



BALHAM NURSERY SCHOOL AND CHILDREN'S CENTRE

Weekly newsletter

Dear families,

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This week, the children have been very excited by our huge oyster mushrooms and have been tasting the delicious risotto cooked by a real chef. Thanks Patrick! They have also been using the woodwork tools to put our new balance scales together (see below) and making tracks around the garden.



Warm Spaces

 There are a number of 'Warm Spaces' that have been set up in Wandsworth.

To use the service, you must have a child under 5. They provide warm spaces, showers and food for people in need. I have attached a link to a map of locations: [Warm Spaces Directory - Wandsworth Borough Council](#)

Paula is based at Franciscan Children's Centre, she is happy to provide bags of food for families to collect. You can contact her for more information at paula.diaz@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk or on **078 6612 3708**. There is more information at the end of this newsletter.

SAFEGUARDING

I have attached a, 'Child-friendly' Safeguarding Policy to this email. There is a printed copy in your child's pouch.

Please look at it with your child and let them know that if they need help or feel unsafe because of something that has happened at nursery, that it is important to speak to an adult.

The adults at Balham Nursery work as a team helping and supporting all of the children who attend. Some children may be confident to talk to any adult but others may feel more comfortable approaching their Key Person or a more familiar adult from their class. Maybe you could ask them who they speak to at nursery when they need help!

SAVE THE DATE! Our next PSFA meeting is in the Family Room on the 2nd December at 9am. We need your help!

Please feel free to join and help us to organise the Winter Fair. These events wouldn't happen without your support - we are so grateful for any help that you can offer!

The children have been loving our new giant balance scales - our latest purchase from our PSFA fund!



BALHAM NURSERY SCHOOL WINTER FAIR

Dressing up welcome!

**MINI DISCO
FACE PAINTING
TOY STALL
FOOD AND DRINK
RAFFLE
CRAFT ACTIVITIES**

(AND MUCH MUCH MORE!)

5pm-7pm
Friday the 9th of December

**BALHAM NURSERY
72 ENDLESHAM RD, LONDON
SW12 8JL**

Remember we always like to hear about children's interests at home or special events. Please feel free to share a photo by emailing it to: admin@balham-nursery.wandsworth.sch.uk

Place2be: Parenting Smart

Click the link below for articles and short videos that give practical tips and parenting advice designed to support your child's wellbeing and behaviour.

There are loads of topics that are covered, from 'The importance of boundaries and consequences for children' and, 'Raising a resilient child' to, 'Help your child manage separations and goodbyes' and 'Reading with your child'.



[Place2Be: Parenting Smart: Articles](#)

Wandsworth Connected: Winter HAF



For families with school age children:

The Wandsworth Connected – Winter HAF programme is for young people and families in receipt of benefit related free school meals, from school years reception to Year 11, to access activities and services during the Winter Holidays, including a nutritious meal and a fun physical activity every day. See the link for more info:

[Wandsworth Connected – Winter HAF 2022 | Wandsworth Family Information Service](#)



Our washing machine has been eating all the socks! If you have any that belong to Balham Nursery or any spare children's socks that you don't need any more, we would be very grateful if you could bring them in!

Dates for your diary

Term Dates 2022		
	First Day	Last Day
Autumn 1	6th September	21st October
Half Term	24th October	28th October
Autumn 2	1st November	16th December

Please note: The last day is morning school only. The children will have a party from 9 -11:25. All children are invited to attend in the morning.

PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

For Parents and Carers of children born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019 please remember to submit your application for Wandsworth primary schools by the 15th January 2023 deadline. Applications received after this date will be counted as late.

We highly recommend that you visit the schools that you are interested in and apply for at least 4 schools.

If you would like any assistance completing the form online, please do speak a member of school staff and we can arrange a time to do this in school.

Warm Spaces (further information):

Warm Spaces Directory

Listings by area

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Balham• Clapham Junction and Battersea• Earlsfield• Nine Elms• Putney• Roehampton• Southfields• Tooting• Wandsworth	
View the Warm Spaces map to see locations across the borough. https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/cost-of-living-hub/warm-spaces/warm-spaces-directory/#mapid	

Balham - Warm Spaces available in the Balham area of the borough.

Balham Library - Open to all.

- Address: 16 Ramsden Road, London, SW12 8QY
- Opening hours: [View opening hours for Balham Library](#)

St Marks Church Hall- Open to all. Run by Vineyard 61 Church.

- Address: Rowfant Road, London, SW17 7AP
- Opening hours: Monday 11am to 2pm

Clapham Junction and Battersea - Warm Spaces available in the Clapham Junction and Battersea area of the borough.

Battersea Library - Open to all.

- Address: 265 Lavender Hill, London SW11 1JB
- Opening hours: [View opening hours for Battersea Library](#)

Battersea Park Library - Open to all.

- Address: 309 Battersea Park Road London SW11 4NF
- Opening hours: [View opening hours for Battersea Park Library](#)

Warm Spaces Directory

Northcote Library - Open to all.

- Address: 155e Northcote Road, London SW11 6HW
- Opening hours: [View opening hours for Northcote Library](#)

York Gardens Children's Centre - For under 5s and their extended families only.

- Address: Lavender Road, Clapham Junction, London, SW11 2UG
- Opening hours: Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 4.30pm

York Gardens Library - Open to all.

- Address: 34 Lavender Road, London SW11 2UG
- Opening hours: [View opening hours for York Gardens Library](#)

Earlsfield - Warm Spaces available in the Earlsfield area of the borough.

Earlsfield Library - Open to all.

- Address: 276 Magdalen Road, London, SW18 3NY
- Opening hours: [View opening hours for Earlsfield Library](#)

Home Community Café - Open to all.

- Address: St Andrew's Church, Garratt Lane, London, SW18 4SR
- Opening hours:
 - Tuesday 9am to 4pm
 - Wednesday 10.30am to 4pm

Nine Elms

Warm Spaces available in the Nine Elms area of the borough.

ROSE Community Clubroom