



Newsdesk

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Autumn Term 1 issue 105



Dear Parents/Carers, Planting Hope and Growth – Our Daffodil Bulb Project

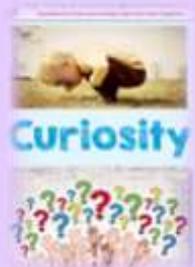
This week, each child at school took part in a special activity: planting their very own daffodil bulb. This simple act holds a powerful meaning for us as a school community.

Just like a daffodil bulb which lies quietly beneath the soil before blooming in spring, we believe every child is full of potential, quietly growing in their own time.

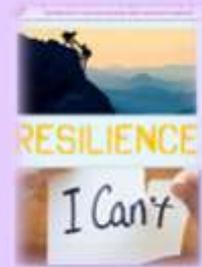
Planting these bulbs symbolises hope and the importance of patience and care

Values we nurture every day at school.

As spring approaches, the daffodils will begin to bloom—a gentle reminder that growth takes time, and with care and support, wonderful things can flourish. In the months ahead, we look forward to watching not only the daffodils blossom, but also our pupils as they grow in knowledge, skills, and confidence.



Have a wonderful weekend
Ms Thomas



Holy Trinity Values Ambassador



Our Pupil Values Ambassadors this week is

Aminata Kamara

For demonstrating all our school values and for showing kindness towards others.

Holy Trinity Staff Values Ambassador



Our Staff Values Ambassadors this is week are:

Ms Jeffery and Ms Anderson

For giving our pupils in Bear Class exciting, rich and meaningful learning experiences each day. We appreciate all your hard work and dedication.

Excellence in how we worship, learn and work together!



Bear Class goes exploring! Discovering the landmarks that make Brixton unique.



Panther Class visits notable historical and cultural landmarks in the Brixton and Stockwell area.



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Low Cost/No Cost Family Fun in London



Please look at the organisations' websites to double check times and arrangements

Family Volunteering are hosting an event at the HOUSE OF LORDS in November to celebrate the power of volunteering. They are making a short film and would like your child to record a short video clip (5-15 secs) finishing the sentence: 'I love volunteering because' or 'My favourite thing about volunteering is' Your child's clip could be shown at the HOUSE OF LORDS and featured on their website and socials! (you must give consent)

Send clip to info@familyvolunteeringclub.co.uk
Or Whatsapp clip to 07761 947206
Deadline: Monday 27th October

Konnect @ KPCC - Intergenerational Community Games Night - Free

Every Thursday 6:30pm - 9:00pm until 13th November 2025
Konnect @ KPCC is a community-building initiative that connects neighbours through events, supported by the Kensington Oval Community Centre. Bringing different age groups together for games, food and socialising.
KPCC, 1-2 Alverstone House, Magee Street, SE11 5TS
07985 715792 or 07885 611570.

Parent Job Club - FREE

Are you actively looking for work or thinking of returning to employment?

This 4-week Parent Job Club helps parents to become job ready

- Week 1 - CV Writing & Job Preparation Workshops
- Week 2 - Childcare Support Presentation & Interview Preparation Sessions
- Week 3 - Access to Work & Debt Management Advice
- Week 4 - Meet an employer & apply for vacancies

Monday 20th October, 1:15pm - 3:15pm at Loughborough Children's Centre, SW9 7UA

Friday 7th November, 1:00pm - 3:00pm at Jubilee Children's Centre, SW2 2JE

Friday 21st November, 1:15pm - 3:15pm at Jubilee Children's Centre SW2 2JE

Monday 1st December, 1:15pm - 3:15pm at Loughborough Children's Centre, SW9 7UA

Book your place by calling 0208 678 6830 or 0207 274 3374

Camp Green Horizon, Vauxhall City Farm

Monday 27th to Thursday 30th October, 9:30am to 2:00pm
Ages 8 - 14 for £10 a day until 2:00pm or join games club until 5:00pm
Free for students from low-income households or who receive benefit-related free-school meals.

Join Vauxhall City Farm for a jam-packed week of crafts, games and gardening. Learn more about the natural world and spend time with animals and wildlife!
0207 582 4204, education@vauxhallcityfarm.org
Vauxhall City Farm, 165 Tyers St, London SE11 5HS

Autumn's Out October 2025 BootCamp is open for Registration

October SHARP (school holidays active & recreation programme) @CEFL Lynch

Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October, 10:00am - 4:00pm

This October half-term they are offering young people from Lambeth a safe space filled with pure active, creative, recreational, fun learning and healthy food.

GreenHut, Windmill Gardens (Park) Blenheim Gardens, SW2 5DA
<https://cefl.org.uk/our-sharp-offer> community7@CEFL.org.uk

Black History Month Activities

Celebrating 30 years of Latin American Folklore Music with Grupo Kausary

Three decades of sharing music, culture, building community and creating cultural bridges.

Expect live music, special guests, DJ and delicious food!

Saturday 18th October at 7:30pm to 1:00am

Lambeth Town Hall, 1 Brixton Hill SW2 1RW

Standing Firm in Power and Pride - Baytree Centre

Celebrating both the achievements of Black women and the spaces they create for the next generation to thrive. Honouring their contributions while empowering girls to realise their own dreams.

Engaging workshops, interactive games and educational activities designed to inspire and empower.

Wednesday 23rd October, 4pm to 7pm girls aged 13+

<https://baytreecentre.org/events-list/>

The Baytree Centre, 300-302 Brixton Road, SW9 6AE

ZeeLol - A Taste of India

Step into an evening of joy, colour and community spirit as ZeeLol proudly presents A Taste of India - a vibrant celebration of culture, connection and the power of coming together.

Thursday 23rd October, doors open at 5:30pm, event ends at 8:00pm

Longfield Hall, 50 Knatchbull Road, SE5 9QY

Helping Hands Collective Black History Month Celebration

Caribbean Board Games, Live Music and entertainment. Food and drinks on site

Saturday 25th October, 12pm to 4pm

Harry Caddick Centre, 63 Lilford Road, SE5 9HN

Museum and Workshop - Brockwell Hall

A special event to look back and draw from the last 400 years of Caribbean culture in Performative talk. Learn more about Caribbean culture and enjoy a making session.

Tuesday 28th October 10am to 1pm

Brockwell Hall, SE24 9BJ

Tate South Lambeth Library - Empowering Young Voices

Wednesday 29th October, 11am to 6pm

Celebration & Wellbeing for Children and Young People, featuring live music performances by young artists from South London, as well as a variety of craft activities, wellbeing workshops food and music.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1622389914909>

Tate South Lambeth Library, SW8 1QP

For the young ones we have storytime and drumming with the fantastic Tony B of Happy Drums who will be at Brixton Library, 10.30am on 30th October. Join him at Clapham Library as well on any Tuesday during the month.

We're calling all book-loving youngsters aged 7 to 11 to our libraries throughout the month for Chatterbooks! Get involved in fun and creative activities, and choose new books to read. This October, we're celebrating incredible Black British Icons, from the trailblazing nurse Mary Seacole to the inspiring space scientist Dame Maggie Aderin-Pocock, the brilliant author Alex Wheatle, the poet Benjamin Zephaniah, and many more. West Norwood Library Chatterbooks group will have the special guest author Dola Amodu on Wednesday 9 October. Check your local library for details.

For the half term we have loads of activities to keep the children busy. On Tuesday 28th October, 2.30pm, Upper Norwood Library will be creating poetry bookmarks, on Wednesday 29th from 11am through to 6pm South Lambeth Library will be hosting a fantastic array of young talent at the [Empowering Young Voices](#) event- the morning will be for under 5s with Drumming for young children, but from 3pm young singers and musicians take over the library to release their talent! If you're over Minsk Library way from 2.30pm on the same day you can get involved in making your own Black History month Zine!

On Thursday 30th October The Black Curriculum take over Brixton library for the morning with author talks and creative writing activities while in the afternoon you have the choice of making poetry bookmarks at Carnegie Library or attending an illustration workshop with [Dapo Adesola](#) at West Norwood Library.

- [St Vincent's Brixton Community Centre](#) offers free weekly clubs in a safe, inclusive setting.
- The SEND Youth Group (ages 11-18) runs Saturdays, 11am - 12pm, with arts, crafts, games and books available. Parents and carers are welcome to attend, and refreshments are provided.
- The Drama Club (ages 11-16) runs Wednesdays, 4:30 - 6pm, with a focus on fun, inclusive theatre practice. No auditions are required, and performances are youth-led. Both programmes are free and provide an important outlet for creativity and social connection.
All activities take place at Talma Road, SW2 1AS. Places are limited.

- Support for Every Step—from Bump to Teen
 - Whether you're a new parent, seasoned carer, or navigating co-parenting, Lambeth Parenting Support Service is here for you. We offer a wide range of free, expert-led programmes tailored to support families through every stage of childhood—from pregnancy to age 18.
 - 🌟 Discover practical tools, build stronger relationships, and parent with confidence.
- Explore our full offer and sign up today: [Parenting Support Service | Lambeth Council](#)

- 🧑🏻‍🤝‍🧑🏻 Co-Parenting Support That Works
- Together or apart, we've got you covered.
- We offer digital tools and free programmes designed to help co-parents communicate better, reduce conflict, and build positive connections. Learn more and register here:
[🔗 Healthy Relationships Matter | Lambeth Council](#)
[🔗 Stronger Relationships | Lambeth Council](#)

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Drumbeat
Autism Outreach Service

DRUMBEAT AUTISM OUTREACH SERVICE

Supporting children, young people, professionals and parents across Lewisham.

WHO WE ARE

We are a well established and trusted neurodiverse team of experienced specialist teachers and advisers, offering comprehensive autism and neurodivergence support, advice and training to children, families and professionals across all phases of education. Our all-age service spans Early Years to Post-16, delivering tailored expertise to help every learner thrive.

With decades of combined experience in mainstream and specialist settings, our practitioners understand the unique strengths and needs of autistic and neurodivergent pupils—and the schools who support them.

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Really useful sessions given from the heart from people who understand the issues really well.

Drumbeat has been a life-line

We truly appreciate the time, care, and professionalism you bring with you every time you step into our school.

Drumbeat input has made a significant difference to the way she sees herself and has been invaluable.

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What we offer

We partner with schools to deliver bespoke support across three core areas:

Curriculum Access & Personalisation

- Understanding and embedding of neuroaffirming practice by design
- Differentiated planning and curriculum adaptation
- Inclusive teaching strategies that honour neurodivergent learning styles
- Transition planning across phases and key stages

Sensory & Environmental Support

- Sensory audits and recommendations
- Tools and strategies for sensory regulation
- Set up and running of sensory circuits
- Classroom layout and whole-school sensory adaptation

Social, Emotional & Mental Health (SEMH)

- Social thinking and 'doing' skills development
- Emotional regulation and anxiety support
- Psychoeducation for pupils, staff and families
- Trauma-informed, restorative person-centred approaches

What could this look like?

We offer support to young people, parents and professionals across a variety of approaches.

Working with young people

- Conduct individual pupil consultations and observations with reports
- Deliver, co-plan and model interventions 1:1 and in small groups
- Support EHCP processes and provision mapping
- Running an Autism Young Experts Panel

Working with Professionals

- Staff training and workshops
- Model hands on support
- Sensory Audit
- Running an Autism Champions Hub
- Support for Hub Classes in Mainstream Schools

Working with Parents

- Parents workshops
- Drop-in support groups
- We run two Parent programmes to help you understand your child's autism:
 - Early Birds for ages 0-5
 - Spectrum for 5+



Get in touch:



outreach.admin@drumbeat.lewisham.sch.uk



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Scan the QR code



To register your interest



UPCOMING COMPETITION

Monday 20th October 2025

YEAR 4, 5 & 6

GIRLS FOOTBALL

Start time: 10am – 2pm

Kennington Park

Join our Moving Matters
Girls' Football
Competition; inspiring
confidence, teamwork,
and a love for the game!



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NOW

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ONLINE SAFETY NEWSFLASH

App Safety Settings

With the Online Safety Act now in force it's no surprise to see a lot of focus and scrutiny on tech companies, their features and safety settings being so prominent in the media, particularly safety settings failures. However, that shouldn't detract from the fact that safety settings are important; they're not perfect and never will be, but they are there for a reason. So this feels like a good time to either send a reminder out to parents or to take a look at the links on your school website to some of the more popular social apps which I've shared below, all from the Internet Matters website:

- Discord app settings - <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/gaming-consoles/discord-app/>
- TikTok parental controls - <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/social-media/tiktok-privacy-and-safety-settings/>
- Snapchat parental controls - <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/social-media/snapchat/>
- Instagram parental controls - <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/social-media/instagram/>
- Pinterest privacy and safety settings - <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/social-media/pinterest-privacy-and-safety-settings/>
- FaceTime privacy and safety settings - <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/social-media/facetime-privacy-and-safety-settings/>

WhatsApp privacy guide - <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/>

Punctuality News

Bear Class	Excellent	97%
Lynx Class	Excellent	96%
Panther Class	Excellent	95%
Cheetah Class	Excellent	96%
Lion Class	Excellent	96%
Tiger Class	Good	92%

Our registers close at 9am every day.



EVERY
MINUTE
COUNTS

Better late
than never,
but never late
is better.



IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

- * Tuesday 21st October 2025: Vision Screening Reception Children
- * Monday 27th—31st October 2025: Half Term Break



Holy Trinity Church of England Primary School

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2025 - 2026 Term Dates

Term	Start Date	Finish Date	Number of Days
Autumn One			
Term One (2025)	Wednesday 3 rd September Children return to school <i>Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd September – 2 INSET Days</i>	Friday 24 th October	38 days
Holiday	Monday 27 th October	Friday 31 st October 2025	
Autumn Two			
Term Two	Monday 3 rd November	Thursday 18 th December <i>Friday 19th December INSET Day</i>	34 days
Holiday	Monday 22 nd December	Friday 2 nd January 2026	
Spring One			
Term Three (2026)	Tuesday 6 th January Children return to school <i>Monday 5th – INSET Day</i>	Friday 13 th February	29 days
Holiday	Monday 16 th February	Friday 20 th February 2026	
Spring Two			
Term Four	Monday 23 rd February	Friday 27 th March	25 days
Holiday	Monday 30 th March	Friday 10 th April 2026	
Summer One			
Term Five	Monday 13 th April	Friday 22 nd May	29 days
Bank Holiday	Monday 25 th May 2026		
Holiday	Tuesday 26 th May	Friday 29 th May 2026	
Summer Two			
Term Six	Monday 1 st June	Friday 17 th July <i>Monday 20th July 2026 INSET</i>	35 days
			Total = 195 days Total Teaching Days = 190 Days

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