kindness towards her peers and the adults in the school. Well done	
3S	Hector	For trying his best in handwriting. Well done, Hector. You are a star 🔞	
4C	Mario	For being more independent and trying his best in his learning, especially writing.	
4K	Thomas	For engaging during lessons and contributing valuable points. He also wrote a	
		brilliant informal letter showcasing a clear structure and personal tone. Well done,	
		Tommy.	
4S	Alyssa	For showing impressive sports leadership qualities on a recent football tournament	
		and in training sessions. Well done, Alyssa. We are proud of you 😂	
5A	Vivien	For being an excellent role model in all areas of her learning. Very consistent with	
		learning expectations and for her advocacy for fairness and equality for all. Keep it	
	A II	up!	
5C	Allegra	For her excellent contributions to learning this week, particularly during today's maths lesson where she explained the concept beautifully and with confidence.	
		Well done!	
5V	Malleek	For working really hard to make sure his letters, during handwriting practice, were	
3 4	Tatteek	the right size and will make sure to continue with his in all pieces of writing.	
6L	Lola	For demonstrating a passion and love for learning. You show excellence in all	
		areas daily and are a fantastic role model for not only your year 6 peers but the	
		entire school. Well done!	
6LG	Edie	For using effective language in writing lessons. You carefully chose excellent	
		descriptive vocabulary that would have an impact on the reader. Well done!	
6R	Reggie	For being an active participant during class discussions, expressing his ideas	
		clearly and building on the contributions of others. Well done!	
Resource	Arafa	For becoming more resilient and for her increased focus in her lessons. Keep it up!	
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Drumbeat Workshops



AUTUMNM TERM	1
Supporting CYP Struggling with Anxiety about Attending School Is your child finding it difficult to attend school due to anxiety, worry, or emotional distress? You're not alone. Join us for a practical and supportive workshop designed to help parents and carers understand the causes of school based anxiety and strategies to support your child and work with school.	Tuesday 21 st October 2025 10.00-11.30
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To book a place on a workshop:

Contact: 020 7635 9022

email:

outreach.admin@drumbeat.lewisham.sch.uk

Monday 6th October - 12:30 - 2:00pm

New course

Parent training – supporting the communication of children and young people with social communication differences/ASD

About this course

This virtual training is for parents of children who have differences in their social communication and/or a diagnosis of autism.

This course will help you to:

- Understand how, when and why your child communicates
- Understand SCERTS a strengths-based framework to help support your child to succeed
- Create a supportive communication environment for your child at home and in their everyday routines
- Learn strategies to help your child develop their communication.

Who is this course suitable for?

Parents/carers of children with differences in social communication/autistic children.

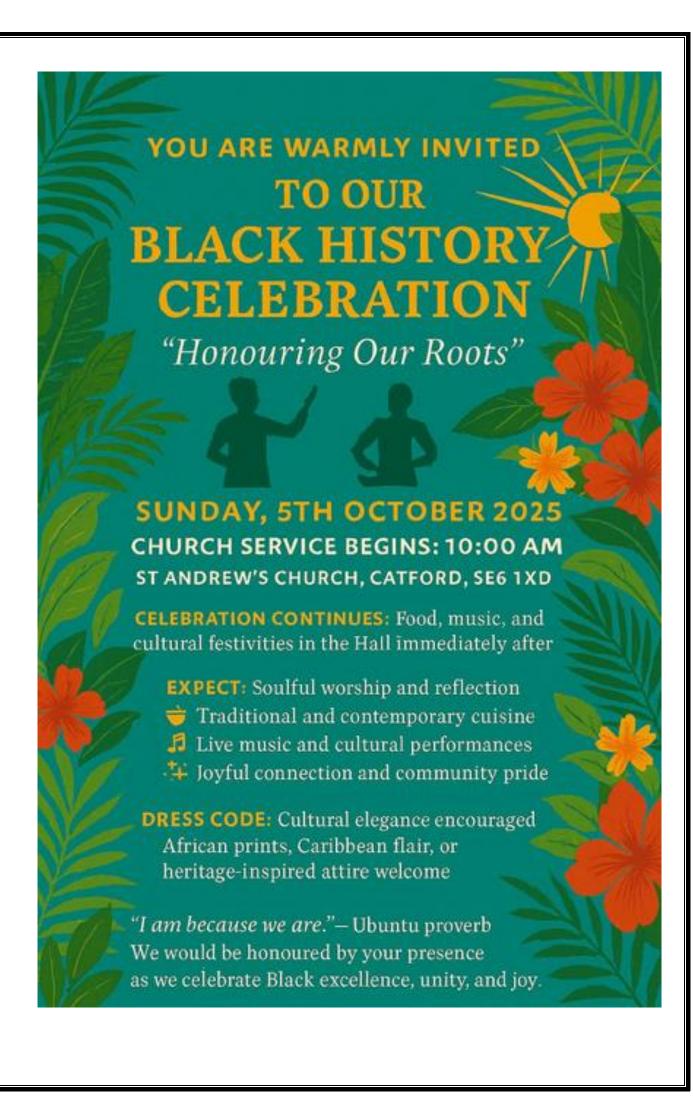


Booking information

This course is 1.5 hours virtually via Zoom and will run once a term.

For booking details or further information email: **LG.CYPTherapiesTraining@nhs.net** Booking will be via Eventbrite.





Free Jumper & Beret for all Year 7 starter students in 2025 & 2026













2025 Open Events For pupils starting September 2026

Open Evening From 16:45 hrs

Thursday 18th September 2025

Open Mornings From 09:00 hrs

Monday 22nd September 2025

Wednesday 1st October 2025

Thursday 9th October 2025

Saturday 11th October 2025

Friday 17th October 2025





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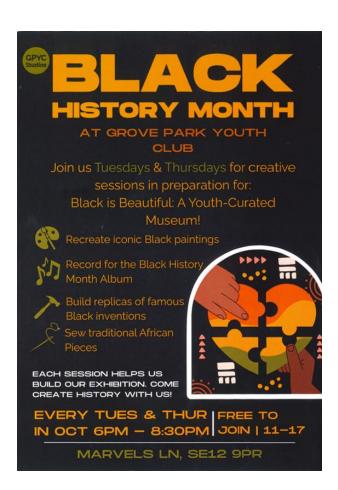
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Meet the Managers Strategic SEND Meetings

Ongoing sessions for parents and carers of children and young people with SEND who would like to take part in strategic discussions with senior leaders in Lewisham.

Come along to:

- hear from SEND Services across education, health and social care
- share your views and ask questions about wider SEN strategic matters
- find out more about Lewisham's future plans and support available to learners with SEND

Why attend?

- have your voice heard in shaping services and provisions
- gain a better understanding of local SEND priorities
- connect with other parents and carers
- meet senior managers from the local authority as well as NHS and other partners

Session format:

- opening presentation from Senior managers leading the discussion
- question and Answer session with parents/carers
- discussion on emerging challenges and opportunities
- agree action plan where appropriate and required and determine how parents and carers will be kept updated

Dates:

Tuesday 30 September 2025, 6-8pm

SEN Placement Planning - Looking at local special school and resou<mark>rce base</mark> provisions and what might be required in the future.

Wednesday 3 December 2025, 6-8pm

SEND Reforms: White Paper

The Government is proposing significant changes to the SEN system. We want to ensure that you can feed into the consultation.

Tuesday 27 January 2026, 6-8pm

Provision of Early Intervention and Meeting needs via SEN support
Advice from schools and partners on what support looks like for learners
without EHC plans.



Let us know you are coming

Meeting Room 1, First Floor 34 Old Road London SE13 5SY

How to Get There: Buses: 108, 122, 178, 261, 321, 89, N21, 273, SL4, 202 (5–10 min walk)

Nearest station: Hither Green (14 min walk Free parking located on Aislibie Road and Lenham Road (3-5 min walk)

For accessibility needs or questions, contact: stella.sumah@lewisham.gov.uk



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- · Classes & activities for all ages
- Monthly events
- · Weekend hall hire for private parties And more...





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allthingsautismltd@gmail.com 01895 649211

https://allthingsinclusionandautism.com

to support

9.30 - 11.30am

Workshops for parents / carers (and practitioners) - Autumn term 2025

All things visual strategies

Supporting autistic children / those with communication difficulties with visual strategies - why use visuals, which visuals to use and how to use them?

Thursday 23rd October 2025

10 - 11.30am

Online - via Zoom

£36 plus VAT per person

Autism and Girls

Exploring differences and diagnosis. Understanding how autism impacts on girls and strategies and ideas to support them

Pathological Demand Avoidance (PDA)

Monday 10th November 2025

£44 plus VAT per person

Understanding PDA and practical strategies

Thursday 13th November 2025 10 - 11.30am

Online via Zoom

£36 plus VAT per person

and learning together
Tuesday 4th November 2025 9.30am - 12

£51 plus VAT per person

Online via Zoom

All things communication and play:

Supporting autistic children with communication and play skills - laughing

£51 plus VAT per person

All things behaviour - supporting positive behaviours for autistic children Tuesday 7th October 2025 9.30am - 12 Online via Zoom

All things sensory processing - a workshop exploring the sensory needs of autistic children and practical strategies to support their needs

Wednesday 26th November 2025 9.30am - 12

Online via Zoom £51 plus VAT per person



All Things Toileting Exploring the challenges around toilet training for autistic children and practical strategies to support them

17th October 2025 10 - 11.30am

Online via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person

All Things Mealtimes

Looking at the challenges around food and eating for autistic children and practical

strategies to support Tuesday 4th December 2025 10 - 11.30am

Online via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person

Supporting children with Bereavement and Looking at the impact of bereavement and

loss on young children and strategies to support them Thursday 2nd October 2025 10 - 11.30am

Online via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person

Gestalt Language Processing How to support early language skills for young children including Gestalt learners Tuesday 18th November 2025

10 - 11.30am Online via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person

Understanding ADHD in young children and practical ideas to support the

Tuesday 25th November 2025 10-11.30am

Online via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person

Promoting positive mental health in young children

Examining causes of mental health difficulties, learning about anxiety and

Tuesday 11th November 2025 9.30 am - 12 Online via Zoom £51 plus VAT per person

Contact Jaci Smith or Nikki Duhig at allthingsautismltd@gmail.com or 01896 649211 to book your place/s

St Andrew's Church

Christmas Gree Festival

24th-29th November 2025

We warmly invite you to take part in St Andrew's 3rd annual Christmas Tree Festival, providing and decorating your own tree, which reflects you, your family, business, school or group (some are clubbing together with neighbours on their street)

- it's an opportunity to be creative!

The tree you provide will need to be:

- Artificial and no taller than 5ft
- Self-supporting, with a safe and secure stand Lights must be LED/battery operated

Set-up: afternoon of Sun 23rd Nov or morning of Mon 24th Nov.

Take-down: afternoon of Sun 30th Nov or morning of Mon 1st Dec.

On the main festival day - Saturday, 29th November - mulled wine, mince pies, festive activities and stalls will be on offer in the church Hall, in collaboration with the Corbett Library Christmas Market.

To book a tree space, please contact Christine by 07944 017491 cmaggs@hotmail.com



Sign up for your space today!





Family Hubs Parent and Carer Advisory Group



Who is the Parent and Carer Advisory Group for? Any parent, carer (or expectant parent or carer) living in Lewisham with a child aged 19 or below (or 25 for young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities – SEND)

When: every eight weeks across Lewisham's Family Hubs - contact Lou for more information

0790 900 1310 to find out more Sign up here: bit.ly/3CJD0hr





Would you like to help shape how services are delivered to families within Lewisham's Family Hubs?

Would you like to meet others from the community and have your voices heard?

Then join our Family Hubs Parent and Carer Advisory Group!

What's in it for me?

- Meet other community members TFL travel expenses
- · Guest speakers and training



Year 7 **Open Events** September 2026 entry

You're invited to an unforgettable experience at our Year 7 Open Events. Join us to discover the vibrant community and exceptional opportunities that await you at Beths. Come see firsthand what it means to be a Beths Scholar and why our school is the perfect place for your next chapter.We look forward to welcoming you to Beths and showing you why our school is the ideal place for your educational journey. See you there!



Afternoon sessions - 2:15pm - 3:45pm Monday 6th October Tuesday 7th October Thursday 16th October Morning sessions - 9:15am - 11am Wednesday 8th October Thursday 9th October ₩.



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10 Week Programme

RISING BALLERS (ages 5-7): Preparing young players for competitive footbal

Saturday Mornings at Abbotshall Healthy Lifestyle Centre









Contact Ashleigh Jay 07930317847 or aj@tinyballers.net for more info

