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LLS News

06/11/2026

Dear families

To all families celebrating this weekend, we wish you a Happy Diwali! As we all develop our BSL skills we will be sharing signs for you to use during celebrations throughout the year.
Please click on the link to a video, which has been shared by our Speech & Language Therapy Team, to learn how to wish someone a Happy Diwali using BSL. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hi18dHnXGJM

On Friday 13th November we will be supporting the Children in Need Appeal by wearing something spotty and collecting donations on our Just Giving page: https://challenge.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/fundraising/linden-lodge-school?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=dssb-CL&utm_content=MPC&utm_ref=UBS

Have a lovely weekend

School photographs

Over the half term break you should have received an email containing login details for your child's gallery from the school photographer, Kans Bahara. The email will be from the email address info@inTime-Photography.com

Please check your emails and if you haven't found the email in your email inbox, please check your spam/junk folder.

If you still require login details, or any help with ordering your child's photographs, please email Kans directly at info@inTime-Photography.com

The deadline date to order with Free Delivery to the school only by the end of term, is **Sunday 15th November**.

Events and dates to remember

Autumn Term Dates



Children in Need
Friday 13th November

Last day for students (students finish at 1.30pm)
Thursday 17 December 2026

Planning & Preparation Day 1
Friday 18 December 2026

Please remember that Linden Lodge is a nut free school

Curriculum Framework for Vision Impaired (CFVI) research opportunity for students aged between 8-14

As you may know, over the last three years, Linden Lodge has been working closely with the University of Birmingham, RNIB, VIEW and the Thomas Pocklington Trust to support their research in developing the Curriculum Framework for Vision Impaired learners (CFVI).

The CFVI is now fully embedded within our curriculum at Linden Lodge, effectively supporting our vision-impaired (VI) learners' access to learning, life skills and independence.

The University of Birmingham has been working with a number of our students and their families at Linden Lodge to explore how the CFVI is impacting their development, access and engagement in learning. They are now ready to extend their research project and the information they collect will be used to help inform how children with a VI can be better supported in and out of school through the development of the CFVI, and to guide best practice on supporting children/young people with a vision impairment at a national level.

If you would like more information about the research project, or if you have any further questions, please contact Dr Ifigeneia Manitsa by emailing: i.manitsa@bham.ac.uk.

If you would like to participate, please contact me at: dshaw@lindenlodge.org.uk and I will send you the necessary information.

Best regards,
David Shaw, Deputy Head

Star of the Week

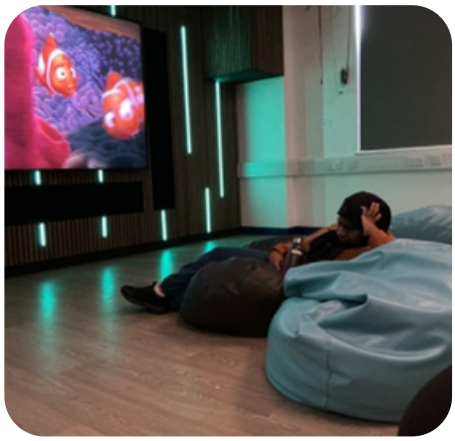


Mariyam for playing and learning with all adults in class and increasing communication with adults both in and outside of the class group.

Artie for becoming more comfortable in his walker and exploring movement independently. Well done, Artie!

Alejandro for engaging in snack group and requesting 'more' using a Total Communication approach!

Learning @Linden Lodge - Residential





Since the grand opening of the Richley House Cinema Room, our residential young people have been enjoying the luxurious space. We have had opportunities to relax and unwind after busy days in school. It is proving to be a great resource that we all appreciate.







Some of our Young People in Residential were happy to return to their regular trip to the local shop. It was lovely to see them developing their independence when crossing the road and making decisions on their purchases.

They were encouraged and supported to engage with the shop keeper use appropriate language and good manners.









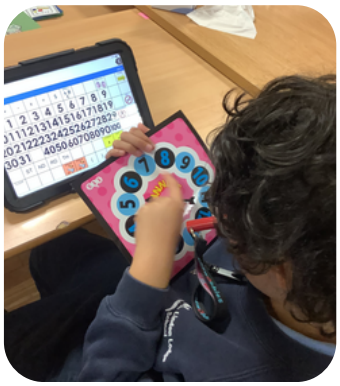


Learning @Linden Lodge - Maths - Number Confidence Week

This week is Number Confidence Week. It is run by National Numeracy; the same charity that brings us National Numeracy Day each May. The charity aims to empower children and adults in the UK to feel confident with everyday maths so they can fulfil their potential at work, home and school. To celebrate this special week, we are sharing photographs of some of our recent learning in Maths.

National Numeracy
NUMBER CONFIDENCE WEEK










Trombone class enjoyed a sensory story 'Around the World' - Jungle in India and explored the concept of "more".

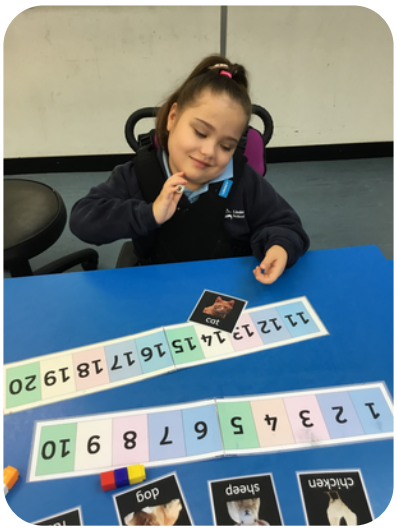





Learning @Linden Lodge - Maths - Number Confidence Week

National Numeracy
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Ukulele class has been developing their number and place value skills. We have been taking part in a range of practical activities to match numerals with objects and actions.













Family Learning Weeks

Family Learning Weeks will take place from 16th November until 27th November.
These sessions are a valuable opportunity for families to visit the school, meet other families, and visit the classrooms where appropriate. Families may also be invited to join in with learning activities. This time will also be used to share information or cover topics that may help families to support learning at home.

Date:	Time:	Location:	Department:	Classes:	Focus:
Tues 17th Nov	09:30-11:00	Classrooms and Isobel Centre Training Room	Primary	Ukulele in PE Guitar in Art Harp in Maths	Learning in action with specialist teachers
Tues 17th Nov	10.30-11.50	Isobel Centre Flex Space and music room	Minerva	Bassoon	Social communication
Wed 18th Nov	2:30-3:30	SPACe	Secondary	Oboe Clarinet Kalimba Piano	Assembly
Wed 18th Nov	9.30-11:00	IFC training room and classrooms	Alba Centre	Drum Tabla Gamelan	Communication - AAC and signing
Wed 18th Nov	10:30-11:30	Isobel Centre Flex Space and art classroom	Minerva	Flute	Art
Tues 24th Nov	9.00-11.30	Classrooms and Isobel Centre Flex Space	EYFS	Maracas Tambourine	Routines, meet the team and stay and play
Wed 25th Nov	9:30-11:30	SPACe and Isobel Centre Training room	Minerva	Minerva 1, Minerva 2, Minerva 6th Form	Learning through access
Wed 25th Nov	9.30-10.30	Music Room, East House	Sixth Form	Trombone	Music
Wed 25th Nov	9.45-10.45	Independent Living Skills Room North House	Sixth Form	SF1	Personal Social Development - cooking session
Wed 25th Nov	1.30-2.30	SF2 classroom	Sixth Form	SF2	Maths
Wed 25th Nov	1.30-2.30	SF3 classroom	Sixth Form	SF3	Personal Social Development

Call out for Musicians!

BEYOND – run by Wandsworth Music Hub – are looking for new members!

BEYOND is an inclusive, creative music ensemble for young people with Special Educational Needs/ Disabilities (SEND). The young musicians use a combination of traditional instruments, percussion, voices and music technology to create new music and develop their musical skills.

BEYOND rehearses twice a term at various schools in the borough, and perform at venues including The Royal Albert Hall and Fairfield Halls.

Entry is by referral from the school however please note that after referral, all arrangements are made directly with Wandsworth Music Hub.

For further details or to express interest please contact Vikki (Music Teacher) – vthomas@lindenlodge.org.uk



Coffee morning

Friday 4th December, 10.00-12.00pm

Venue: Isobel Centre (Flex Space) or via a Teams link (to be shared nearer to the date)

Topic: We would like to invite you to our first transition coffee morning for this year! Considering your feedback from our last event, we are delighted to have two guest speakers, Dr. Peter Simcock and Dr. Claire Manford, experts in social care, education and deafblindness.
Simon Unger, Educational Psychologist, will also be joining us.

Questionaire:
https://forms.cloud.microsoft/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=8fHzK-vjKEKbVcWdx_iH_andpwKRk21Lhtvs5RaUPg5UREIMTVRRUFpFTExKUjNQTzRWUlA0TFNNUi4u
Please confirm your attendance at your earliest convenience.

Please, contact Lina, one of our Sixth Form teachers, with any questions:
ltsianaka@lindenlodge.org.uk

Noticeboard

Southfields Library November

Children's Activities

Every Wednesday at 3.30-4.30pm (Age 3+)
Arts and Crafts Club



4th November - Diwali
11th November - Nursery Rhyme
18th November - Scarecrow
25th November - National Tree Week

Saturday 7th November, 10.30-11.30am (Age 3+)
Winnie the Pooh Storytime & Treasure Trail
Celebrate Winnie the Pooh's 100th Birthday with a bear themed Storytime and treasure trail. Bring along your favourite bear (or soft toy) and listen to songs and stories together.

Saturday 14th November, 12-1pm (Age 8+)
Fantasy Writing Workshop
We are proud to host a workshop for kids who are bursting with brilliant imaginations! If you are interested in writing your own stories, DnD and storytelling, this event is for you. Free, but booking is required.

**All events at Southfields Library are free. Some may require booking.*

Southfields Library November

Adult's Activities

Tuesday 10th November, 10-11am
Southfields Safer Neighbourhood Team
Meet with Metropolitan officers to discuss local issues and crime prevention.



Friday 20th November, 11-12.30pm
Sivananda Yoga, FREE Beginners Class
As part of National Self Care Week, Sivananda Yoga are offering a one-off, free beginners class at Southfields Library. Places are limited, so please register your interest with staff at the main desk. Please bring your own mat.



Wednesday 25th November, 10.30am-12pm
Age UK Wandsworth Digital Inclusion Programme
Join the team for free IT help at our monthly drop-in session.





Check out our range of books to support men's health and wellbeing, either for yourself or the men in your life.

MEN'S MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

Booker Prize 2026

The winner of The Booker Prize will be announced on **9th November**. If you are interested in reading any of the shortlisted books, please reserve your copy here.



The End of Everything - M. John Harrison
The Disappearers - Marlon James
Black Bag - Luke Kennard
May We Feed The King - Rebecca Perry
The Things We Never Say - Elizabeth Strout
John of John - Douglas Stuart

Book Club Titles

Discuss books and make new friends. New members are welcome at all of our Book Clubs.

Silver Circle Reading Group, 3rd November, 2-3pm
Chat about books you have recently read and share your recommendations.

Saturday Reading Group, 21st November, 11-12pm
'The Instrumentalist' by *Harriet Constable.*

Zillennial Reading Group, 24th November, 5.45-6.45pm
'The Dictionary of Lost Words' by *Pip Williams.*





hair care

Hair & Care
Accessible Hairstyling Workshops for Blind and Low vision Women and Girls

About Us

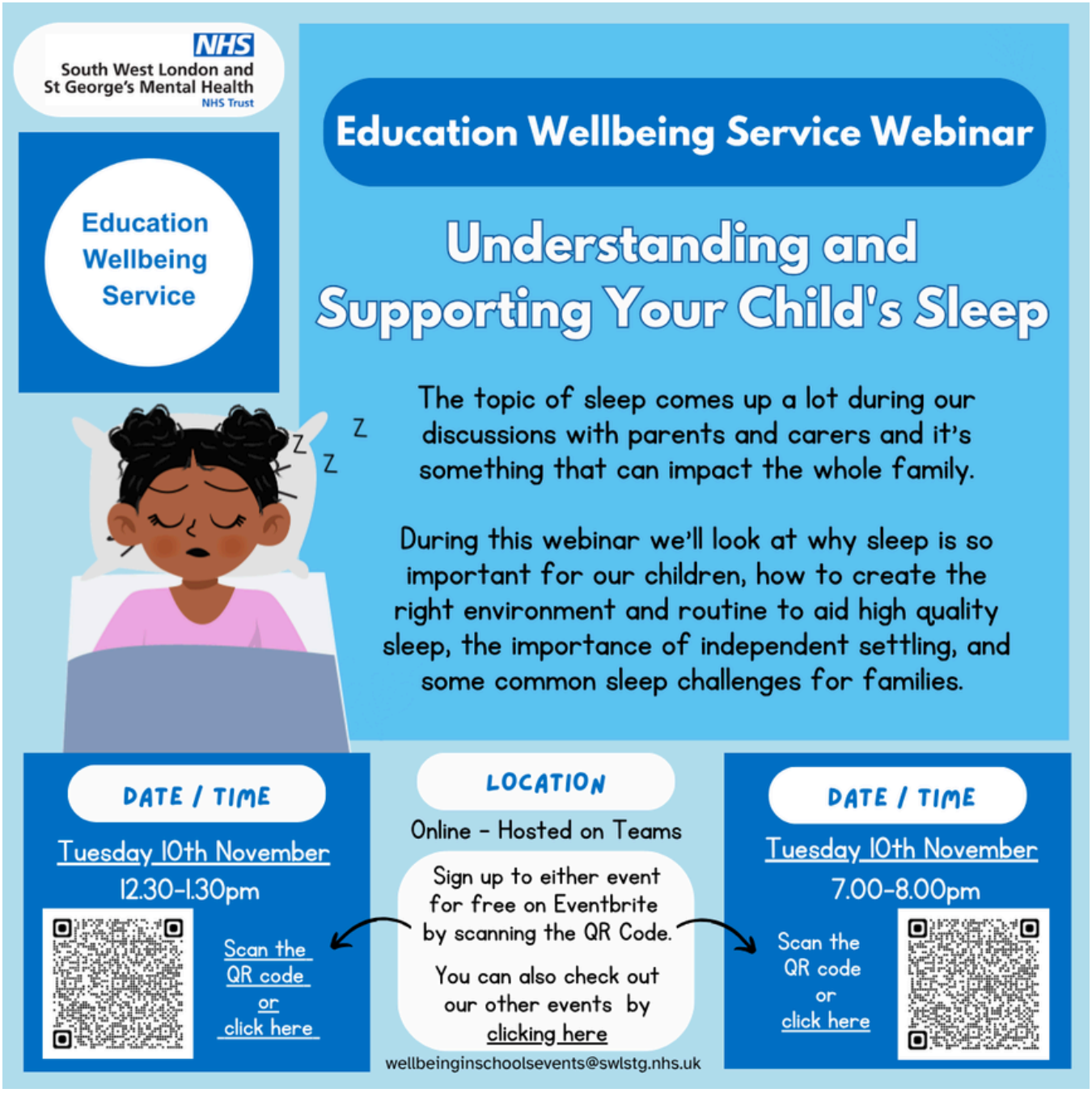
Led by international hairstylist Anna Cofone and supported by hairstylists volunteers, Hair & Care runs free, monthly workshops for VI women and girls 12+, teaching accessible hair-care and styling using sensory-led techniques. These sessions provide an inclusive space, to build confidence and connect with others. All new participants receive a Hair & Care Essential Kit bag containing various brushes & combs to continue building confidence at home.

Upcoming Workshop Dates

- 16th December, Wednesday 11am - 1pm
- 9th January, Saturday 11am - 1pm
- 3rd February, Wednesday 11am - 1pm
- 10th March, Wednesday 11am - 1pm
- 1st April, Thursday 11am-1pm

Key Information:

Website: www.hairandcareproject.com
Contact: comms@hairandcareproject.com
Location: 5 Sheep Ln, Hackney Depot, E8 4QS London
Instagram: @hairandcareproject

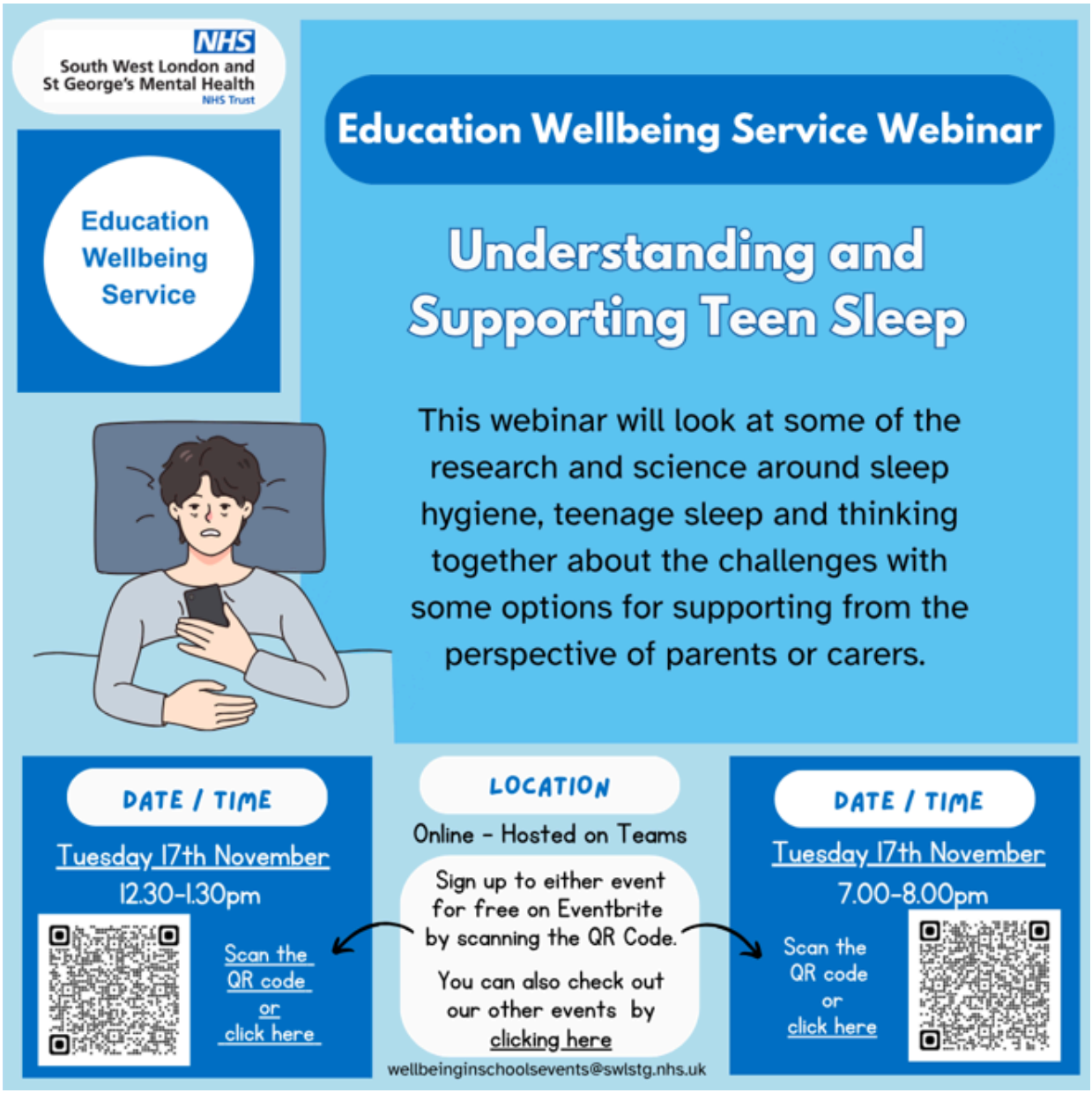


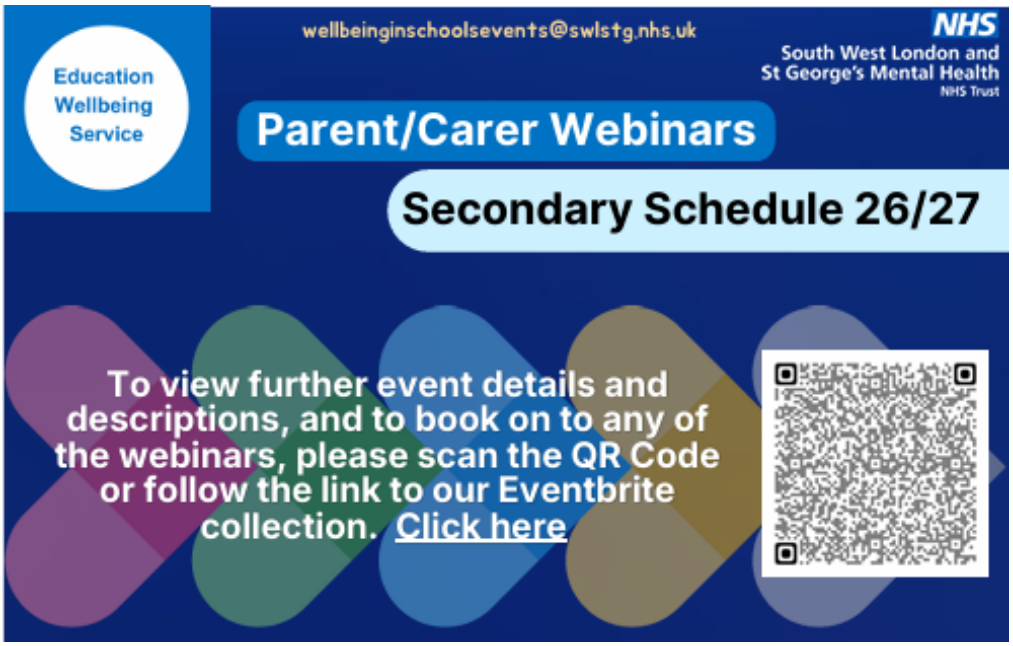
Early Years:

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Primary Years:

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