

TPS Newsletter

Friday 21th February



Attendance

Our attendance is **92.4%**

well below our whole school target of **95%**.

Please help us to get back to target level.

Best attendance for classes this week are as follows:

Y1 Atlantis 97.4%

Y3 Jupiter 98.1%

Y4 Pioneer = 99.1%



Well done to everyone!



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

98-100%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent – children are accessing all learning opportunities • 0-2 days absence in an academic year
96-97%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good – Very few learning opportunities are missed • 4-7 days absent in an academic year
94-95%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk of underachievement • Up to 10 school days absent in an academic year
92-93%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High risk of underachievement • Up to 15 school days absent in the academic year
90-91%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Severe risk of underachievement • Up to 19 school days absent in the academic year
<90%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extreme risk of underachievement • Upwards of 22 days absent in the academic year

Ms Wilson's Welcome back message

Dear TPS Families,

It was lovely to see all the children back after the half term break. Thank you for ensuring they were all smartly turned out in the correct school uniform.

I will just remind you that all school footwear should be black.

Behaviour Curriculum

This week we launched phase 1 our new behaviour curriculum with a mantra 'Walking with respect'. The children were made aware of the expectation to walk sensibly and safely around the school- please ask them about it.

Term dates 26-27

I am aware that many of you are keen to know the dates for next school year. I have added them to the end of the newsletter and they will be added to the website.

Instagram

I do hope you have all been enjoying our instagram stories.

Enjoy the glitter disco this evening - see you there.



Governor's page



Last evening, 26th February, we held a full governors meeting at school. There has been quite a bit of change with our governors over the past months and we wanted to let you know who we are! We are all writing biographies which will be on the school website soon, we have a good mix of two parents; Chris Griffin and Sophie Bancroft, three community governors, Hannah Betteridge, Nim Patel and our chair, Dave Chamberlain. We had excellent representation from the leadership team: Headteacher, Ms Wilson, Deputy Head teacher, Ms Stevens-Cox, Assistant Heads, Mrs Scott-Lewis and Mrs Sharpe, SENCO Ms Stewart, alongside colleagues from Graveney Trust.

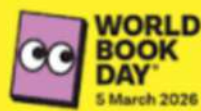
What do we talk about?

Ms Wilson provides a head teacher's report which covers everything from safeguarding, curriculum progress, attendance, safeguarding and the SEN provision for both mainstream and base. There is a separate finance report which we go through in some detail as many of the items raised come back to finance. The Trust works to use it's income effectively to provide the best outcome for the children.

The meeting was positive with good challenge and collaboration from all parties and we are looking forward to a governor's day at school in the coming weeks.

Sophie Bancroft
Parent Governor





£1 Book Token



Choose your £1 book **for free!**



Win Noko's ultimate reading bundle!

Discover the incredible world of books, books, books!

Win a Noko Player and up to £2000 worth of book tokens with just 2000 cards to choose from.

20 bundles up for grabs! One available to enter.

World Book Day 2026 is just around the corner! It is taking place on Thursday 5th March.

We have lots of exciting events planned leading up to World Book Day and on the day itself.

#ReadYourWay

We are inviting your child to come to school on World Book Day dressed up as their favourite book character, a historical figure from a non-fiction text, or ANYTHING they feel comfortable wearing to settle down and read a good book! Your child will have received their World Book Day £1 Book Token today which can be redeemed in participating retailers from TODAY!



Come and join local author Nadine Wild-Palmer for an interactive storytelling and music-making session to celebrate World Book Day on Thursday, 5th March at Tooting library from 4 pm!

Nadine will be bringing her Magical Musical suitcase, so come and make some noise, join in with a story and some arts and crafts too! Don't forget to dress as your favourite book character and feel free to bring your own instruments too!

All ages welcome

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**#interactivestorytelling #childrensliterature #childrensstoryteller
#familyfriendlyfun #worldbookday2026
@nadinewildpalm @tootinglibrarysw17**



Welcome back to school!

We hope you all had a wonderful break
and are ready for an exciting term
ahead.



We hope that those who celebrated
Lunar New Year had a joyful and
special time with family and friends.

Ramadhan Mubarak to everyone
observing — we wish you a peaceful
and blessed month.

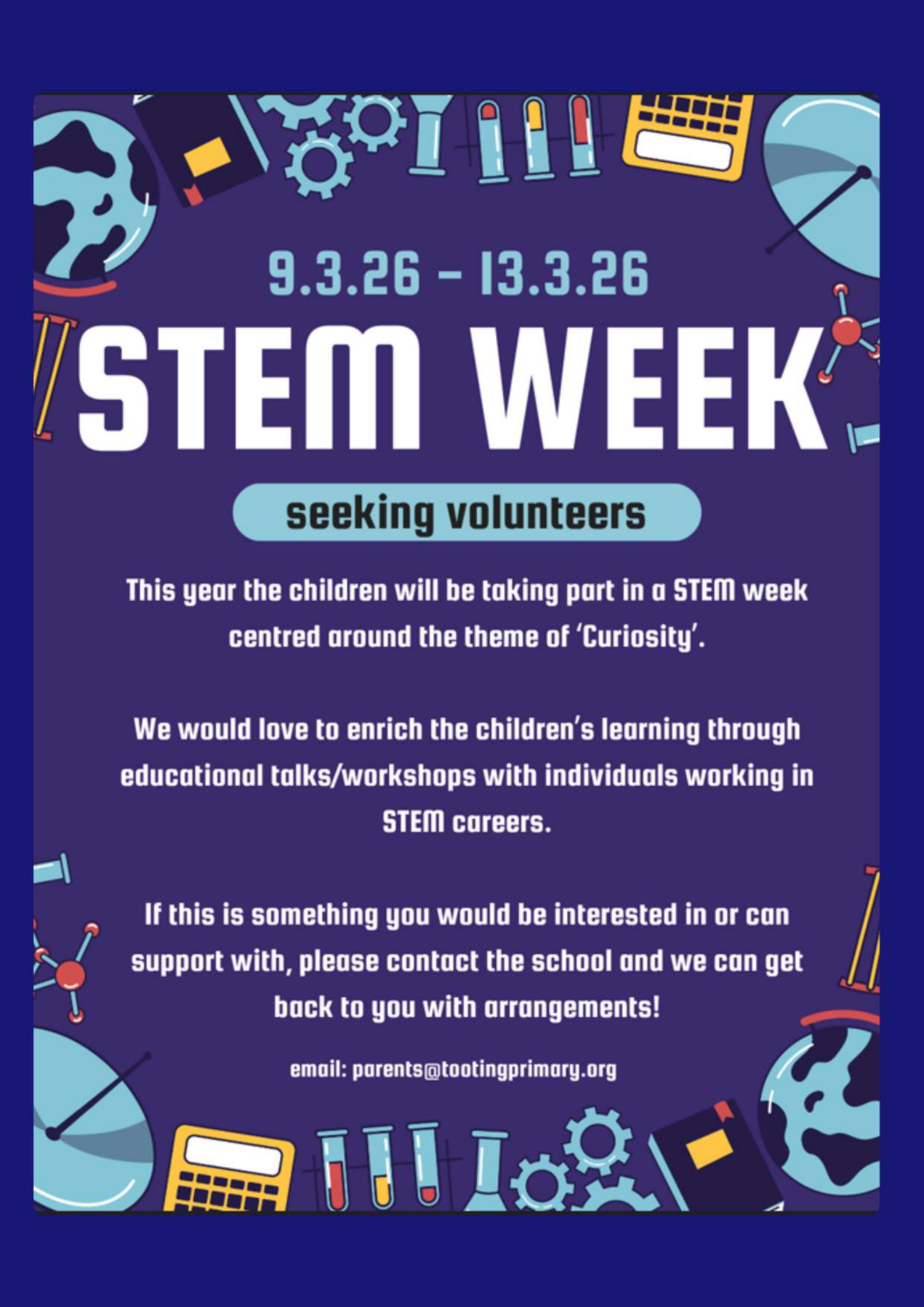


RAMADHAN PRAYER ROOM

12:30-1pm
ICT Suite
23rd February-20th March

During Ramadan, a prayer room will be available in
school for children and adults to use. The room will
be supervised by an adult at all times and is
intended for prayer and quiet reflection.





9.3.26 – 13.3.26

STEM WEEK

seeking volunteers

This year the children will be taking part in a STEM week centred around the theme of 'Curiosity'.

We would love to enrich the children's learning through educational talks/workshops with individuals working in STEM careers.

If this is something you would be interested in or can support with, please contact the school and we can get back to you with arrangements!

email: parents@tootingprimary.org

WHAT'S THE SCOOP IN THE DISCOVERY ZONE



Little Explorers

NEWSLETTER

This week in English, we have been extremely busy learning all about trains. We explored different pictures of trains from across the UK and talked about what we noticed, including how trains can look different depending on where they travel. The children shared some fantastic observations during our discussions.

We also worked together as a team to build our very own wooden train set. The children showed excellent cooperation skills, taking turns, sharing resources, and using their imaginations to create wonderful railway tracks with their peers.

In Maths, we are beginning to learn about measurement. We have started exploring how to measure different objects and are learning to use key vocabulary such as longer, shorter, taller, and smaller. We look forward to continuing to build on these skills next week.

Well done, LEX, for another fantastic and busy week of learning!

Caught In Our Learning



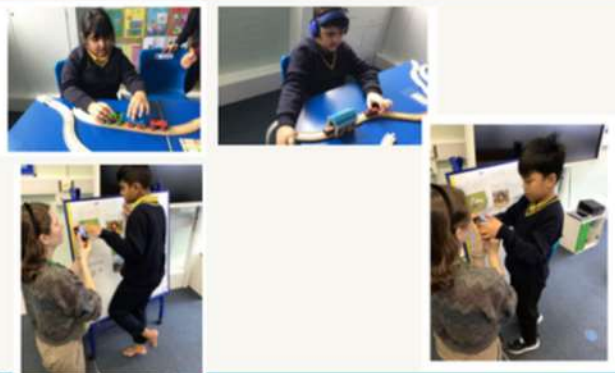
Reminders

Upcoming Trip to - London British Transport Museum - 12th March 2026

CLASSROOM NEWSLETTER

WHAT WE LEARNED

This week in Voyager we started a new book in English 'The Train Ride'. We listened to the story and started exploring the main theme of transport as well as identifying the various characters that feature in the book.



Tooting Primary School // GALAXY CLASS

First Week Back

Galaxy Newsletter

27/02/2026

A WEEK OF TELLING STORIES AND THE TIME

What has the famous Galaxy class been learning about?



This week in Galaxy Class, the children have been busy building their understanding of time in Maths. They practised telling the time to the nearest minute, explored the differences between digital and analogue clocks, and developed their skills in predicting and calculating the duration of events.

In English, we focused on retelling parts of stories using more interesting verbs and adverbs to make our writing lively and engaging. The children worked hard to add detail and expression to bring their storytelling to life.

PLEASE READ THE WHOLE ARTICLE ON THE NEXT PAGE

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What's the scoop in Reception?



The sun came out and we made the most of it! The children had a wonderful time building a castle, creating beanstalks out of playdough, and exploring lots of fun water play outdoors.



In maths, we have been looking at making doubles. We practiced making them using our fingers!



We have been learning about how Ramadan is celebrated and how people break their fast with dates. We thought they were sweet and sticky!



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Name	Class	Reason
L'maa	Little Explorers	For actively participating in all learning and showing a growth mindset when completing group activities.
Yusuf	Voyager	For participating well in group learning and working hard when completing tablework tasks with increased independence. Well done Yusuf!
Kian	Galaxy	Kian has truly stood out as a fantastic role model for others through his positive attitude, kindness, and dedication to always doing his best.
Nomi	Apollo	For being an excellent role model, moving around the school and demonstrating how to walk with respect. Nomi has been an excellent teacher, supporting her class mates to learn their phonics sounds.
Salem	Mercury	Salem has had a fantastic first week back! He has been walking around the school calmly and with respect, modelling this to other children. Salem has tried so hard with his listening this week, we are so proud!
Alice	Atlantis	This week, Atlantis has been working hard to walk around the school with respect. Alice always sets an excellent example for others to follow, showing kindness and responsibility by reminding her friends to move calmly and safely through the hallways. Well done, Alice!
Ruben	Enterprise	We are really proud of Ruben this week. He has been working extremely hard to show good listening, follow instructions and has been a great role model when Walking with Respect around school.
Rosalba	Endeavour	For showing outstanding respect by walking thoughtfully around school, being aware of others, and helping create a calm environment. You are a brilliant role model!

Star of the Week!

Name	Class	Reason
Alex	Gemini	Alex has had a fantastic week back in school. He has been walking with respect around the school and has been a great role model to all of his peers. He has tried so hard in all of his lessons and we are so proud of you Alex, keep up the good work!
Arlo	Viking	Arlo is passionate about his learning and shows resilience every day making him a wonderful role model. He always strives to complete challenge questions. Well done for going above and beyond!
Milo	Jupiter	Milo has been doing an amazing job this week as he has been walking around our school with respect! He remembers all the rules and makes sure to follow them, setting a fantastic example to all of his peers!
Louie	Mariner	Louie has been wonderful this week at showing respect by how he follows routines in and out of the classroom. He is quick to line up quietly and sensibly and has been walking with respect around the school every day.
Alesha	Pioneer	For being an excellent line leader and role model this week. Alesha always walks around the school with respect. In fact Alesha always follows our value of respect, well done.
Amira	Mir	Amira has been a fantastic role model for behaviour and respect, not just this week but consistently every week. I am so impressed with the way she continues to uphold our school values. She models beautifully how we walk with respect around the school and represents us brilliantly in the community when we go swimming. We are very proud of her.
Zak	Selene	Zak has been voted for by his classmates for walking with respect around the school and being a good role model for others. Well done!
Charlotte	Juno	Charlotte has consistently been an excellent role model to others. She does this across all of her learning, inside and outside the classroom and walks around our school respectfully. What a superstar!
Rafe	Ariel	Rafe has started this term with a great sense of maturity and respect. This has been really evident in how he has walked around the school, clearly demonstrating how we walk with respect at TPS. Well done Rafe - keep it up!

Guitar Lessons at TPS

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LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

FREE

DEADLINE 14th FEB!!!

Tuesday 17th February 2026
10am - 3pm
Tooting Bec Leisure Centre, SW17 ONE

All bookings must be completed by 14th February. Places are subject to availability.
Early drop-off and late pick-up is available for an additional fee of £5
Parents/guardians are responsible for providing water and packed lunch
Full details, including suitability and policies are available on our website: TheActivePlayground.co.uk/events

Picture This.

A Mother's Day Pop-Up Photoshoot

Because you're usually the one behind the camera - it's time to be in the frame!

What's Included?

- 6 professionally-edited timeless photos
- Relaxed 20-minute photoshoot
- A soft, elegant backdrop surrounded by fresh spring tulips
- Kid-friendly space

Date : 7th March 2026
Location: Tooting Broadway
Time: 12:00 - 17:00
Cost: £45

Pictures will be delivered right in time for Mother's Day!

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AFC WIMBLEDON v PLYMOUTH
SUNDAY 22 FEBRUARY, 2PM
PLOUGH LANE, SW17 0NR

AFC WIMBLEDON v BILLERICAY
SUNDAY 1 MARCH, 3PM
PLOUGH LANE, SW17 0NR

AFC Wimbledon Women are back at the Cherry Red Records Stadium, and we are giving you TWO great opportunities to join us - **FOR FREE!** We love being part of our community, and want to share the love of the game with you. We hope to see as many of you as possible in the stands!

HOW TO CLAIM YOUR FREE TICKETS:

Use the code **AFCLPL** on tickets.afcwimbledon.ltd.uk in the Promotional Code field.

Once entered, you can choose the amount of tickets you need (up to 10), and then download your tickets either to your phone, or have them printed.

The code is valid for both games, and you can claim free tickets for either or both games.

AT THE GROUND:

Entry to the ground is via Gate 3, opposite Lidl - the gate opens one hour before kick-off. We will have food, drinks and fun activations available ahead of the game, so make sure you get there in time to get the full experience!

There will also be a programme and player cards for sale, which all the players will sign after the game!

If you have any questions ahead of the games, please reach out to women@afcwimbledon.ltd.uk



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WEDNESDAYS
6pm - 7pm

Wimbledon High School,
Mansel Road, SW19 4AB

LAMBETH HUB

TUESDAYS
5pm - 6pm

Black Prince,
Beaufoy Walk, SE11 6AA

MERTSHAM HUB

WEDNESDAYS

Age 5-11 6-6.45pm
Age 12+ 6.45-7.45pm

Lime Tree Primary School
Bottlebridge Lane, Mersham
RH1 3DS

SUTTON HUB

WEDNESDAYS
4pm - 5pm

The Change Foundation,
Plough Lane, SM6 8JQ

GIRLS ONLY HUB

Venue & time TBC -
please contact Caroline
Robinson for more info

WORCESTER PARK & EPSOM HUB

THURSDAYS
6pm - 7pm

Blenheim High School
Longmead Rd, Epsom
KT19 9BH

WANDSWORTH HUB

MONDAYS
5pm - 6pm

Ernest Bevin Academy
Beechcroft Rd, London
SW17 7DF

ROWLEDGE HUB

THURSDAYS
6pm - 7.30pm

Weydon School
Weydon Lane, Farnham
GU9 8UG

VALLEY END HUB

SUNDAYS
10.30am - 12.30pm

Eastwood Leisure Centre
Albert Drive, Sheerwater,
Woking GU21 5RF

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Larry the Llama

at Tooting Library



Join Simon James Green as he tells the tale of Larry the Llama, a llama who secretly loves to groove & move. Find out how he finds his dancing mojo in Llama Glamarama.

So put on your dancing shoes and move your feet to the beat in this interactive story telling session to celebrate LGBTQ+ History Month.

Date: Friday 20th February

Time: 10.30am

Find out more visit Tooting.Library@gll.org

Wandsworth Libraries

BETTER

TPA Newsletter

27 February 2026

Raising money to help fund school trips, sports & playground equipment and so much more!



A hole lot of books & doughnuts

To celebrate World Book Day, we're hosting 'Doughnuts & Daydreams', a Krispy Kreme doughnut & book sale on Friday 6 March from 3.15-4pm! Pop along after school to pick up some delicious doughnuts and grab a bargain book or two. It's the perfect opportunity to refresh your home bookshelf, discover a new favourite read, and keep that Book Week excitement going. Sweet treats and great stories - what better combination?

Could your employer double our fundraising?

Many companies offer matched funding schemes, where they match charitable donations or fundraising carried out by their employees - often pound for pound. This includes **large corporates, banks, professional services firms, tech companies, utilities, insurers and major retailers**. Some employers will even match funds raised at school events or provide grants based on volunteer hours. **It's a simple way to double the value of what we raise for the school at no extra cost.** We're asking all parents and carers to check with their HR team or company intranet to see if matched giving is available. Please email tpa@tootingprimary.org if you can get involved!

There was a whole lot of love before half term and the bake sale raised... **£262!!!**

Thank you to everyone involved in the Curry & Quiz night

We raised
£760!!

Plus a massive shout out to all the local restaurants who donated towards the night:



APOLLO BANANA LEAF

Raise regular donations for the TPS with your weekly food shop!



HOW TO GET INVOLVED:

- 1 Download the easyfundraising app
- 2 Choose Tooting Primary School - London as your cause
- 3 See retailers donate whenever you shop

Term Dates

Friday 19th December – Last day of term, **early finish, 2pm**

Spring Term 2026

Monday 5th January, 2026 – Inset day (no children in school)

Friday 13th February, 2026-Inset day (no children in school)

TUESDAY 6th JANUARY – CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL

Thursday 12th February – last day, break up for Half Term

Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February – Half Term Holiday

MONDAY 23rd February – CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL

Friday 27th March– Last day of term, **early finish, 2pm**

Summer Term 2026

Monday 13th April – CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL (NO INSET DAY)

Monday 4th May – Bank holiday (no children in school)

Friday 22nd May – last day, break up for Half Term

Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May – Half Term Holiday

Monday 1st June – CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL

Friday 17th July – last day of term, **early finish 2pm**

Monday 20th July – Inset Day (no children in school)

2026-2027

TERM DATES

Term	Start	End	Days
Autumn Inset Days 2026	Tuesday 1 September 2026	Wednesday 2 September 2026	2
Autumn 1 Term 2026	Thursday 3 September 2026	Friday 23 October 2026	37
<i>Half term</i>	<i>Monday 26 October 2026</i>	<i>Friday 30 October 2026</i>	
Autumn 2 Term 2026	Monday 2 November 2026	Friday 18 December 2026	35
Spring Inset Days 2026	Monday 4 January 2027		1
Spring 1 Term 2027	Tuesday 5th January	Friday 12 February 2027	29
<i>Half term</i>	<i>Monday 15 February 2027</i>	<i>Friday 19 February 2027</i>	
Spring 2 Term 2027	Monday 22 February 2027	Thursday 25 March 2027	24
Summer Inset Days 2027	Monday 7 June 2027	Thursday 22 July 2027	2
Summer 1 Term 2026	Monday 12 April 2027	Friday 28 May 2027 (NB May Day Bank Hol on 3 May)	34
<i>Half term</i>	<i>Monday 31 May 2027</i>	<i>Friday 4 June 2027</i>	
Summer 2 Term 2026	Tuesday 8th June 2027	Wednesday 21 July	32
			195