

# Brunswick Park Primary School



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Primary School

e-Newsletter

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October's Focus Value is **EMPATHY**, November's is **RESPONSIBILITY**

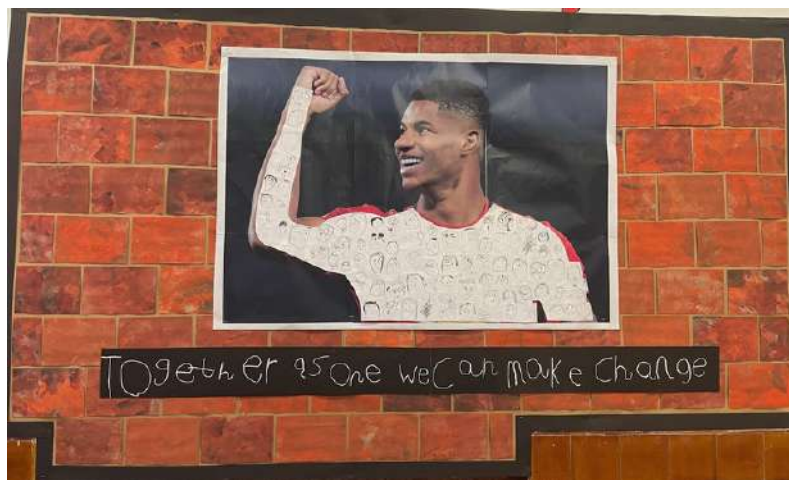
Dear Parents and Carers

The first half of this busy term has come to an end, and the children now deserve a break. In this newsletter you will find information about some activities for children and families taking place next week in the local area.

Thanks go to all parents and carers who attended parents' evenings this week either in school or on Zoom. It is always lovely to see you in school, and to see the children show you their work with such pride. Thanks also go to all parents and carers who have been making sure their children do not ride their bicycles or scooters on the playground, which is a safer place for everyone as a result.

Whilst on the subject of safety, some parents have raised concerns about drivers' behaviour at the junction of Benhill Road, Edmund Street and Picton Street during school drop-off times. Picton Street is a School Street, so is pedestrianised from 08:30 - 09:15 and 15:00 - 16:00 to keep Brunswick's children safe. School Streets are a council initiative, so are managed by Southwark Council. The cameras that operate during these times have no connection with the school. From time to time, the council sends Traffic Officers to help drivers manage the School Street and enforce restrictions. We do not know beforehand when they will come. If you have concerns about drivers' behaviour during enforcement times, please raise them directly with the council, as it is the organisation responsible.

October is Black History Month, and the children are now coming to the end of their learning inspired by Amanda Gorman's Change Sings: A Children's Anthem. Each Year Group has also chosen a Black activist from the past or present who has made a difference or made change. Their artwork is starting to go up around the school, and will appear on X and Instagram for you to see when it is ready. In the meantime, here is Reception's work in progress, inspired by the mural in Manchester:



Wishing you and your family a peaceful and enjoyable Half Term break, and I look forward to seeing you and the children again on Monday 30 October.

Susannah Bellingham, Head Teacher

**DIARY DATES ARE ON THE WEBSITE**

**TERM DATES ARE ALWAYS ON THE NEWSLETTER AND THE WEBSITE**

*Learning for living through respect, support and challenge*

# Is your child in Year 6?

If so, it's time to apply for a place at secondary school for September 2024.

**Parents have until 31 October 2023 to apply online.**

**IF YOU DO NOT MEET THE DEADLINE, YOUR APPLICATION WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED UNTIL 2 MARCH 2024, AFTER ALL THE ON-TIME APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN PROCESSED.**

If you still need to apply, the information you need is available on

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/secondary-admissions>

**Secondary school Open Days have now finished**

If your child has an EHCP, secondary school provision is discussed at the Year 5 Annual Review, and applications are made through the SEND Admissions Team.

## A plea for spare pants and socks!

**Inevitably, there will be times when our youngest children have accidents and need a change of clothes. Our spare clothes are not always returned, so we need a steady supply of pants and socks. If you are able to donate clean pants and socks your child no longer wears, we would really appreciate them at the School Office!**

**Thank you.**

# Message from Southwark Council: Changes to Holiday Free School Meals Vouchers

Dear Parents and Carers

We are writing to inform you of the changes to the Holiday Free School Meal (HFSM) vouchers.

From September 2023 schools will no longer provide supermarket vouchers to pupils for HFSM.

Instead Southwark Council will issue cash vouchers to the parents of all eligible pupils that can be cashed at any Post Office. In most cases, parents will receive their voucher on the first day of the holiday period.

## **What you need to do:**

Vouchers will be sent by email so it is important that we have your most up to date email address.

We will shortly be sending lists of our eligible pupils who will get a voucher in the October half term to the Council, so please make sure you inform us of any changes to avoid missing out on the vouchers.

If you do not have an email address, or it is out of date, please let us know and we can arrange for vouchers to be sent out by post.

## **Vouchers during term time:**

Your child will only get a holiday free school meal voucher if they get term time free school meals and we include their name in our eligible pupils list. .

If you need to make an application or to find out if your child is eligible for free school meals please visit [Gov.uk/apply for free school meals](https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-free-school-meals) or contact the school office.



## flu: 5 reasons to vaccinate your child



### 1. Protect your child

The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia

### 2. Protect you, your family and friends

Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable friends and family

### 3. No injection needed

The nasal spray is painless and easy to have

### 4. It's better than having flu

The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record

### 5. Avoid costs

If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare

For more information visit  
[www.nhs.uk/child-flu](http://www.nhs.uk/child-flu)

Flu **i**mmunisation  
Helping to protect children, every winter

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The NHS is running a flu immunisation campaign for pre-school children. Immunisations for Reception – Year 6 children took place in school on 19 October. The links below will take you to information about immunising younger children.

It is also available at [www.nhs.uk/child-flu](http://www.nhs.uk/child-flu)

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/1165161/UKHSA-12652-protecting-your-child-against-flu-information-for-parents-and-carers.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1165161/UKHSA-12652-protecting-your-child-against-flu-information-for-parents-and-carers.pdf)

Link to leaflet in Spanish:

<https://www.healthpublications.gov.uk/ViewProduct.html?sp=Sprotectingyourchildagainstfluleaflets spanish>



# Half Term Family Courses

**At The Centre for Wildlife Gardening**

28 Marsden Road, SE15 4EE

For Southwark residents / free (refundable booking deposit required)

## Bushcraft with Diana

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October

10am till 3pm

A two day family workshop helping you to improve your survival skills. It can be booked as a single day or both days. On Monday you will try out shelter building and water filtering and on Tuesday you will be foraging for food and fire lighting. Crafts and stories too. Aimed at primary aged children but you are welcome to bring your older and younger ones too.



## Tremendous Trees with Dhush

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October

10am till 3pm

Discover the trees in our wildlife garden, how they benefit wildlife and how to identify them. Games, nature art and fun activities. Suitable parents and their children of any age but particularly primary aged children.



Protecting  
London's  
wildlife for  
the future

To find out more about these events and  
book your space please visit  
[www.wildlondon.org.uk/events](http://www.wildlondon.org.uk/events)







# OCTOBER HOLIDAY CAMP

## Booking Now



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



Spring Community Hub is putting on some fun activities as usual in and around Southwark, and they are free! The Hub works in collaboration with Southwark Council and HAF, and meals are included in the fun.

To take part, fill out the registration form and the October 23 form. Here are the links:

New families (0-10) - <https://forms.gle/5KgCVuZHWRiJzZzY6>

Existing families -

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1fjrYAiLyALnVYHme3dVKxOSzydZuwdi\\_BI3lmvM9QE/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1fjrYAiLyALnVYHme3dVKxOSzydZuwdi_BI3lmvM9QE/edit)

New teens (11-16) - <https://forms.gle/W9iH5ixTEEXkPRyh7>

Existing teens -

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/17ri\\_L6kljXFEc71OcWaXPOLWNKP9rmRivYyO2xGIZyY/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/17ri_L6kljXFEc71OcWaXPOLWNKP9rmRivYyO2xGIZyY/edit)



Resource Base  
@ResourceBaseBP



EYFS  
@EyfsBPPS



Year 1  
@Year1BPPS



Year 2  
@Year2BPPS



Year 3  
@Year3BPPS



Year 4  
@Year4BPPS



Years 5  
@Year5BPPS



Year 6  
@Year6BPPS



Whole School  
on X @BrunswickParkPS  
on Instagram @brunswickparkps







Week Commencing: 30 OCT / 20 NOV / 11 DEC / 1 JAN / 22 JAN / 4 MAR / 25 MAR

WEEK 1

**Monday**

- Tomato Pasta Bake
- Chickpea & Mixed Veg Balti with Rice
- Jacket Potato with Baked Beans
- Jacket Potato - Cheese/Tuna Mayo/Coleslaw
- Seasonal Vegetables
- Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

**Tuesday**

- Vegetable Quesadilla
- Chicken Sausage with Mashed Potato & Gravy
- Jacket Potato with Baked Beans
- Jacket Potato - Cheese/Tuna Mayo/Coleslaw
- Seasonal Vegetables
- Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

**Wednesday**

- Three Bean Casserole with Potatoes
- Roast Chicken Breast & Gravy with Roast Potatoes
- Jacket Potato with Baked Beans
- Jacket Potato - Cheese/Tuna Mayo/Coleslaw
- Seasonal Vegetables
- Cheese & Crackers

**Thursday**

- Margherita Pizza & Wedges
- Savoury Mince & Mash Potatoes
- Jacket Potato with Baked Beans
- Jacket Potato - Cheese/Tuna Mayo/Coleslaw
- Seasonal Vegetables
- Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

**Friday**

- Homemade Red Lentil & Veg Sausage Roll
- Fish Fingers & Chips
- Jacket Potato with Baked Beans
- Jacket Potato - Cheese/Tuna Mayo/Coleslaw
- Seasonal Vegetables
- Apple Sponge with Custard

**Key**



Vegetarian



Plant Based Veg Friendly

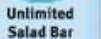


Sustainably Caught Fish

**AVAILABLE DAILY**



Fresh Bread



Unlimited Salad Bar



A choice of Fresh Fruit

Week Commencing: 6 NOV / 27 NOV / 8 JAN / 29 JAN / 19 FEB / 11 MAR

WEEK 2

**Monday**

- Quorn Burger with Potatoes
- Tomato & Basil Pasta
- Jacket Potato with Baked Beans
- Jacket Potato - Cheese/Tuna Mayo/Coleslaw
- Seasonal Vegetables
- Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

**Tuesday**

- Vegetable Hot Pot
- Chicken Curry & Rice
- Jacket Potato with Baked Beans
- Jacket Potato - Cheese/Tuna Mayo/Coleslaw
- Seasonal Vegetables
- Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

**Wednesday**

- Cheese & Onion Pasty with Roast Potatoes
- Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy
- Jacket Potato with Baked Beans
- Jacket Potato - Cheese/Tuna Mayo/Coleslaw
- Seasonal Vegetables
- Cheese & Crackers

**Thursday**

- Margherita Pizza & Wedges
- Chicken & Sweetcorn Meatballs in Tomato Sauce
- Jacket Potato with Baked Beans
- Jacket Potato - Cheese/Tuna Mayo/Coleslaw
- Seasonal Vegetables
- Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

**Friday**

- Sweet Potato & Lentil Curry with Rice
- Battered Fish & Chips
- Jacket Potato with Baked Beans
- Jacket Potato - Cheese/Tuna Mayo/Coleslaw
- Seasonal Vegetables
- Berry Jelly

Week Commencing: 13 NOV / 4 DEC / 15 JAN / 5 FEB / 26 FEB / 18 MAR

WEEK 3

**Monday**

- Shepherdess Pie
- Macaroni Cheese
- Jacket Potato with Baked Beans
- Jacket Potato - Cheese/Tuna Mayo/Coleslaw
- Seasonal Vegetables
- Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

**Tuesday**

- Roast Vegetable Couscous with Flat Bread
- Beef Bolognese
- Jacket Potato with Baked Beans
- Jacket Potato - Cheese/Tuna Mayo/Coleslaw
- Seasonal Vegetables
- Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

**Wednesday**

- Quorn Sausage & Bean Casserole
- Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potato & Gravy
- Jacket Potato with Baked Beans
- Jacket Potato - Cheese/Tuna Mayo/Coleslaw
- Seasonal Vegetables
- Cheese & Crackers

**Thursday**

- Margherita Pizza & Wedges
- Chicken Sausage Roll & Wedges
- Jacket Potato with Baked Beans
- Jacket Potato - Cheese/Tuna Mayo/Coleslaw
- Seasonal Vegetables
- Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

**Friday**

- Quorn Nuggets with Chips
- Fish Fingers & Chips
- Jacket Potato with Baked Beans
- Jacket Potato - Cheese/Tuna Mayo/Coleslaw
- Seasonal Vegetables
- Apple Crumble with Custard



**WELCOME TO YOUR SCHOOL LUNCH**

**WELCOME TO YOUR NEW MENU**  
 which has been created so your child can enjoy a delicious, balanced school lunch every day cooked fresh daily.  
 All our menus aim to offer great value, meet school food standards and are at the heart of the exciting food experiences we strive to create for our young diners.

**ALLERGEN INFORMATION**  
 We want all of our customers to feel comfortable when eating with us, so we hold full allergen information for all dishes that are served in our restaurants. If your child has an allergy we can provide a special menu for their requirements. Just ask for further information!

**MADE FROM GREAT INGREDIENTS, BY AWESOME PEOPLE!**

Our meals are balanced and made from ingredients which are sustainably sourced and better for animal welfare.

OVER 80% OF OUR DISHES ARE FRESHLY PREPARED EACH DAY

ALL OF THE EGGS WE USE ARE FREE RANGE & RSPCA ASSURED

**Love British Food**  
 Our ingredients are sourced from local and UK suppliers wherever possible - a fact we love to show off through our partnership with Love British Food.

**JUST LOOK AT WHAT YOUR CHILD GETS FROM A SCHOOL LUNCH**

**NUTRITIOUS MAIN MEALS** + **FRESHLY BAKED BREAD** + **A TRIP TO THE SALAD BAR** + **A DELICIOUS DESSERT**

**ENERGY & NUTRITION FOR A PRODUCTIVE AFTERNOON!**

**DOING MORE TO HELP PUPILS TOWARDS THEIR 5-A-DAY**

We have increased the amount of beans and pulses... that means more fibre & less saturated fat!

The salad bar is packed full of fresh vegetables

Your menu has more vegetable focused meals - making them more nutritious!

**PACKED FULL OF FAMILIAR FAVOURITES**

More familiar dishes we know they love

Re-engineered recipes to make popular dishes even healthier

Exciting options for KS2 pupils so the options grow as they do

**DOWNLOAD OUR APP NOW!**

Designed to make ordering meals even easier!

Click here to download it from App Store or Google Play store.

**GREAT VALUE**

**SAVE £500 A YEAR WITH FREE SCHOOL LUNCHES!**

From September, all primary aged pupils in London are eligible for free school lunches!

**CONTACT US:**

Payments and Meal Ordering

Nutrition Guidance



# ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Pupil absence and lateness account for lost learning. Lessons start at 09:00.  
We need to make sure as many children as possible are present in school on time every day.

## What YOU must do:

Try to telephone the school before 8.30am each day of your child's absence.

Tell the school in advance of any medical appointments, and bring in appointment cards/letters.

If you are not sure whether your child is well enough to attend school, send them in anyway as they often perk up on arrival, or consult the NHS guidance:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Have a backup plan for if your child misses transport to call on a family member, neighbour or friend.

**If you and your child are experiencing difficulties with school attendance then talk to us as a first step so we can help!**

## What WE will do:

Check your child's attendance every day.

Phone home to discuss your child's attendance with you.

Invite you into school for attendance meetings if we are concerned.

If we cannot establish a reason for absence, then we may make a welfare home visit.

**Tracy Sherry is our Attendance Officer.**

**Bev Swack is our LA Family Early Help Practitioner.**

## Children need to:

**Arrive at school by 08:50**

**Be seated in the classroom by 08:55**

**If children are not in their classrooms by 08:55 they are late.**

**Let's start as we mean to go on:  
all children, on time, every day**



# SCHOOL UNIFORM, PE KIT AND PE DAYS

All children are expected to wear full school uniform daily, and the school PE kit on PE days.

Nursery and Reception children do not get changed for PE, so do not need school PE kit.

**Children in Years 1-6 need school PE kit.**

**They come to school in their PE kit on PE days.**



**School PE kit is:**

**white T-shirt or white polo shirt**  
**black shorts/leggings/joggers**  
**school jumper/cardigan**  
**white/black/grey socks**  
**black trainers or plimsolls**



**Please do not send your child to school in non-uniform clothing.**

Year Group	PE Day
Nursery	Thursday
Reception	Friday
Year 1	Monday
Year 2	Tuesday
Year 3	Thursday
Year 4	Wednesday
Year 5	Friday
Year 6	Wednesday
Resource Base	Tuesday







On the Homepage of Brunswick's website there is the Events Diary, our X (Twitter) Feed and Quick Links to all the information you need. Please use it to stay up to date; it is there to help you.

## Uniform

Sweatshirts, cardigans, bookbags and swimming hats are available to buy or collect from the School Office on **Wednesdays from 3.30–4.00pm**. If you choose to pay in cash, please bring the right money as we cannot give change. If you choose to pay online via ParentMail, please pay for your item/s before coming to collect them.

**Age 13 - adult sweatshirts = £10.00**

**All other sweatshirts = £8.00**

**Age 13 - adult cardigans = £13.00**

**All other cardigans = £11.00**

**Book Bags = £4.00**

**Swimming Hats = £1.00**



### Making payments for goods and services at school

Payments for uniform, trips, Breakfast Club, top-up fees and Nursery After School Club can all be made either in cash at the School Office, or online, via ParentMail.

To pay for uniform online using ParentMail, you need to log in to your account and pay for the item/s before you collect them from the School on Wednesdays.

To pay for all other services – trips, Breakfast Club, top-up fees and Nursery After School Club – make sure your ParentMail account is registered to pay for the services you need, then you can pay for them online.

If you need support to register, please see the School Office Staff.

**WE HOPE THIS HELPS!**





## The Play Shelter After School Club @ Brunswick Park

**£55 per week**

**3.30 - 6.00pm Monday - Friday**

To register your child, contact the Centre Manager on **07905 007964**  
or visit the After School Club in the Dining Hall.

email: [admin@theplayselter.co.uk](mailto:admin@theplayselter.co.uk)

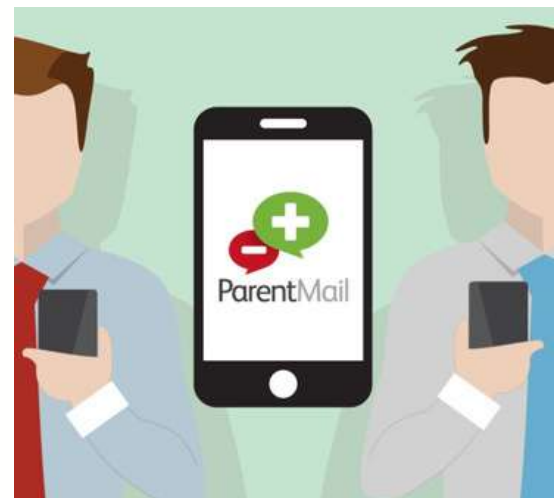
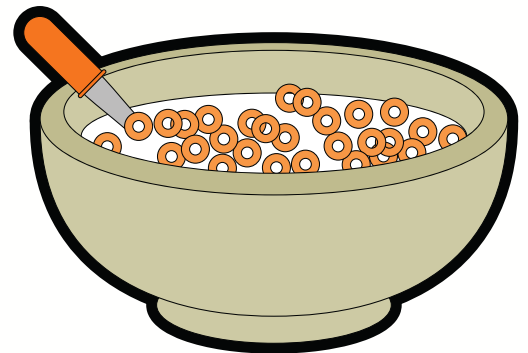
website: [www.theplayselter.co.uk](http://www.theplayselter.co.uk)

## Brunswick Park Breakfast Club

**Reception - Year 6**

**£15 per week**

regardless of the number of days children attend,  
payable a week in advance at the School Office  
and online via ParentMail.



**7.45am until the start of the school day, Monday - Friday**

In the Dining Hall, run by Brunswick's own staff: Mikaela, Linda and Karen  
Nursery Breakfast Club details available from the School Office

# Term Dates 2023/2024

## ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-2024

**DO NOT BOOK HOLIDAY IN TERM TIME**

**CHILDREN ARE ENTITLED TO 190 DAYS' EDUCATION PER YEAR**

### Autumn Term

**HALF TERM 1:** Monday 4 September 2023 to Friday 20 October 2023

**INSET DAY ON MONDAY 4 SEPTEMBER**

**CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 5 SEPTEMBER**

**HALF TERM BREAK:** Monday 23 October 2023 to Friday 27 October 2023

**HALF TERM 2:** Monday 30 October 2022 to Wednesday 20 December 2023

### Spring Term

**HALF TERM 3:** Monday 8 January 2024 to Friday 9 February 2024

**HALF TERM BREAK:** Monday 12 February 2024 to Friday 16 February 2024

**HALF TERM 4:** Monday 19 February 2024 to Thursday 28 March 2024

### Summer Term

**HALF TERM 5:** Monday 15 April 2024 to Friday 24 May 2024

(May Day bank holiday will be taken on 6 May)

**HALF TERM BREAK:** Monday 27 May 2024 to Friday 31 May 2024

**HALF TERM 6:** Monday 3 June 2024 to Thursday 25 July 2024

**INSET DAYS MONDAY 22, TUESDAY 23, WEDNESDAY 24, THURSDAY 25 JULY**

**LAST DAY IN SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN IS FRIDAY 19 JULY 2024**

**Children finish at 2.00pm on 20 December 2023, 28 March 2024 and 19 July 2024**

### Public Holidays:

Monday 25 December 2023:	Christmas Day Holiday
Tuesday 26 December 2023:	Boxing Day Holiday
Monday 1 January 2024:	New Year Holiday
Friday 29 March 2024:	Good Friday
Monday 1 April 2024:	Easter Monday
Monday 6 May 2024:	May Day Bank Holiday
Monday 27 May 2024:	Spring Bank Holiday
Monday 26 August 2024:	Summer Bank Holiday



## Reminders to all Parents and Carers

### Correct School Uniform:

Please ensure your child comes to school in the correct uniform. All children must wear black shoes or plain black trainers, black or grey school trousers or skirts and socks and Hijabs should be plain white, black or grey. Grey or black shorts or purple checked summer dresses can be worn in warm weather.

### Punctuality:

Please ensure your child arrives to school on time every day; arriving late is embarrassing and missed learning time affects achievement and stops your child from reaching his or her potential.

### Parking:

Picton Street is now monitored by Council cameras from 08:30 - 09:15 and 15:00 - 16:00. If you arrive by car please factor this in, as you will need to park elsewhere and walk into Picton Street, or risk a warning/fine.

## Safeguarding Information

The designated team for Safeguarding at Brunswick Park Primary is  
Susannah Bellingham  
Caroline Champion and  
Thomas Moudiotis.

If you have any concerns about any child, please contact us. We are committed to Safeguarding all children and members of our school community and take all concerns seriously.

For your information, key school policies are available on request from the School Office and can be downloaded from the school Website under the 'Our School' tab.

Please check the website, X (Twitter) and Instagram for further details about what children have been doing and learning in school.

Missed a newsletter? All newsletters are available for download from the School Website under the 'News' tab.

<http://www.brunswickparkprimary.co.uk>

## Whole School Attendance 1/9/23 - 20/10/23: 95.41%

If your child needs to be absent from school for exceptional reasons, you need to complete an Exceptional Leave Request Form in good time beforehand, available on the website and from the School Office.

***Remember - don't book holiday in term time - even if the tickets are cheaper - as it cannot be authorised.***

***Children are entitled to 190 days' education per year.***

## Whole School Attendance Target: 96%

### Right to Reply:

20/10/23: Please email the address below to give us constructive suggestions or comments, including your name and your child's class.

Thank you.

[office@brunswickpark.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:office@brunswickpark.southwark.sch.uk)