



THE SOHO SCOOP

News and Views from

Soho Parish CofE Primary School



Can you believe we are already nearing the end of the first half term? This week has been jam packed with lots of school events. Have a look at what the children have been up to.

Black History Month

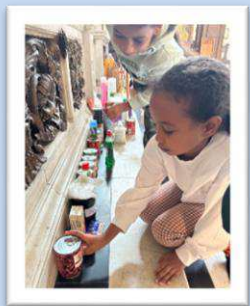
During this month, time is set aside to recognise the contributions that black people have made to the UK and around the world over many generations. This year's theme is '*Saluting our Sisters*', a celebration of Black women's contributions to society. On Monday, Emma led an assembly launching Black History and explained which key figure each class will be learning about.

- **R1:** Claudia Jones (founder of Notting Hill Carnival)
- **Year 2:** Lilian Bader (one of the first Black female pilots in the RAF)
- **Year 3:** Mae Jemison (engineer and the first African American woman in space)
- **Year 4:** Madam CJ Walker (Businesswoman and the first Black female millionaire in the US)
- **Year 5:** Mary Seacole (renowned nurse during the Crimean War)
- **Year 6:** Malorie Blackman (author)

On Friday 20th we will come together and share our new learning and would love to invite parents to join us.

Harvest Festival at St James'

On Tuesday we had our first church service of the year, led by Revd Ayla, Revd Simon and Revd Martha. It was wonderful to see so many parents there and join us in giving thanks for food. We heard the Parable of the Rich Fool (Luke 12:16-21) and then reflected on Psalm 65. The choir (led by Christine and accompanied on the piano by Lucy) had their first performance this year and did themselves very proud. Then we offered our donations which will go to a local food bank. Thank you to everyone for bringing in items to donate.



National Poetry Day

Yesterday, we celebrated the love of poetry. The children were fortunate to have a renowned poet (Kat Francois) lead workshops to all classes. This year the theme was 'refuge' and the children took part in fun and engaging activities that explored this theme. The final outcome was then creating their own poems.



Lunchtime sports

The children are thoroughly enjoying the new addition to their playground with table football.

While indoors our Year 6 took up the opportunity to brush up on their table tennis skills. We are also investing in new playground equipment which hopefully will be ready for after half term.



Rock Band

Our school rock band, made up of Tom, Felicity, Martha Coco and Lilli (led by Cedric) have been practicing during their Friday lunchtimes. They will be showcasing their musical talents in the near future. Stay tuned!





Developing our religious literacy

Year 3 have been exploring what is the Bible's Big story. They have been asking questions about some of the concepts of the Bible and can discuss the biblical texts.

To support this they were given different stories from the Bible and had to place them under given headings; using the Holy Book to help.

Meet the Teacher

It was lovely to see many of you at the meet teacher meetings. If you were unable to attend, we are happy to send the PowerPoint shown at the meeting; just let James know via email or in person.



Nut free school

A friendly reminder we are a nut free school. Children who suffer from nut allergies can develop a severe, potentially life-threatening allergic reaction. If someone has a nut allergy it is not just eating nuts that can cause a severe reaction, just being touched on the skin or smelling the breath of someone who has had nuts or a product containing nuts can trigger anaphylactic shock (which can cause breathing and swallowing difficulties).

Coats and jackets

As we enter further into the autumnal season, please ensure that your child(ren) comes to school every day with a warm coat and hat, scarf and gloves (as appropriate). We still go out and play during the autumn and winter months so it is important that children have the appropriate clothing to support their need to run around and release some energy! It is important that all of these items are clearly labelled with your child's name and class, so if they do become misplaced we can ensure they are returned as quickly as possible.



Attendance

It is very important that children attend school every day when they are well to ensure that they are reaching their full potential and maximising all of the learning opportunities on offer. Below I have included the percentages for each year group, see how your year group compares and think if you can help to improve your class percentage

Reception	77%
Year 1	87%
Year 2	90%
Year 3	98%
Year 4	99%
Year 5	93%
Year 6	88%
Whole school	92%



Punctuality

School starts at 9.00am. This is the time that children must be in their classroom. The gates are open from 8.45am until 9.00am. This does not mean families should be coming into school at the last few minutes. From 8.45am activities for soft start are planned for children and teachers use this time to facilitate additional learning and clarifying misconceptions from the previous day; therefore those children who are not arriving at this time will be missing out.

Key dates

Thursday 12th Oct – Yr2 trip to the Fire Station

Friday 13th Oct – Y3 Cake Sale (after school in the playground)

Thursday 19th Oct – International Evening (further information coming next week)

Friday 20th Oct – Coffee morning with parents 9am in BB Hall

Black History Month celebration assembly – 2.30pm (parents invited)

Mon 23rd - Fri 27th - **HALF TERM**

Friday 10th Nov – Light Disco (more information to follow)

Friday 24th November – Y4 Cake Sale

Thursday 30th November – Switching on the Christmas Lights at St Anne's

Tuesday 5th December- Christmas service at St James' Church (10.30am)

Friday 15th December – Christmas Fete

Monday 18th December – KS1 Nativity performance (time to be confirmed)

Thursday 21st December – End of term: **school finishes at 1.30pm**

Have a wonderful weekend.

Oliver Knight

(Head of School)

