



**From Everyone at Hitherfield, we wish you a very Happy New Year!**

## **Volunteering 9am - 10am Thursdays**

Yes, the weather is cold but Jessi is still ready to welcome you, on Thursday mornings, into the edible garden. This half term will be focused around pruning our apples, pears, cherries, currants and gooseberries.

We will be reusing as much as we can for cuttings. Pop in for a session or two and get hands on experience with pruning and propagating. You can see what kind of edibles we grow around the school and how your children get involved. Pick up new skills and ideas on how to grow your own. No previous experience or knowledge is necessary.

Also, a reminder that **Children are welcome in the edible garden only when supervised by an adult** before and after school. We ask that the adults ensure that the children are respectful to the garden, only picking what is ready and what they are going to eat, so nothing is wasted.

Friday's morning adult sessions will resume after the half term.



## **Dates for the Diary**

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January** – Year 4 trip to Stockwell Green Mosque

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January - Reception to Year 6 Parents' Evening**

2pm - 7pm

<https://hitherfield.schoolcloud.co.uk>

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January** – 6 Wolverine trip to Horniman Museum

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January** – Phonics Workshop for Families of Year 1 in the Main Hall 9am – 10am

## **Nursery Parents' Evening**

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 1pm - 6pm**

**Booking system to open at a later date**

**There will be no afternoon Nursery on this day**

**Congratulations!**

A big thank you to everyone who helped raise £575.81 for new books for the library. Approximately half the money spent on books at the Christmas Book Fair by you is then given to us to spend. This really helps and the children love reading all the latest books we're able to get.



**Thank You!!!**



## **Reception Admissions - 2026-2027**

If your child was born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022, you must apply for a primary or infant school place for September 2026.

**Apply on time and apply online! The deadline for applications is midnight on Thursday 15 January 2026.**

<https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions-and-appeals/primary-school-admissions/apply-primary-school-place-2026-27>



**Please only order if your child is in Years 4, 5 or 6**

## AUTHOR VISIT

**PIU DASGUPTA**

The brilliant author Piu DasGupta will be visiting pupils at your school on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2026**

The Paper Cat Children's Bookshop is delighted to offer families the chance to pre-order her fabulous new book ahead of her visit to be signed and dedicated on the day.



Please use the link below to place an order by **Wednesday 14th January**



**[CLICK HERE!](#)**

Call: 0204 568 1309  
Instagram: @papercatbooks  
Info@papercatbookshop.co.uk  
25 Half Moon Lane, SE24 9JU





## Mini Makers

Wednesdays | 1pm - 3pm | 14th January - 25th March

Hitherfield Children's Centre, Hitherfield Road, SW16 2LN

Free art sessions for parents/carers and children (age 1-4)!

Join us for creative sessions full of fun, play and connection!  
We're offering a 10-week art programme where  
you and your child can:

- Get creative with arts and crafts
- Sing along to nursery rhymes
- Enjoy stay and play time
- Meet new local families

To register you can call Hitherfield Children's Centre on 020 8835 9569  
or speak to the Education team at High Trees using the details below.

[www.high-trees.org](http://www.high-trees.org) | [courses@high-trees.org](mailto:courses@high-trees.org) | Call 020 8671 3132  
Text 07305 080 995



Lambeth's Family Hub Network  
Lambeth's Start for Life offer



## Streatham Hub Children's Centre Streatham Better Start

# Make and Illustrate a Book for Your Child



6 week creative adult learning course with crèche.

Write and illustrate a book as a special keepsake for your child, whilst being creative and developing your writing skills.

**Mondays 1pm - 3pm**

**12th January - 2nd March 2026**

Streatham Hub Children's Centre,

388 Streatham High Road, SW16 6HX

Please call **020 4548 2561** to book your place.

Scan this code to register to  
Lambeth Better Start  
Children's Centres





## Circle of Security Parenting

The programme is designed to offer you relationship tools to provide you with a new way of understanding your child's needs, helping them feel more secure and you feel more confident as a parent.



### Where will the sessions be held?

The sessions will be delivered during the daytime in small group settings, at various Children's Centres across the borough of Lambeth.

### When does the programme start and how do I sign up?

To find out more about when a programme is starting at a Children's Centre near you and to sign up, please visit [www.lambeth.gov.uk/parenting](http://www.lambeth.gov.uk/parenting) and we will contact you with further details.

### What is Circle of Security Parenting?

A FREE 8-week programme, with **creche available**. You'll learn how to:

- Understand your child's emotional world by learning to read their emotional needs.
- Support your child's ability to manage emotions.
- Enhance the development of your child's self-esteem.

The programme is offered to Lambeth families with children aged 6 months to 5 years.



تقوية الروابط الأسرية تقوية روابط

دورة على الإنترنت  
المجتمعات

## علاقات أقوى

للآباء ومقدمي الرعاية الآخرين من البالغين الذين يعيشون معاً أو منفصلين.  
تبدأ المجموعة (للمتحدثين باللغة العربية فقط) يوم الجمعة 9 يناير 2026 الساعة 1:00 ظهراً  
هل ترغب في الحصول على أفكار جديدة تساعدك على أن تكون أباً أو أمّاً أفضل؟  
هل ترغب في تقليل الخلافات والمشاحنات في عائلتك والتعامل بشكل أفضل مع الضغوط؟  
هل ترغب في تعزيز علاقتك بشريك حياتك الحالي، أو تحسين التواصل مع شريكك السابق أو مع  
الأشخاص الآخرين الذين يساعدونك في تربية أطفالك؟  
ماذا عن التعلم في الوقت الذي يناسبك؟

سنة جلسات على الإنترنت ستحلقات نقاش للمجموعة شهادة عند إكمال الدورة

ما يمكن توقعه	المواضيع التي يتم تغطيتها	مناقشة جماعية
معلومات حول إستراتيجيات تحديد الخلافات والحد منها. أستمع الى آباء ومقدمي رعاية آخرين. أوراق عمل ومواد قابلة للتنزيل. مقاطع فيديو وإختبارات وأنشطة تفاعلية. قم بالجلسات في الوقت الذي يناسبك. دعم أسبوعي من خبراء الدورة.	علاقات صحية بين البالغين تحديد الخلافات وإدارتها. فهم كيفية تأثير الصراع على أطفالك. تعزيز العلاقات بين الوالدين والطفل. إدارة التوتر والغضب والعواطف. إستراتيجيات لحل النزاعات وإنشاء إتفاقية أبوة وأمومة	1 تحدث الى خبير في الدورة التدريبية وأحصل على إجابات لبعض الأسئلة التي قد تكون لديك. 2 تحدث عن كيفية سير الإستراتيجيات في المنزل 3 عالج الصعوبات الأخرى المتعلقة بعلاقاتك. 4 أستمع الى الآخرين حول ما يناسبهم

تعرف على المزيد أو سجل في الدورة عن طريق مسح رمز الإستجابة السريع في المنشور باللغة الإنجليزية أو مراسلتنا عبر البريد الإلكتروني على :

[sfscparent@racefound.org.uk](mailto:sfscparent@racefound.org.uk)

أو الإتصال ب الموبايل: 07904916134



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## Hitherfield Children's Centre Streatham & Norwood Better Start **Knit & Play**



This course offers learners the opportunity to learn and develop basic knitting skills and create your very own crafts, while your children play alongside you.

No skills required. Absolute beginners welcome!

**Tuesdays 9:30am - 11:00am**

**13th January - 10th February 2026**

**& 24th February - 24th March 2026**

**Hitherfield Children's Centre,**

**Hitherfield Road, SW16 2LW**

**Please call 020 8835 9569 to book your place.**

Scan this code to register to  
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Children's Centres





## *Adorable Blessings*

B A B Y B A N K

Pre-loved items for babies and children

**Saturday 31st January  
12.00pm - 2.00pm**

 65 Effra Road, Brixton SW2 1BZ

**Arrive early to avoid disappointment.  
So come along between noon and  
two to pick up some pre-loved items.**



**for more information contact Beverley on 07832 235721**



# Lantern Walk

West  
Norwood  
Cemetery

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2026

4-5pm family Lantern-making workshop  
(booking required)



5-6pm lantern walk in the cemetery  
(register your interest)



Everyone welcome!

West Norwood Cemetery and Crematorium  
Norwood Rd, Norwood, London SE27 9JU



# LOVE TO SING?

## WHY NOT JOIN THE HITHERFIELD PARENTS' CHOIR!

FOR PARENTS AND CARERS OF HITHERFIELD

- NO CHOIR EXPERIENCE NEEDED -
- ALL SONGS LEARNT BY EAR -
- SING POP, FOLK, ROUNDS AND SHANTIES -
- A GREAT WAY TO MEET OTHER HITHERFIELD PARENTS/CARERS -
- FUN, RELAXED AND INCLUSIVE -
- BABIES/TODDLERS WELCOME -

### AUTUMN TERM STARTS 12TH JAN

NOT SURE IF ITS FOR YOU? COME FOR A FREE TASTER!

EVERY MONDAY 9:15AM TO 10:15AM  
IN THE DOWNSTAIRS HALL

### £80 PER 10-WEEK TERM

FREE PLACES AVAILABLE TO  
THOSE ELIGIBLE FOR PUPIL PREMIUM

Email choir leader Ian Bennett  
if you'd like a place or free taster session:  
[ibmuso@gmail.com](mailto:ibmuso@gmail.com)