

# ENGLISH MARTYRS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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## NEWSLETTER

Friday 27th June 2025

*Dear parents and carers*

As we approach the end of this school year, our weeks seem to be getting busier every time. This has been yet another week full of exciting learning opportunities and other enrichment activities. It has been an intense week for all children as it was our Summer Term **assessment week**. They have been working on assessment papers for Reading and Maths. Teachers then will report to parents later on towards the end of this term.

On Wednesday, Class 4J went on a **Pilgrimage** trip to **Aylesford Priory** where they took part in the **FESTIVAL OF HOPE** together with many other Catholic schools from across the diocese of Southwark. On the same day our **Year 3** children attended a concert at the **Royal Festival Hall** where they enjoyed a wonderful performance by the Orchestra playing music by Igor Stravinsky.

This week, different groups of children took part in sports related activities. On Wednesday a group of children took part in a **sailing festival** while on Thursday, a group of Year 5 children took part in a football tournament at Milwall sports grounds. On the same day, Year 6 pupils enjoyed their treat which consisted of a Trip to the **BMX track in Burgess Park** where they were introduced to, or improved their cycling and balancing skills.

Please remember there are a number of things to note for next few weeks including our Sports Days and End of term activities.

Thank you and have a good weekend!

### SCHOOL ATTENDANCE and PUNCTUALITY

Parents are reminded that **no holidays or travel should be booked during term time** and that all children arrive by no later than **8.45 am** each morning.



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



The following are some of the important dates to remember:

**Sunday 29th June**  
Feast of St Peter and St Paul

**Wednesday 2nd July**  
Year 3 - Pilgrimage to Southwark Cathedral

**Tuesday 8th July**  
Sports Day - Years 1 to 6

**Wednesday 9th July**  
Sports Day - Nursery and Reception

**Friday 11th July**  
End of Year Reports sent to Parents

**Friday 18th July**  
Last day of school for children

**WORSHIP TOGETHER - ASPIRE TOGETHER - EXCEL TOGETHER**



## SPORTS DAYS

Please note the dates for our Sports Days:



### Tuesday 8th July -

**Years 1, 2, 3** at 10.00am - 11.30am

**Years 4, 5 and 6** at 1.00pm - 2.30pm

**Venue:** Burgess Park (Main Park)

### Wednesday 9th July -

**Nursery (AM & Full time) and Reception class**

at 10.00am - 11.30am

**Nursery (PM & Full time) and Reception class**

at 1.00pm - 11.30am

**Venue:** Building 1 Playground

Parents of children are welcome to attend as spectators.

All children are to come to school in their **PE Kit and team coloured T-shirt** for their sports day on the dates shown above.

Every week our Mid-day meals supervisors award stars to pupils who show our school values during lunchtime breaks. The following are the names of our Star children for this week.



**Nursery:**  
**Lemlem, Adrian**

**Reception:**  
**Kamiah, Landea**

**Year 1:**  
**Moses, Nelly-Olivia, Shaqir**

**Year 2:**  
**Edward, Maria, David**

**Year 3:**  
**Solyana, Heleia**

**Year 4:**  
**Alan, Jairy**

**Year 5 :**  
**Gideon, Zena**

**Year 6:**  
**Tysha, Sareen, Juma**

## USED SCHOOL UNIFORMS

One of the ways we try to support families and parents of children who join our school is to enable them to use second hand uniform items.

Has your child grown out of their school jumper, trousers, dress etc? Are they still in good condition.



**If so we invite you to consider donating them to be washed and recycled for use by other pupils in the future. Thank you.**

## ENGLISH MARTYRS' PARISH CHURCH

Our school is part of the ENGLISH MARTYRS' PARISH community.

The parish church is right next door to the school.

There are Masses regularly every weekend at the following times:

Saturday evenings at 6:00 pm

Sundays at 9.00 am

Sundays at 11:30 am

Sunday evening at 6:00 pm

For more information call the parish office on

020 7703 4967



# FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

# THIS WEEK

## CLASS 2J

In Maths, we have been learning about **tally charts** and **bar graphs**. We created our own bar graphs and tally charts about our favourite ice cream flavours.



In science, we have continued learning about **animals including humans**. This week, we learned about **microbes** and to support our learning we made play-doh models to represent **bacteria and viruses**. In English, We have been continuing our retelling of **Goldilocks and the Three Bears**. 2E, 1K and 2J worked together to create our own 'Pilgrims of Hope' art for the Jubilee Year.



## CLASS 3C

We have been very busy in 3C. This week, we have been having **assessments** where we have showed off everything that we have learnt. On Wednesday, we attended a wonderful concert in the **Royal Festival Hall** where we listened to the **Igor Stravinsky's Petrushka**. We all had fun listening to the music and joining in with the group songs and learning more about instruments of the orchestra.

Last week, we had our class assembly where we taught everyone about the history of **Feast of Corpus Christi, Moses and the exodus from Egypt and the skeleton**. We also performed two songs. One told the story of Exodus from Egypt and the other one, 'At the name of Jesus,' was one we have been busy practicing with Mr Charlie from the Southwark Schools' Singing Programme. Everyone did a great job learning their line and Ms Amachree said we were amazing.

Finally, our teacher Mr Field is going to be running the world famous London Marathon next year for CAFOD – keep an eye out for details of how to sponsor him.



## RE

This half term, we all started by learning about **Hinduism**.

The whole school has been busy with their learning in Religious Education. Year 2 and all the classes in Key Stage 2 have been on **pilgrimages to celebrate the Year of Jubilee** and the theme 'We are pilgrims of hope,' Year 2 and 3 visited **St Georges' Cathedral**, Southwark and year 4 – 6 visited **Aylesford Priory in Kent**. As part of Art Week, each year group created a display inspired by the theme 'Pilgrims of Hope.'

In class, children in Early Years have been learning about **The Church**. In year 1, children have been learning about the **miracles of Jesus** including how Jesus calmed the storm.

Children in year 2 have been learning about the birth of The Church including what happened **to St Peter** when he was in prison.

In year 3, the children have been learning about things including the **exodus from Egypt** and what links the **Feast of Passover and The Last Supper**.

In year 4, the children have learnt about **belonging to The Church** including reflecting on ways in which they belong to The Church.

In year 5, the children have been learning more about people of other faiths including learning more about the **Qur'an**.

Finally in year 6, the children have been learning about many things including the **seven Sacraments**.



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# THIS WEEK

## SAILING FESTIVAL AT GREENLAND DOCK

On Wednesday 25th June, some of our pupils had the exciting opportunity to take part in a Sailing Festival at Greenland Dock.



After meeting their instructors, the children were taught how to sail along the river—many for the very first time. It was a day of courage and discovery, with several pupils bravely overcoming their fear of water and even navigating their boats independently.

This was a fantastic achievement that helped build confidence, strength, and a strong sense of accomplishment. Well done to all who took part.



## FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT WITH MILLWALL COMMUNITY TRUST

On Thursday 26th June, a group of our boys and girls took part in an exciting football tournament hosted by the Premier League Primary Stars and organised by the Millwall Community Trust.

It was a fantastic day filled with great sportsmanship, teamwork, and impressive football skills. Our team played six matches, losing only two, and truly showcased their talent and determination on the pitch.

More importantly, the children represented the school with pride, showing emotional maturity, resilience, and a positive attitude throughout the day. Their efforts were recognised by the organisers, and we are proud to share that our team was awarded “Most Ambitious Team” by the Millwall Community.

Well done to all the players—you’ve done our school proud!





# SOUTHWARK MUSIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



**Hi Everyone,**

My name is Gordon Maguire and I'm the Head of Southwark Music. We provide high quality music education for children and young people across Southwark, ages 0 -18. We thought we'd take this opportunity to highlight to you some of the work we do with some 13,000 children, in and out of schools, throughout the year. If you'd like more information on our work, please do [contact us](#).

**Gordon, Head of Southwark Music**

## Curriculum Partnership Programme

Our Southwark Music Curriculum Partnership Programme is a partnership between Southwark Music and Southwark primary schools, providing excellent music lessons delivered by carefully selected specialist music tutors. Our Curriculum Music lessons are delivered through singing, alongside learning tuned and untuned percussion instruments, Solfa, Kodaly and active listening. The CPP is now in over 40 Southwark primary schools and reaches over 8000 students a week.

## Whole Class Ensemble Tuition

Our Whole Class Ensemble lessons provide a wide choice of fun-packed musical sessions for all year groups. Students' musical skills develop across the years, learning through a broad range of instruments and styles, from dynamic African Drumming to orchestral Woodwind, Samba to Ukulele, Brass and more.

**"I think music makes people feel happier. The lessons made me feel really happy."** Student - 2025

## SEND Provision

As part of our Curriculum Partnership Programme, Southwark Music offers bespoke curriculum programmes for SEND schools in the borough. Our tutors work closely with schools to tailor content to the needs of their students, and deliver accessible, multi-sensory lessons that give children with SEND the opportunity to thrive in their music lessons.

[www.southwarkmusicservice.org.uk](http://www.southwarkmusicservice.org.uk)

## Lead Schools

Southwark Music is delighted to share our newly appointed Lead Schools for Music for the 2025-2026 academic year: St James the Great Primary School, Cherry Garden School, and Kingsdale Foundation School.

Lead Schools will support Southwark Music, championing professional development for schools and teachers across the Borough and help support our mission of providing inclusive and creative opportunities for all.

Learn a little more about our newly appointed Lead Schools [here](#).

## Events

Southwark Music offers a wide range of performance opportunities, both in and out of school, throughout the academic year. Our young musicians perform at venues including the world-renowned Southbank Centre, our Southwark Music Saturday Centre and Southwark Council's Tooley St offices. These events showcase the hard work and dedication of our talented young musicians from across the Borough.

## Saturday Centre

Our Saturday Centre provides a dynamic, energetic and inclusive music education for the young people of Southwark. This fun-packed morning of music-making offers the opportunity to learn an instrument, develop music skills and take part in ensembles and choirs.

## Bursary Schemes and Scholarships

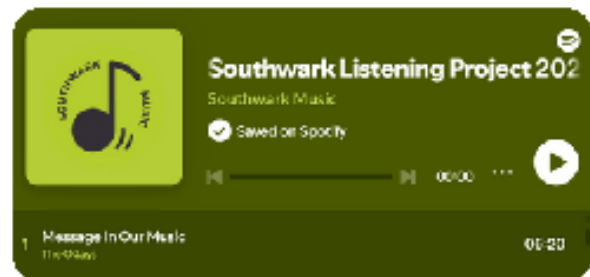
The Southwark Music Saturday Centre offers a range of bursaries for fees and instruments alongside the London Music Fund scholarships. Visit [southwarkmusicservice.org.uk](https://southwarkmusicservice.org.uk) for further information and to apply.



## Progression Portal

'Southwark Music's Progression Portal' offers access to the details of a wide range of musical opportunities taking place across South East London and beyond. The Portal is updated weekly by Southwark Music and is a one-stop-shop for updates on the range of activities available for young musicians.

This resource is for children, young people, schools, parents, carers and tutors. The link to the portal can be found [here](#). The Portal is live at all times and is being continually updated.



## Southwark Listening Project

The Southwark Listening Project began as a response to COVID and the disruption to children's learning. Each week we send out a simple email attachment to all schools in Southwark. It contains information about a composer or performer, including a link to a performance. These fact sheets have proven very popular with school headteachers and music leads.

Catch up on previous SLP pieces [here](#) and click [here](#) to follow the SLP on Spotify.

## South East London Music Hub:

Southwark Music are proud to be part of the South East London Music Hub. Working alongside Bexley Music, Bromley Youth Music Trust, Royal Greenwich Music Service, Lambeth Music Service and Lewisham Music, we will build upon the fantastic work already taking place in South East London, working collaboratively to ensure high quality music education across the region.

Thank you for taking the time to find out more about the work of Southwark Music. Please do get in touch if you have any questions and we hope to see you at one of our events in the near future.



**Dear Parent/Guardian,**

Surrey Cricket Foundation, England Cricket Board and Southwark Council would like to offer your Child an opportunity to be a part of a regular cricket programme this summer at Burgess Park - All Stars & Dynamos offers children the chance to learn new skills, make new friends, connect communities and is **fully funded** by Surrey Cricket Foundation & supported by Southwark Council and as such will be **FREE** to all participants.

**Important – Use the DISCOUNT PROMO CODE from the table below.**

**The All Stars Cricket** is an entry level national programme aimed at 5–8 year olds. The sessions run every **Thursday 10:00am – 11:00am** at Burgess Park, SE5 0RJ for 4 weeks from **31<sup>st</sup> July -21<sup>st</sup> August**. Each child signed up for All Stars will receive a personalised t-shirt

**The Dynamos Cricket** is aimed at 9–11 year olds. The sessions run every **Thursday 11:15am-12:15pm** at Burgess Park, SE5 0RJ for 4 weeks from **31<sup>st</sup> July -21<sup>st</sup> August**. Each child signed up for Dynamos will receive a personalised t-shirt.

To register click one of the links below and use the **DISCOUNT PROMO CODE** when booking your place.

It is important you do not share this link as there are only a select number of places available.

<b>All Stars</b> Burgess Park 31 <sup>st</sup> July -21 <sup>st</sup> August   10:00am-11:00am	<b>Dynamos</b> Burgess Park 31 <sup>st</sup> July -21 <sup>st</sup> August   11:15am-12:15pm
<a href="#">Sign up link</a>	<a href="#">Sign up link</a>
<b>All Stars PROMO CODE: 7RW6T</b>	<b>Dynamos PROMO CODE: 8SBYZ</b>

Yours Sincerely,

Alex Hughes - ajhughes@surreyccricket.com / 07756 269946  
 Surrey Cricket Foundation,  
 Kia Oval, London, SE11 5SS



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**Ages 8-14 | £20 per day\***

**Monday-Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup>- 20<sup>th</sup> August, 9:30am - 2pm**

Can't make the 2pm pick up? For an extra £10 a day, join games club until 5pm



\*We offer funded places for students from low-income households or those who receive benefit-related free-school meals.



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For more information and to sign up email [education@vauxhallcityfarm.org](mailto:education@vauxhallcityfarm.org)



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