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Better playgrounds

More playgrounds around the borough have been upgraded and new play equipment installed.



Work is complete on the children's playground next to St Mark's Church in Boutflower Road, Battersea (pictured left). Children under ten can now enjoy a redesigned play area with a range of new equipment including a large climbing frame, seesaw and musical play trail.



The playground at Chivalry Road has had a £165,000 revamp – with new landscaping and new safe play surfaces and modern new play equipment, including timber swings, slides, a seesaw, large climbing frame, benches and picnic tables.



The all-weather ball games area in Chivalry Road has also been refurbished with a new playing surface, fencing, renewed sports equipment and upgraded floodlighting so it can be used after dusk.

Falcon Park has a brand-new £2.1m all-weather sports pitch. The 3G artificial pitch aims to give the area's young people access to top-quality sports facilities and encourage them to get active. It will be used mainly for football but will also support other sports like rugby and cricket.



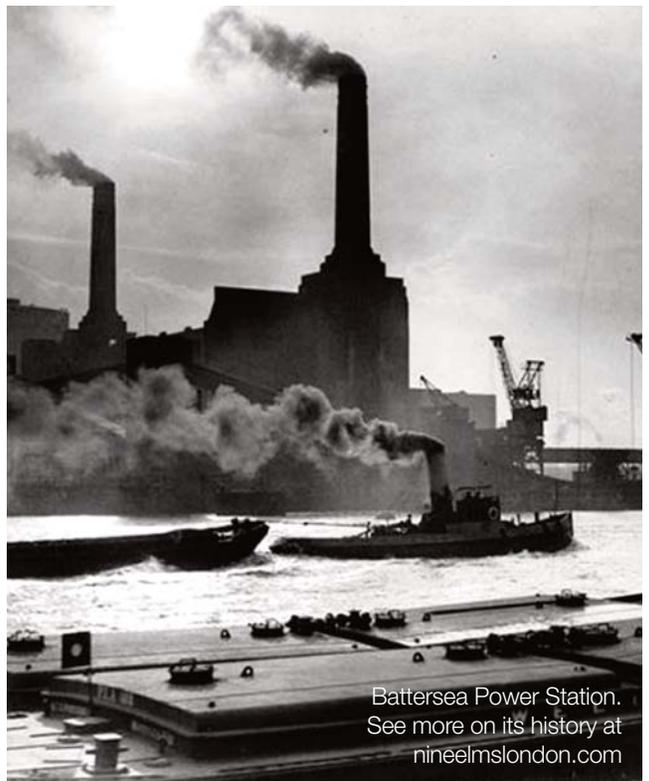


History winners

Projects on Battersea Power Station, the Daffodil King of Tooting and Dame Margaret Rutherford were all winners of the fifth annual Wandsworth/GLL Heritage Awards for Schools competition.

Pupils, parents, teachers and head teachers from each of the winning schools were invited to a town hall presentation, with prizes handed out by the Deputy Mayor of Wandsworth Cllr Sue McKinney.

First prize went to John Burns Primary School in Battersea who looked at the history of nearby Battersea Power Station. The research team won £750 for their school, plus medals each and a plaque.

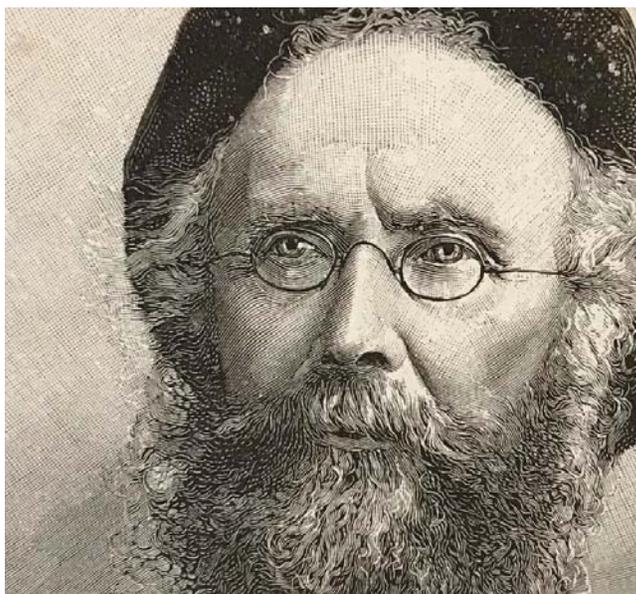


Battersea Power Station.
See more on its history at
nineelmslondon.com

Broadwater Primary School was highly commended for research into Peter Barr, the 'Daffodil King'. The whole school worked on the project with the help of the Summerstown182 team. Peter Barr ran a nursery in the area in the 19th century and helped make the daffodil one of Britain's most popular flowers.

Granard Primary School in Putney was commended for its school-wide Local History Week.

The individual winner, who won £750 for her school, plus £100 in vouchers for herself, was Sabrina Oliveira from Broadwater School for her project on the actress Dame Margaret Rutherford, who was born in Balham. The awards were sponsored by GLL.



Peter Barr the Daffodil King



Olivia with her model of Dame Margaret Rutherford

Inset: The council erected a plaque in memory of Dame Margaret



Farmers for the day

Pupils at Ronald Ross school ditched their textbooks and donned their wellies to become farmers for the day.

Eight-year-old Afeefa Haroon won this year's NFU Farmvention competition with an eco-friendly zip-line robot that protects soil structure by sowing, maintaining and picking the crop from above, removing the need for heavy machinery.

As part of her prize the school was turned into a farm for a day, and students enjoyed a day of flying drones, bug hotels, pizza and yogurt making, hatching chicks, potato harvesting and looking after sheep, goats and ponies.

Ronald Ross Headteacher Abby Brady said: "Farmvention has shown our pupils that there are amazing opportunities awaiting them in Britain's countryside. It has really helped broaden their horizons, especially as many of the children haven't even been outside of London."



Talking about speeding

Local school children have been helping the council and police educate drivers on the dangers of speeding.

The Junior Roadwatch scheme has been running since 2016, and sees Year 5 and 6 pupils using speed guns to encourage drivers to slow down outside schools. Now the scheme has evolved so that the children can also speak to drivers about the importance of road safety.

Up to ten children are taken to a location near the school chosen by the police. Any drivers found to

be speeding or ignoring traffic rules has a choice of enforcement action or having an educational road safety talk. If they choose the latter they will then be handed over to the children who in pairs will ask the driver questions about the offence and whether the experience has changed his or her view about road safety.

The first Junior Roadwatch event in this new format was held with

pupils at Ronald Ross School. Two drivers were stopped for ignoring a banned right turn and six for speeding. The children worked with police officers PS Liam Mallet, PC John Data, PC Andy Smith and PC Zack Taylor

If your school or youth group would like more information on how to take part, email roadsafetyofficer@wandsworth.gov.uk.





Young people from borough schools have been to the town hall for the Pupil Achievement awards, spotlighting the successes of the highest achievers at GCSE and A-Level.

Schools represented included Ark Bolingbroke Academy, Ark Putney Academy, Ashcroft Technology Academy, Burntwood School, Chestnut Grove Academy, Ernest Bevin College, Graveney School, Harris Academy, Saint Cecilia's C of E School, Saint John Bosco College, Saint Francis Xavier 6th Form College and Southfields Academy.

Celebrating black history

Channel 5's Milkshake presenters visited West Hill Primary School to film a programme celebrating Black History Month.

Nathan, Kiana and Kiera, seen here in the school's Creative Hub, shared multicultural stories with Key Stage 1 students.

Lilly in Year 1 was delighted that the TV stars came to visit her school: "The stories they read us were so fun, she said."



These are some of the events going on at libraries around the borough to celebrate Black History Month.

■ **October 16, 10.15-10.45am:** Black History Month Story Time at Southfields Library will celebrate some of the most exciting black characters.

■ **October 18, 2-4pm:** Meet Alex Wheatle at Battersea Library. The author will be talking about his latest book featuring Naomi, a teenage girl growing up in the care system.

■ **October 22, 3-4pm:** African Folk Tales Using Puppets and

Shadow Play. Free event for five-11 year olds at Southfields Library. Booking essential.

■ **October 23, 10.15-11.15am:** African Animals Stories and Craft. Make your very own animal at Southfields Library.

■ **October 23, 11am-1pm:** African Headwrap Workshop at Wandsworth Town Library. Learn about African textiles and get practical with a range of craft techniques.

■ **October 24, 3.15-4.15pm:** Tiger Hunt. Meet author Barbara Ellis at Earlsfield Library.

To see the full programme of events visit:
www.better.org.uk/news/black-history-month-in-wandsworth-libraries

Help for parents

Parents with young children under five who are finding any aspect of family life difficult can get support from Wandsworth Homestart. Visit homestartwandsworth.org.uk

Reading support

Bookmark Reading is looking for volunteers to help children in years 1-3 with their reading. You will need to spare two half hours a week. Email info@bookmarkreading.org.uk or visit bookmarkreading.org/volunteer

Help for dads

Some of the borough's children's centres run dads only groups, usually on a Saturday where you can do activities with your children, meet other dads and find out about sources of support. Find out more at thrive.wandsworth.gov.uk



Green fingers

Young gardeners at St John Bosco College have been recognised at the Celebrating Young People Awards.

Judges awarded them a Barbara Ward Award for Caring for Creation for their work creating a green oasis in the middle of Battersea at their weekly gardening club. They took a previously ignored patch of playground and turned it into a haven for plants and wildlife.

St John Bosco was recently graded as an outstanding Catholic school under Section 48 of the Education Act, by the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Southwark.

Wandsworth's green pledge

The Wandsworth Youth Council has pledged to 'youth proof' Wandsworth Council's new green pledge, and has promised to make sure young people have a say in how it is delivered.

One of the youth council's 2019-21 manifesto pledges is to raise awareness of climate change amongst young people. Meanwhile this summer Wandsworth Council set itself the target of becoming carbon neutral by 2030 and a zero-emission council by 2015.

The council and the youth council will work together closely over the coming months, but they have already made some progress including:

- An agreement by the council that it will install low-energy lightbulbs and recycling bins across its buildings.
- A promise that it will investigate the possibility of dual rubbish and recycling bins across the borough.
- Work on creating videos to be pushed out on social media to raise awareness of climate change.
- The chance for young people to go to high-level meetings of councillors and officers to put the youth voice across.
- 'Youth-proofing' the green pledge so that it is in a format and language that young people can understand.
- Helping to create factsheets for school about what schools and pupils can do to tackle climate change.
- Holding a 'takeover month' where young people will collaborate closely with council officers and help shape the council's work.

'Our Pledge' to be:

**Carbon
neutral
by 2030**

**Zero
Carbon
by 2050**



Wandsworth Youth Council thinks it's vital we address the issue of climate change because it will affect our generation more than anyone else.

The UN says we have less than seven years to cut our CO2 emissions by 50 per cent yet they are still rising. In Wandsworth we want to raise awareness of this incredibly important issue among young people and within the council to make sure we are doing all we can to protect our planet.

This includes creating educational videos on the impact of climate change and helping Wandsworth Council review its environmental policies.

Tessa Yates, youth councillor and climate change campaign lead



Follow the youth council on twitter at [@WBCYouthCouncil](https://twitter.com/WBCYouthCouncil)

ANNOUNCING OUR 2019-21 MANIFESTO...

Priority 2: **CLIMATE CHANGE**



We will create a series of educational videos on the impact that climate change has on us, to raise awareness of this significant issue among young people. We will also work with Wandsworth Council to review and youth-proof their environmental policies.





Mental health support

Wandsworth has been chosen by the NHS as one of the Government's Trailblazer sites for the new Mental Health in Schools project.

Schools, health and social care professionals and local councils are working together to improve mental health through delivering training and support for children and young people, their families and teachers.

Teams are already working in a number of primary and secondary schools in Wandsworth, led by Southfields Academy, offering one-to-one support and group-work sessions for pupils and parents.

The project was awarded £1.85m of national 'Trailblazer' funding in December 2018 and an additional £4.3m in July this year to rollout further teams over the next two years, supporting more pupils.

In Wandsworth the additional funding will allow a team to be created working across further education colleges, and another team in Battersea working closely with the council's THRIVE Early Help service to focus on BAME young people who have suffered trauma.



Teachers are being trained in Mental Health First Aid and a course for parents called Empowering Parents Empowering Communities will also be introduced in the coming months. New online services for young people are also being put in place for pupils of secondary schools involved in the programme.

Wandsworth status as a Trailblazer site follows on from the success of the Wandsworth Youth Council's #YouthProof Mental Wellness project.

The project, which is funded by the Wandsworth Clinical Commissioning Group, works to improve young people's mental health, including recruiting and training 120 mental health champions.

Other examples of great involvement of young people in improving services include Youth Council members attending strategic planning days with NHS and council leaders, helping commissioners to design new services and its new young person friendly map of services. These achievements are up for a national Children and Young People award with the outcome announced in November.

There is also a new CAMHS Young Commissioners' programme. If you know of a young person that would like to become a Commissioner, please email Frankiee on frankiee@silverlinedhorizons.com



Wandsworth Young Person of the Year award 2020

For more information check out the website
www.wandsworth.gov.uk/wypy2020

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Puppets with Guts.



Happy Streets party

Thanks to everyone who came along to the Happy Street Festival this summer to celebrate the completion of the new-look Thessaly Road Bridge.

Students from nearby St George's CE Primary School played a key part in the revamp. They helped artist Yinka Ilori turn the dingy underpass into a colourful, fun 'happy street' and make it safer for pedestrians and cyclists. The school was also one of the sites welcoming the crowds, hosting circus workshops, live music and the Happy Dance.

Watch a film of the family festival at nineelmslondon.com/films/happy-streets-festival-in-nine-elms





Piñata-making by Lizzie King



BAC Beatbox



Happy Dance by Lorraine Roberts





Youth Games gold rush

Wandsworth's youngsters ran, kicked, netted, parried and hit the bullseye on their way to success at this year's London Youth Games - Europe's largest youth sports competition.



The Wandsworth Team won the London Youth Games Inner London Trophy, awarded to the inner London borough with the highest score across all disciplines, and came third overall out of 32 boroughs, claiming gold in male and female volleyball, archery and male Para-football.

They also took silver in male and female cross country, female squash and male table tennis and bronze in female Para-football, junior fencing and male and female hockey.

The events took place across a number of months and culminated in a finals weekend event at Crystal Palace National Sports Centre in July. Thousands of participants were involved in the competition and more than 500 athletes from Wandsworth were involved in this year's trials, training and competitions.

Find out how to take part next year at enable.org/lyg



The swimming team with the Mayor of Wandsworth



The Active Wandsworth team was at three community festivals this year running sports and fitness taster sessions. The Get Active Roadshow visited the Falcon Road Festival, the Roehampton Festival and the Furzedown Big Day Out this summer to spread the message about all the sports and fitness clubs and groups in the borough. Follow @activewands on twitter for updates.



Get your **FREE** NHS Health Check from your GP.

You must be aged 40-74, have not been previously diagnosed with diabetes, kidney disease, heart disease or stroke and have not had an NHS Health Check in the last five years.

For more information call the council's public health team on (020) 8871 5026, or visit www.wandsworth.gov.uk/healthchecks



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diabetes
heart disease
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Music bursaries up for grabs

World Heart Beat, the award-winning music charity based in Wandsworth, is offering 25 bursary assisted places to young students (aged 5 to 18 years).

World Heart Beat Music Academy is always on the look out for new students to learn an instrument. There are 15 instruments on offer including tabla, Celtic fiddle and Gypsy violin and new classes including double bass, cello and viola.

As part of the offer, the student must agree to practice his or her instrument for 20 minutes per day to gain the full benefits that learning a musical instrument brings.

Currently based in Southfields, World Heart Beat is set to open a state-of-the-art new centre in Embassy Gardens, Nine Elms. Sahana Gero, Founder and Creative Director, said: "We are delighted to be able to offer 25 bursary assisted places to young students who are passionate about music. World Heart Beat prides itself on its all-inclusive approach where no-one should be excluded from the joys of learning music."

If you want to apply, email info@worldheartbeat.org

- Find out more about World Heart Beat at worldheartbeat.org

Get involved with Woodfield

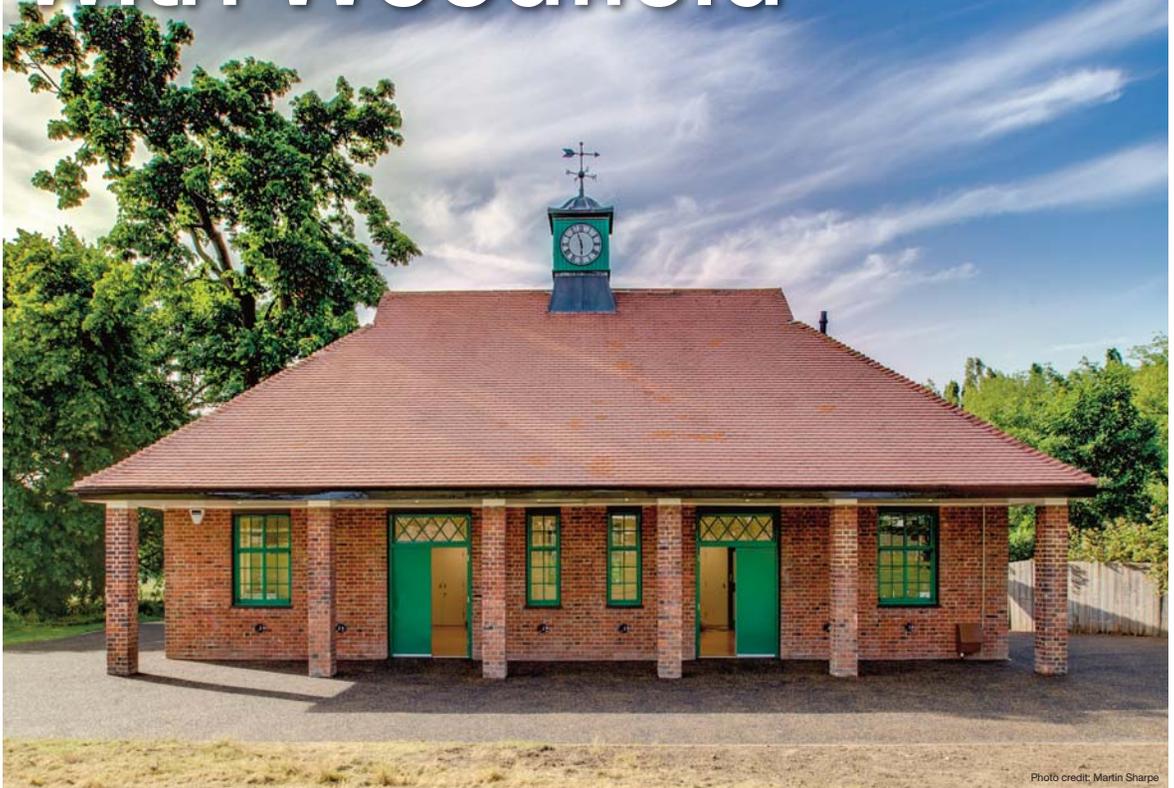


Photo credit: Martin Sharpe

The Woodfield Pavilion has sat on the edge of Tooting Bec Common since 1933, but this summer it was reinvented as a multi-purpose community hub.

Woodfield has already partnered with schools to deliver outdoor education to more than 500 children. The independent charity is always on the hunt for new ideas and opportunities and is looking to collaborate with local residents, schools, businesses, and community groups to promote its core aims of health, learning, environment, art and recreation.

Since opening in June, Woodfield has run bug hunts, craft workshops, yoga, a pop-up cafe and hosted private parties. A burgeoning centre for arts in the area, they have hosted art classes, creative summer camps and two well-received exhibitions.

The building was refurbished with funds mainly from the National Lottery Heritage Fund as part of the Tooting Common Heritage Project. It includes a main hall, locker room, upstairs studio, and a kitchen and toilets (including all-ability access and baby-changing facilities). It is a unique site on the common and a great base for activities in all weathers.

- Schools or community groups who want to get involved are urged to get in touch.

Find out more at www.thewoodfield.org or email thewoodfieldproject@gmail.com

Flu - get protected

Children in reception and years 1-5 will be offered protection against flu again this autumn.

Your school will contact you with details. It's also available free for two and three-year-olds and for older children with long-term health conditions – ask your GP for details.

The vaccine given to children is via a nasal spray – so you don't need to worry about needles. Flu can be a serious illness, and vaccinating against it protects children and stops them passing the virus on to other people.

The inoculation could cause a runny or blocked nose, a headache or general tiredness, but serious side effects are uncommon. The vaccine cannot cause flu.

- Find out more at wandsworth.gov.uk/flu



Stop smoking

The Wandsworth Stop Smoking Service offers free help, advice and access to Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT) and other stop smoking medications to all smokers who study or work in the Wandsworth area.

Call freephone (24 hour):
0800 389 7921

Email StopSmokingteam@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk

Visit www.wandsworth.gov.uk/stopsmoking

You can also call the London Stop Smoking Helpline for help over the phone on **0300 123 1044**

And there is a special service for young people aged 12-19 who attend schools or youth clubs in Wandsworth. Call **07983 803 908**



Help protect children aged 2 and 3 with the flu nasal spray

**STAYWELL
THISWINTER**



Rachel Keith, Nurse

Autumn 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



Battersea Park Fireworks **Saturday November 2**

This year's Wandsworth Council fireworks, delivered in partnership with Battersea Power Station, are set to be more spectacular than ever. New for 2019 is the Afterparty at Battersea Evolution held directly after the fireworks until 1am. Buy your ticket when you buy your fireworks ticket.

Tickets not available on the door. Book at enablelc.org/fireworks

How to be listed

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headstart@wandsworth.gov.uk

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DAYS OUT

October half term at Battersea Park Zoo

Pumpkin Trail October 19 – 27

Purchase a quiz sheet upon entry and use the clues to work out, and find, which animals have put out pumpkins this Halloween half term. Cost £1.50 (includes a prize) Usual entrance fee applies.

Hedgehog Day October 22

Hedgehog arts and crafts, hedgehog story time and a chance to chat with a hedgehog rescuer and meet a real hedgehog. Usual entrance fee applies.

Spider Day October 24

Eight-legged crafts, stories and the chance to meet a real hairy spider. Usual entrance fee applies.

Boo at the Zoo October 26

(Slightly) Spooky Story Time, make a trick or treat bag (£1), spooky face painting (£2.50) and scary surprise boxes.

Dress up as witches, monsters, pumpkins or zombies and claim a sticker upon entry.

Batterseaparkzoo.co.uk



Heritage Trail: The Mysterious Letter

Every Saturday, 11am, 1.30pm, 3.30pm

A mysterious letter, penned during World War 1, has been found – but it has been censored. Can you unlock the past and solve the mystery in this interactive trail around Battersea Arts Centre? For families with children aged 6-11. **Free.**

bac.org.uk

Deen City Farm

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

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

Family Saturdays at the BAC

October 26, November 30,
10am-3pm

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 fives. The recommended age is 0-11 and their families.

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

Spooking Tooting

October 31, 6.30pm

Halloween visit to the dark side of Tooting's extraordinary past.

Starts from Edward VII statue at Tooting Broadway
summerstonw182.wordpress.com/

Neighbourhood Network Wednesdays

November 6

Drop in any time on the first Wednesday of the month between 10-11.30pm to meet neighbours.

Southside Scouts Centre,
Balham High Road

neighbourhoodnetworksw17.org.uk
info@neighbourhoodnetworksw17.org.uk

Nature Explorers November 8

Seasonal nature crafts and games, storytime and searching for wildlife for children aged 2-4.

Naturescope, Wandsworth Common
naturescope.co.uk

Christmas party at the ROSE

Wednesday December
18, 5pm-8.30pm

Festive celebrations, fun and activities for the whole local community.

ROSE community clubroom, Ascalon St,
SW8 4AN
www.nineelmslondon.com

Vauxhall City Farm

A piece of the countryside in the heart of London. Riding lessons, young farmers club and a collection of animals.

Entrance free but donations welcome.

165 Tyers Street, SE11
(020) 7582 4204
info@vauxhallcityfarm.org
www.vauxhallcityfarm.org

ARTS AND CRAFTS

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



Wandsworth Friends of Trinity Hospice's Christmas Fair

November 13, 8.30am-3.30pm

Helping to raise money for Trinity Hospice.

St Luke's Church, Battersea.
Royaltrinityhospice.london



Wildlife Researchers

October 19 – November 3

Pick up a log book to guide you to the best spots to search for autumn wildlife, or join in pond dipping and bird watching to discover which species live at the Wetlands Centre. **London Wetlands Centre, Barnes**
wwt.org.uk/wetlands-centres/London

Putney School of Art and Design Half Term classes

October 21-25

Creative short courses for adults and young people including drawing, photography, graphic design, printmaking painting, pottery and a kids' art club.

Oxford Road, Putney
enablelc.org/PSADenrol



Affordable Art Fair

October 17-20

Contemporary Art Fair with prices from £50.

Battersea Park
www.affordableartfair.com



Island

Until November 2

This exhibition features the work of Alice Wilson who works with construction timber, plaster, photography, paint and landscape.

JGM Gallery
24 Howie Street, Battersea



Light Up Nine Elms

Marvel as nine buildings are lit up across Nine Elms with beautiful moving projections of elm trees. Over nine nights in December, detailed drawings of the nine elm trees living along Nine Elms Lane will come to life after dark, their silvery branches transforming buildings including Battersea Power Station and the ROSE community clubroom. Artworks by Pippa Taylor and Jony Easterby commissioned by Wandsworth Council. **Free.**

www.nineelmslondon.com/LightUp

SPORTS AND FITNESS

AFC Wimbledon Football Holiday club

October 21-25

Open to any boy or girl of any ability between the ages of 4-14.

Wimbledon Park, Revelstoke Road
(020) 8974 5712

communityfootball@afcwimbledon.co.uk

All Star Tennis Junior Free Play Scheme

Young players can play free of charge every day between 3pm and 5pm, Monday to Friday, when courts are available. This includes the loan of equipment at King Georges Park, Tooting Common and Wandsworth Common.



All Star Tennis course

October 21-25

Courses are for children aged 3 years old upwards, all abilities, and are based on the nationally recognised LTA Mini Tennis Scheme. Prices vary.

Locations:

Tooting Common

King George's Park, Wandsworth

Wandsworth Common

Leaders Gardens, Putney

Book at allstartennis.co.uk/holiday-camps/

Chelsea Soccer Schools

Soccer Schools are for boys and girls of all abilities aged 6-14. Learn the skills of the game in a fun, safe environment.

Battersea Park

Chestnut Grove School

Chelseasoccerschools.co.uk



Fencing

The Fencing School

Saturday morning drop-in taster classes for children aged 7-12 who have not fenced before.

St John Bosco College, Battersea

www.thefencingschool.com



Jacs Swimming Club

For young people aged 4-16 based at Tooting Leisure Centre.
bjsc.org.uk

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Run in the Dark November 13, 8pm

5k or 10k run to raise money for the Mark Pollock Trust, supporting Mark to deal with a catastrophic spinal cord injury.

Battersea Park
runinthedark.org

Zesh Rehman Foundation Football

These term-time Saturday afternoon football coaching sessions are for 3-11 year olds who enjoy playing football and want to improve their skills.

Graveney School, Welham Road, Tooting.
07583 628 324
info@zeshrehmanfoundation.org
www.zeshrehmanfoundation.org



Football holiday course October 28-November 1

Learn skills at this course for 6-11 year olds of all abilities. All participants get a medal.

Furzedown Rec, Tooting.
To book call (020) 3959 0051

Tooting Leisure Centre Gym

Supervised sessions are held for children aged 11-15.

Visit placesleisure.org/centres/tooting-leisure-centre/centre-activities/gym/children/



• Free Led Walks

Walks led by trained leaders in Battersea, Tooting and Roehampton.
(020) 8871 6373

MMR catch-up sessions

These are for children who missed their MMR vaccine and are provided free of charge.

October 21, 10.30am to 12noon:

Southmead Centre for Children and Families.

November 14, December 19,

January 8, 3.15pm-4.30pm:

York Gardens Children's Centre.

Book an appointment a few days before by phone on 020 3903 3374 or email hrch.immunisationteam@mailbox.wandsworth.nhs.net

Speech and Language Drop-in Sessions

These are held across the borough for families who have concerns about their child's speech or language development.

Call 07760 396 248 or email Wandsworthsit@nhs.net

Restart Party

November 30

Learn how to mend broken stuff at this free fixing and mending workshop.

Muskhii Aasaan, 220-222 Upper Tooting Road
transtiontownooting.org



CooksForce

Learn how to create healthy, low-cost food.
Be-enriched.org.uk/Cooksforce

THEATRE AND BOOKS



The Day I Fell into a Book

October 22-24, 11am and 2pm

In this show for 8-12 year old audiences are welcomed to The Institute, who conduct experiments in the power of imagination, to find out what happens inside people's minds when they read. Stories seep into the room and come alive through binaural sound recordings relayed through headphones, intricate lighting technology and projection.

£8 children, £10 adults bac.org.uk



Polka Theatre Workshops

October 22-25

Polka will be taking over New Wimbledon Theatre studio for a programme of workshops for all ages. polkatheatre.com

Group 64 Holiday Projects

October 22

The Stopwatch Project, ages 11-16.

October 23-24

The Adventures of the Playful Pumpkin, ages 4-7.

October 25

Halloween Horrors - Play in a Day, ages 7-11.

www.g64.org.uk.

Goldilocks and the Three Musketeers

November 30 – December 31

The mischievous Goldilocks flees from the Three Bears into the deep, dark

wood. As she stumbles down a rabbit hole to escape, she finds herself in Wonderland! And all is not well...

Teaming up with The Three Musketeers and a whole host of fairy tale favourites (with a little help from the audience), can Goldilocks rescue Wonderland and live happily ever after before it's too late?

Battersea Arts Centre
bac.org.uk



Stage Door

October 23-26

Set in Broadway in the 1930s will sassy Terry Randall make it as an actress?

Southside Players
Chestnut Grove Academy, Balham
southsideplayers.co.uk/stage-door/

MUSIC AND DANCE



51st State Band Live in Concert

November 15, 6.45pm and 8.30pm

An evening of exceptional musical talent from the students at the World Heart Beat Music Academy. band represents the spirit of World Heart Beat by bringing young musicians of all ages, backgrounds and abilities to learn and play together.

£10

Putney Arts Theatre, Ravenna Road
ticketsource.co.uk/whb

Wandsworth symphony orchestra

November 16, 7.30pm

Brahms - Concerto for Violin and Cello in A Minor.

Mahler - Symphony No.1 in D Major 'The Titan'.

St Anne's Church, Wandsworth
www.wandsworthsymphony.org

Lunchtime Concert

November 6, 1.15pm

Free recital by the National Opera Studio. Book in advance.

National Opera Studio, Chapel Yard, Wandsworth
www.nationaloperastudio.org.uk

JUST PLAY



• Go Ape

Treetop fun in Battersea Park
goape.co.uk

Battersea Park Playgrounds

Battersea Park has two playgrounds. There is a playground with exciting play equipment suitable for children over eight. Under eights should be supervised by an adult. Enter through Sun Gate entrance. In addition, a new playground has opened near the café designed for children aged up to 12. The playgrounds are open the same hours as the park. Both are free – just drop in.

• Soft Play at Latchmere Leisure Centre

Two storey soft play facility for children aged up to eight 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

• Soft Play at Wandle Leisure Centre

Three storey Adventure Zone facility for children aged up to seven years. Some of the features include:

- Slide
- Ball pond
- Tiger rollers
- Bish bash bags

- Outside Play area

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

placesleisure.org/centres/wandle-recreation-centre/centre-activities/children/soft-play/

Supercamps

October 28-November 1

Half term activity camp at Putney High School.

supercamps.co.uk



Half term Halloween Disco

October 21, 3.30pm-4.30pm

Wear a spooktacular costume – there will be prizes for the best.

Eddie Katz Earlsfield
info@eddiekatz.com
www.eddiekatz.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, table tennis, and access to the internet. Find your nearest centre and discover what's on offer at:

www.thrive.wandsworth.gov.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.thrive.wandsworth.gov.uk

HOLIDAY PLAY SCHEMES

• Christ Church Primary School

Este Road, SW11 - five 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

CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES



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Lady Allen Adventure Playground

Adventurous play for children with special needs and their siblings aged 5-14. Activities include a soft play area, indoor slide, arts and crafts, swings, hammocks, a zip wire, a giant see saw, slides, tree houses and a wide range of two and three-wheeled bikes.

Chivalry Road, Battersea
www.kids.org.uk



Family Play Sessions

First Saturday of the month
 This monthly drop-in gives working parents a chance to enjoy an ECC play session with their children. For children aged 0-5.

Enhanced Children's Centre, West Hill
www.thrive.wandsworth.gov.uk
 (020) 8877 0758

George Shearing Centre

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

Este Road, Clapham Junction
 (020) 7228 2230
zenovia.grant@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk
www.wandsworth.gov.uk/youth

Unique Youth

Specialist youth club for 13-25 year olds with learning disabilities and complex needs.

George Shearing Youth Centre, Este Road, Clapham Junction
zenovia.grant@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk

Parent Workshops

Including Beginners Makaton, toileting and managing behaviour
 Places must be booked in advance.

Enhanced Children's Centre, Wandsworth
 020 8877 0759
enhancedcc@wandsworth.gov.uk

Generate

Youth Provision do loads of activities for young people with mild to moderate learning disabilities aged 11 and up. These run weekday evenings from 6pm at the George Shearing Centre, there are holiday activities at Easter, Summer and half terms as well as a Buddy Scheme.

Contact Tim or Melanie 020 8879 6333
tim.aldcroft@generate-uk.org



Discounts for WAND Card holders

WAND Card holders and children and young people with disabilities or special educational needs from Wandsworth can enjoy offers including:

- Free or discounted activities at Battersea Park Children's Zoo, London Recumbents bike hire, Places for People leisure centres, Disability Sports Coach, Flip Out Wandsworth and Go Ape.
- Late charge exceptions at Wandsworth libraries.
- Support at borough businesses including Sainsbury's in Putney and Clapham Junction.

www.wandsworth.gov.uk/localoffer

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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