



ST MICHAEL'S  
C of E PRIMARY  
HIGHGATE

26th September 2025

# WEEKLY ROUNDUP

## NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week at St Michael's we have been focusing on the importance of getting the little things right. Whether that is paying attention to how to set out your work or deciding not to tell that little white lie, it's often the small choices that build good habits.

We've been encouraging the children to notice how these little steps add up, helping them to take pride in their work, show kindness to others, and make thoughtful decisions day by day. It has been wonderful to see so many pupils taking this message on board and putting it into practice, both in the classroom and around school.

Thank you to year 4 for a wonderful Michaelmas service today to celebrate our patron saint, St Michael. Well done!

I hope you have a lovely weekend  
Best wishes  
Sinead O'Brien

Dear God,

Thank you for St Michael's and all the food you have given us.  
Fill us with your courage, care and love. Help us stand for each other.  
St Michael's School children need your gift of courage through dark times.

Amen

*Alex in Year 4 Moorgate*

Dear God,

Thank you for loving us more than anyone ever could.  
Help us to love everything and everyone so we can be a better community.  
You are great, and when you shine we feel your love.  
Help us to embrace our differences so we do not experience violence and harm.  
Please help us to love each other no matter what.

Amen

*Jackson in Year 4 Tower Hill*



Message from  
our  
Head of School

*Sinead  
O'Brien*

## Message from the Chair of Governors Fundraising Working Group

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week I wrote to thank all members of our school community who have helped to realise our vision for the school in 2025.

The next phase of our school and site improvement works will be upgrading the Key Stage 2 classrooms, starting with Year 6.

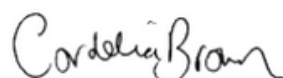
The works to the front of our site, including the new Early Years classrooms and playground, have significantly depleted the reserves held in the Learning Fund- the charitable trust that raises essential funds to maintain and improve our school buildings (NB the Learning Fund works in collaboration with, but is distinct from, the SMSA, our wonderful parent-led body that runs social events throughout the school year to bring the community together and raise funds for additional enrichment opportunities for our children).

To upgrade the older children's classrooms, Governors need to increase fundraising to the Learning Fund, including looking beyond our school community at grants and match-funding initiatives.

To achieve this, we are seeking a parent volunteer from each Key Stage to join with Governors to form a Fundraising Working Group.

If you have the relevant skills and experience and are interested in taking part, please send a brief expression of interest and your child/children's year group to [admin@stmichaelsn6.com](mailto:admin@stmichaelsn6.com), with 'Fundraising Working Group' in the subject line.

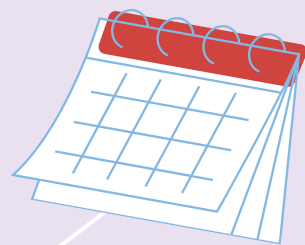
Many thanks



 Cordelia Brown  
Chair of Governors 



# KEY DATES FOR THE DIARY



Tue 30<sup>th</sup> Sep

**SEND Coffee Morning**

Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Oct

**Year 4 Swimming**

Thu 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct

**Harvest Festival**

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Oct

**INSET DAY - NO SCHOOL**

Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Oct

**Year 4 Swimming  
Individual & Sibling Photographs**

Thu 9<sup>th</sup> Oct

**Individual & Sibling Photographs**

Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Oct

**School Open Day  
For Prospective Nursery & Reception Parents**



School vision  
We believe our children's future is created every day. Every moment counts.

Brought to life through our mission  
To nurture and inspire our children to develop a love of learning in a supportive Christian community and become the best they can be.

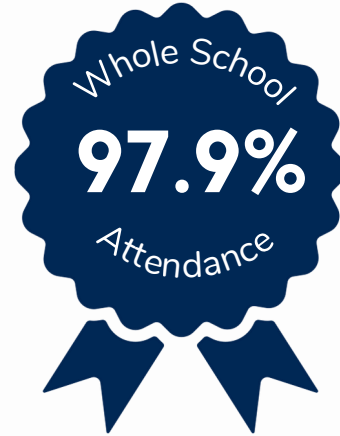
Underpinned by our values  
Endurance | Forgiveness | Koinonia | Creation | Friendship



# House Points & Attendance

## House Winner

St George  
219



Class with the best attendance:

***Year 3 Russell Square***

with 99.6%



S T A R S O F  
T H E W E E K

**Reception**

Jude &  
Roman

**Year 1**

Pixie &  
Coral

**Year 2**

Poppy  
& Laia

**Year 3**

Grace &  
Insiya

**Year 4**

Alessandro  
&  
Jackson

**Year 5**

Sanaya  
& Elia

**Year 6**

Amber &  
Edward C



# **Autumn Harvest Food Bank Collection**

## Friday 3rd October

I want to thank you in advance for your generosity.  
The charities we have chosen in the past have always been overwhelmed by the support given by the parents and children of St. Michael's

This year we are supporting the local charity.

### **The Alexandra Wylie Tower Foundation**

They deliver food to families in the local area.

They are currently in need of:

Basic essential items including

Fresh Food – Tinned Food – Pasta-Rice-Grains – Noodles – Oil – Flour  
Long Life Dairy - Free Milk-Biscuits-Crackers – Crisps  
Sweets & Treats.

Items that are not often donated but are sorely needed are:

Honey - Jam - Peanut Butter-Marmite - Tea – Coffee  
Toiletries – Deodorant-Shampoo-Soap – Dental Care  
Sanitary Towels – Large Nappies-Cream – Formula  
Laundry Tablets –Bleach-Washing -Up Liquid

Children will bring their contributions to class.

We will display the items in the hall so the children can see the donations.

The Food Bank Team will collect them at 10am.

We cannot guarantee that any donations received after this time will be collected.



**Thank you for your support.  
Best Wishes**

**Laurence Davenport  
&  
The Food Bank Team**



# Menu

St Michael's C of E Primary School - Week Two

## Weekly menu

**Monday**

**Tuesday**

**Wednesday**

**Thursday**

**Friday**

Macaroni Cheese

Chicken Korma with Rice

Chicken Sausage Roll with  
Seasoned Potato Wedges

Beef Bolognaise with Penne  
pasta

Fish Fingers or Salmon  
Fishcake with Tomato Sauce &  
Chips

Sweet Potato Stir with Rice

Chickpea & Vegetable Pakora  
served with Tomato Chutney

Cheddar Cheese &  
Leek Pinwheel with  
Seasoned Potato  
Wedges

Vegetable Bolognaise with  
Penne pasta

Falafel Bites with Sweet Chilli  
Dip & Chips

Jacket Potato with Vegetable  
Chilli & Tuna Sweetcorn

Jacket Potato with Beans &  
Cheese

Jacket Potato with Baked  
Beans

Jacket Potato with Baked  
Beans & Cheese

Jacket Potato with BBQ Style  
Vegetable Pieces

Wholemeal / White Bread

Naan Style Bread

Wholemeal / White

Wholemeal / White Bread

Wholemeal / White Bread

Carrots / Green Beans

Peas / Cauliflower

Vegetable Medley

Oven Roast Courgettes /  
Sweetcorn

Broccoli / Baked Beans

Wholemeal Carrot Cake with  
Custard

Fruit & Yoghurt

Chocolate Sponge with  
Chocolate Sauce

Lemon Sponge with Custard

Fruit & Yoghurt

Available daily

Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt

**HARRISON**  
food with thought



This week let's talk about...

 Olives!

Olives are small fruits that grow on olive trees. They belong to the same fruit family as mangoes, cherries, peaches, almonds, and pistachios.

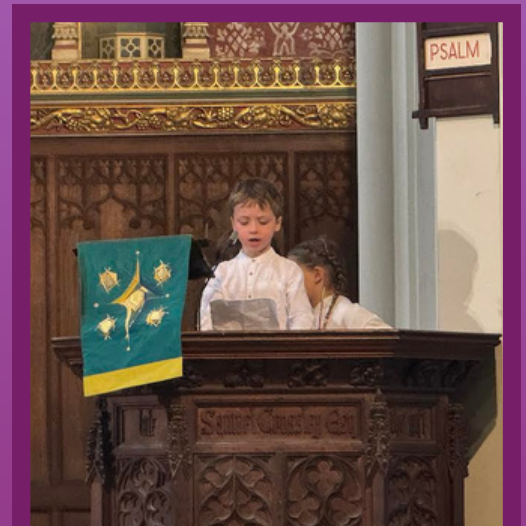
Olives are full of vitamin E and special helpers called antioxidants. These helpers keep your body's cells safe and strong, like tiny shields protecting you!



# Michaelmas Service

Year 4 gave a powerful dramatic re-enactment of the epic battle between God and Lucifer. They performed with great expression and spoke with such clarity. I was especially moved by the beautiful prayers they shared with the whole community at the end of the service.

A huge well done to all the pupils for their effort and talent, and to the amazing staff for making the very first school service of the year such a memorable and inspiring occasion.









# Nursery

Our focus of the week is about autumn and its characteristics.

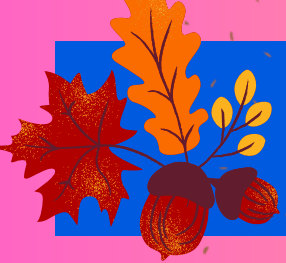
We have gone leaf foraging in the fields near the KS1 building to see the changing of the leaves with our own eyes.

We have also been designing our own Tube logos to be put on a display in the lunch hall.

Additionally, we have made our own autumn tree display using our hands as the leaves.







# Reception



**Tufnell Park has been exploring Autumn this week, making their own crowns and going on a walk around our grounds to identify signs of Autumn.**





# Reception

In Archway Class, the children made beautiful Autumn Wreaths to hang on their front doors. They used lots of natural materials that they had sourced from their nature walks.







# Reception



**This week in Reception, the children have been learning about the changing of the seasons, especially the Autumn Equinox.**

**In Archway Class, we made an Apple and Blackberry pie.**

**A seasonal harvest special!**





# Night Owls



We have been busy Owls this week. Some of us are busy squishing and shaping play dough, while the others are whipping up a yummy pizza toast for snack time!

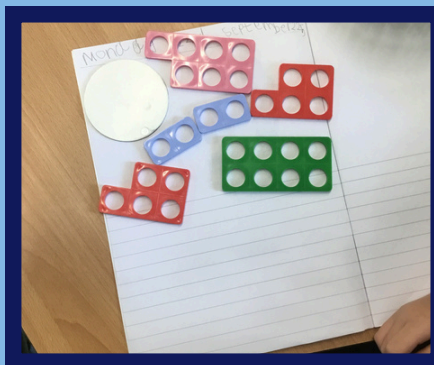
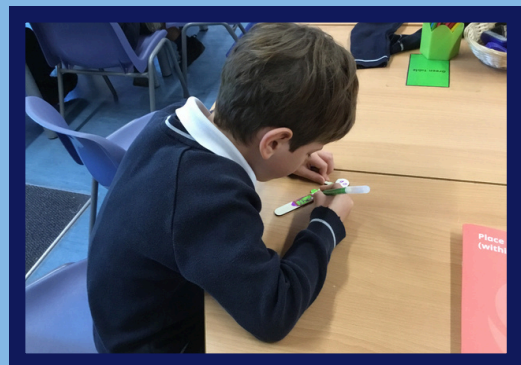




# Year 1

In Year 1, we have been busy bees with our learning!  
In Geography, we have been learning all about maps and how to use them. In PSHE, we've created our Emotion Stick People to help us show how we're feeling on our feelings chart.  
In English, we've been reading The Gruffalo. We made masks of the different characters and even acted out the story together – it was so much fun!  
In Art, we used newspapers to create amazing animals, and we've also been learning the days of the week.

What a wonderful start to the year it's been!



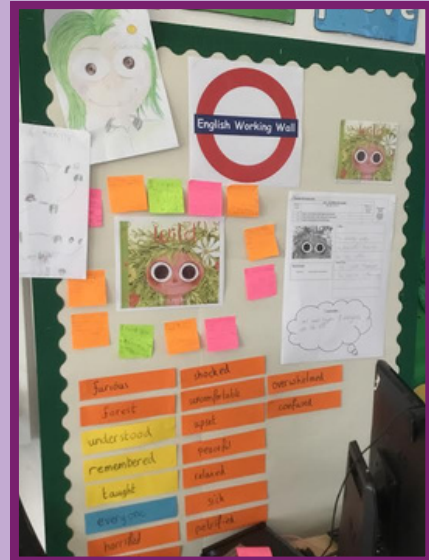
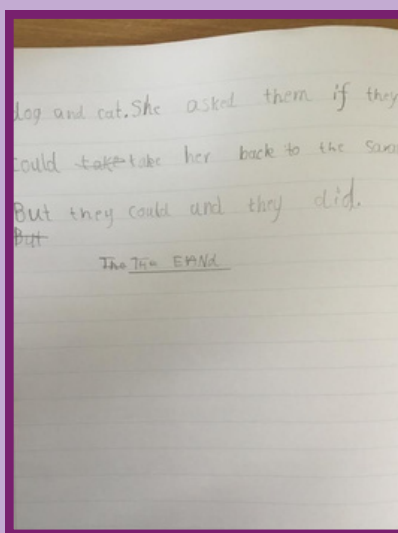
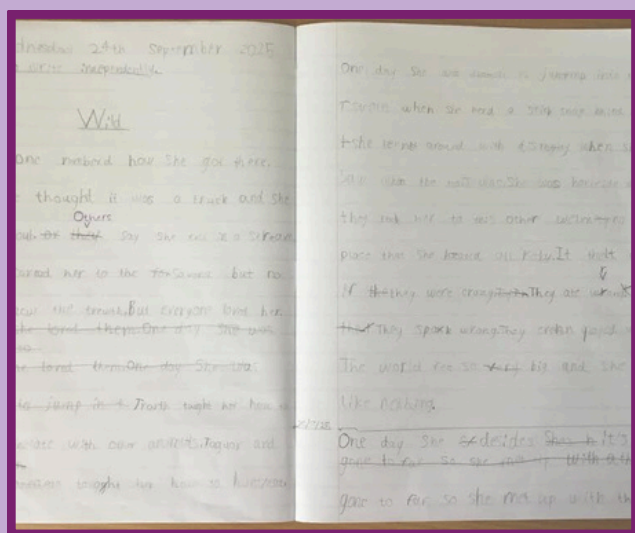
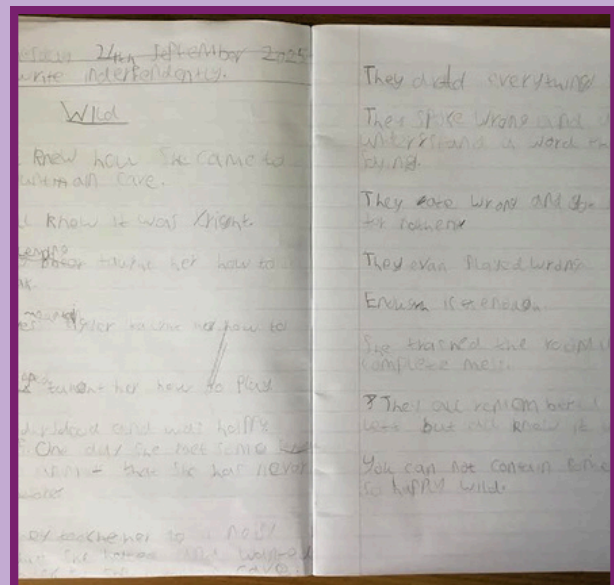
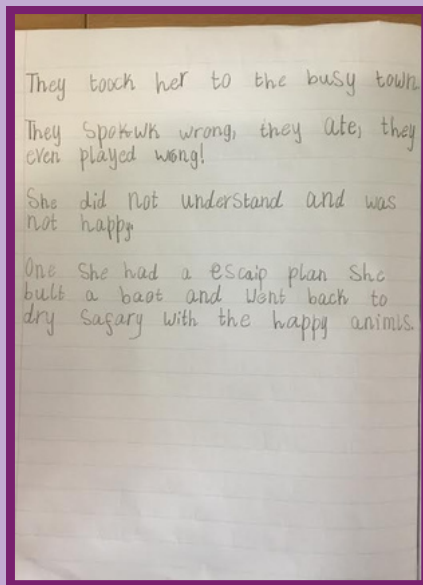
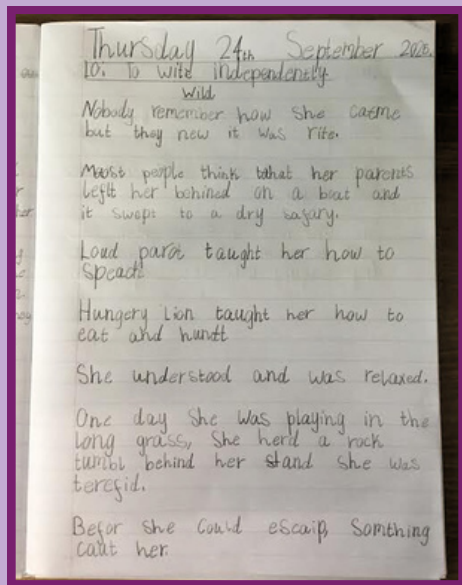
# Year 2

**Over the past few weeks Year 2 have been studying  
'Wild' by Emily Hughes.**

**They have learned the storm by heart, written it in their own words and made innovations to the story.**

**By changing the setting and animals involved they have made the stories their own.**

**Tristan, Mhalik and Martina from Monument class  
all have done a brilliant job.**



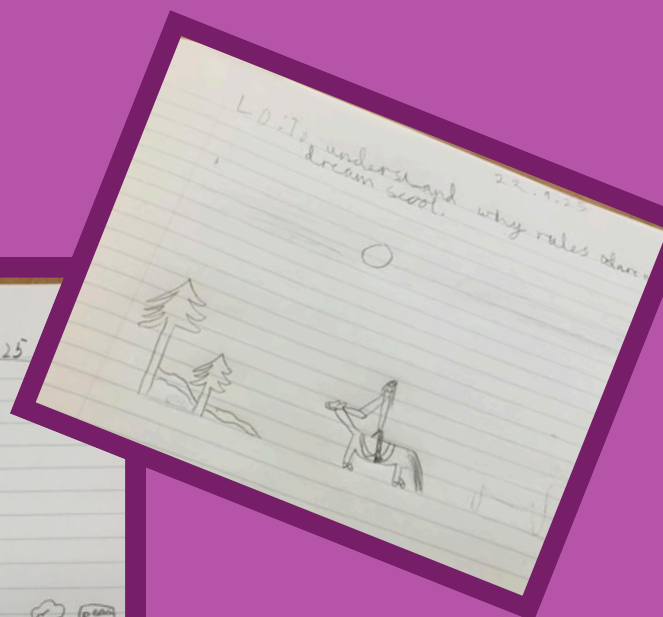
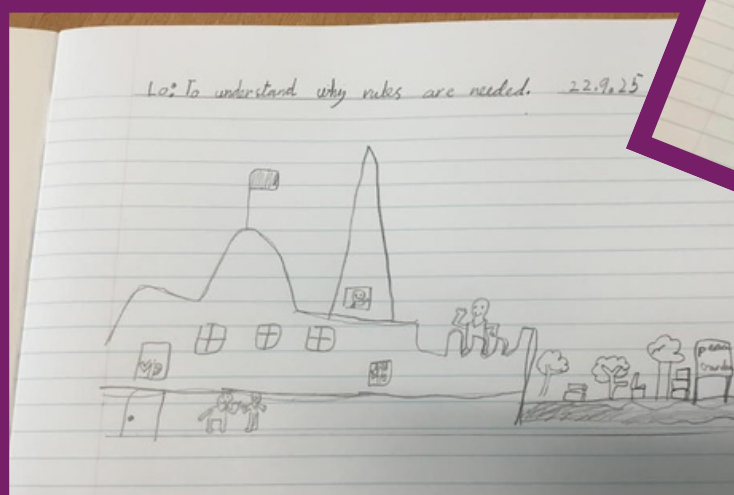
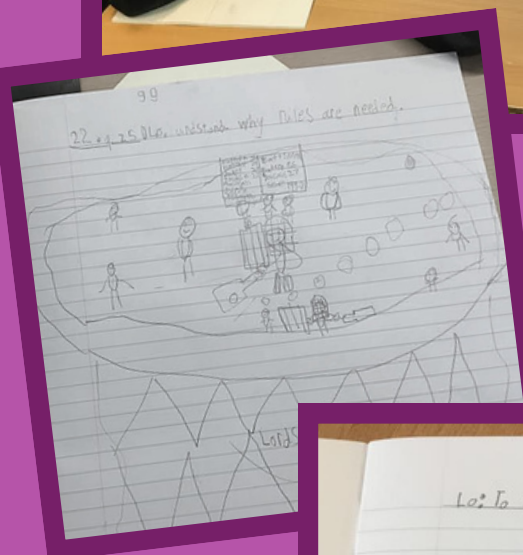
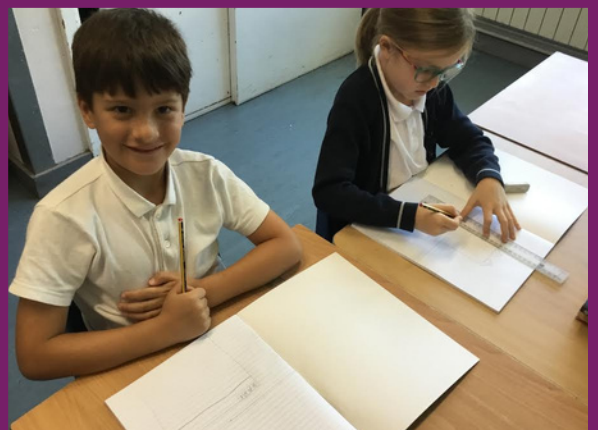


# Year 3

In PSHE, the children have been discussing what makes a good school.

They have reflected on why we have rules and what makes a good environment for learning.

Today they drew pictures of what their dream school would be like. Their ideas included a lot of break time, animals, sports, gaming and a generous helping of sweets!

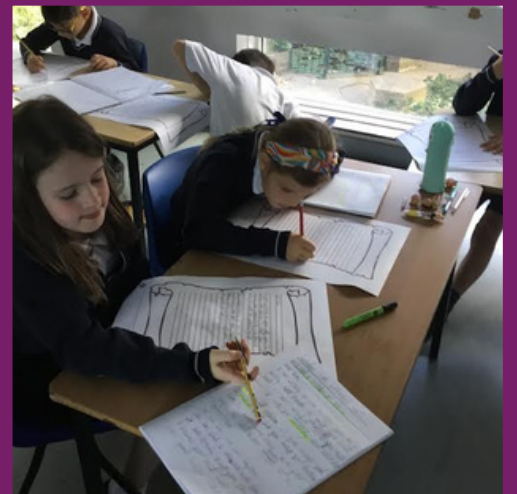
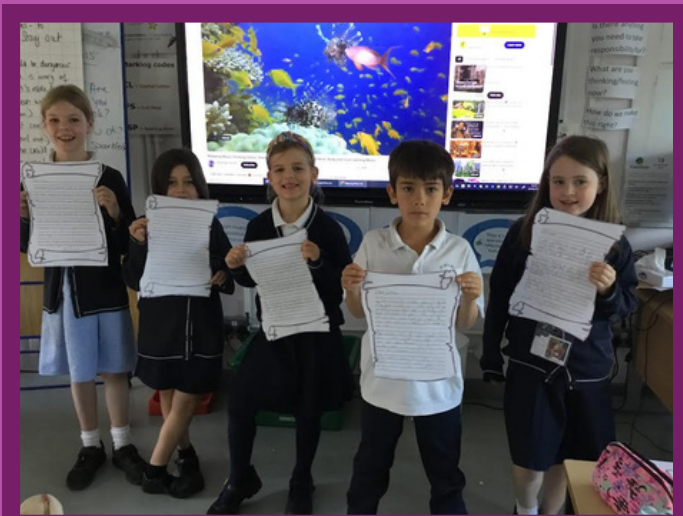




# Year 3

This week, year 3 has been busy writing a letter to persuade Leon to either stay in or stay out of a magic box.

They have used several persuasive techniques to convince Leon. For their final piece they published their letters in their neatest handwriting ready for a beautiful class display.

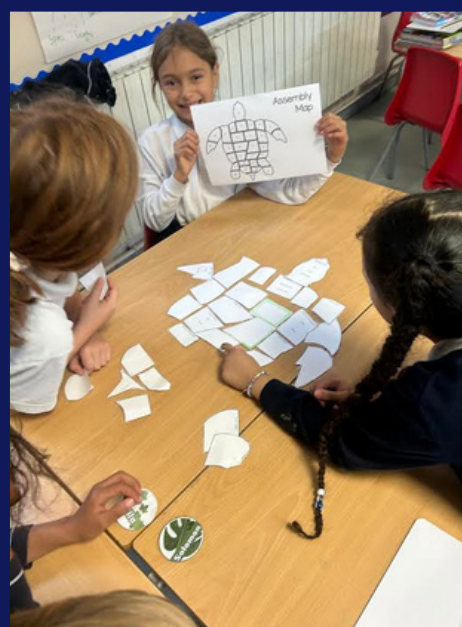




# Year 4

**This week, Year 4 have been working really hard during their Michaelmas rehearsals to learn their lines and lyrics ahead of their Friday church service.**

**They have also been displaying Koinonia in Science by working together to classify living things. Here, they are collaborating to solve a puzzle showing one type of vertebrate and answering questions about its features.**





# Year 5

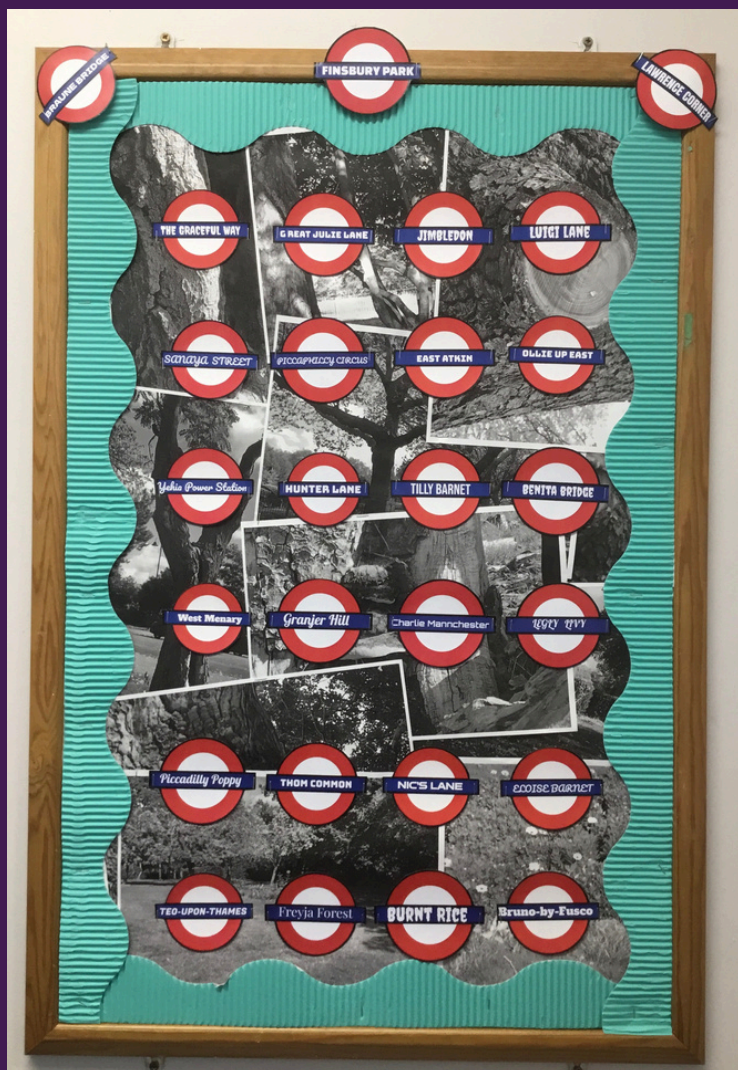
**Year 5 Shoreditch enjoyed a wonderful trip to the library this week, exploring new books, recommending favourites to each other, and learning how to find information.**





# Year 5

On our recent trip to Finsbury Park, we took black and white photos of the interesting things we saw, while we were following a tree trail. We here also inspired by our visit to design our own parks. We hope you like our designs. The tube station inspired us to create our own tube station names. Some are easy to recognise , others are more cryptic. Can you work them all out?



# Year 5

Last year, our Year 5 worked incredibly hard in the Young Writers competition – and we're thrilled to share some amazing news! We're proud to share that one of our students' exceptional talent was recognized, and she has been named a runner-up! Out of more than 16,000 budding writers, she shone brightly and was chosen as one of just five exceptional winners to receive a special book token.



## Charlotte's Dream

Charlotte was on an island, climbing a tree.

It was the biggest tree in the world, but it looked like it was dying.

In Charlotte's dream, she discovered a healing necklace that could heal all types of trees.

She had to climb to the very top branch and hang the necklace around the top so the sun could hit it at sunset.

She waited all day. When the sun struck the necklace, the brightest light in the world shone on the leaves.

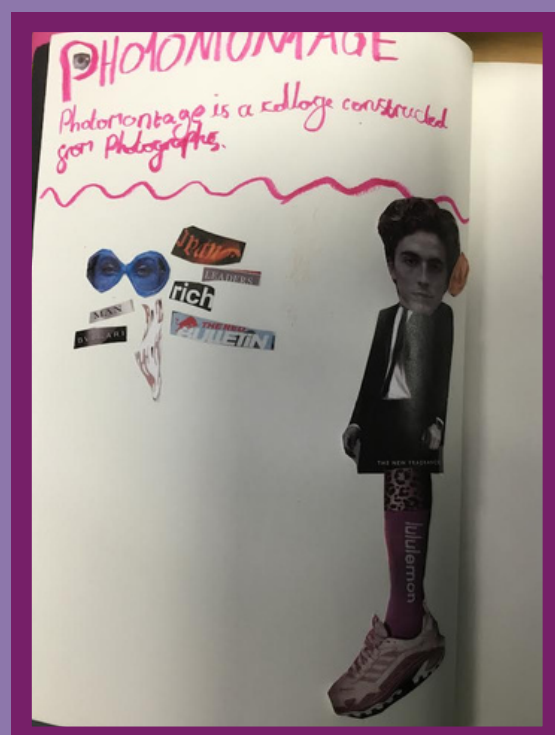
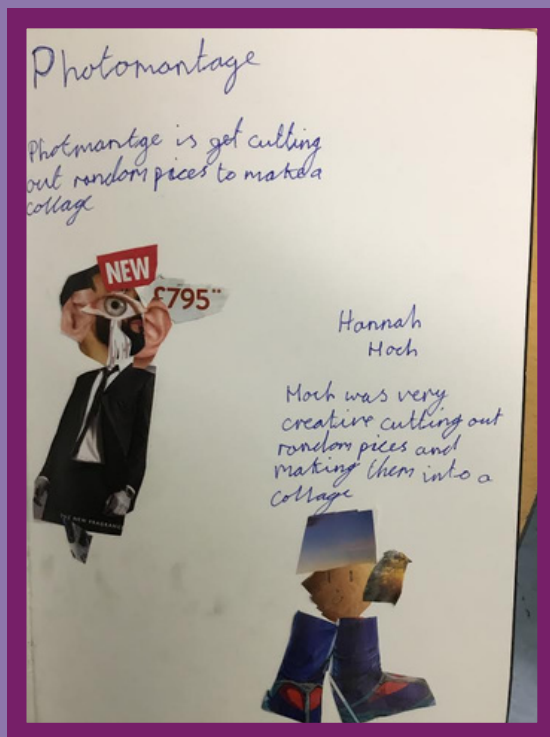
She watched the tree heal.  
The tallest tree in the world had been saved, hurray!

Thank you, Charlotte.



# Year 6

Year 6 Aldwych loved exploring photomontage, taking inspiration from the creative works of Hannah Höch





# Year 6

## Junior Road Watch

Some Year 6 children had an important job this week – telling grown-ups to be safer on the roads!

Working with local School's officer from the Metropolitan police they were talking to drivers who were going too fast in a 20 mph zone.

Instead of just paying a fine, the drivers can choose to listen to the children, who are part of a project called Junior Roadwatch.

The aim is to help drivers understand why speeding is dangerous and how it can hurt people.



**Our School Council has been busy creating a fantastic Safeguarding Superhero poster!**

**It is designed to remind all children how we keep them safe and it highlights key people they can talk to if they are worried about anything.**

**Look out for it around school...**

## ***Our Safeguarding Superheroes***



**Mrs Gallagher**

Executive Headteacher



**Mrs O'Brien**

Head of School



**Mrs Batten**



**Cordelia Brown**



**Ms Kelly**





# SMSA Update

**Thank you to Year 4 Moorgate for putting on a delicious spread. Next week will be the turn of Year 5 Shoreditch so please bring your £1 coins**

To access any information shared by the SMSA please join our parent portal on Classlist via the link below. This is where we will share details of any upcoming school fundraising events that we hold.

Please make sure when you register you add your child's name and class as any registrations without these details will be removed due to data protection.

**<https://classlist.page.link/n7ANaSAzgqmpWASV6>**

Next week Is the SMSA AGM on **Wednesday 1st October** in the KS1 hall starting at 7pm, all are welcome.

Thank you to the parent volunteers that helped guide the children to and from the church for this mornings service!

## **Dates for the diary:**

SMSA AGM -	Wednesday 1st October
Bonfire Night -	Saturday 8th November
Christmas Fair-	Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> December



Thanks



**Vanessa, Charlotte, Philippa and Jeremy**

With your help, last  
year, we raised a total  
of:

**£34,858!**

**Thank  
You!**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS 2025/26**

**SMSA AGM Wednesday 1st October**

**Bonfire Night Saturday 8th November**

**Christmas Fair Sunday 7th December**

**Quiz Night Spring term**

**Footie/Netball Funday, Fun Run and Summer Fair**

**We have a few more ideas and would love your suggestions too! If you think you can help out at any event or if your company offers match funding please do get in touch on Classlist or [smsahighgate@gmail.com](mailto:smsahighgate@gmail.com)**

# SEND Coffee Morning



We warmly invite all parents and carers to our upcoming SEND Coffee Morning.

This will be a friendly opportunity to meet, chat, and hear from professionals who support children with additional needs.

We are delighted to be joined by members of the Occupational Therapy team, the Educational Psychology team, and Marksfield, who will share information about their services and answer any questions you may have.



**Tuesday 30th September**  
**9:00am**

We look forward to seeing you there!



# Reunite

## Welcome to your lost property!

Many lost items are left outside and quickly become wet or soiled by foxes. Once the items are placed into the green lost property bins, it leaves searching through them undesirable.

The team collects, launders and lists all lost **uniform** items every Sunday on Classlist. The following week, all **named** items are distributed directly back to your child in their classroom.

Please don't try to collect from the school office.

**Unnamed** lost property can be claimed in the comment box, below the weekly Classlist post. Collection is the following Friday in the top playground, at the donations table (8.40-9am).

All lost property remains lost property until it's either: claimed, donated to St. Michael's Preloved (the school's second hand uniform service), or it has been left unclaimed until the end of term and then it is automatically donated to Preloved, to sell.

All money raised goes directly to the school.

Under no circumstances is lost property ever sold.





# DREAM BIG!

## STAGECOACH HIGHGATE & HAMPSTEAD HEATH

Singing, dancing and acting classes for 4 - 16 year-olds

Giving children and young people the Creative Courage to stand up on stage for over 35 years.

**Saturday and Sunday Schools**

**Early Stages (4 - 6 yrs) and Main School (6 - 16yrs)**

**Venue:** Henrietta Barnett School, NW11 7BN

St Michael's C of E School, Highgate N6 4BG

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