



DRUMBEAT SCHOOL

Newsletter — Spring Term 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now halfway through the Spring term and half-term week has been and gone. We hope you all had a good week despite the wet weather.

Spring 1 was another busy term where we continued our partnership with International schools and had a visit from education professionals working in Stockholm, Sweden. Their feedback was truly heartwarming:

“ I am very, very impressed by your school – both the indoor and outdoor environments – but above all for the way you and your staff meet and interact with the students. You should be very proud! Your work around communication is especially interesting and inspiring.” Florence (Principal of a SEN school in Strängnäs, Sweden).

As always, we were most proud of our pupils' engagement in learning, self-regulation and positive attitudes throughout the visit.

We are looking forward to another eventful and fun packed half term. See Dates for the Diary for more information.

Marie Neave
Executive Headteacher

Dates for the Diary...

Friday, 13 February

Last day of term

Monday, 23 February

First day of term

Wednesday, 24 February

**School Photographer
(Turnham & Brockley)**

2nd — 6th March

National Careers Week
all three sites

Thursday, 5 March

World Book Day
Downham & Turnham

Wednesday, 18 March

An Easter Church Celebration
Brockley Students

Friday, 20 March

Red Nose Day

Friday, 27 March

Last day of term
School will close at 1pm on this day

Monday, 13 April

First day of term

Parent Workshops

Thursday 26 February 2026 9.30am	Supporting students with restrictive diets at home and school	Downham	Kamaria and Kirsty (OT team) and Alice (Dietician)
Wednesday 11 March 2026 10am	De-escalating behaviour at home	Downham	Natasha and Millie (Learning Mentors)
Tuesday 24 March 2026 9.30am	'Making Connections' Social Coffee Morning	Downham	Sheryl and Nicola (Family Liaison Officers)



**PLEASE UPDATE YOUR
CONTACT DETAILS**

**Pease ensure that your contact details
and address is up to date.
If you have any changes, please let the
office your local SEN know.**



FRIENDLY REMINDER



SCHOOL START & FINISH TIMES



START TIME:
8:50–9:00AM



END TIME:
3:00–3:15PM



Doors open at 8:50 AM for drop off and 2:50 PM for collections.



- ✓ Please ensure you arrive on time.
- ✓ Late arrivals disrupt learning and routines.
- ✓ Collect your child promptly at the end of school.

Thank you for helping us keep things running smoothly!





Parent Coffee Morning:

Supporting Your Child's Eating Journey



**Thursday 26th February 2026
9.30am - 11am
Downham site**

Come along to learn about how to help your child with a limited diet, share your experiences and hear from other parents.

Led by Drumbeat OT and NHS Dietician.











 Atlas Class have been reading and learning "The Gruffalo".







 Next half-term, they will have a Gruffalo





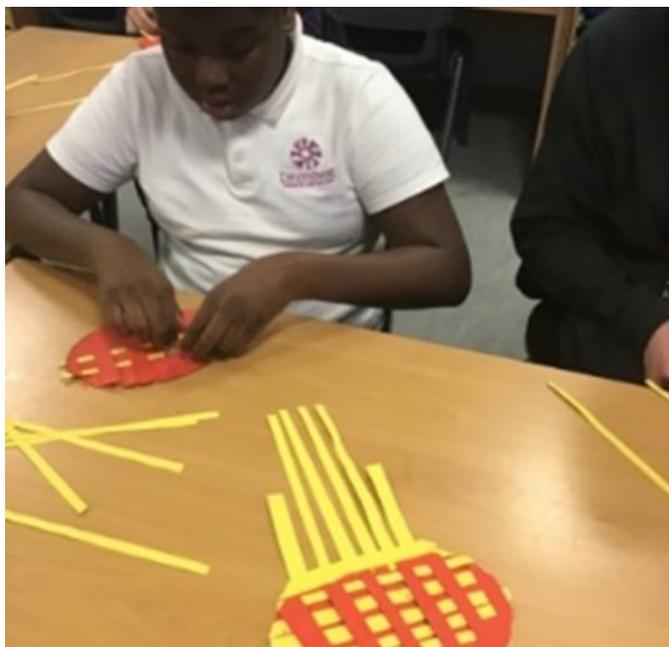



 dress-up day and make a Gruffalo story video!

Excalibur class

Welcome to our latest Excalibur Class newsletter! Here's a look at the exciting learning and celebrations we've enjoyed since returning in the new year.

Since we came back in the new year, we have been celebrating different festivals and celebrations in Excalibur class. We have been looking at birthday celebrations, the Chinese New Year festival, and Pancake Day. In art, we created vibrant dragons and Chinese lanterns while learning about the meaning behind these celebrations. During our cooking lessons, everyone took turns making pancakes and exploring different toppings to enjoy.

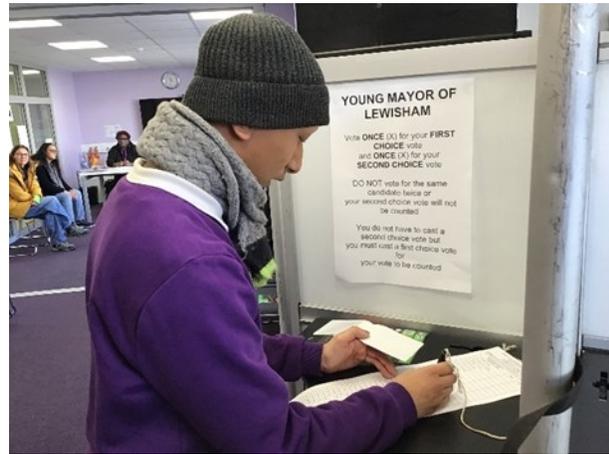
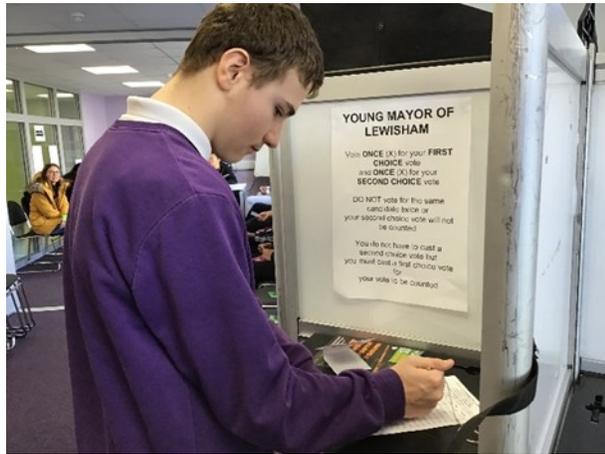


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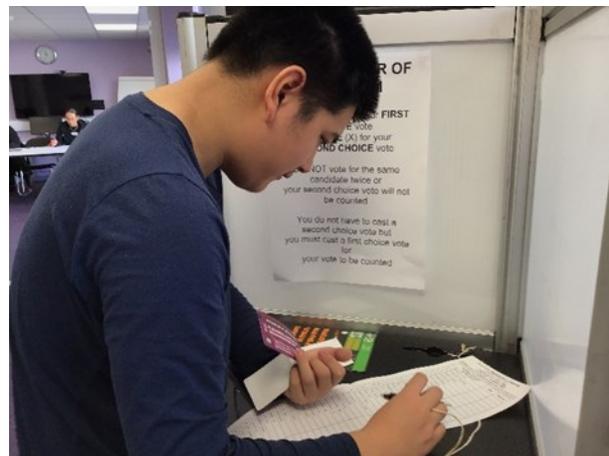


Peckham Rye

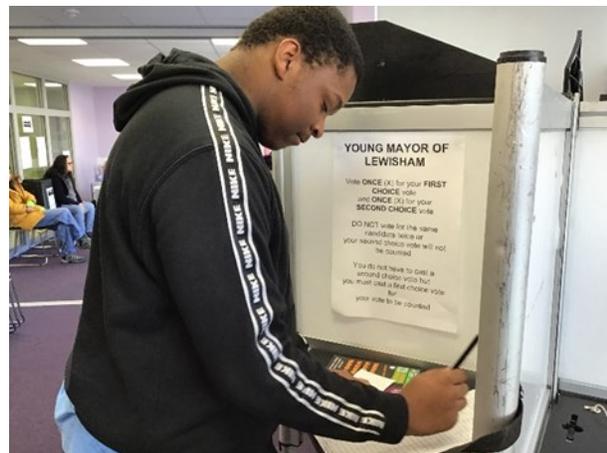
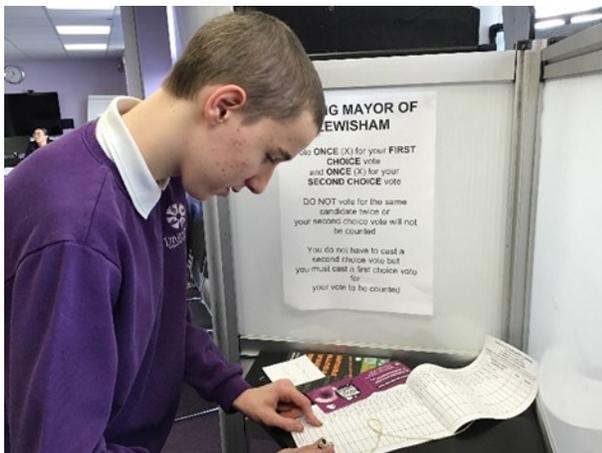
This term, in Peckham Rye, we voted for a new Young Mayor of Lewisham.



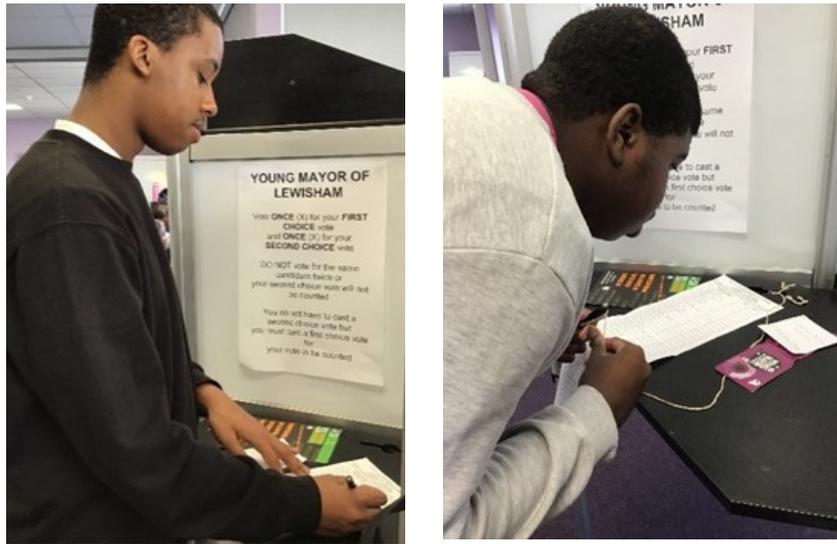
First, we met some of the candidates at an assembly.



Next, we looked at the brochure and talked about the candidates.



We checked if any of our choices had been elected.



We were pleased to find out that the new Young Mayor and the new Deputy Young Mayor had votes from some of our students.



New Young Mayor of Lewisham, Tyrese Gayle (Left)

New Deputy Young Mayor, Izzy McDonald (Right)

Mayor of Lewisham, Brenda Dacres (Centre)

Help Improve Hospital Care at **Kings!**



Patient Survey



18+ with a learning disability

Complete with or without support.

form.typeform.com/YFa4m4Nm



Family/Carer Survey



Family members or carers

form.typeform.com/FgKJw2tg



Help Us Make Care Better at **Kings!**

Survey links:

Patient Survey – https://form.typeform.com/to/YFa4m4Nm#sub_id=66254

Family/Carer Survey – https://form.typeform.com/to/FgKJw2tg#sub_id=66254

Thank you.

Kind regards, Matron for Children with a Learning Disability and Autism

INCLUSIVE CREATIVE DANCE

DANDELION
COLLECTIVE

Inclusive creative dance sessions in Southwark, delivered by Dandelion Collective, for D/deaf, disabled, and neurodivergent children and young people!

- Thursdays 5.30 - 6.30 pm
- The Green, Nunhead Community Centre, SE15 3QQ
- SEND children aged 8 - 16 years old
- First session FREE / Subsequent sessions £7.34 per week



Sign up via the link
[SENDDanceSouthwark](https://www.senddance.org.uk/southwark)
or scan the QR code below:



If you have any questions please contact:



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School term dates 2025-26

Autumn term 1

Monday 1 September	INSET DAY
Tuesday 2 September	First day of term
Friday 10 October	INSET DAY
Friday 24 October	Last day of term

Half Term

Monday 27 October to Friday 31 October

Autumn term 2

Monday 3 November	First day of term
Friday 5 December	INSET DAY
Friday 19 December	Last day of term*

Christmas Holiday

Monday 22 December to Friday 2 January

Spring term 1

Monday 5 January	First day of term
Friday 16 January	INSET DAY
Friday 13 February	Last day of term

Half term

Monday 16 February to Friday 20 February

Spring term 2

Monday 23 February	First day of term
Friday 27 March	Last day of term*

Easter Holiday

Monday 30 March to Friday 10 April

Summer term 1

Monday 13 April	First day of term
Monday 4 May	Bank Holiday
Friday 22 May	Last day of term

Half term

Monday 25 May to Friday 29 May

Summer term 2

Monday 1 June	First day of term
Monday 25 May	Bank Holiday
Friday 12 June	INSET DAY
Monday 20 July	Last day of term*

Pupils will not attend school on INSET days
***School will close at 1pm on last day of term 2**