



St Mary's Priory Catholic Infant and Junior Schools'

School Newsletter

Where great lives begin

24th October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been an exceptionally busy final week of this half term!

Firstly, I'd like to start with a big THANK YOU to Ms Gina and her team for their fantastic Autumn Mini Fair this week. Ms Gina worked tirelessly to create a fun day for our children, which they thoroughly enjoyed! They also raised a WHOPPING £874, which will go towards the improvements in our Junior Playground. Our PSA are looking to appoint a few roles in their group. If you are interested in becoming the Chair or Treasurer of the PSA, please speak to Ms Gina, and she can hold a vote for the positions.

We concluded our Black History Month celebrations with a non-uniform day where the children wore Pan-African colours. Our fabulous Junior School Choir sang a beautiful rendition of ***Dancing In the Streets by Matha Reeves and The Vandellas*** during our celebratory assembly. As you can see from this month's newsletters, the children took part in various activities and lessons to mark this special month. We continue to teach Black History as part of our curriculum all throughout the year- not just in October. Thank you for helping us celebrate Black History this month!

The children have accomplished so much already this academic year- and it has only been a half a term! A special 'well done' to our Reception cohort who have settled into school-life so well!

We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 3rd November at the usual time of 8.40am.

Warm regards,

Ms Reynolds
Deputy Headteacher

Reminder:

Our email address is:

office@stmarysrcpriory.haringey.sch.uk

Office opening hours: 8.30-4pm

School calendar:

When:	What:	Who:	Where:	Time:
All year	Clubs: Monday: Y1-6 Football (Top Sports Academy)/ Street Dance (Y4-6)/ Arts and Craft (ASC) Tuesday: Multi-sports (ASC) Wednesday: Performing Arts (ASC) Thursday: Y1-6 Multi-sports (Top Sports Academy) Friday: Homework (ASC)		Various	9am
Wb 27th October	School closed- Half term holidays	All		
Monday 3rd November	School reopens for all	All		



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WEEKLY MENU

WEEK 1
WEEK 2
WEEK 3



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN	Chicken Curry	Beef Lasagne with Lentils (E*, MK, G/B*, W)	Homemade Chicken Sausage Roll with Gravy (E, G/W)	Chicken Noodles (E, SO, G/W)	Battered Fish & Chips (F, G/W)
VEGGIE	Sweet Potato, Chickpea & Coconut Curry (CE, G/B*, O*, R*, W) V S	Roasted Squash & Root Vegetable Lasagne (E*, MK, G/W) S	Homemade Roast Vegetable & Stuffing Roll (G/W) V	Quorn & Vegetable Noodles (E, SO, G/W)	Veggie Sausage Roll & Chips (MK*, SO, G/B, W)
SIDES	Rice & Peas with Green Beans V	Mixed Green Salad V	Rustic Roast Potatoes with Roasted Carrots & Parsnips V S	Stir Fried Greens V	Beans or Peas V
PASTA & JACKET	Vegan Roasted Vegetable Pasta (G/W) V	Jacket & Salad	Tomato & Basil Pasta (CE, G/W) V	Jacket & Salad	Mac & Cheese (MK, G/W)
PUD	Banana Cake with Custard (E, MK, SO*, G/W)	Fruit Jelly V	Lemon Drizzle Cake (E, MK, SO*, SU, G/W)	Caramel Apple Crumble with Custard (MK, G/W) S	Vanilla & Raisin Shortbread Biscuit (G/W) V

THEME DAYS



DAILY SALAD BAR | HOMEMADE BREAD | FRESH FRUIT

DATES

15 SEP / 6 OCT /
3 NOV / 24 NOV /
15 DEC

ALLERGENS

CE = CELERY F = FISH G/O = OATS L = LUPIN MU = MUSTARD SO = SOYA * = MAY CONTAIN
 CR = CRUSTACEAN G/R = RYE MK = MILK N = NUTS SU = SULPHUR V = VEGAN
 E = EGGS G/B = BARLEY G/W = WHEAT MO = MOLLUSCS P = PEANUTS SE = SESAME SEEDS S = SEASONAL VEG





Stars of the Week



Class:	Stars:	
Owl Class	Maksymilian	Acacia
Robin Class	Oliver	Eliza
Dove Class	Katie	Roman
3C	Alexander	Marlene
4D	Triana	Aron
5W	Ruzgar	Leah
5B	Eldana	Jamie
6J	Blessing	Jared

Congratulations to our Stars of the week!
These pupils have worked exceptionally hard to stand out amongst their peers. Well done everyone!



WANDON BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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As part of our Black History Month celebrations, our whole school dressed in Pan-African colours today. Some children brought fruit and vegetables from their home country for show and tell! What a wonderful day we've had celebrating together

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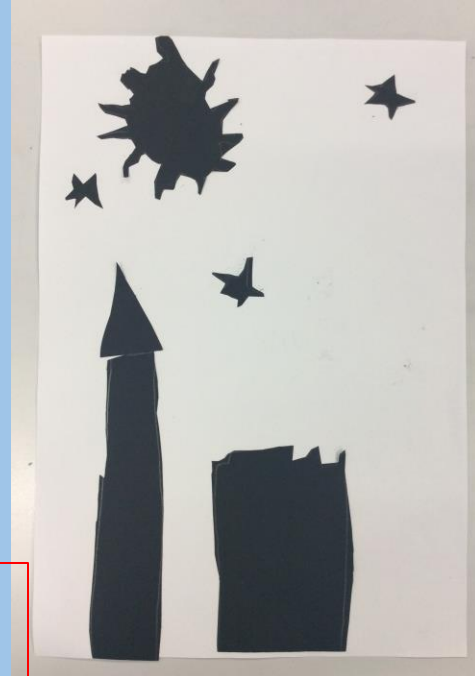
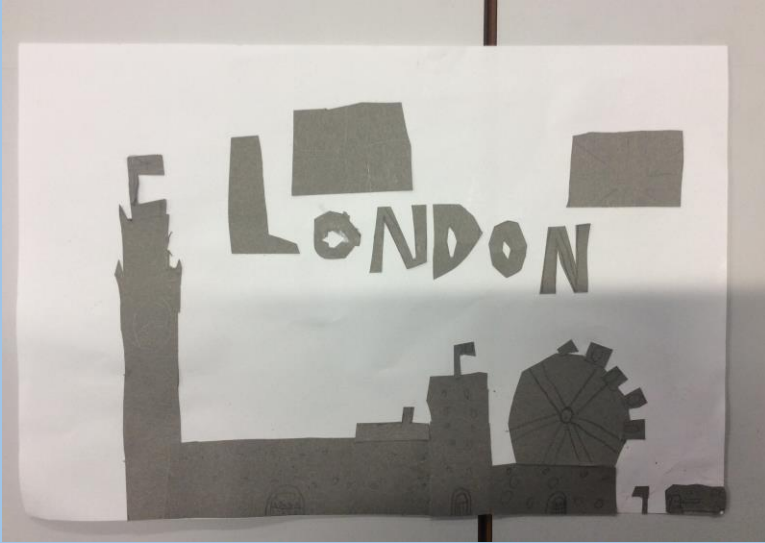


As part of our Black History Month celebrations, Dove Class recreated their very own 'African Bird Magic' by the very talented artist Yinka Shonibare.



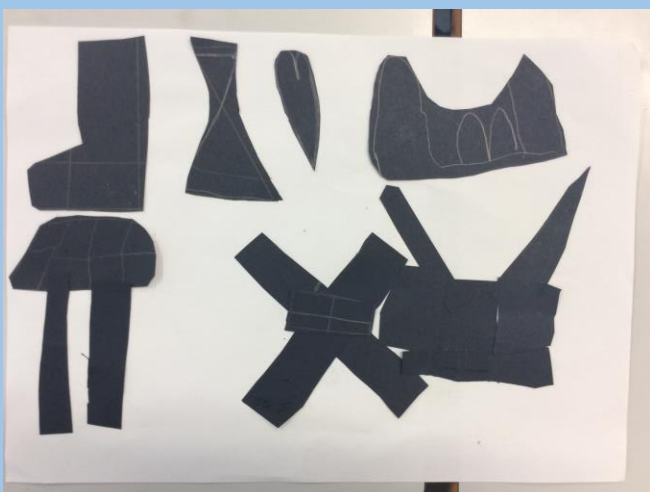
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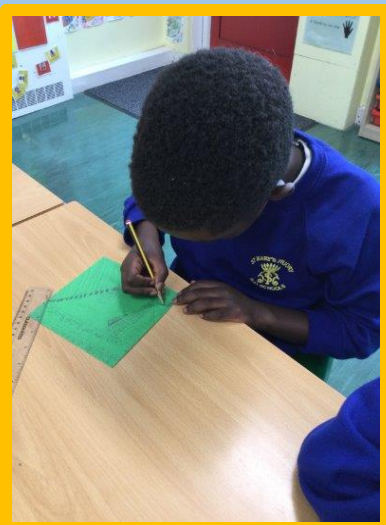
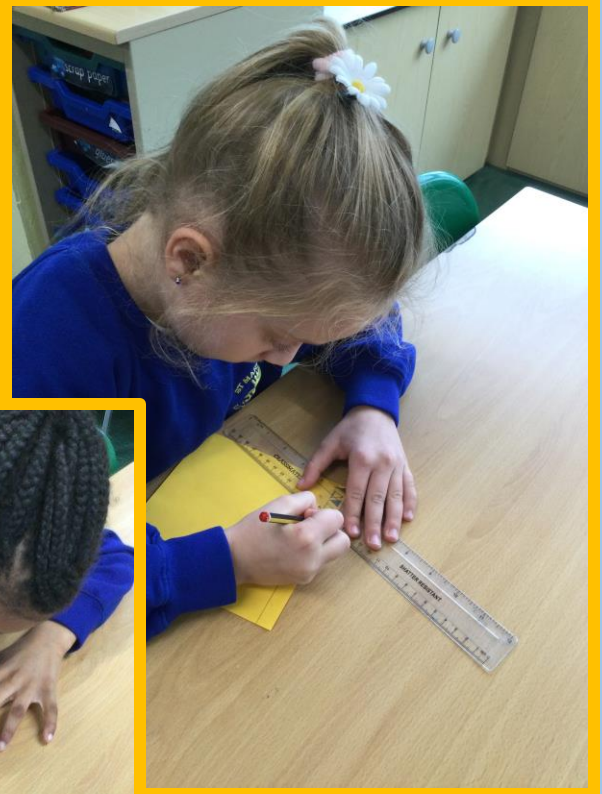
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Kente Cloth

The children in Dove Class have been drawing geometric patterns to create their own Kente Cloth inspired artwork.



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African drumming and singing at Parkview



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Thank you to Priscilla, a parent at our school, and secondary school history teacher, who came to give us an assembly for Black History Month. Amongst other stories, Priscilla shared the story of Linda Brown, the little girl whose actions had a huge impact on the school system in the 'deep south' of the USA.





Some of our many entries for the BHM poster competition. Well done all!

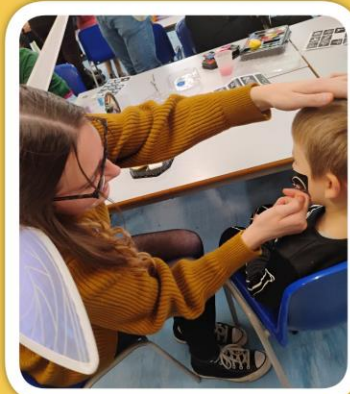
AUTUMN MINI FAIR

Thank you for supporting our School!





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The whole school community came together to celebrate our Harvest Liturgy on Friday morning. The Prayer Leaders, led us all in thanking God for the food we have to eat. THANK YOU for all of the food and cash donations which went to the charity 'Mary's Meals'.



Diwali - festival of Lights.

Diwali is a special festival celebrated by many people around the world. It is called the "Festival of lights." During Diwali, families clean and decorate their homes with bright lights and colourful rangoli patterns. People light oil lamps called diyas and enjoy fireworks. They wear new clothes, share sweets, and give gifts. Diwali is a time for happiness, kindness and spending time with family and friends.



Each of the classes marked Diwali with a lesson about the special occasion.
Happy Diwali!



More photos from last Friday where we joined in the *Stand Up to Racism* campaign!





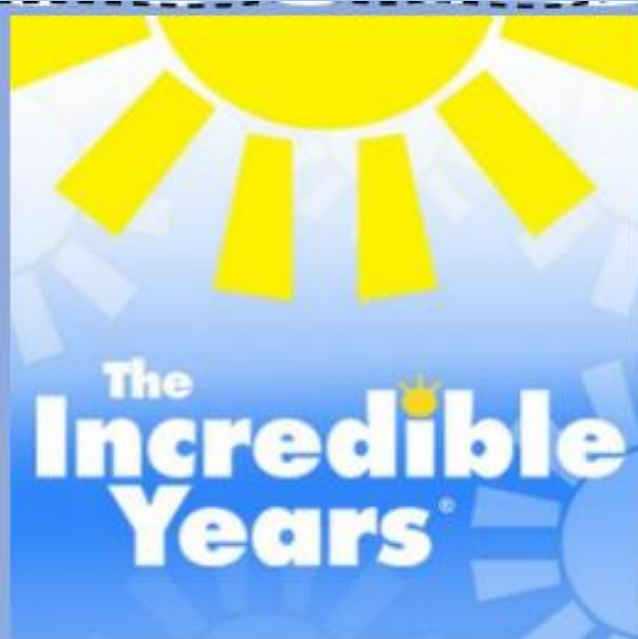
Some of our Year 6s attended a Higher Attainer session at St Thomas More Secondary School this week. They took part in literacy and maths lessons aimed at secondary school pupils! Very impressive!





Year 3 visit the Houses of Parliament!





Webster-Stratton Parenting Group

- Are you a parent/carer of a child aged 3-11 years?
- Are you finding your child's behaviour challenging?
- **We welcome families with children with a neurodivergent profile**

What does the programme involve?

- A free 12-week programme led by Emily Brees, Educational Psychologist and Carolyn Graham, Senior Educational Psychologist
- 2-hour sessions on Thursday mornings (10am -12pm) in term time starting on 16th October 2025 at: Triangle Children's Centre and Family Hub, 91-93 St Ann's Rd, N15 6NU
- Tea, coffee & snacks will be provided!

How has the group helped other parents in Haringey?

It has helped me to identify the problems I have and how to deal with them

I feel that I am not on my own facing the challenges of parenting

I stay more focused and calmer when responding to my children's behaviour

I have more strategies and know what works for my child

What is the Incredible Years® Parenting Programme?

The Incredible Years® Parenting Programme was developed by Carolyn Webster-Stratton. It has helped thousands of parents to support their children's behavior and promote their children's social, emotional and academic development. The group will involve video clips, discussions and a wide range of different activities, encouraging parents to share ideas and strategies in a supportive environment. The aim of the programme is to help you enjoy being a parent!

What will the programme cover?

- Suggestions of ways to enjoy time with your child, such as how to play and interact effectively
- Explaining and practicing ways to promote positive behaviours and reduce inappropriate behaviours
- Rules, routines and effective limit setting
- Supporting your child's emotional well-being
- Help to regulate your own feelings

New series of free monthly workshops for parents

Do you think your child may have ADHD or are they on the waiting list for an assessment?

- Come along and hear about helpful information and strategies.
- Meet other parents and professionals



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CAMHS and
the
Educational
Psychology
Service

Sign up here:

<https://sendpowerinharingey.eventbrite.com>



Upcoming sessions:

Tuesday 21st October 2025 - ADHD and executive functioning

Tuesday 18th November - ADHD and sleep

Tuesday 16th December - ADHD and support in school

Time: 10 - 11.30am

Place: Chestnuts Community Centre (N15 5BN)

New series of free monthly workshops for parents

Who can attend these workshops?

These workshops are for any parent/carer whose children:

- live and/or go to school in Haringey
- and/or have a GP in Haringey



What are these workshops about?

These are interactive workshops where you will have the chance to get accurate information around ADHD from practitioners, ask questions, and meet and chat with fellow parents/carers.

There will be individual sessions on a range of topics - attend when you can, sign up in advance if possible.

What topics will be discussed?

Future topics for workshops next term (Spring 2026) include:

- ADHD: pros and cons of diagnosis and medication
- ADHD over the lifespan
- ADHD and managing behaviour
- ADHD and emotion coaching
- ADHD and screen time
- ADHD and the development of attention

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Parent workshops

Strengthening child/parent relationships

Supportive and Reflective workshops for St. Mary's Priory Schools.



Aim of the workshops: To enhance the parent-child relationship by promoting the parent's reflective capacity, emotional regulation and understanding of parent-child communications.

Method: The programme takes place during 10 sessions, one hour and 15 minutes each. The themes for each session are related to attachment principles, child development, the impact of trauma and the importance of care-giving.

Within each session there will be power point presentations, the modelling of role play, reflective discussions and helpful handouts.

Number of parents for the program: 10 (sign up quickly!)
Please email the school office if you can commit to the 10 weeks - office@stmarysrcpriory.haringey.sch.uk

Starting Date: Friday 10th October 2025

Every Friday from 2:00pm to 3.15 pm at St Mary's School.

Facilitator: Gloria Jaramillo (School Counsellor).

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Heavenly Father, we come before you with a grateful heart. As we celebrate Black History Month, we remember those who have suffered due to persecution, inequality and discrimination. Grant your people unity and harmony to work together in peace and understanding. Through Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Amen.

