

# ENGLISH MARTYRS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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## NEWSLETTER

Friday 24th October 2025

*Dear parents and carers*

We are now at the end of the first half term. Already seven and a half weeks have passed since the beginning of this school year. We started this week with our **Liturgy and worship** gatherings when we continued to reflect on the **Sunday Gospel** message as well as the different sets of **mysteries of the Rosary**.

Children across the school also continued to learn about famous people who worked to put **hope** in people's lives in different ways. This was our focus for **Black history month** this year. It was great to see so many parents visiting our Black history month **exhibition** yesterday and today. For anyone who hasn't yet visited, it will be still there for a couple of days after our mid term break. You will be able to see the wonderful stands prepared by each class.

Today, **Class 2J** led our **Friday assembly** which was really informative where they shared what they have been learning across the curriculum, including role play on the bravery of **Harriett Tubman** relating to Black history month. Many thanks to all the parents who joined us.

We now break for our Autumn Term **Half term week**. We'll be back for the start of Autumn 2 on Monday 3rd November.

Thank you and have a good half term break.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



The following are some of the important dates to remember:

**Monday 27th October**  
Beginning of Half term week

**Saturday 1st November**  
All Saints Day

**Sunday 2nd November**  
All Souls Day

**Monday 3rd November**  
Beginning of Autumn Term 2

**Monday 3rd November**  
Class 6M  
INTO University week begins today

**Friday 7th November - 8.50 am**  
Class Assembly - 4G  
Parents of children in 4G are invited to attend in Building 2

**Friday 7th November**  
Year 6 classes  
INTO University programme  
Graduation at South Bank University

### THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

SAY THE ROSARY EVERY DAY TO OBTAIN PEACE FOR THE WORLD.

Our Lady in Fatima



WORSHIP TOGETHER - ASPIRE TOGETHER - EXCEL TOGETHER



## ATTENDANCE and PUNCTUALITY

We are very proud of our high percentages of our pupils' school attendance over these last few years. However, 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.



## FOOD BANK

From time to time we come across families who we know are in need of some support. We are now going to try to help by setting up our own **EMS Food Bank** to help those in need.

Any parents who would like to contribute any food items can do that by bringing them to school and place them in the box in the Undercroft. Ideally we would like to do this on **Mondays, either in the morning or at hometime.**

Any food items you would like to donate will have to be **non perishable** items such as tins of food, packets of Rice or Pasta etc. Thank you.



## POPPY APPEAL

Poppies are now available to buy from the school office before and after school to mark Remembrance Day. We will be raising money in aid of The British Legion. Please bring a donation to school if you would like to buy one.



## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Children in **Year 4 or above** can apply for the **First Holy Communion programme** at English Martyrs Parish. Those who apply will need to attend **Catechism sessions on Saturdays** and also attend **Sunday Mass** regularly in Church with the Parish Community. Registration Forms are available from the church or the school office.



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:**  
**Amaya, Obasi**

**Reception:**  
**Anya, George**

**Year 1:**  
**Levi, Sarah**

**Year 2:**  
**Deborah, Kane**

**Year 3:**  
**Abies, Adriel**

**Year 4:**  
**Victoria, Thiago**

**Year 5:**  
**Nathaniel, Prosper**

**Year 6:**  
**Tatiana, Edmondson**



# LOCAL MUSIC LESSONS

Dear parents

PEMBROKE ACADEMY OF MUSIC offers music and instrumental lessons to local children mainly those in Year 3 to Year 9.

Please see the poster below for more details about dates and times as well as fees for lessons.

We would like to support this initiative and children from our school who would like to take part and start learning how to play a musical instrument.

Please see Mr Camilleri if you would like to discuss further.

Thank you.



**Wednesdays** (term time) **6:30pm-8:15pm**  
At Pembroke House 80 Tatum St SE17 1QR

**For Ages 7-14** (Yr3 - end of Yr9)

Weekly high-quality music tuition in a range of musical instruments, music theory and ensemble performance at subsidised rates for all participants.

Contact by email or phone:

lucy.duncan@pembrokehouse.org.uk  
020 7703 3803

Fees per term:

Full Price: 1st child-£55,  
2nd child-£44, 3rd child-£33  
*Concession fees available.*



# WALWORTH LIBRARY HOMEWORK CLUB



WELL, WE CAN HELP!



**Need support  
with  
homework?**

We are offering pupils the support needed to complete homework or revision

**Every  
Tuesday  
4-5PM**



Children's  
Area

**TERM TIME ONLY**

# Missed your flu vaccine?

## Live or attend school in the borough of Southwark? Aged 4 – 16?

Come down to a flu catch-up clinic and  
protect yourself!

Monday 27 October, 10:00 – 14:00  
Rye Oak Children's Centre, SE15 3PD

Tuesday 28 October, 10:00 – 14:00  
Stockwell Children's Centre, SW9 9TG

Thursday 30 October, 10:00 – 14:00  
Rye Oak Children's Centre, SE15 3PD

Friday 31 October, 10:00 – 14:00  
Hitherfield Children's Centre, SW16 2LN

**Our clinics are walk-in.  
Call 020 8614 5495 for  
more information**



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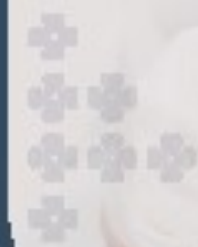
Saturday 1 November, 10:00 – 14:00  
Big Yellow Office, Camberwell, SE5 7SW

Saturday 15 November, 10:00 – 14:00  
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# Free Dental Check-Ups for Children



## *Ensuring healthy smiles for every child*

We believe in the importance of accessible healthcare. Every child should have access to high quality, essential dental care, no matter their circumstances.

Early dental care is critical in shaping a child's long-term health, and regular check-ups – ideally every 6 months – are key to preventing issues (such as tooth decay and cavities) and creating positive habits that last a lifetime.

We're aware that not all children have access to this care, which is why we've partnered with 'Give Kids a Smile' to offer **100 free check-up appointments on 28<sup>th</sup> Oct 2025** to children at the **Amelia Street Dental Clinic**.

### *On the day, you can expect:*

- **FREE** dental check-ups for children
- **FREE** gifts & resources for every child
- **Helpful oral health advice** to parents and guardians - to help to understand how to support your child's dental health at home.

By focusing on prevention and education, our Give Kids a Smile Day on 28<sup>th</sup> Oct 2025 at our practice on Amelia Street is designed to support and equip local families with the knowledge and resources needed to help children maintain healthy smiles for life.

Those early dental visits with a friendly-faced dentist will help children to become familiar with dental care, reducing anxiety in future visits and making it easier to maintain regular check-ups into adulthood.

Use the QR code provided to register your interest. Or contact us by emailing: [reception.ameliastreet@colosseumdental.co.uk](mailto:reception.ameliastreet@colosseumdental.co.uk) providing your name and a contact phone number, quoting 'GKAS' in the email.



## Address

Amelia Street Dental  
Clinic,  
22 Amelia Street,  
London,  
SE17 3PY

## Email

reception.  
ameliastreet@  
colosseumdental.co.uk





Drug and  
Alcohol Service  
Southwark



Young  
People  
Southwark

## Free Workshops for Parents and Carers

Do you want more guidance on how to talk to your children, teens and young people about vaping, alcohol or drugs? Do you want to be informed on the current themes and trends we come across working with young people in the borough?

Substances are more accessible today than ever before. For parents, carers or anyone responsible for children and young people, it can feel overwhelming and difficult to know how to respond.

We're offering FREE online workshops for parents and carers in Southwark, to give advice and guidance to help you navigate this quickly changing landscape.



### We'll cover:

- Current trends amongst young people
- Strategies for talking to young people about substances in an open and supportive way
- Practical advice on how to keep your children safe from the dangers of substance misuse



For further information contact:

- Email: [Southwark.YoungPeople@cgl.org.uk](mailto:Southwark.YoungPeople@cgl.org.uk) or scan the QR code for a direct link to the eventbrite page.
- You can call us on: **020 3404 7699**

SCAN ME



# CAMP GREEN HORIZON

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2025  
9.30am - 2pm

Would you like to learn more about the natural world this half term? Would you like to spend time with animals and wildlife?

Join us at The Farm for a jam-packed week of...

**Crafts | Games | Gardening | Conservation**



**FREE\* | Ages 8 -14 years**

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

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

\*This opportunity is aimed at students from low-income households or who receive benefit-related free-school meals.

