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Thank You So Much Jo-Ann



On Wednesday next week we will be saying a fond farewell to Jo-Ann Woodward, who has been at Hitherfield for a staggering 37 years! Jo-Ann has been a Teaching Assistant at Hitherfield as well as our Resources Manager, looking after and ensuring we have enough resources for the children to access the curriculum.

Jo-Ann has seen many changes at Hitherfield, as she originally worked in the Junior School, before the whole school amalgamated in the late 1990s. She was with us as the school expanded and through the major building works. Throughout that time Jo-Ann has been a trustworthy and much-loved colleague, supporting everyone across the school.

We wish her a very happy and well-deserved retirement, as she returns to her native Northern Ireland. Thank you Jo-Ann from the whole Hitherfield community.



Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 28th January – Phonics Workshop for Families of Year 1 in the Main Hall 9:15am – 10am

Friday 30th January – Year 3 trip to The Natural History Museum

Wednesday 4th February – 1 Cobra Class Assembly and Open Morning 9:15am – 10:30am

Thursday 5th February – 1 Dugong Class Assembly and Open Morning 9:15am – 10:30am

Friday 6th February – 1 Sunbird Class Assembly and Open Morning 9:15am – 10:30am

Tuesday 10th February – 3 Jaguar Class Assembly and Open Morning 9:15am – 10:30am

Wednesday 11th February – 3 Anaconda Class Assembly and Open Morning 9:15am – 10:30am

Thursday 12th February – 3 Macaw Class Assembly and Open Morning 9:15am – 10:30am

Friday 13th February – Last Day of Term

Football Clubs with Lionel

Please be advised that the following football clubs have been cancelled, as Lionel will not be available

Thursday 5th Feb - Year 4-6 Football Squad

Friday 6th Feb - Girls Football Squad

Tuesday 10th Feb - Year 4 Football

Wednesday 11th Feb - Years 5-6 Football

Thursday 12th Feb - Year 4-6 Football Squad

Friday 13th Feb - Girls Football Squad

Missing Scooter

Please can you check if your child has brought home the correct scooter as a four wheeled red Maxi Micro scooter has gone missing.

Thank you

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GOOD NEWS CARDS

Congratulations to these children who have really impressed their Teachers this week.

1 COBRA	1 DUGONG	1 SUNBIRD
Hannah and Teddy	Willow and Pippa	Flo and Aiden
2 MANATEE	2 MONGOOSE	2 HUMMINGBIRD
Charlotte, Otto and Monty	Evans, Kyro and Sarah	Kianna, Noor and Zahra
3 JAGUAR	3 MACAW	3 ANACONDA
Alice and Mabel	To be announced next week	Ariela, Vicenzo & Zenaya
4 HIPPOPOTAMUS	4 FLAMINGO	4 CHEETAH
Munro and Afifah	Joshua and Ava	Ariadne and Iason
5 KINGFISHER	5 HEDGEHOG	5 OTTER
Albie and Jacqueline	Ayana and Arthur	Mali and Lola
6 ORCA	6 PUFFIN	6 WOLVERINE
Fred and Rafi	Arlo and Manavi	Cleo and Aleena



Lambeth Early Years SEND Drop in

Support and advice for
parents and carers of children with
disabilities or special educational needs.

Monday 9:30AM - 12PM

19th January
02nd February
02nd, 16th and 30th March

Sunnyhill Children's Centre
Harborough Road
SW16 2XW

Call 020 4548 2561 for more information

<https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/lambeths-send-local-offer>



Come and have a chat with a member of the Early Years SEN Team about any concerns or questions you may have.

SEND Drop-In Sessions



Do you have a child or young person with SEND 0-25yrs old?

Contact Lambeth can provide information, advice and support to help you navigate the SEND systems in Lambeth

We can give Information about:

- SEND workshops
- Early Years, SEN Support
- Transition to Adult Services
- parent/carer coffee mornings
- signposting to other support agencies IASS
- Family Fund and other Grants available
- opportunities to meet up with other parents/carers.
- Information about Family and School Holiday activities.



Contact us:
Email: lambeth@contact.org.uk
Phone: 0203 751 3279

Where: Sunnyhill Children's Centre
Harborough Road
London
SW16 2XW

Find us:
Every Thursday at The Sunnyhill Children's Centre from 09:30am to 11:30am

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For families
with disabled children

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Hitherfield shines at National Poetry Competition

We are absolutely delighted that one of Hitherfield's year 6 students was a winner at the inaugural Michael Rosen Day FUNNY FOODS poetry competition, with his poem 'Oh, a burger'. Also shortlisted in the top 20 was another student from year 4 with his poem 'Superfood'. Congratulations to both!

The children took part in the competition as part of the Language Explorers club. Inspired by Michael Rosen's brilliant poem "Hot Food: Nice!", children were challenged to write a funny poem about food.

The competition was judged by a panel of expert judges, including Michael Rosen himself; Nicolette Jones, Sunday Times children's book specialist; Alice Primmer, Commissioning Editor at Walker Books; and Aoife O'Connor, from National Poetry Day.

The winners were selected from 675 poems entered across two age categories. Michael Rosen read the winning poems at the virtual poetry party, attended by over 3500 schools. The winners will receive signed certificates and Michael Rosen book bundles.

Here are the children's poems – we are sure you'll all agree, they are both very funny and linguistically brilliant!



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Thank you Michael Rosen

We were absolutely delighted that one of Hitherfield's year 6 students was a winner at the inaugural Michael Rosen Day FUNNY FOODS poetry competition in October 2025, with his poem 'Oh, a burger'. Also shortlisted in the top 20 was another student from year 4 with his poem 'Superfood'. Congratulations to both!

The children took part in the competition as part of the Language Explorers after-school club. Inspired by Michael Rosen's brilliant poem "Hot Food: Nice!", children were challenged to write a funny poem about food.

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This week, the winners received their prize book bundles, hand-signed by Michael Rosen! They very generously donated several books to the school library.

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A big thank you to Lena and the Language Explorer club for their kind and fantastic donation of signed Michael Rosen books for the Library. Great work everyone!

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## Discussion session for Lambeth parents and carers



Healthwatch Lambeth is hosting a discussion session with **parents and carers of children and young people with complex needs.**

Lambeth partners are at an early stage of thinking about Integrated Neighbourhood Teams – a way of services working more closely together in local areas.

This session will share that early thinking and hear parents' and carers' views. Please join us:

**Thursday 29th January 2026**  
**1-3pm**

**Upper Norwood Library Hub**

Please register to attend:  
[info@healthwatchlambeth.org.uk](mailto:info@healthwatchlambeth.org.uk)  
Ph: 020 7274 8522

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## 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

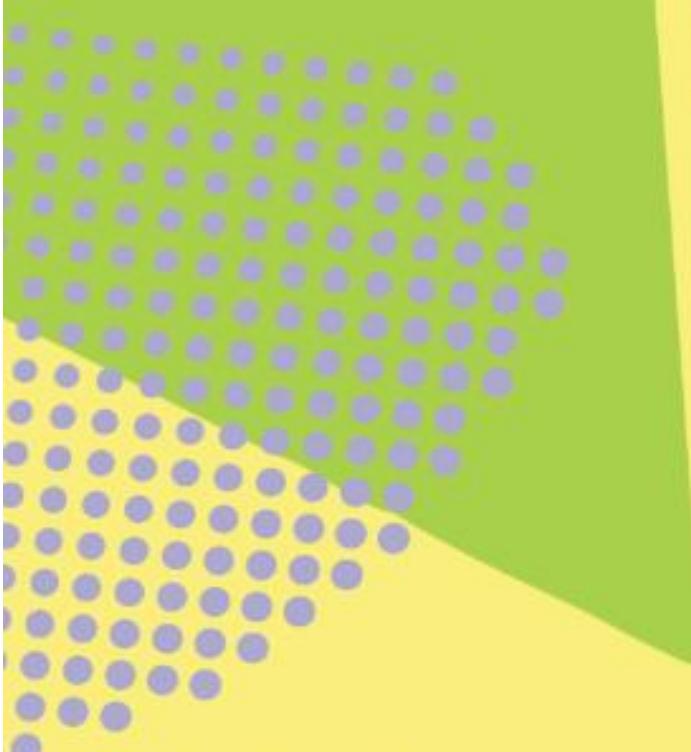
Email choir leader Ian Bennett  
if you'd like a place or free taster session:  
**ibmuso@gmail.com**

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## Young Artists' Summer Show 2026



**RA** Royal  
Academy  
of Arts

The Young Artists' Summer Show is a free, open submission exhibition for young artists aged 4–18 living and studying in the UK.

Students can submit one artwork for consideration which will be judged by a panel of artists and arts professionals. Selected artworks will be displayed at the Royal Academy of Arts either onsite or online. The RA will award prizes for inspiring artworks.

### How to enter

From 5 January 2026, teachers will be able to register their school. Next, teachers and parents/guardians can submit artworks via the RA website until 4 March 2026.

### Important dates

**5 January–4 March 2026**

Registration and submission open

**May 2026**

Judging

**14 July 2026**

Online exhibition opens

**14 July–30 August 2026**

Display at the RA open

### Sign up and find out more

[roy.ac/youngartists](http://roy.ac/youngartists)

[@royalacademyarts](http://@royalacademyarts)

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Lambeth's Start for Life offer



## Sunnyhill Children's Centre Streatham Better Start

# Stay & Play Sensory Session (SEND)



A relaxed, welcoming stay & play session designed for children with SEND in a calming sensory environment.

Children can:

- Play, explore, and engage with a wide range of sensory resources
- Relax, regulate, and enjoy experiences that stimulate all the senses

**Thursdays 1pm - 3pm**

**Sunnyhill Children's Centre  
Harborough Road, SW16 2XW**

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

Scan this code to register to

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## 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.**

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