FAITH, FAMILY AND FELLOWSHIP

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Celebratory news from across the Koinonia Federation

Newsletter

Message from the Federation Executive Co-Headteachers

As we come to the end of a very busy half term, we would like to thank you all for your continued hard work, dedication and commitment to our students.

What a busy and exciting start to the school year it has been! We have welcomed 84 Reception pupils, 187 Year 7 students and 96 Year 12 students, alongside numerous in-year admissions to our Federation family. It has been wonderful to see, when visiting these new year groups, how quickly our new students have embraced the Koinonia way of life.

Across the Federation, we have enjoyed successful Harvest Festival services for our students. Our sincere thanks go to Rev Dom for leading these services and helping to make them such special occasions.

At secondary, we have held a very successful Open Evening and a series of Open Mornings for prospective Year 7 students and their parents and carers. These events provided a wonderful opportunity to showcase the wide range of opportunities available to our pupils, as well as the calm and purposeful atmosphere in our classrooms.

Across our primary campuses, parents and carers have been welcomed into their children's classrooms, giving them the opportunity to meet their child's teacher and begin building those important relationships at the start of the school year.

We have also enjoyed our first residential trip of the year, with students from Years 9–11 spending a week in Lille. They explored the local area, experienced a different culture and enjoyed valuable learning beyond the classroom.

Over the past couple of weeks, our students have taken part in some fun and thought-provoking lessons to celebrate Black History Month. We hope you enjoy reading about these activities, along with the many other achievements and events taking place across our Federation.

As we look ahead to the next half term, we would like to wish our whole Federation community a restful and refreshing break, with time to relax, recharge and enjoy time with family and friends before returning for another busy and exciting term.

With kind regards

Mrs Claire Harrison & Mrs Wainwright





Capitation Hamper Winners

The Capitation Hampers winners for the last academic year 2025/2026 were
Max M - Year 1 Christ Church
and
Dominique S's mum, Dominique - Year 8 at St Mary Magdalene, Secondary Phase.

We hope to make this a yearly event, so all parents who have paid their Capitation will be entered into a prize draw at the end of the academic year.

HARVEST

WOOLWICH

On Thursday 15th October, Woolwich Campus celebrated Harvest Festival with joyful worship, uplifting songs and generous food donations. All three services were led by Rev. Dom. The Early Years and Year 1 service took place in the school hall, with many parents joining us, followed by the Lower KS2 and Upper KS2 services at St Mary Magdalene Church.

Rev. Dom reminded us of the importance of sharing and caring for others. We reflected on Luke 12:16–21, the Parable of the Rich Fool, which was brought to life through a retelling and drama performed by members of our Pupil Faith Team. The services provided a valuable opportunity to give thanks for God's provision and reflect on how we can share our blessings with those in need.

Thank you to all our families for their generous food donations and for helping us celebrate the true spirit of Harvest.






PENINSULA

Peninsula Campus celebrated Harvest in a lively service attended by all the children and some parents. We had a wonderful time of sung worship, a dramatized Bible reading and a talk by Rev Dom.

We were very excited to send 37 Kilograms of food to the Greenwich Foodbank.

Thank you to all our families for their generous gifts, you have helped our school community to be a blessing to those in great need!



CHRIST CHURCH



A big thank you to our Pupil Faith Team for representing Christ Church CofE Primary School so beautifully during our Harvest Service at Christ Church. We are very proud of the way they participated and represented our school community.

Thank you to all our families for their generous donations of food for the local food bank. Your kindness and generosity will help support those in need in our community.
A special thank you to Rev Dom for leading such a lovely Harvest Service and helping us celebrate the importance of gratitude, sharing and caring for others.

HARVEST

HARVEST PRAYER

God of creation,
We see that the fields are ripe for harvesting:
We give thanks that we live on an earth of plenty with enough food for all,
May we learn to share what we have rather than storing up more than we need.

We pray for our federation and our diocese
That they may be ready to sow the seeds of God's love
So that all will know that they are loved by God
May they serve God so that the fruit of the spirit might be seen in all that they do

We thank You for the plants that are grown for food around our world.
We thank you for the weather that helps them grow.
Remind us to give thanks for sun and rain, wind and cold in equal measure

We thank You for the farmers and workers who help the crops to grow, harvest and process them so that we can buy them from our shops.
Remind us of the work it takes and remind us to be thankful for all we have, whether it is a little or a lot.

We thank You for the foods we eat that help to keep us healthy and well.
For the fruits and vegetables, meat, fish and dairy products that each in turn strengthen our bodies and help us to learn.
Remind us to cut down the things that make us unwell or unhealthy.
The foods and drinks but also the technology and bad habits.

We thank You for the people who care for us.
Those that prepare our food, buy our clothes and keep us safe.
Let us think for a moment of the people who do this for us.
Remind us to pray for them and listen to them so that we might grow in good ways.
You are Lord of the harvest. Amen



PRIMARY - Woolwich

🎃 Making Pumpkin Soup in Reception 🍲

Reception had a wonderful time preparing our very own pumpkin soup! 🥕🧅🧄

First, we named all the delicious vegetables we wanted to add to our soup. We then washed our hands and the vegetables and learned how to safely peel and chop the vegetables. We fried the onions and garlic before adding our chopped vegetables, along with a little salt and black pepper to bring out the flavours.

Next, we put everything into the slow cooker and left it to cook throughout the day. The delicious smell filled the room, making us even more excited to try our soup! 😋

At the end of the day, we observed how the vegetables had softened as they cooked, before blending them together to create a lovely, smooth pumpkin soup. The best part was tasting our creation! 🥣

We had so much fun learning new skills, exploring different vegetables, using our senses and working together. We are so proud of our little chefs! 👩‍🍳👩‍🍳💛

Saviour said, "Oh the soup is very tasty."

Aria said, "I really like it."

Hamzah said, "I want to have some more."






Tag Rugby Festival

Year 3 showed a fantastic spirit of rugby in the Rugby festivals!

On Wednesday 14th October, Year 3 Sanders played a number of tag rugby games, in the recent rugby festivals at Blackheath Rugby. We came second to the champions, - Sanders won two games and drew 2! We were awarded a special trophy because we showed a fantastic rugby spirit – great perseverance, teamwork, and collaboration.

Well done! We hope this continues!

Miss Reid



PRIMARY - Woolwich

Adventures with Our Everywhere Bear!

Our Everywhere Bear is one very lucky bear! He lives in Reception class on his little shelf, but he never stays there for long because there are so many exciting adventures waiting for him!

Each day, our bear gets to go home with one of our children, who takes special care of him. Our little bear explorers help keep him safe when travelling on the road and show him all the wonderful things they get up to at home and beyond.

So far, our Walking Bear has been very busy! Elisha enjoyed playing football with him, Eliana shared a peaceful nap with him, and Cameron took him on a wonderful long-weekend adventure filled with special memories!

We love seeing the adventures our bear gets up to and sharing the children's experiences when he returns to Reception. These special moments help develop the children's communication skills, imagination and confidence as they talk about their adventures and share their stories with their friends.

Happy adventures, little bear! We can't wait to hear all your stories!

Mrs Bdeir







Celebrating Our Wonderful Diversity in Reception

This week, we were incredibly lucky to welcome some of our Reception parents into the classroom to share their cultures, languages and traditions with us. What a wonderful and enriching experience it was for our children!

Our parent from Moldova introduced us to their language, shared fascinating facts about animals and told us about some of the delicious foods enjoyed in their culture.

Our parent from Eritrea taught us how to say hello and count to five in their language. The children loved learning new words and practising their counting!

Our parent from Ethiopia introduced us to the different writing systems and alphabets used in the country and shared what they might cook and enjoy for dinner. This sparked curiosity and gave the children a glimpse into everyday life in another culture.

These experiences were truly invaluable. They helped our children understand that people come from different parts of the world, speak different languages and have their own unique traditions, foods and ways of life. Most importantly, we celebrated the beauty of our differences and the things that bring us together.

A huge **thank you to all the parents** who generously gave their time to share a little piece of their heritage with us. Your contributions have made our learning so much richer and more meaningful. We are so proud to be a diverse and inclusive community where every culture is valued, every story matters and everyone belongs.





Mrs Bdeir





PRIMARY - Woolwich

People who help us in our community!

As part of our learning about People Who Help Us in Our Community, we were happy to welcome our school chaplain, Rev Dom , and one of our Reception parents into our classroom to share how they make a difference in the lives of others.

Meeting Our School Chaplain Rev Dom introduced himself and told us a little about his family. He then shared the important role he plays in supporting our Christian community in school, in our neighbourhood and at church. The children learned how he helps people, offers support and brings our community together.

Discovering Our Local Shop Our parent told us about the shop she runs with her family in Woolwich. She explained how their shop serves the local community by helping people find the things they need. The children discovered how local shops are an important part of our neighbourhood and how the people who work in them help others every day.

A big thank you to Rev Dom and our parent for giving their time to make this such a valuable and memorable learning experience for our Reception children.

Mrs Bdeir





Celebrating Black History Month in Reception

We have had a wonderful time celebrating Black History Month (BHM) in Reception, embracing the beauty of our diversity, exploring different cultures and learning about the people and stories that make our world so special.

Inspired by Alma Thomas - We explored the work of Alma Thomas, a celebrated African American artist known for her vibrant colours and beautiful patterns. The children created their own artwork inspired by her distinctive style, experimenting with bright colours, shapes and patterns to produce their own wonderful masterpieces!

International Day Celebrations - We dressed up in beautiful traditional and cultural outfits for International Day and proudly took part in our parade. The children danced along to music, sharing their joy and celebrating the many cultures represented in our school community. What a fantastic celebration of who we are!

Our Wonderful World - We explored the world map and discovered the different countries that we and our families come from. We talked about how some of us speak different languages and how families have their own unique traditions, experiences and stories to share.

We are proud to celebrate our heritage!

Mrs Bdeir









PRIMARY - Woolwich

International Day Parade

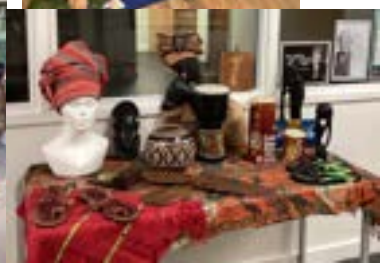
As part of our Black History Month celebrations, our children proudly took part in a vibrant cultural parade, dressed in beautiful traditional outfits representing their diverse heritages and celebrating the richness of their cultures.

It was wonderful to welcome our parents, who joined us on the Muga to share in this special occasion. We had a fantastic time celebrating our identities, embracing our diversity, and creating beautiful memories together. Thank you to all our families for making the celebration so special!





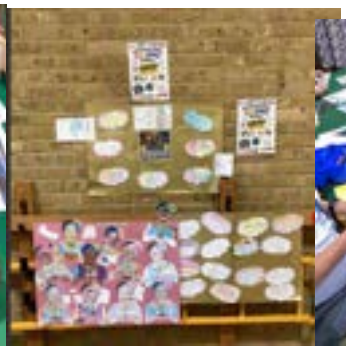


International Afternoon

As part of our Black History Month celebrations, we hosted a special after school event filled with fun, creativity, culture and community. Our wonderful teachers organised a variety of engaging activities for our children and families to enjoy together, including carnival mask making, matching flags, face painting, Aboriginal dot art, bookmark making, Bob Marley and Barack Obama slogan art, and matching traditional foods to their countries of origin.

The celebration continued with music, dancing and lots of smiles. We were especially delighted to enjoy a fantastic performance from Miss Thomas and her talented line dancers from our very own Line Dancing Club. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our diverse cultures, learn about inspiring figures, appreciate our heritage and strengthen the bond between our school and families. Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make the event so memorable.



PRIMARY - Woolwich

London Eye

Year 5 enjoyed an exciting trip to the London Eye and a boat journey along the River Thames! From high above the city, the children took in spectacular views of London and spotted some of its famous landmarks. The boat trip offered a different perspective, giving pupils the chance to admire the buildings and bridges from the river. It was a wonderful opportunity to bring our Amazing Architecture topic to life and create lasting memories together.

Darren: I liked going on the London Eye and the boat because we got to learn about the history of London on the boat.

Aaron- I liked when we went on the capsule and it went very high up in the sky. I liked the view of London, it was very pretty.

Miss Smith





Woolwich Carnival

Our year 5 pupils took part in the Woolwich Carnival in September where we paraded through Woolwich showcasing what TARU has taught us in dance and drumming. It was a day of our local community coming together.

Student voice: I felt excited – Xavier
I felt confident – Aamilah
I enjoyed the drumming- Freya-Louise
I used up a lot of energy but it was pretty good – Aryan
Though it was a long walk, I enjoyed myself - Isaac









PRIMARY - Woolwich

London Zoo

On Thursday 8th October 2026, Year 6 visited London Zoo to consolidate their learning about animal classification.

The children applied their classroom knowledge to identify and classify animals into different vertebrate groups, including mammals, birds, fish, reptiles and amphibians. They explored how animals can belong to the same group despite having very different appearances and adaptations.

One of the highlights of the day was watching the **Super Species** show, where we saw magnificent green-winged macaws and a hawk in action. The children were amazed as the birds demonstrated their incredible abilities and performed impressive tricks. We learnt lots of fascinating facts, including that macaws use their powerful beaks to crack open hard nuts and seeds.

The trip provided a fantastic opportunity for the children to apply their scientific knowledge to real-life examples, develop their observation skills and deepen their understanding of animal classification. It was also a thoroughly enjoyable day out for everyone!

Miss Jewell

Pupil voice:
Timothy - My favourite part was the Super Species show because we got to see the birds flying really close to us.
Vanessa - I liked the rainforest because there were so many different animals to find like monkeys, sloths and bats.
Dylan - I loved that I got to see animals that were from different countries. The capybaras were cool; they were much bigger in real life
Prasansha – My favourite part of the trip was entering the butterfly sanctuary; one landed on my bag it was so fun.
Ikhemeh – I learnt that male ostriches do a dance for the females when they want to mate.







House Point Winners

We are delighted to introduce our new house point celebration, recognising the children who have earned the most house points for their hard work, kindness and positive choices.

A huge congratulations to our first winners—you should be very proud of your efforts! We look forward to celebrating more pupils' achievements throughout the year.

Miss Smith



WOOLWICH CLUBS

Woolwich After School Club Schedule

AUTUMN 2026

Learn • Play • Be Part of Our Community

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MUSIC CLUB Y3 – 6 WITH ISSAC – OASIS 	 LINE DANCING Y3 – 6 WITH MS THOMAS – HALL	Y5 & 6 BOYS FOOTBALL WITH COACH – MUGA PITCH 	Y5 & 6 GIRLS FOOTBALL WITH COACH – MUGA PITCH  DT ARENA SPORTS Y7 – 3 – HALL	 MULTI SPORTS WITH MOTIVESPORTS – YR 6

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PRIMARY – Christ Church

International Day Parade & International Evening

It was wonderful to see so many families coming together to celebrate the different cultures, traditions and backgrounds that make our school community so special.

All children, staff and Parents and Carers joined us for the International Day Parade in the Muga. It was truly a special event!

Seeing the smiles, happiness and strong sense of belonging throughout the parade was truly heartwarming. Events like these remind us of the importance of celebrating our diversity, learning from one another and fostering a community where every child and family feels valued, included and proud of who they are.

Our school would like to express our sincere gratitude to everyone who donated traditional food and snacks to the school. Everybody greatly appreciated the experience of trying from around the world.

We are proud to create a school community that celebrates diversity, builds understanding and brings us all closer together.







Celebrating Black History Month at Woolwich Library

As part of our Black History Month celebrations, our children enjoyed an engaging storytelling workshop at Greenwich Centre Library on Friday 16th October 2026. The interactive session used storytelling and movement to bring stories to life, encouraging the children to use their imagination, express themselves creatively and explore the richness of Black history and culture.

The visit provided a wonderful opportunity for the children to develop their listening skills, celebrate diverse stories and traditions, and learn in a fun and memorable way beyond the classroom.

Year 3 enjoyed a wonderful trip to Woolwich Library, where we had the pleasure of meeting author Efua Mills-Robertson. She shared some of her fantastic books with us, and we learnt about Ghanaian customs and culture. We also had the opportunity to get creative, producing our own colourful artwork inspired by the beautiful traditional Kente cloth she showed us. It was a fantastic experience enjoyed by all!

Ms Ewusi-Aikins







PRIMARY – Christ Church

Greenwich Market

On Monday 21st September, Year 2 went to Greenwich market. They have been comparing UK markets with those from the Gambia and so the trip gave them useful insights. The children noted down what they experienced using their 5 senses and used this information to help write their diary entries.

Kerwin – They had such lovely stuff
Aleczander – I'd like to go again to see the keyrings
Freya – I enjoyed riding on the bus

Mr Lillitos





Year 1 Greenwich Park

Our Year 1 explorers had a lovely trip to Greenwich Park in September. We spotted physical features such as trees and hills, and human features including roads, buildings and the playground. The children loved putting their geography learning into action!

Ms Akin









CHRIST CHURCH CLUBS

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AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

AUTUMN 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
No clubs on Monday	**FOOTBALL WITH ASG** REC – Y4 **CAGE**  **DANCE & DRAMA WITH LEYLA** Y1 – 6 **HALL** 	*No clubs on Wednesday*	**GYMNASTICS WITH ASG** REC – Y6 **HALL** 	**Y5 & 6 BOYS FOOTBALL WITH COACH** **CAGE** 

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for more details

Active Happy Confident

PRIMARY - Peninsula

We Became Bakers

This half term, Year 1 have been learning all about instruction writing, and what better way to practise than by making a cake! First, we discussed the features of instructions and learnt how important it is to follow each step in the correct order. Then, we worked together to measure, mix, pour and bake our cakes. The children carefully followed the instructions, showing fantastic listening, teamwork and patience throughout the process.

It was wonderful to see everyone so engaged and excited as the cakes baked and rose in the oven. Best of all, we had the chance to enjoy the delicious results of our hard work! We are incredibly proud of the children for becoming such confident instruction writers and enthusiastic young bakers.

Year 1 Team (Mr Rahman and Miss Okungbowa)







Exploring Southern Park

Year 1 had an amazing time on their visit to Southern Park! We became young geographers, exploring our local area, spotting human and physical features, and recording our discoveries with clipboards in hand.

The children showed fantastic curiosity, asking questions, making observations and learning more about the world around them. Back in class, we will use our findings to create maps and share our learning.

"It felt like we were real explorers looking for clues!" – Wynter-Rose

We were so proud of the children's excellent behaviour and enthusiasm. What a brilliant day of learning, adventure and discovery!

Year 1 Team (Mr Rahman and Miss Okungbowa)







PRIMARY - Peninsula

Celebrating Black History Month Through Language and Music!

As part of Black History Month, Year 1 were thrilled to welcome a special visitor who shared stories about Kenya, its culture and the importance of celebrating our heritage by learning and valuing our native languages, as well as embracing new languages from around the world.



The children learnt a lively song in Swahili and loved singing, dancing and joining in with the actions. It was a wonderful opportunity to learn about a different culture while having lots of fun!

"I loved learning a new language and dancing to the song!" – Tiresimi

We were so proud of the children's enthusiasm and respect as they celebrated the richness of languages and cultures from around the world.

Year 1 Team (Mr Rahman and Miss Okungbowa)

Black History Month: Learning About Garrett Morgan!

As part of our Black History Month learning, Year 1 discovered the inspiring story of Garrett Morgan, the inventor who helped create the traffic light. The children were fascinated to learn how his invention has helped keep people safe on roads around the world.

To celebrate his achievement, we created our own colourful traffic lights and talked about how they help us every day. The children loved exploring how inventors can change the world with their ideas!

"I didn't know someone invented traffic lights. Now I see them everywhere!" – Rishab

We are so proud of the children's curiosity and enthusiasm as they learned about an important figure in Black history.

Year 1 Team (Mr Rahman and Miss Okungbowa)



PRIMARY - Peninsula

London Eye and River Cruise

Year 5 enjoyed an exciting and memorable trip to the London Eye and a River Thames cruise. From high above the city, pupils were able to spot famous landmarks, observe the River Thames winding through the capital, and think carefully about London's geography, history and skyline.
During the river cruise, the children saw many iconic sights including the Houses of Parliament, Big Ben and other historic buildings along the Thames.

The visit also linked closely to our class book, The London Eye Mystery. Just like the characters in the story, the pupils considered the London Eye an important setting and thought about how authors use real places to create mystery, suspense and excitement. As we have not finished the book yet, we still do not know how Salim disappeared, which made seeing the London Eye in person even more intriguing!

Pupil Voice
Idara – How amazing is London up here (quote whilst on the London Eye)
Joel – It was fun!

Mr Hancock







International Evening

Our International Evening was a wonderful celebration of different cultures that make up our school community. Families and children enjoyed exploring a range of stalls, taking part in fun activities and creating crafts inspired by traditions from around the world.

We also came together to share a delicious variety of foods, giving everyone the opportunity to experience new flavours and learn more about one another's culture's. It was an evening filled with creativity, community and cultural pride, reminding us if the importance of celebrating our differences and apricating what brings us together.







PRIMARY - Peninsula

London Zoo

Year 6 enjoyed an exciting trip to London Zoo to support our science topic, All Living Things. We explored the zoo a nd saw a wide variety of animals, learning more about their features, habitats and how they survive. The trip brought our classroom learning to life and helped us deepen our understanding of the animal kingdom.



Miss Bryan





Tag Rugby Festival

Our pupils took part in an exciting tag rugby competition, showcasing their skills, teamwork and sportsmanship. After weeks of coaching and preparation, they proudly represented their school and competed brilliantly against other schools. Their hard work and determination paid off, as they were successful in winning a trophy!

We are incredibly proud of their achievement and the fantastic effort shown by all our pupils.

Mrs Murillo-Rodriques



PENINSULA CLUBS

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After School Club SCHEDULE

AUTUMN 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MULTISPORTS WITH COACH Y3 & 4 – **MUGA PITCH** 	 Y5 & 6 BOYS FOOTBALL WITH COACH – **MUGA PITCH**		YOUNG ENGINEERS CLUB – Y1 – 3 **TALBOT CLASS**  DANCE & DRAMA WITH LEYLA – **HALL** 	
YOUNG ENGINEERS CLUB – Y4 – 6 **ELLIOTT CLASS** 				

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Enriching minds • Building character • Creating community

SECONDARY

Lille & Bruges Trip 2026: Culture, Curiosity and Community

At the end of September, 30 students from Years 9, 10 and 11 travelled to Northern France and Belgium for four days of language, culture and shared experiences across Lille, Bruges and Boulogne-sur-Mer.

Alongside the cultural programme, the trip offered an important educational opportunity for our MFL students. Being immersed in a French-speaking environment allowed students to hear and use French beyond the classroom, whether ordering food, shopping, speaking to guides or navigating everyday interactions. For many, it was a valuable chance to build confidence and see how their language learning could be applied in real-life situations.

The trip began with a visit to Lille's Musée de l'Illusion, where students quickly got involved in the interactive installations, taking plenty of memorable and often very funny photographs of one another. The evenings were just as enjoyable, with students making the most of time together at the accommodation through board games, particularly some highly competitive games of Werewolf and UNO!

A visit to Bruges, often described as the "Venice of the North", gave students the chance to admire its canals, historic streets and beautiful architecture, as well as explore its famous chocolate shops and pick up souvenirs for friends and family. Back in Lille, students enjoyed a detailed guided tour of the city centre, learning more about its history and culture and visiting the striking Notre-Dame-de-la-Treille Cathedral. They also experienced a rather more sophisticated side of the trip with lunch at an elegant Italian restaurant in the heart of Lille.

Perhaps the most unexpected highlight was our visit to the Biscuiterie Eugène Blond. Students discovered the history and production of traditional waffles and confectionery, with recipes and techniques rooted in the early twentieth century. Our guide was particularly impressed by the students' curiosity, enthusiasm and respectful behaviour throughout the visit. Everyone left with a small gift of handmade waffles and sweets before exploring the wonderfully colourful adjoining confectionery shop.

The trip ended in spectacular fashion at Nausicaá in Boulogne-sur-Mer, where students came face-to-face with sharks, sea lions, enormous rays and a remarkable variety of marine life. Before boarding the ferry home, there was also time for one final taste of France at a local bakery, where students chose fresh viennoiseries and French sandwiches for the journey.

Even the coach and ferry journeys became part of the experience, giving everyone time to relax, talk, laugh and reflect between destinations. Across four busy days, students collected souvenirs, took countless photographs, tried new foods, practised their French and created memories together.

Above all, the trip was a wonderful example of our school values of Faith, Fellowship and Family in action. The praise received from our hosts, particularly at the biscuit factory, reflected the respect, curiosity and enthusiasm shown by our students throughout. It was a highly successful trip with a genuinely international outlook, combining education, language learning, culture, friendship, laughter and some very special shared memories.

Mr Tarjot







SECONDARY

Imperial War Museum

This half term, our Year 11 History students visited the Imperial War Museum to deepen their understanding of the Second World War and the Holocaust. The visit gave students the opportunity to engage with historical artefacts from the Holocaust, personal testimonies and powerful exhibitions, bringing their GCSE studies to life.

It was a valuable experience that encouraged students to reflect on the human impact of war, persecution and genocide, while strengthening their understanding of this important period in history.

Ms Pepper



A Level Polotics

A Level Politics students were given a wonderful talk but ex Royal Navy submariner and current Ministry of Defence employee Adrian Gillett. He came to discuss the nuclear deterrence programme, his work on nuclear submarines and to engage in a discussion around student views on the necessity of nuclear weapons.

It was a fantastic opportunity and students asked a range of thoughtful and critical questions.

Miss Leach



Y10 GCSE Drama

On October 21st, fourteen Year 10 GCSE Drama students took part in an amazing workshop led by a National Theatre playwright!

Students explored the ingredients of an impactful story, and learnt to bring their own voices and identities into their writing.

One student said, 'It was just so nice to be able to write about things I actually care about.'

The students will go on to create short plays and submit them for consideration in the National Theatre Summer Festival.

Miss Williams



Year 10 Drama students recently shared a moving showcase inspired by the play 'I Love You, Mum, I Promise I Won't Die' by Mark Wheeller. Through their exploration of verbatim theatre, students brought real life stories to the stage, sharing a powerful and important message that touched their audience and encouraged reflection.

The students have worked incredibly hard to create and rehearse their performances, approaching such a sensitive subject matter with remarkable maturity, care and respect. It has been wonderful to see their confidence grow and their commitment to telling these stories in such a meaningful way.

We are so proud of all our Year 10 students for the effort, creativity and thoughtfulness they have put into this project. They should be incredibly proud of themselves!

Miss Reading & Miss Abe





SECONDARY

Dance Club

Our talented KS3 pupils have been making the most of their Monday lunchtime, at dance club. They have been learning new dance skills, the history of the moves and developing their confidence along the way.

Their dedication, enthusiasm and commitment to dance club each week have been truly remarkable and it has been wonderful to watch them grow together as performers in such a short time
The saying is: 'Don't tell me the sky's the limit when there are footprints on the moon!'

They're only just getting started! Keep an eye out for them and future performances!



Miss Abe



Sixth Form Games Night

On Tuesday 20th October, the main hall was buzzing as our Sixth Form students came together for Games Night. There was laughter, teamwork and plenty of friendly competition throughout the evening, with students from Year 12 and Year 13 mixing and getting to know one another outside of lessons. It was a brilliant way to unwind during a busy half term.

A huge thank you to everyone who came along and to the staff who helped make the evening such a success.

We're already looking forward to the next one!









FEDERATION

Christian Aid

During April and May this year, some of our Secondary students worked with Global Charity Christian Aid. The aim was to produce a film about the work of Christian Aid. Our students learned about Christian Aid partners who work to alleviate poverty and work in partnership with governments and organisations world-wide to assist those in most need.

Our students spent time with Christian Aid workers, video-calling workers in other countries and sharing their own hopes for the future.

You can watch the short film here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I_AJzIiaJqE



SPORTS UPDATES

Laver Cup Reward Trip

As a reward for their outstanding commitment and achievements in sport, a group of our successful sport students were given the opportunity to attend the 2026 Laver Cup Practice Day at The O2.

Students had the chance to watch some of the world's top tennis players up close during their practice sessions, while also experiencing the incredible atmosphere, entertainment and excitement surrounding the event. It was a fantastic opportunity for our students to see elite sport at the highest level and celebrate their own successes and dedication to sport at our school. A brilliant day was had by all!







Year 7 Football – SMM vs St Paul's Academy

The newly formed Y7 Boys Football Team played their first fixture for St Mary Magdalene against St Paul's Academy. The boys worked tremendously hard, winning the game 7-5.

Goalscorers:

Aryan x3

Jire x2

Jameel x1

X1

Player of the Match: Andres

The team will now face Bobby More Academy in their next game.



NFL Live – Washington Commanders vs Indianapolis Colts – Tottenham Hotspur Stadium

On Sunday 4th October, some of our Flag Football players were invited to attend the Live NFL Game between the Commanders and the Colts. Pupils were invited by the NFL following their commitment to Flag Football at school; another great experience for our hard-working and dedicated sports people!

Pupils were excellent throughout the whole day and proudly represented the school.





SPORTS UPDATES

NFL Community Day – Tottenham Hotspur Stadium

Members of the Flag Football Team were invited to attend the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium for the NFL Community Day. Pupils were given a stadium tour, participated in a Flag Football Clinic and met former NFL player Efe Obada.

Pupils again were excellent throughout the whole day and proudly represented the school






Upcoming events/leagues/tournaments:

- Flag Football Friendly Fixtures – starting in January
- U15 Girls NY Jets League – starting in February
- U13 Mixed Regional Finals – May
- U15 Boys Regional Finals – May
- U15 Girls Regional Finals – May
- U15 Mixed Regional Finals – May

SMM Flag Football clubs after school:

- Autumn Term: every Friday with Jonathan from BIGKID
- Spring Term: every Friday with Jonathan from BIGKID
- Spring Term: Flag Football Team Trials
- Spring Term: weekly Flag Football Training for different teams throughout the week

London Flag Football Clubs that pupils can attend/join:

- BIGKID Flag Football: Larkhall Park (SW8); Friday Evening. @bigkidflagfootball on Instagram.
- London Olympians: Sundays at Eltham Park (SE9) from 10:00am-12:00pm. @londonolympiansflag on Instagram.
- BK Pulse: Girls only team that train in Larkhall Park (SW8). @bk.pulse on Instagram.
- London Blitz: Finsbury Park, Sunday mornings. @london_blitz_flag on Instagram.
- London Warriors: Selhurst Sports Arena (SE25); Sundays from 9:30am-11:00am. @londonwarriorsgrassroots on Instagram.
- London Flame: Women's Flag Football club. @ldnflame on Instagram.
- London Smoke: Men's Flag Football club. @ldnsmoke on Instagram.

SECONDARY SPORTS CLUBS



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Autumn Term Co-Curriculum *(Non Sports)*

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	CLUB	STAFF	MEET WHERE?	WHAT TIME?
Mon	Main Hall Social Club	Prefect Team	Main Hall	Lunch
	Homework Club	Mr Osman	LE5	Lunch
	Reading Club	Ms Abebrese	Dance Studio	Lunch
	Junior Choir 7-8	Ms Glaser	CH10	Lunch
	Euler Club	Ms Zhang & Ms Liagki	LE13	Lunch
	Get the Grade (Maths Club) Yr 11	Ms Crutcher	LE8	After-school
	Alpha Club	Ms Wilcox & Mr Kamara	CS3	After-school
Tues	Main Hall Social Club	Prefect Team	Main Hall	Lunch
	Homework Club	Mr Osman	LE5	Lunch
	6th Form Social Club	Ms Da Costa	CS7	Lunch
	Science Club	Ms Akeju	RD4	Lunch
	Yr 11 High Flyers	Ms K Hinds	RD9	Lunch
	Keyboard & Ukelele Club Music Rehearsals	Mr Freeburn	CH10	Lunch
	DT Club	Mr McPeak	RD9	Lunch
	KS3 Drama Club	Ms Reading	Drama Studio	Lunch
	Gospel Choir	Mr Watson	Main Hall	After-school
	French Homework Club	Ms Hamdi	CS17	After-school
Weds	Main Hall Social Club	Prefect Team	Main Hall	Lunch
	Homework Club	Mr Osman	LE5	Lunch
	Yr 11 Art Intervention	Ms Anderson	CH5	Lunch
	Keyboard & Ukelele Club Music Rehearsals	Mr Freeburn	CH10	Lunch
	New Views Playwrighting Club	Ms Reading & Ms Williams	LE1	Lunch
	Descartes Club	Ms Nwolie	LE10	Lunch
	Citizenship Action Group	Ms Okorie	CS6	Lunch
	KS4 Drama Club	Ms Reading	Drama Studio	Lunch
	6th Form PMQ	Ms Leach	CS9	Lunch
	Robotics & Coding Club KS4	Mr Jinadu	LE4	Lunch
Thurs	Main Hall Social Club	Prefect Team	Main Hall	Lunch
	Homework Club	Mr Osman	LE5	Lunch
	Attenborough Club	Science Team	RD1	Lunch
	History Intervention	Ms Pepper	RD9	Lunch
	Keyboard & Ukelele Club Music Rehearsals	Mr Freeburn	CH10	Lunch
	Drawing Workshop	Mr Ashwell	CH6	Lunch
	Science Club	Mr Spyrou	RD6	After-school
	Drumming Workshop	Kinetika	Dance Studio	After-school
Fri	Main Hall Social Club	Prefect Team	Main Hall	Lunch
	Homework Club	Mr Osman	LE5	Lunch
	Pascal Club	Ms Osemwengie	LE8	Lunch
	Dance Club	Ms Abebrese	Dance Studio	Lunch
	Show Choir	Ms Leach	CH10	Lunch
	History Film Club	Ms Pepper	CS9	Lunch

More than just lessons