



PART OF THE GRAVENEY TRUST

TOOTING PRIMARY SCHOOL

Inspiring excellence

Newsletter

Next issue: Friday 9th Oct

Friday, 25th Sept 2026

Staff Appreciation Day



Today we celebrated our fantastic teaching assistants on National Teaching Assistants Day. We believe it is very important to demonstrate how much we value the work of our colleagues who go far and above the call of duty to support, nurture, teach and guide the children whilst simultaneously enabling us to be more efficient and effective in our roles. Today they were served breakfast treats as they mingled with each other - a rare opportunity in a busy school day. A selection of self-reflective affirmation cards dotted around the table hopefully resonated enabling each person to self-reflect. We thank you!



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The Children's Commissioner needs you!

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>

What have we been up to this week?



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We are going for Silver - Rights Aware!



It's a busy half term for us all at TPS. Keep an eye on the diary dates below!

Important Dates Autumn 1

25.09.26 Year 6 Parents please complete Residential form [here](#)

2.10.26 Jupiter to Fulham Palace

6.10.26 School photos (individual and sibling)

8.10.26 Quiz and Curry Night!

12.10.26 Year 4 to London Mithraeum Bloomberg

12 - 16.10.26 TPS Book Fair

16.10.26 Viking to Fulham Palace

20.10.26 Parents Evening

23.10.26 Halloween Bake Sale

26.10.26 - 30.10.26 Half Term

Have you ever thought about becoming a School Governor?

Dear Parent/Carer,

An Exciting Opportunity to Become a Parent Governor

We are pleased to let you know that there is currently a vacancy on the Governing Body for a Parent Governor. Being a parent governor is a fantastic opportunity to play an active part in the life of our school and to help shape its future.

Parent governors bring an important and unique perspective to the Governing Body. Alongside the other governors, parent governors help to look at the 'big picture' of the school. Governors work together with the school to keep its aims and vision at the heart of decision-making and, above all, act in the best interests of the whole school community.

Any parent or carer of a child at the school is eligible to be nominated and to stand for election as a Parent Governor. If you would like to put yourself forward, or nominate another parent/carers for this role, please complete the nomination form, (see email) including an election address from the nominee of no more than 250 words. If we receive more nominations than there are available places, a secret ballot will be held and every parent/carers will have the opportunity to vote.

Parent governors are expected to attend:

One subcommittee and one Full Governing Body meeting each term. This is a total of six meetings a year and the dates are set at the beginning of the year.

Our annual Governors' Day, when governors are invited into school to spend time with pupils and teachers and take part in a range of activities.

You do not need to have previous experience of being a governor. What matters most is your interest in our school, your willingness to listen and ask questions, and your enthusiasm for helping our school continue to thrive.

If you would like to find out more about the role, I would be very happy to answer any questions. You can contact me on the telephone number below or at jgriffiths@graveney.wandsworth.sch.uk. If you would prefer to speak to someone who is already a governor about their experience, please email me and I can arrange for a current governor to get in touch with you.

Completed nomination forms must be returned to me by 12 noon on Wednesday 7 October 2026. You can return your form by posting to Graveney School, dropping at reception (Graveney School or Tooting Primary School) or emailing a scan to me.

Thank you for considering this opportunity.

Regards,

Jacqui Griffiths
Graveney Trust
Governance Professional

0208 682 7047



Class

LEX

Voyager

Galaxy

Apollo

Mercury

Atlantis

Enterprise

Endeavour

Gemini

Jupiter

Viking

Mariner

Pioneer

Mir

Selene

Ariel

Juno

Star Awards

18.9.26

Abigail

Riyon

Aalia

Kit

Hafsa

Theo

Ryan

Barney

Arisha

Myla

Rosalba

Rafe

Swaleh

Minnie

Mason

Hope

Caspar

25.09.26

Zach

Manal

Kian

Edith

Muad

Subhan

Myra

Sam

Albie

Qasim

Jacob

Mishri

Milo

Harrison

Eliza

Zayd

Jaden

Every Child, Every Day

Our big goals for a brilliant school year

Support • Attend • Achieve • Aspire • Communicate



Our attendance is **93.82 %**
upwards to our whole school target of **95%.**

Please help us to get back to target level.

Best attendance for classes this week are as follows:



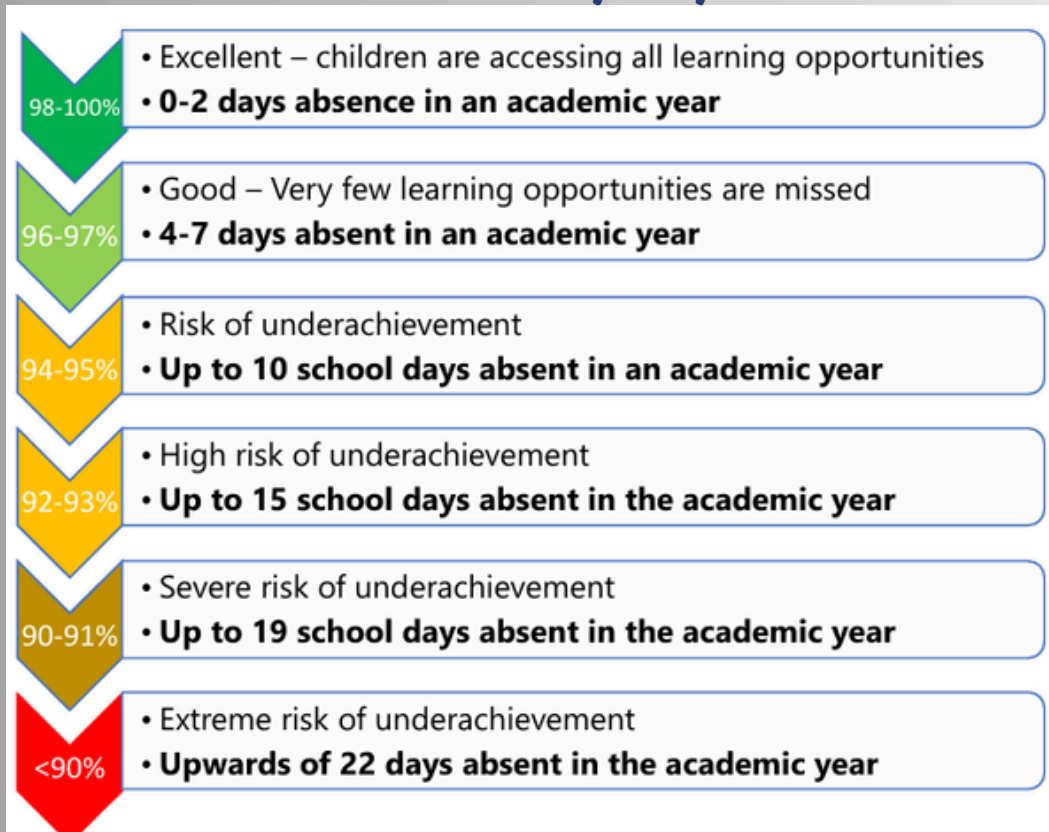
Mercury = 95.6%

Y1 Atlantis & Y2 Enterprise = 94.8%

Y4 Pioneer = 94.3%

Well done to everyone!

Every Child, Every Day



Every day counts!

Our current
attendance
93.8%.



We are moving
in the right
direction-
Yayy!!

Freshwater Theatre Workshop with Year 2



Our children had a fantastic time taking part in Freshwater Theatre's 'Inspirational Women' workshop. Through lively drama, storytelling and interactive activities, the children explored the lives and achievements of remarkable women from history.



The workshop really brought their stories to life, and the children thoroughly enjoyed getting involved, using their imaginations and learning in such an engaging and memorable way. There was a wonderful buzz of enthusiasm afterwards!

A huge thank you to the TPA for funding this experience!



Our message to the children for 26-27

Our five big ideas

Five simple words to remember

SUPPORT

Get the help
you need.

ATTEND

Be here
every day.

ACHIEVE

Keep
learning
and
improving.

ASPIRE

Aim high and
believe in
yourself.

COMMUNICATE

Speak up,
listen and be
kind.

These five things help us make our school a great place to learn.

EVERY CHILD, EVERY DAY • 4

We shared these messages with the children at the start of the term.

It is what we are working on this year and will form our thinking, planning & doing.

The children know what we expect from them and what they can expect from us .

Every Child. Every Day.

KNOWN

SUPPORTED

CHALLENGED

READY TO SUCCEED

Our message for the year:

**Be here.
Keep learning.
Aim high.
Ask for help.
Be kind.**

SUPPORT • ATTEND • ACHIEVE • ASPIRE • COMMUNICATE

What can you expect from adults?

BELIEVE IN YOU

Adults believe you can learn and improve.

SUPPORT YOU

Adults help you when you need it.

CHALLENGE YOU

Adults encourage you to do your best.

LISTEN TO YOU

Adults listen when something is worrying you.

March 2027

- CUTTING**
- Monday 1st March 2027 is offers day, the day you find out which school your child has been offered. If you've applied online, you can log into your account from 10pm to find out the result of your application and/or you will receive an email that evening. If you've applied on a paper form, a letter will be posted to you on this day.
 - If you are happy with the offer, accept the place by the deadline stated, as otherwise you'll be losing the place. If you are not happy with the offer, your child's name can be added to the waiting lists of those schools you put as a higher preference.
 - Even if you do not want your child to go to the school that you have been offered, it is advisable to accept the place your child has been offered and then wait to see if a place becomes available at a higher preference school. Waiting lists move and change in the months after offers day.
 - If your child hasn't been offered your first preference but you believe he/she should have been, you can also appeal the decision. For more information contact Wandsworth Education Appeals Service by email at educationappeals@wandsworth.gov.uk or by telephone on 020 8871 7554.



Your Guide to Applying to a Wandsworth Secondary School 2026/27

July 2026

- PREPARE**
- To apply online, you will need to create an account, visit www.educations.org.uk
 - If your child has an EHCP (Educational Health and Care Plan), or one in progress, contact pupil services on 020 8871 7316 or admissions@wandsworth.gov.uk before making an application.

September 2026

- RESEARCH**
- Download the 'Choose a Wandsworth Secondary School' brochure for information about each school in the borough, entry requirements and details about the previous year's student admissions and a maximum distance admitted from. This is uploaded to the Council's website in September.
 - If possible, you should visit any schools that you are considering. Open days are held in the summer and autumn terms. You can find the dates on school websites or on the Wandsworth Council website.
 - Your child's primary school may hold a meeting about the application process and transfer to secondary school.
 - Some schools require a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) e.g. for church or specialist places and may hold a specialist aptitude test. Some SIFs must be submitted by an earlier deadline in September.
 - More details on www.wandsworth.gov.uk/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place
 - If you wish your child to take the Wandsworth Test, you must register them for this by early September 2026. Some schools require applicants to take the test but Southfields Academy does not. We carry out our own testing when students start with us. More detail about the test is available from www.wandsworth.gov.uk/about-the-year-6-test or your child's primary school will have more information.

October 2026

- APPLY**
- The deadline to apply for a secondary school place is 31st October 2026.
 - Paper application forms can be found on the Wandsworth Secondary School Admissions page. If you live outside Wandsworth you should apply through your own borough.
 - You can express a preference for up to six schools. To avoid disappointment, ensure that these are realistic choices.
 - You can apply for schools outside of Wandsworth.
 - All the state schools that you are applying for, whether in Wandsworth or not, should be listed in order of preference on your [educations.org.uk](http://www.educations.org.uk) application or Wandsworth paper application form.
 - Visit www.wandsworth.gov.uk/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place for further information on the progress of your application.

Dear Parent/Carer,

Choosing the right secondary school for your child is never easy, especially if this is your first time. Even the application process can seem daunting.

This short guide has been designed to make this task easier. It provides you with all the key dates, useful links and friendly advice. We do hope you find it useful.

If you would like help completing your child's application, Southfields Academy will be hosting workshops to assist with this task. For more details, please contact Sean French at sean.french@southfieldsacademy.com

We wish you and your child all the best as you embark on this exciting new chapter in your lives.

Southfields Academy

Southfields Academy Open Events 2026



"Your school's performance places it among the very best nationally, and this is a significant achievement. The success reflects the dedication of your staff and the hard work of your pupils. It shows what can be achieved when ambition and commitment come together. Thank you for everything you do to give children the best possible opportunities to succeed."

The Rt. Hon. Bridget Phillipson MP, Secretary of State for Education
January 2026 in reference to our 2024/25 outcomes for disadvantaged students

Autumn Term 2026 Open Events

Thursday 1 st October	08:45-10:15
Tuesday 6 th October	08:45-10:15
Thursday 8 th October	17:30-19:30
Tuesday 13 th October	08:45-10:15
Wednesday 14 th October	08:45-10:15
Thursday 15 th October	08:45-10:15
Tuesday 20 th October	08:45-10:15

At all other times, we welcome visits during the school day, please email: sean.french@southfieldsacademy.com or phone: 020 8875 2661

SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS

Every book you buy earns FREE BOOKS for our school

COME TO OUR BOOK FAIR

AND FIND YOUR NEXT FAVOURITE READ!



DATE: 12.10 - 16.10 TIME: 3:30-4:00pm
LOCATION: The Discovery Zone via the school office

GO ALL IN.

St George's Healthcare NHS Trust

Understanding and Supporting Children That Communicate Through Echolalia

An exciting offer from St. Georges Speech and Language Therapy department

Understand and recognise if your child might follow this language development

What will we cover?

- What is echolalia?
- Gain an understanding of immediate and delayed echolalia
- Key tools to use at school and at home

Become a language detective!
Discover the meaning behind your child's talking...

Join our webinar on 13.10.26
9:30am-12:30pm
Register your interest by 06.10.26 using the link:
<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/sj atTrBNqn>

Contact your child's school therapist OR call 02087258042 for more information

TOOTING PRIMARY ASSOCIATION (TPA) NEWSLETTER

25 September 2026

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



TOOTING PRIMARY SCHOOL INVITES YOU TO

CURRY & QUIZ NIGHT



THURSDAY 8 OCTOBER

7 - 9.30 PM | MAIN HALL

£15 A TICKET (INCLUDES CURRY)

Up to 6 in a team
(teams can be
arranged on
the night)

Advance booking
is essential. Book
your ticket
TODAY!



★★★★★ TPA ★★★★★

WANTED



40 HOUSES ACROSS SW17 TO
HOST A PLUSROOMS BOARD
IN EXCHANGE, PLUSROOMS WILL GIVE A...

£30 REWARD TO THE TPA

EMAIL US IF YOU CAN HELP!

LET'S GO BIGGER. BETTER. FURTHER.

This year, we want to raise even more money for our school and our children. To make it happen, we need **MORE VOLUNTEERS!**

1. JOIN THE COMMITTEE

Help shape the TPA and support events and fundraising throughout the year.

2. JOIN FRIENDS OF TPA

A flexible way to help out when you can, at events or behind the scenes.

3. JOIN THE NEW PRIZE TEAM

A new team dedicated to finding fantastic raffle and auction prizes.

Learn more at the AGM next month!

TPA AGM



THURSDAY
1 OCTOBER 26



7 - 7.30PM



ONLINE
LINK TO FOLLOW



tootingparentsassociation



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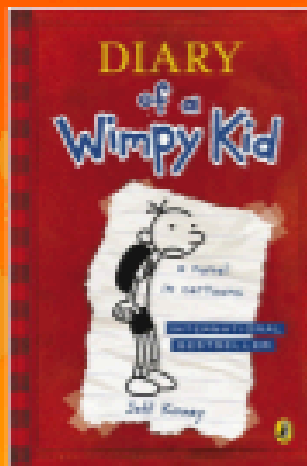
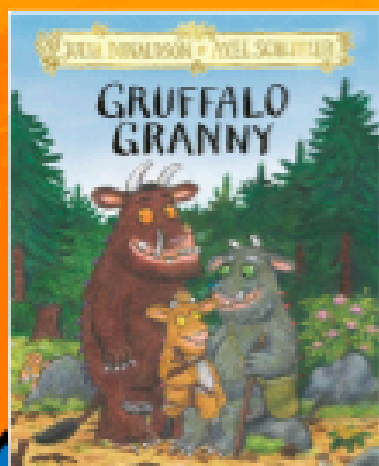
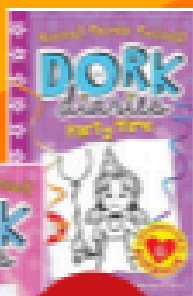


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National
Year of
Reading
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