

ENGLISH MARTYRS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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NEWSLETTER

Friday 3rd October 2025

Dear parents and carers

We have now started the month of **October**. In our Prayer and Liturgy assemblies we focused on the Prayer of **the Rosary** which we are now praying regularly in the mornings this month. On Monday we also welcomed **Sister Josephine Udie** who joined us for our morning worship and told us about the Prayer book she has just published.

This week all classes have started their work on **Black History Month**. We are focusing on this year's theme: **Standing firm in Power and Hope** so we are therefore also making links with the Jubilee year theme of **HOPE**. We will be celebrating all our children's work through an **exhibition** you will be able to visit on **Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th October**.

This week we continued with our focus on **FAIRTRADE FORT-NIGHT**. A big thank you goes to the parents and School Governors who attended our **Tea Party** on Wednesday but especially to Ms Adegbite and the group of Fairtrade Ambassadors, children in Year 5 who prepared for this event, baked the muffins using Fairtrade Ingredients and gave a wonderful presentation about this important cause we support at English Martyrs.

Today **Class 4J** led our Friday **class assembly** in which they shared aspects of their recent learning in different areas of the curriculum.

Thank you and have a good weekend.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



The following are some of the important dates to remember:

Tuesday 7th October
Feast of
Our LADY OF THE ROSARY

Thursday 9th October
Year 5 classes
Trip to the Tower of London

Friday 10th October
MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY
HELLO YELLOW DAY

Friday 10th October - 8.50 am
Class Assembly - 6M
Parents of children in 6M invited to attend in Building 1

Monday 13th October
Class 6T start
INTO University Week Programme

Monday 27th October
Beginning of Half term week



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



SAFEGUARDING

Are you concerned about the
Safeguarding or wellbeing of a child?

Make a record of your concern and
include facts such as date, time, what
you know and any witnesses.

Add your signature and submit to a member of our
Safeguarding team.

**Ms Akpojotor - Mr Camilleri - Ms Essel
Ms Bentaleb - Ms Castaldi**

Remember:

We all have a duty to share concerns



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:
Esosa, Chloe

Reception:
Victor, Khalid

Year 1:
Skyler, Oscar

Year 2:
Abdul, Fatimah

Year 3:
Flourish, Pablo

Year 4:
Harli, Grace

Year 5:
**Elizabeth, Daniel,
Solyana, Cosam**

Year 6:
Daniella, Tunmise



THE WEDNESDAY WORD

Every Wednesday we ask
our children to have a look
and read through THE



WEDNESDAY WORD. This is a Catholic flyer about the
Sunday Mass readings and includes a range of activi-
ties for children. Use the link below to share this Sun-
day's gospel as a family.

[https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-
word/prayer?pid=MTA101634&v=17.8](https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/prayer?pid=MTA101634&v=17.8)

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.



AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITY CLUBS

Parents of children attending any of our After School Activity
clubs need to make sure that the **£10 contribution** is paid using
ARBOR. When this is not settled places will be withdrawn and
offered to other children on the waiting list.

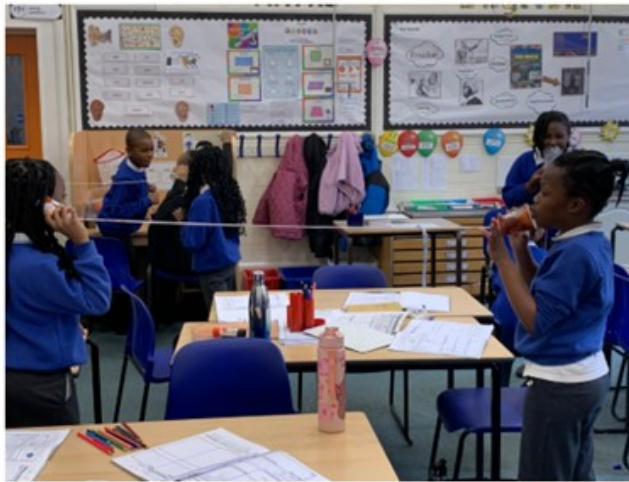
FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

THIS WEEK

CLASS 4G

In Religious Education, the children have been learning all about the Bible. They discovered that the **Catholic Bible has 73 books!** They've started exploring some of these books, beginning with **Genesis** and the **story of Abraham**.

In Science, the children have been investigating how **sound** works. They had lots of fun making **string telephones** and using them to find out how sound travels through **vibrations!**



RECEPTION

In R.E. we have been learning about the **story of Creation and God's love** for us. The children have been reflecting on how God made the world and everything in it special — including each of us. They have also been **learning songs and prayers** to thank God for all that He has created.

To put this learning into action, the children have been showing God's love through **kindness** in the classroom. They have been **tidying up, caring for our environment, and helping one another** — even with small acts of kindness such as **supporting a friend** during snack time by opening their banana.

In Maths, we have been exploring counting and representing numerals using a variety of objects at the maths table. The children have been learning to **count together, work in pairs**, and practise turn-taking while completing different tasks.





St Saviour's
& St Olave's
School

OPEN SESSIONS 2025/2026

St Saviour's and St Olave's - A high achieving, inclusive CofE
Girls' School and Sixth Form



**Welcoming students of
All Faiths and None**

Open Mornings: 10am – 12pm

- Tuesday 16th September 2025
- Wednesday 24th September 2025
- Thursday 2nd October 2025
- Friday 10th October 2025

Weekly Personal Tours throughout October

Please email Office@ssso.southwark.sch.uk
to schedule your tour.

Open Evenings: 5pm – 7pm

- Thursday 25th September 2025
- Thursday 16th October 2025
- Tuesday 21st October 2025
(Sixth Form)



Scan the QR
Code to Reserve
Your Spot Today!

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

CAMP GREEN HORIZON

Monday 27th - Thursday 30th 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

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



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 **28th 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 28th 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** 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](mailto:reception.ameliastreet@colosseumdental.co.uk)

