

Holbeach

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 17th July 2026

Farewell Year 6 and have a lovely summer holiday to everyone!

This morning, we said a fond farewell to the children in Year 6 at their Leavers Assembly. They were joined by their families to celebrate their many different achievements whilst being at Holbeach.



Earlier this week, they had also wowed us with a fantastic performance of "Oliver with a Twist". The powerful performances that each of them gave was another reason that we are so proud of these wonderful young people.

Cheer Leading

Congratulations to the Holbeach School Cheer Team who took part in "Schools Spirit 2026" on Saturday. We are incredibly proud of every participant who stepped onto the competition floor and represented the school with confidence, determination and team spirit (the energy of the event and day was amazing!).



Year 2 Sports Day

On Tuesday, the children in Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed having their Sports Day in the school playground.

Each child got to take part in six different activities which demanded a range of different skills and a level of determination along the way.

Thank you to Mrs Collette for organised this delayed event and thank you to all of the parents and carers who came along to support on the day.



Y3 Memorable Experience

On Thursday, the children in 3B and 3C rounded off their year by having an exciting Memorable Experience.

As well as doing some Stone age / Iron age craft activities and playing some ancient games the highlight of the morning was making dough and then baking their own honey bread on an open fire pit. As tasty as the bread was, the children all agreed that life in 2026 is a bit easier than it was in 12,000 BCE!



Y5 Recorder Concert

On Wednesday afternoon, the children in Year 5 demonstrated to their families (and the children in Year 4) how much progress they have made this year with learning to play the recorder.

They performed many different pieces, some in 'unison', some as a 'round' and some as a 'duet'. It really was very impressive.

Thank you to Mr Pix for teaching the children the recorder this year and thank you to the Friends of Holbeach who bought each child their recorder for life.



IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 20th July

- INSET DAYS (school is closed)

Wednesday 2nd & Thursday 3rd September 2026

- INSET DAYS (school remains closed)

Friday 4th September

- Autumn Term Begins (9am)

Friends of Holbeach - Summer Fair

A massive thank you to the Friends of Holbeach for organising another great Summer Fair last Saturday.

A huge number of people came along to enjoy the sun, fun and to spend some time together.

The children in the Early Years and Key Stage One held their annual parade and there were a number of different activities (large and small) for everyone to take part in. There was even a DJ tent and disco for everyone to enjoy. As usual, this event showed just what a close community we have built here in Catford.



Signposting for the Holidays



LEWISHAM LIONESSES

GIRLS FOOTBALL SESSIONS

PLAY. IMPROVE. BELONG.

Fun, inclusive football sessions for girls of all abilities.

AGES 5 TO 18
ALL ABILITIES WELCOME!

DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS | MAKE NEW FRIENDS | BUILD CONFIDENCE | BE PART OF SOMETHING GREAT

COME PLAY WITH US!

STARTING IN SEPTEMBER!

SESSIONS IN LEWISHAM
MORE DETAILS COMING SOON!

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WALKABOUT STREET THEATRE FOR ALL AGES – FREE EVENT*

Suitable for all ages

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SYDENHAM'S BIG CAT SAFARI

Written, directed and produced by **JONATHAN KAUFMAN**
Additional ideas and dialogue by **DARREN BIRD**
Costume designer and Associate producer **JACKIE POULETT**
Scenic design **ALEXIA LOPEZ**

Walkabout street theatre
FRI 7, SAT 8 AND SUN 9 AUGUST 2026
30-40 min shows at 2pm, 3pm and 4pm

FREE EVENT
*DONATIONS WELCOME

Can you find the Beast of Sydenham?

SAFARI STARTS HERE:
just outside the Greyhound Pub,
313-315 Kirkdale, SE26 4QB

Performances start on the hour and will lead the audience on a walking tour of the back streets of Sydenham. **There is no advance booking**, but you are very welcome to make a cash or card donation on the day, or make a donation through our website

spontaneousproductions.co.uk/safari

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SYDENHAM'S BIG CAT SAFARI

A WILD WALKABOUT ADVENTURE!

A free 30-40 minute family street theatre show

Are you brave enough to join the hunt for South London's most mysterious feline?

Since 2005, rumours have swirled of a black panther prowling the streets of Sydenham – sighted near Sainsbury's, tracked past the station, and (possibly) shopping incognito at Kirkdale Bookshop. Enter legendary Swedish cryptozoologist Björn Björnsson (played by newcomer **Kajo Satori**) and his eccentric team: the mystical Zoe Moon (**Ramiah Smith**) and the suspiciously well-informed local birdwatcher, Lady Elspeth (Spontaneous regular **Kate Barry**). What begins as a harmless safari soon becomes a madcap mission full of adventure, daft clues, audience participation, and increasingly odd cat-based revelations...

Packed with laughs, surprises, and more feline philosophy than you can shake a stick at, Sydenham's Big Cat Safari is a purr-fectly bonkers outdoor romp for all ages.

Follow the pawprints. Trust the crystals. Fear the pheromone spray.

THE CAST
KAJO SATORI as Professor Björn Björnsson
KATE BARRY as Lady Elspeth Trumpington-Gore
RAMIAH SMITH as Zoe Moon

AUDIENCE COMMENTS FROM PREVIOUS OUTDOOR EVENTS:
"We love your shows so much, so well crafted and a super hit with the kids (and grownups.)"
"Fantastic, three generations loved it."
"Great energy, loved audience interaction."
"Excellent, loved meeting the cast."

BIG CAT SAFARI PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION
Visit our website for details on how to enter

GET INVOLVED!
Join our friendly VOLUNTEER team and help make the magic happen!
Go to: spontaneousproductions.co.uk/volunteer for more information.

This is a free event, with no advance booking. The audience will be required to walk for a few minutes between locations. Please note there will be limited shade or cover, so in case of rain or hot weather, please bring appropriate clothing etc. Please assemble from 15 mins before the advertised show times, so each safari can start promptly on the hour.

Help support this event by donating through our website – or make a contribution by cash or card on the day!
spontaneousproductions.co.uk/safari

Written, directed and produced by **Jonathan Kaufman** Additional ideas and dialogue by **Darren Bird** Costume designer and Associate producer **Jackie Poulett** Scenic design **Alexia Lopez** Photography **Mark Drinkwater** Graphic design **Jan Warren**

Safeguarding Update

Domestic Abuse Recovery

Do you know a family who may benefit from specialist Domestic Abuse Recovery support?

Best Start Family Hubs are currently accepting referrals for the Children Overcoming Domestic Abuse (CODA) Programme and the Freedom Programme, two evidence-informed group programmes that support children and mothers who have experienced domestic abuse.

These programmes provide a safe, supportive environment for families to begin their recovery journey, build resilience and strengthen relationships.

If you or your family need this support (or any other kind of support) you can access it through the [Lewisham Family Hubs](#).

You can talk to one of our Family Navigators who are based in our Family Hubs offering free, confidential and non-judgmental support if you are a parent or carer living in Lewisham.

Helping families to thrive



Do you know a child who has experienced domestic abuse?

The **Children Overcoming Domestic Abuse Programme (CODA)** works with children and mothers who have experienced domestic abuse

This 12 week in-person programme runs termly and works with 4 to 11 year olds in age appropriate groups with each session lasting 2 hours

We are now accepting referrals for mothers with children in years 5 and 6 of primary school (10-11 years old) for a group starting from September 2026

Running simultaneously for mother and child, the groups aim to:

Children's Groups

- Help to begin the healing process
- Allow children to share their experiences
- Explore ways of expressing their feelings safely
- Look at coping strategies for the future
- Reduce self-blame
- Produce an age appropriate safety plan for the child
- Help to strengthen the mother and child bond

Mother's Groups

- Increase understanding of how to help their child recover
- Provide an opportunity to meet other women with similar experiences and share their feelings
- Explore the impact their experiences may have had on their children
- Find ways to heal the past and look to the future
- Help to strengthen the mother/child bond

How can I access this Programme?

You can make a referral yourself or a professional can make a referral.

To discuss the programme or a family you wish to refer, please email Family.Hub.Referrals@lewisham.gov.uk or visit lewishamfamilyhubs/accessing support



The Freedom Programme

A 12 week programme specifically for women recovering from domestic abuse

Learn the difference between

Mr Wrong Signs of an Unhealthy Relationship

- Shouts & sulks
- Smashes things
- Glares at you
- Calls you names
- Makes you feel ugly
- Makes you feel useless
- Cuts you off from friends
- Cuts you off from family
- Stops you working
- Never admits he is wrong
- Blames you for his behaviour
- Blames drink /drugs for his behaviour

Mr Right Signs of a Healthy Relationship

- A cheerful, consistent supportive partner
- Tells you that you look good
- Tells you you're competent
- Uses your name
- Trusts you
- Trusts your judgment
- Welcomes your friends & family
- Encourages your independence
- Supports your learning and career
- Behaves reasonably well towards their partner

The programme focuses on helping women improve self-confidence, self-esteem, and identity, enabling women to recognise the tactics and behaviours of the dominator

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