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Friday 23rd January 2026

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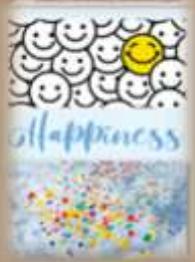
Dear Parents, Carers,

This term, our theme for collective worship is The Parables of Jesus. This week, we focused on forgiveness through the parable of The Prodigal Son.

The children explored how they might respond to someone who has made mistakes and reflected on the message that God's love is unconditional. They learned that God is a loving Father who always forgives and welcomes each person with open arms, no matter how far they may stray or how many mistakes they make.

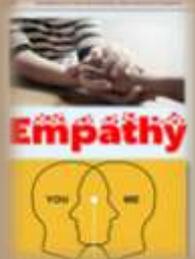
We talked about how forgiveness allows us to make a fresh start. The children were encouraged to think about how the son may have felt when he was forgiven by his father, and how this forgiveness might have influenced the way he treated others afterwards.

They also reflected on their own experiences of forgiveness and considered why choosing to forgive can feel like the right and loving choice..



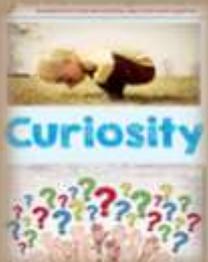
Governor Learning Walk

This week, our school governors carried out a learning walks focused on reading across the school. They visited each class, observing how reading is taught and enjoyed at each stage. The governors were delighted to observe the enthusiasm for reading shown by our pupils and the consistent, high-quality approaches used by staff to support children's reading development.



A week Full of Learning, Growth, and Engagement

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Holy Trinity Values Ambassador



Our Pupil Values Ambassadors this week is
Mohammed Kamara

You showed kindness and politeness towards a member of
staff. Well done



Holy Trinity Staff Values Ambassador



Our Staff Values Ambassador this week is
Mr Jaissen Dove

You provide pupils with enriching and creative
learning opportunities and opportunities to
express themselves. Thank you



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Opportunities to read your favourite book in our Reading Stations around the school



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HOLY TRINITY TALENT SHOW



A fantastic showcase of talent and creativity displayed at our Holy Trinity Talent Show
An amazing end to the week celebration. Well done to everyone who took part



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**Friday 30th January
9–10am**

Ways to Well Being and Coffee Morning

**Please join us in the hall for a
workshop for parents and carers,
about top tips for looking after your
mental health and well being.**



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Prayer and time of reflection



†Prayer for peace in the world



Oh God, we pray for this broken world.

We pray for peace and hope to abound. People are afflicted everywhere by natural disasters, by conflicts, wars, divisions, poverty, and sicknesses. Help us turn to you as our source of strength and hope. Merciful Lord, we ask for your Spirit to intervene and bring reconciliation, healing and peace to all those who are affected and afflicted. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Have a restful weekend

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ONLINE SAFETY NEWSFLASH



Popular Apps and Games - A Handout for Parents

Drawn from the **Ofcom Online Nation Report 2025** this free handy guide for parents and carers looks at the more popular apps and games used by children and young people.

Specifically it covers:

- Key insights.
 - A comparison of safety and wellbeing features within apps and games.
 - Help and support links for those games and apps (e.g. Family Pairing, YouTube Supervised Experience etc.)
 - A few of the more popular helplines.
- App/games reviews from Common Sense Media.

Download this Ofcom guide here:

<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/siteassets/resources/documents/research-and-data/online-research/online-nation/2025/online-nations-report-2025.pdf?>





TYPING'S COOL
TOUCH TYPING SCHOOL

Touch-typing courses for 7 – 16s



Spring half term and Easter touch typing courses for 7 – 16s

Dulwich College, London SE21 7LD

Monday 16 – Thursday 19 February 2026

Monday 30 March – Thursday 2 April

Tuesday 7 - Thursday 10 April 2026

Sessions run 10:10 – 12:15 pm daily

(Full day care available)

Learn how to touch type 40+ words per minute with 95% accuracy. Using correct fingers and posture, touch typing is far more productive for school work and exams.

Beginners, improvers and advanced typists are warmly welcome. We mix formal technique with the latest app games to make learning to type fast, fun and effective.

Flip crazy skate ramps, zap aliens and collect superhero movie rewards while learning an amazing skill. Typing proficiency will significantly boost your child's academic attainment in today's digital world.

Prior to setting up *Typing's Cool*, Sarah Holt worked as a teacher at Weston Green School and Nick Holt was a secondary school Head of English.

Cost: £176.00 per place

OFSTED registered - childcare vouchers accepted

10% discount for siblings/ bring a friend/ Duke of Edinburgh Award

Apply at Typingscool.co.uk or email: sarah.holt@typingscool.co.uk

For places see www.typingscool.co.uk



Duke of Edinburgh Award - Registered skills assessor

Company registered number: 7097313 OFSTED child care registered number: EN472171





Low Cost/No Cost Family Fun in London



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

Art of Doodling - **FREE** - no ticket required

The Clore Ballroom, Level 2, Royal Festival Hall, SE1 8XX

Saturday 24th January 2026 2:45 - 4:00pm,

Ages 5 - 11 (must be accompanied on site)

Dive into the art of doodling with artist Erdem Kuzu, as you discover that anything can be canvas and every doodle is a work of art! *Saturday Sessions* are the perfect place to start the weekend. On a monthly basis you can enjoy a piece of art, make something new along with the artists and create with other children and their families - all for free! All you need to pack is your imagination as Kuzu will show you how scribbles and scrawls can become whole worlds if you sprinkle a bit of creativity. With a showcase of the artist's work and through drawing exercises and group games to get you and your family doodling away. Born and raised in Hackney, Erdem Kuzu is a magician with a pen. With a background spanning computer science, sociology and visual arts, Kuzu uses detailed cluster drawings to explore the complexity of the everyday.

<https://www.southbankcentre.co.uk/whats-on/saturday-sessions-the-art-of-doodling/>

Ballroom Boogie x Toasty Tots XL - **FREE** - no ticket required

The Clore Ballroom, Level 2, Royal Festival Hall, SE1 8XX

Saturday 24th January 2026 1:30pm - 2:45pm

For all ages (under 12s must be accompanied by an adult on site)

Following their monthly *Saturday Sessions*, BORN N BREAD present Toasty Tots XL, a dance party for all the family. Toasty Tots! was co-founded by three mums from BORN N BREAD Collective to create an inclusive hangout for parents, carers and their little ones to vibe, dance and unwind together. Now they're turning it up with Toasty Tots XL, the big kid edition for 5 - 11 year-olds (and their grown-ups). Rooted in community, joy and music, BORN N BREAD are here to create a space that's inclusive, non-judgemental and full of vibes. For over a decade, they've been celebrating community, culture and sound, creating space for diverse voices and pushing for real change in music and festival scenes. So come through, bring your crew! Whether you've been at the earlier workshop or are just here to dance, everyone's welcome on the Ballroom Boogie dance floor. *Saturday Sessions* are monthly events in The Clore Ballroom, where you can enjoy a performance, make something new along with the artists and play with other children and their families - all for free!

<https://www.southbankcentre.co.uk/whats-on/ballroom-boogie-x-toasty-tots-xl/>

Growing Together, Glowing Forever - **FREE**

Longfield Hall, 50 Knatchbull Road, SW9 7JP

Wednesdays - 4pm - 6:30pm, girls ages 10 to 13 years old

After-school club for girls with food provided. Develop self-esteem and life skills through Creative activities, peer support, and mentorship. Plus design and implement a new social Initiative. Get creative, have fun, and build skills for their future.

<https://www.chipspeace.org/brixtonevents/grow-and-glow-girls-club-ihhha-7a9sy-2xbcc-8xrag-tksdy-pg4c2-867nt-s5ytr>

COMMUNITY NEWS

London Museum Docklands - **from £3.95**

Mudlarks Family Gallery

No 1 Warehouse, West India Quay, E14 4AL

Now until - 1st February 2026 - for under 8s

Mudlarks brings the docks to life through interactive play, which keeps little ones occupied and stimulates their development. Find out what the docks were used for and what life would've been like for sailors many years ago. There's plenty for kids to get hands-on with. Drive a DLR train in the soft play area, move ships along the docks on the water table and help the workers move their cargo using wheelbarrows.

<https://www.londonmuseum.org.uk/whats-on/mudlarks-family-gallery/>

London Museum Docklands - **Nine FREE Galleries**

No 1 Warehouse, West India Quay, E14 4AL

Every day 10am - 5pm (all galleries start closing at around 4:40pm)

1. No.1 Warehouse - The building is a rare survivor of the old docks and its story is at the heart of the gallery
2. Trade Expansion: 1600-1800 - Meet the merchants, sailors and pirates who transformed London in the 1600s
3. London, Sugar & Slavery: 1600 - present - Shining a light on London's overlooked role in slavery
4. City and River: 1800 - 1840 - A city transformed by its river with new docks, new bridges and new tunnels
5. Sailortown: 1840 - 1850 - Experience the sights, sounds and smells of Victorian London in a recreation of a street in Wapping
6. First Port of empire: 1840 - 1880 - When London was at the centre of the British empire and world trade
7. Warehouse of the World: 1880 - 1939 - London's docks housed everything you could think of, giving them the title: Warehouse of the world
8. Docklands at War; 1939 - 1945 - How London survived and helped the war effort, from Dunkirk to D-Day
9. New Port, New City: 1945 - present - How Docklands was reinvented for a new century - from building, dereliction and back to rebuilding.

<https://www.londonmuseum.org.uk/docklands/free-galleries/>

West Norwood Library - KnitWits - **FREE**

1 - 5 Norwood High Stret, SE27 9JU

Wednesdays & Fridays until February 1/2 term - 10:00am - 12:00 noon

A social adult knitting and crochet group. Bring your own knitting/crocheting or use needles, hooks, wool and knitting patterns provided by the group. Help is on hand for any knitting/crocheting queries. It's group for both novices and experienced knitters and crocheters.

Contact name: Caroline Graham, Contact job title: Library Manager

Contact phone: 020 7925 8092, Enquiries email: WestNorwoodLibrary@lambeth.gov.uk

Brixton Tate Library - Basic computer skills class - **FREE**

Brixton Oval, SW2 1JQ

Mondays until Monday 23rd February 2026 - 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Join this basic computer skills class to set up and email, learn how to print documents, browse the internet and more basic computer skills. Registration required by calling the library on 0207 926 1058 or emailing brixtonreadinglibrary@lambeth.gov.uk

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Durning Library - Story time - FREE

167 Kennington Lane, SE11 4HF

Fridays until February ½ term - 10:00am - 11:30am

For children and parents. Join librarians for songs, stories, and rhyme sessions.

Contact name: Vivia Arthur Lech, Contact job title: Library Manager

Contact phone: 020 7926 8682, Enquiries email: DurningLibrary@lambeth.gov.uk

West Norwood Library - Esport Youth Club - FREE

1-5 Norwood High Street, SE27 9JU

Monday's until February ½ term - 4:30pm - 6:30pm

Calling all gamers! Dive into the exciting world of esports at Esport Youth Club. Enjoy thrilling gaming sessions, meet fellow enthusiasts and challenge your friends in a friendly, competitive environment. Complimentary food will be provided.

Contact name: Caroline Graham, Contact job title: Library Manager

Contact phone: 020 7926 8092, Enquiries email: WestNorwoodLibrary@lambeth.gov.uk

West Norwood Library - Young Readers Club - FREE

1-5 Norwood High Street, SE27 9JU

Tuesday's until February ½ term - 4:00pm - 5:00pm

A club to support children learning to read, struggling readers, and those learning English.

Sessions are led by a retired school teacher.

Contact name: Caroline Graham, Contact job title: Library Manager

Contact phone: 020 7926 8092, Enquiries email: WestNorwoodLibrary@lambeth.gov.uk

Streatham Library - Wriggle and Rhyme Baby Rhyme Time - FREE

63 Streatham High Road, SW16 1PN

Tuesday's until February ½ term - 10:00am - 11:00am

The session starts with 30 minutes of play and socialisation from 10am. At 10:50am

Library staff will lead with songs and rhymes, especially for babies and toddlers.

Contact name: Vivia Bennett, Contact job title: Library Manager

Contact phone: 020 7926 6768, Enquiries email: streathamlibrary@lambeth.gov.uk

Upper Norwood Library - Homework Club - FREE

39 Westow Hill, SE19 1TQ

Thursday's until February ½ term - 4:00p - 5:00pm

For parents/carers and their children aged 5 to 11 years. Come and use library

Books and other resources for help with school homework.

Contact name: Zoey Dixon, Contact job title: Library Manager

Contact phone: 020 7926 1063, Enquiries email: uppernorwoodlibrary@lambeth.gov.uk

Patricia Henry Christ Church Streatham (p.henry@ccsprimary.org.uk)

Rachel Thomas, Windmill Cluster (rthomas@susbourne.com)



**OVAL
LEARNING**

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

⇒ 26th Jan: Yr6 (Lion) Swimming



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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