



Family Update

Friday 27th March



Dear Families,

We can't believe we are at the Easter holidays already! This year has been full of surprises and has definitely kept us on our toes.

We wanted to take this opportunity to share our thanks to the many different people who make up our school community. Firstly, we want to thank our teachers and staff team. The levels of resilience and flexibility they have demonstrated in their roles have been phenomenal. They have provided a calm, focused approach, enabling your children to continue their learning and thrive. This is no easy task in usual times, let alone with the loss of use to 50% of the building! Their dedication and support for one another to ensure all in this community do well, has not gone unrecognised. The Local Authority and diocese have noted this through external Teaching and Learning Reviews and regular visits to monitor the work we are doing.

Secondly, we would like to thank you and your children. None of us expected the flooding event which happened in September and we have all been dealing with this ever since. Your patience, support and continued generosity (of time, kind words and gestures) have been so helpful throughout. At times, we know it caused us all challenges; staggered entrances, no buggy park or squished meeting rooms! So thank you!

Your children have been amazing! A particular shout out to Years 5 & 6 who have felt keenly, the disruption through having to be housed off site for nearly two terms of school. They have behaved impeccably; represented themselves, school and you in such a wonderful manner. Although, there have been challenges (the rainy walks, making new friends and missing our school community), they have dug deep and formed strong bonds with Miss Green and Mrs Pacarada.

A special thanks goes out to Gateway Academy for their welcome to their site and caring for our children and staff throughout their stay. THANK YOU!

Finally, the unseen members of the team, Cassio (site manager), the office team (Breeda and Tara) and the kitchen and cleaning teams. All of these people, like teachers and children have had significant disruption to their working lives. Yet, they have risen above these challenges; problem solving, putting up with restricted work spaces and constantly providing flexibility when required. None of which is easy.

As we now move into the window of returning, Monday 13th, seems so close yet so far! We will be reopening the school with the help of the Lord Mayor of Westminster and the Director of Education from the London Diocese, Penny Roberts. We hope you can join us in the morning on Enford Street, with some music and joy.

Thank you again for being such a wonderful and supportive community.

Mr Duffy and Mrs Marius-Beeko

'EXCELLENCE WITH COMPASSION'

'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. And love your neighbour as yourself.' (Mark 12:30-31)

London Marathon

On Sunday 26th April, Mrs Marius-Beeko is running The London Marathon. Thank you to all of the parents and carers who have offered words of encouragement.

Quite a few parents have asked about sponsorship. Mrs Marius-Beeko will be fundraising for Cancer Research UK. If you would like to sponsor her, please click [here](#). Please keep Mrs. Marius-Beeko in your prayers over the next four weeks as she completes her training.

Attendance

Class	Attendance figures
Nursery	89.7%
Reception	85.7%
Year 1	82.6%
Year 2	90.4%
Year 3	90.6%
Year 4	87.5%
Year 5 /6	93.6%

Well done to Year 5/6, our attendance winners this week!

Congratulations Year 5/6!

Dear God,

Thank you for this school and all of the work that has taken place here this half term.

We give thanks for deepening of learning and friendships and for Your love.

As we prepare for the celebration of Easter, we pray that the love of the Risen Christ will fill our hearts.

In His name we pray,

Amen

Dates for Diaries

Important events for the remainder of the academic year. All of these dates are also on our school website calendar [here](#).

Date	Time	Focus	Led by/who is invited
Mon 13th Apr	8.45am	Start of the Summer Term	Whole School
Tues 28th Apr	3.20pm	International Evening	Whole School
11th -15th May		Key Stage 2 Assessments	Year 6
Mon 18th May	11.30-1pm	Mother's Day Lunch (belated)	Whole School (one female relative per child/family unit)
Wed 20th May	2.30pm	Church Service	Whole School
Half Term Holiday Monday 25th May – Monday 1st June			
Tues 2nd June	8.45am	Start of the Summer Term	Whole School
Thurs 4th June		Nursery and Reception 'Stay and Play' with Southbank Sinfonia	Nursery, Reception and their younger siblings
8th – 12th June		Year 1 Phonics Check	Whole School
Wed 10th June	8.30am -6pm	Year 2 Trip to West Wittering Beach	Year 2 + 1 parent per child
15th to 19th June		Art Week Art exhibition at School Wednesday 17th June (3.30pm -4.30pm)	Whole School
15th June	11.30-1pm	Father's Day Lunch	Whole School (one male relative per child/family unit)
22nd to 26th June		Science Week	Whole School
Mon 29th June		Class Photos	Whole School
Wed 1st July	10am	Sports Day at Paddington Rec	Years 1-6
Thurs 2nd July	9.30am	Sports Day In school	Nursery and Reception
Fri 3rd July		End of Year Reports to Parents	
Tues 7h July	3.30pm -4.30pm	Parent Report Drop in	Whole School
Wed 15th July	2.30pm	Year 6 Leavers' Service	Whole School
Fri 17th July	1.30pm	End of term and the start of the summer holidays!	Whole School



Year 3 Spring 2 Learning



Year 3 have thoroughly enjoyed partaking in Project Touchline in their PE lessons this term. They have been developing their touch rugby skills whilst also reflecting and applying our Christian values. A special thank you to Chris for his support and guidance throughout the sessions!

Year 3 had a fantastic time celebrating World Book Day this year. The children amazed us with their creative costumes, bringing their favourite characters to life.

They took part in a range of exciting activities, including designing their own bookmarks, enjoying the beautiful spring weather while reading outdoors, and creating their very own reading passports. It was a joyful day filled with a love of books and storytelling!



Year 3 have enjoyed lots of exciting science this term. They were lucky to receive a visit from Mikal, a scientist from the University of Newcastle, where they learned about her role, explored different types of scientists, and carried out their own investigation. In addition, we have loved learning about our topic of light. The children have taken part in a range of hands-on experiments, exploring light sources, investigating shadows, and discovering how we see.



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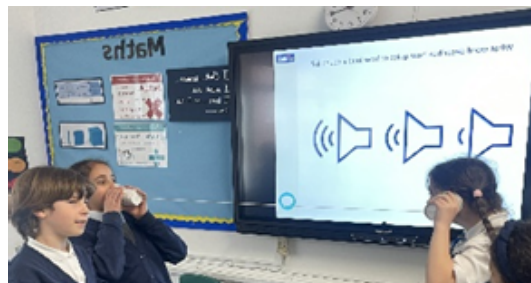
Year 4 have had a wonderfully busy and inspiring term filled with creativity, curiosity and teamwork. We were especially excited to celebrate World Book Day, which brought a fantastic array of imaginative costumes! The children took part in a range of engaging activities, including writing and illustrating their own mini books, a BBC World Book Day live lesson, author quizzes, and learning a class anthology poem.



A particular highlight was the visit from author Michael de Souza, whose workshop was full of energy, creativity and rhythm, leaving the children feeling inspired to develop their own writing further.



In Science, the focus on Sound has been both practical and exciting. The children loved designing and making their own musical instruments, and carrying out a simple experiment, using two paper cups connected by a taut string to create a simple "string telephone."



Furthermore, the class have taken great pride in their participation in Project Touchline PE sessions, where they have been developing their rugby skills. These lessons have been full of energy and teamwork, with the children demonstrating all of our school's values. It has been a joy to see their confidence and sportsmanship flourish on the field. In all areas of their school life, the class continue to thrive and blossom.



Children's Occupational Therapy

in Westminster, Hammersmith and Fulham, Kensington and Chelsea

Earlier and easier access to the right OT support when you need it.

Please join us online or at your local Family Hub, school or nursery where we will answer your questions and help you find the OT support you need.

Stay and Plays

Occupational therapists (OT) will be joining stay and play sessions at your local Family Hub, offering a relaxed chance to chat about your child's development and get informal advice on play skills, and managing everyday activities like dressing, eating, and sleeping. Best of all, you can just drop in—no referral needed.

Coffee mornings at local schools and nurseries. Come and talk with an OT, have your questions answered on your child's development from sensory needs to toileting. It's also a great chance to get practical advice, share experiences, and connect with other parents who may have similar questions.



Training

OTs are offering online training sessions on a range of topics, from "OT Principles" to supporting toileting skills and understanding sensory needs. These sessions are open to all parents and give you practical tips and confidence to support your child's development at home.



OT Foundations Workshop

You could be invited to this workshop for parents which is run by two experienced OTs over three sessions. It will help you to understand where to start with supporting your child's development and identify useful strategies for you to try at home.



Visit our new online OT Support Hub to find resources, videos and details of events at www.otsupporthub.org.uk



Has someone ever harmed you or made you feel...?

Scared,
Trapped

Humiliated,
Threatened

Controlled,
Afraid

Intimidated,
Powerless

Coerced or
Pressured,
Isolated



We can support you with:

- *Increasing your safety
- *Understanding your options and rights
- *Accessing safer housing options
- *Emotional support and linking you with group work and counselling
- *Connecting you to other ongoing specialist support you may wish to access
- *Attending court and the criminal justice processes

The Angelou Partnership

Wesupportyoung womenandgirls
aged 13+

- * Free, confidential, and non-judgmental support if you have been subjected to domestic and/or sexual violence or abuse, and live within the London boroughs of Westminster, Hammersmith & Fulham and Kensington and Chelsea.



For DomesticAbuse

Freephone 0800 059 0108

Monday–Friday 10am – 6pm
and Thursdays 8am – 9pm

angelou@advancecharity.org.uk

For Sexual Violence Support

Freephone 0808 801 0660

Monday–Friday 10am – 4pm
and Wednesdays 6 – 9pm

advice@wgn.org.uk
Webchat: <https://www.wgn.org.uk/>

In an Emergency
Call 999

24 hour Freephone, National Domestic Abuse Helpline 0808 2000 247
If you are male please call the Men's Advice Line 0808 8010 327