The background of the entire page is a photograph of several young children in a classroom. In the foreground, a young girl with dark hair is smiling and looking towards the right. Behind her, another girl is visible, looking in the same direction. In the lower right foreground, a girl wearing a grey hijab and red-rimmed glasses is looking forward. The overall atmosphere is bright and positive.

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Oasis Academy Johanna -
our community primary school
in the heart of Waterloo



"I like reading the class book together, and writing in my journal."

Muhanad, Year 4

Welcome to Oasis Academy Johanna

CEO's welcome

A very warm welcome to Oasis Community Learning! I am delighted that you and your child are interested in becoming part of Oasis Academy Johanna.

Oasis Community Learning was established as a Multi-Academy Trust in 2004 with the vision to create "Exceptional Education at the Heart of the Community".

We run Academies throughout the UK, committed to providing a rich educational experience and ensuring that every child and young person has the opportunity to achieve at the highest level.

Our ethos is integral to that provision. It is an expression of our character, a statement of who we are and therefore the lens through which we assess all we do. We are committed to a model of inclusion, equality, healthy relationships, hope and perseverance throughout all aspects of the life and culture of each Academy community.

So we look forward to your child potentially becoming part of Oasis, in the knowledge that we will work in partnership with you to ensure they become confident learners ready to fulfil their aspirations in life.

John Murphy

Chief Executive Officer,
Oasis Community Learning



Principals' welcome

Welcome to Oasis Academy Johanna!

In September 2011 we converted to become an Oasis Academy and part of the Oasis community Hub in Waterloo so that we could work together to widen opportunities for families in our locality.

As an Academy, we have the freedom to deliver a learning experience which is innovative, challenging and responsive to the needs of individuals. We personalise learning to meet need whilst making it engaging and fun. We make full use of our splendid location to enliven the curriculum through visits linked to our class topics.

We have high expectations and help our pupils to do their very best so that when they transfer to secondary school they are equipped to progress.

In the middle of a huge city, Oasis Academy Johanna has a village-like atmosphere. We are proud to be a fully inclusive, community school.

Tara Penny

Associate Principal,
Oasis Academy Johanna

Di Morgan

Executive Principal,
Oasis Academy Johanna



Founder's welcome

When I started Oasis back in 1985, I had no idea it would grow into the wonderful family of charities that it has become. As well as running over 50 Academies, we provide housing for vulnerable young people, we run social projects – from farms and coffee houses to churches and children's centres – and much more besides, all across the country. So, the question is...why?

Not only do we believe your child should receive the very best formal education, but also that there is more to a healthy life than simply the knowledge they hold. Each of us is a product of the community in which we live. That is why Oasis is passionate that every community served by one of our Academies should be a happy, healthy place where every person has the ability to thrive and achieve their full, God-given potential.

Oasis is motivated by our core Christian ethos which means that we believe every person – those of all faiths or none – are equally valuable and have a part to contribute in helping this vision become a reality.

We look forward to welcoming you and your child to Oasis Academy Johanna in order to experience this for yourself.

Steve Chalke, MBE

Founder, Oasis



Our Aims

At the heart of everything we do are our values. Our goals are driven by these values, as developed by our Student Council:

- To have fun learning and playing.
- To respect ourselves, each other and the wider community.
- To show good manners, we are kind to everyone in and outside our school.
- To appreciate diversity and understand that everybody is different and has different needs.
- To respect all faiths, cultures and abilities.
- To involve and use our local community.
- To make the most of where we live.

Our Partnership With Parents/Carers

We recognise that the education of your child is a shared venture – between you the parents/carers and us, the staff of the Academy. We each have our part to play and we welcome and value your support and contribution.

Your involvement is an essential part of your child's progress and development at school. We view the relationship between teachers, parents/carers, and your child as a triangle where each plays an equally important role in their educational, emotional and social progress.

Communication is all-important, so we ensure that there are opportunities for us to meet during the summer prior to your child's admission. We believe this is an essential element of the transition, allowing you and your child to get to know us and enabling you to address any initial questions or concerns you may have.

“Everyone is very helpful: teachers, assistants, office staff and other children.”

Leonor, Year 5





Pupil Voice

We pride ourselves on our students having a voice. Each year, the children elect representatives from different year groups to serve as members of the Pupil Parliament. Their role is to regularly meet, discuss upcoming events and contribute to important decisions about our school.

Our past events have included fundraising for a range of charities, deciding on the new playground equipment and making promotional videos for our website. The school exists because of the children, so it's vital that their views are heard.

Johanna Family Voice

Johanna Family Voice exists to grow relationships between staff, parents/carers, pupils and others associated with our school. We're always seeking to hear the views of pupils and their families, and we run events and activities that raise funds for equipment and projects in our school. We also organise social events for the enjoyment of our children, families, staff and the wider community.

Parent Class reps

If you'd like to get involved with Johanna Family Voice, there are many ways to do so. Each class has two parent/carer representatives, who act as a voice for their class, ensuring good communication about events and activities that families can be involved in. Reps are approachable people whom other parents/carers can go to with any queries.

Parentspace: every Friday in the school library 9-10am

If you're free on a Friday morning, Parentspace provides a relaxed atmosphere where you can meet other parents/carers whilst sharing experiences and support. Some Fridays we focus on special activities such as planning events, preparing feedback for the school leaders, or hosting information sessions about local activities and support.

Oasis 9 Habits

The 9 Habits have been designed within Oasis to help everyone we work with – students, staff, families, volunteers and senior leaders – to intentionally develop their character. We focus on the development of good character not only because it leads to improved attainment at school or achievement at work but also because good character is a critical end in itself; perhaps the most important element of a good education and a successful career.

The 9 Habits are an invitation to a way of life characterised by being considerate, compassionate, humble, joyful, honest, hopeful, self-controlled, patient and forgiving. Becoming a person who lives this way does not happen by chance. We have to be intentional and practise these habits on a daily basis.

“It's amazing to be part of a school where not only my children are included, but so am I as a parent.”

Bintu, Johanna Family Voice

Nursery and Reception

Early Years Foundation Stage

Our Early Years setting offers the best possible start for all children, as they embark on their learning journey. We provide a creative and purposeful learning environment, offering a range of experiences where children feel nurtured, safe and secure, enabling them to become confident and independent individuals.

We believe that having access to high-quality provision has a significant impact on your child's social, emotional and language development. Our Early Years ensures a solid foundation for all children as they develop a love of learning and engage in the values and ethos of our school community. We work in partnership with you to enhance the educational opportunities and outcomes for your child.

Our EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage – Nursery and Reception classes) provides exceptional education and was rated Outstanding in our last Ofsted inspection.

Nursery

Led by a qualified teacher and experienced early-year educators, our Nursery provides children from three years old with all the building blocks necessary to transition smoothly into Reception.

Our children benefit from a child-centred fun learning approach, and our staff are always available to talk to parents/carers.

Our Nursery day runs 9am-3.30pm, term-time only. We also have the option of child-care before and after the school day, from 8am until 5.45pm.

If you are working and entitled to the government's 30-hour free childcare grant, our nursery is free. If you are entitled to 15 hours of free childcare, you could pay for the additional hours at a cost of just £100 per week.

If you'd like to book in a time to look around, please email nursery@oasisjohanna.org or call **020 7928 5814**.

Reception

Our team of experienced Early Years practitioners support children through modelling positive relationships, making learning fun and challenging, monitoring children's progress carefully and providing early individual support for each child.

The Nursery and Reception curriculum recognises that children learn best through play and active learning. We encourage children to engage in a variety of activities; they learn through a carefully-balanced mix of adult-led and child-led play in each of the 17 key areas of learning and development. We follow a topic-based curriculum and follow the interests of our children in our continuous provision.

At the end of the Foundation Stage, we build in more structured learning for our children so that they are ready to make a smooth transition into Year 1.



**“I like painting and
learning my numbers.”**

Nia, Nursery

Curriculum

At Oasis Academy Johanna we work hard to deliver a curriculum that represents children's worlds and widens their views. We believe that the experience of childhood should be rich and exciting so we are constantly adapting our curriculum to account for the changing world around us and the individual young people we meet.

Pupils at Johanna develop skills and knowledge through a wide range of topics, with connections made between subjects all the time. All lessons are carefully planned to ensure that children build on the knowledge they already have. We actively encourage children to ask questions and to delve deeper into the topic areas that particularly inspire them.

Teachers and teaching assistants then monitor depth of understanding through formal and informal assessments and give children opportunities to apply their newly-learned skills and knowledge.

Our exciting curriculum is unique in that it rests on our values as a school. We are continually questioning how to ensure experiences are accessible to everyone, how children can tackle a challenge with the belief that they will succeed and how lessons and enrichment activities can be meaningful and engaging.

Once children move on from Oasis Academy Johanna, we believe that they will have the necessary experiences behind them to be fully prepared for the next stage of their learning and that they will have many happy memories of primary school days to look back on.

**"This school is welcoming,
nobody's left out."**

Soumaya, Year 6



Maths

Children participate in maths lessons every day. As well as of learning mathematical procedures, we want children to develop understanding at a deep, conceptual level. For this reason, we have opted to follow the Mathematics Mastery curriculum which supports children in applying their learning to unfamiliar situations.

We place great focus on the development of language and communication within maths, so we ensure children have plenty of opportunities for talking and explaining their approaches to all areas of learning including number, shape, measures and data handling.

In addition to the daily maths lesson, classes participate in Maths Meetings which are used to consolidate key areas of learning. These sessions are 10-15 minutes long, fast-paced, engaging and support children in practising concepts and skills on a regular basis.

English

Children are encouraged to talk from their first day in the Nursery and quickly acquire vocabulary and conversational skills that underpin their learning.

Our English curriculum is centred on high-quality books and is integrated into our topics wherever possible. Writing is purposefully developed through the topics whilst grammar is taught discretely. Our children write accurately, creatively and imaginatively in a range of genres.

We take a multi-sensory approach to learning to read which includes both phonics and comprehension skills, leading children to develop a love of reading and of literature.

Science

Our science curriculum encourages children to plan and undertake a variety of investigations, deepening their knowledge and understanding of key scientific principles.

Practical inquiry-based lessons underpin the teaching of our science curriculum, designed to arouse children's natural curiosity where they learn to raise questions, explore ideas and communicate findings through whole class, group and individual discussions.

**"Oasis
Academy
Johanna
encourages
you to achieve
more than you
thought possible."**

Hector, Year 6

IT

We have a well-equipped computing suite that includes PCs, iPads and programming equipment, in addition to the in-class computers and interactive whiteboards. Pupils at Oasis Academy Johanna embrace technology and learn a wide range of skills to support their use of technology in all areas of the curriculum.

Pupils learn computer competency skills using Microsoft Office software, e-safety and responsible use of technology. In addition, they learn to manipulate sound, images and video to create content. We have developed a progressive computer science curriculum that helps children learn some of the concepts behind computing, as well as learn programming and coding skills to equip them for an ever-changing technological world.

PE

We work with our Moving Matters specialist sports coaches to teach the full PE curriculum. We engage with other schools in intra-borough competitions in a range of sports including football, netball, tag rugby, and multi-skills for Key Stage 1 pupils, and also work with world-class external partners such as Rambert contemporary dance company.

Our pupils love PE and enjoy active playtimes (which include organised competitive games) as well as structured lessons. PE is an important part of our commitment to promote long-term healthy lifestyles for every one of our children.

Art and Design

We offer a rich and varied art and design curriculum that stimulates creative thinking and develops valuable skills. Children grow up in a highly visual world and it is through art and design that they learn how to navigate this, building abilities in observation, perseverance, collaboration and expression. Our children explore and create art with a wide range of materials using both traditional and contemporary techniques. They learn about famous artists, and how to constructively critique their own work and that of others.

There are regular visits to London's world-class galleries and exhibitions and our own pupils' art is always celebrated and displayed throughout the school. Art and design is at the heart of a successful mindset that empowers students throughout their school life and into adulthood.

**"Art is great because
I like being creative
with my style."**

Erika, Year 4





Music

Music is an important part of the curriculum at Oasis Academy Johanna. It helps the children develop holistically, enabling them to gain confidence and work together, learning new skills and ways to express themselves.

We have a well-resourced music room where all our pupils attend weekly music lessons. Children work together to compose their own pieces with sounds, instruments and movement, using their knowledge of musical elements to assist them.

Our children also learn how to play percussion instruments, as well as beginning to understand and read musical notation. Singing is an important part of music development and all children attend weekly singing assemblies. We also run an after-school choir for Key Stage 2, open to all.

The termly music planning is linked with the class topic or current events and our lessons are delivered in a fun and engaging way.

There are many opportunities for children to perform at Oasis Academy Johanna. We have music concerts throughout the year, and numerous other events in school and at external venues. We have close links with the Lambeth Music Service, the Southbank Centre, the Centre for Young Musicians and the London Philharmonic Orchestra, through which our children get involved in a variety of projects.

We also offer private tuition for keyboard and ukulele, as well as the Year 5 class orchestra.

MFL

In our modern foreign languages curriculum, each term we have a focus language and all classes learn key words and phrases. We invite native speakers to share with us and we learn cultural traditions associated with that language.

We teach MFL through activities, games and songs. Pupils are encouraged to listen attentively and repeat words and phrases with accuracy.

In Key Stage 2 we teach children to write key words and phrases in French and Spanish. They develop an understanding of grammar and spelling conventions in these of the languages and compare them with English.

RE

Religious education centres around creating space for pupils to reflect on fundamental questions of 'Who am I?' and 'Who am I becoming?'

Our engaging RE curriculum interweaves with our commitment to wellbeing. Themes are explored by the whole school at the same time and lessons are led by key questions which are unpacked in classes. Themes (eg Stories, Celebrations, Teachers and Authority) are always explored through the lenses of different faiths alongside each other and not separately. This approach encourages children to explore their own beliefs and develop their appreciation of diversity and inclusivity. Our children visit a different place of worship each year.

"I love singing and playing instruments like the xylophone."

Jannah, Year 1

LifeSavers (with London Mutual Credit Union)

LifeSavers is a financial education programme for primary schools, giving children the knowledge, skills and attitudes to manage money well. We've partnered with LifeSavers and London Mutual Credit Union, giving all our pupils and their families the opportunity to open a savings account.

Pupils are encouraged to save, and are taught about the importance of managing their money well. LifeSavers is pupil-led, with our children having the opportunity to learn about the world of banking!

Admissions

We have 30 Reception places each year, and our admissions policy can be found at oasisacademyjohanna.org/admissions-info. To apply for a place, please do so via the Lambeth Council website. If you are seeking a place at any other time of the year, please contact us directly.

We have open days for Reception, where there's a chance for you to look around the school and meet our staff and children. Upcoming dates can be found in an insert at the back of this prospectus.

Uniform

We require all pupils to wear uniform. A uniform helps to give unity and identification to an Academy; it can make less obvious the different financial circumstances of parents/carers and is a protection for both parents/carers and pupils from the temptations of temporary extremes of fashion. For full details about what your child will require, please see the insert at the back of this prospectus.

Special Educational Needs

We're very proud that Oasis Academy Johanna has been recognised as a Centre of Excellence for Inclusion, by external assessors IQM (Inclusion Quality Mark).



We admit children with a range of needs and will never refuse to educate a child based on their needs. We have been, and continue to be, successful in including children with a range of physical needs and frequently receive feedback from families that they feel they have been welcomed and supported. Further information can be found in the insert at the back of the prospectus.

"I've had so much opportunity to learn different things. My voice has been heard here."

Khamani, Year 6





"I love doing judo, you learn how to defend yourself."

Cem, Year 1

Extra-curricular clubs

We believe that a well-rounded education is vital for nurturing well-rounded people. Because of this, we ensure that there are a variety of extra-curricular school activities for children to be involved in. Some are by invitation, others for children to sign up to on a first-come-first-served basis. Some run at lunchtimes and some after school. These change termly, and further information and the up-to-date timetable can be found in the inserts at the back.

After-school club

Our after-school club is registered with Ofsted and is based in the Oasis Playspace in Geraldine Harmsworth Park, next to the Imperial War Museum. The club is open 3.30-6pm during term-time.

Children are walked from school to the Playspace, where they are able to meet with children from three other local primaries and enjoy a range of indoor and outdoor activities. It is a safe and relaxed environment where children can make friends and explore their interests. A light meal is also provided.

The club is managed by our children and families development worker, supervised and run by three playworkers, all of whom have significant experience and undertake regular professional development training. If you would like to register your child or would like more details please contact us.

Breakfast club

We want every child at Oasis Academy Johanna to start the day with everything they need in order to learn effectively, and a fundamental element of this is a healthy, filling breakfast.

Breakfast Club runs every morning and children can arrive any time between 8-8.45am. It costs just £2 per day, and is free to children who are registered for free school meals.

Oasis Hub Waterloo

Oasis believes that to truly fulfil a child's educational needs, it is vital to also be aware of their emotional, spiritual and economic needs. As such, wherever we work, we aim to develop communities that are holistic, interconnected and totally inclusive. We call our model for these communities 'Hubs'.

Oasis Academy Johanna is part of Oasis Hub Waterloo. In this busy city setting, Oasis Hub Waterloo's aim is to help to create a local community where people of all ages and situations feel included. In all that we do, our goal is to bring inclusion, opportunity and transformation so that everyone is able to make a contribution and reach their God-given potential.

Week-by-week the Hub provides exceptional education for almost 1,000 local children through Johanna and our Outstanding secondary school, Oasis Academy South Bank, while the Waterloo Foodbank puts food on the table for families and individuals who are just about managing; we support people burdened by debt, create ways for those of all ages to grow together in a supportive community, use music, art, horticulture and sport to allow young people to discover their leadership skills and much, much more.

Here are some of the ways in which being part of the Hub benefits our pupils and their families:

Oasis Farm Waterloo

Our community farm is an acre of land which, in partnership with an educational charity Jamie's Farm, we have transformed from wasteland into a productive and beautiful farm. The farm is a working and learning environment, where all life is nurtured and valued. All pupils at Oasis Academy Johanna visit the farm, where the farm staff help teachers to run therapeutic and educational activities for children.

Waterloo Library

The Lambeth Council-run library is housed in the Oasis Centre, providing a wide range of books and literacy services. All Johanna pupils are encouraged to become members of the library, and to take part in the library's regular holiday reading challenges.

Adult education

Our community team also work with Morley College, a local further education college, to provide a range of adult education services in the Oasis Centre, for local people. Many parents from Oasis Academy Johanna have benefitted from these courses, particularly the ever-popular ESOL course (aimed at those who would like to improve their English skills.)

Oasis Church Waterloo

Our church is a community of ordinary people exploring life together. Everyone is welcome. We have loads of activities throughout the week and two services each Sunday: we meet at 11am for a relaxed, informal service with music and supported by kids and youth work, then our evening congregation, which is smaller, more reflective and discussion-based, meets in the Hub Coffee House at 6.30pm.

"Oasis Hub Waterloo is simply the best community charity to go to in the time of emergency or crisis. Their staff went the extra mile to support myself and my son in every way they can: financially, psychologically, physically, socially and so on... they gave me a reason to live when all hope was lost."

A local parent



Advice Centre

Waterloo Foodbank

Waterloo Foodbank exists to ensure that no one in Waterloo goes hungry. We work with over 150 local agencies to provide emergency food to people in need.

The Foodbank is also for those who'd like to volunteer: there are a number of ways you can get involved, both during the week and at weekends. We're open six times a week, and if you need food, you can get one of our vouchers from a number of local agencies, including GPs, social workers, housing support staff, or from the school office, where the staff will ensure your privacy is kept.

Oasis Debt Advice

Oasis Debt Advice exists to ensure that no one in Waterloo struggles alone with debt. It's a completely free service, where a trained advisor helps you to understand your debt, works out affordable, worry-free ways to deal with it, and supports you through the whole process.

Oasis Playspace

Our local children's centre is a fantastic space for children and families, with indoor and outdoor space and masses of toys and activities to keep everyone entertained!

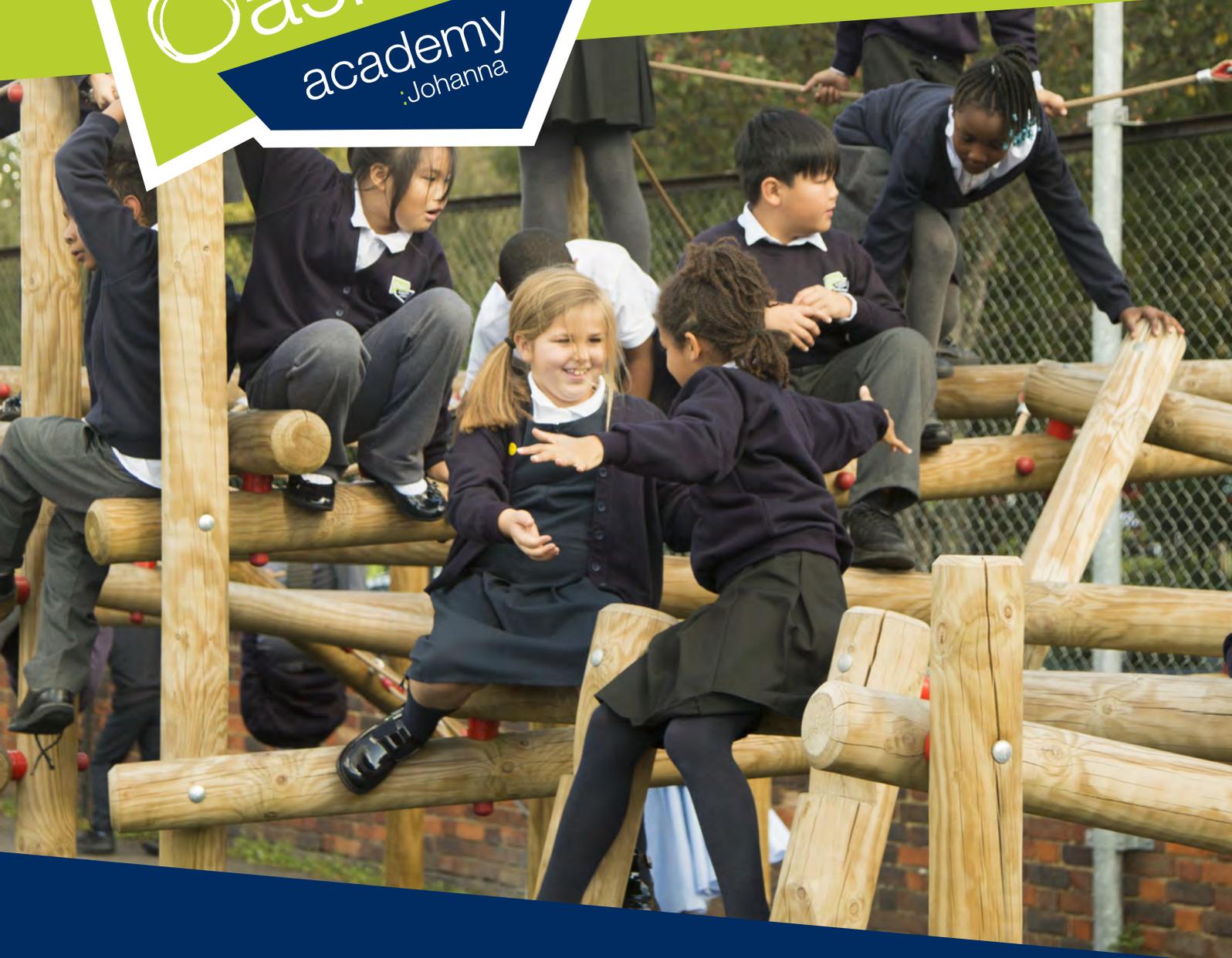
Join us with your baby or toddler for Hullabaloo, our popular stay-and-play sessions, on Monday and Friday mornings, 10-11.30am, or you might like to hire the space for your own children's party or event. We also run clubs and trips through holidays.

For more information on any of the above, please go to [oasiswaterloo.org](https://www.oasiswaterloo.org), email welcome@oasiswaterloo.org or pop in and see us at the **Oasis Centre, 1 Kennington Road, SE1 7QP.**





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