Welcome Back to School - Term 1 News - Sept & Oct 2026

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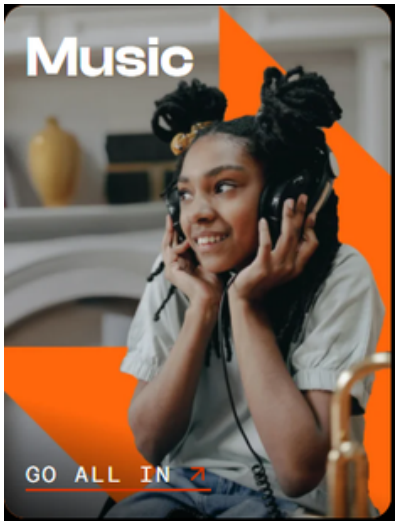



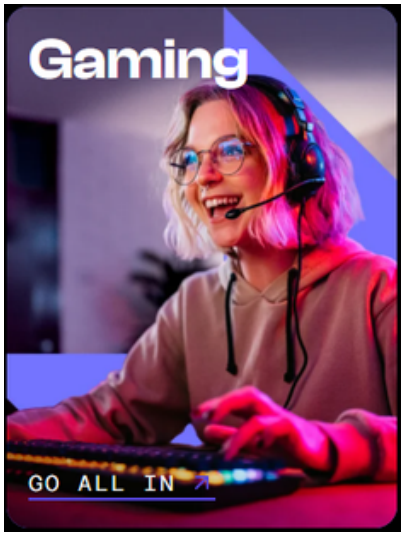

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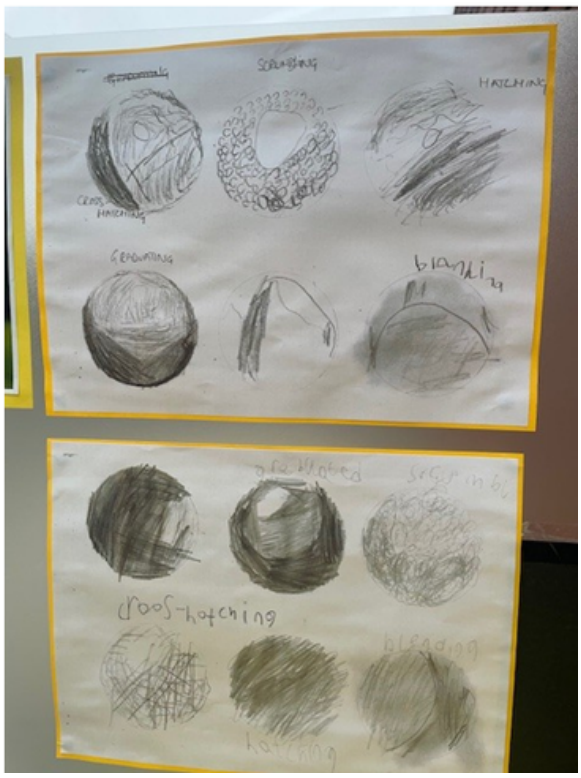
CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH



This October, our Primary pupils took part in a joyful celebration of Black History Month, exploring inspiring local figures, art and stories that honour Black heritage and culture. Children engaged in creative activities, thoughtful discussions and class projects that helped deepen their understanding of diversity, identity and community.

Sept - Oct Purple Class - Art & Design

Sketching, Watercolour & Japanese Printing





In art, Purple class have taken inspiration from flowers and plants. First up, we learned different sketching techniques.

Next, we used these different techniques and water-colour pencils to sketch a tropical water lily.

We had lots of fun trying the Japanese printing method of Hapa Zome!Just like the Australian artist India Flint, we used natural dyes from flowers and leaves to hammer our prints.

We hope you enjoy our work!







Garden Museum Trip

We had a lovely time exploring and disecting different seeds using scientific equipment like telescopes and microscopes. They also walked around the museum. It was a good trip all round.







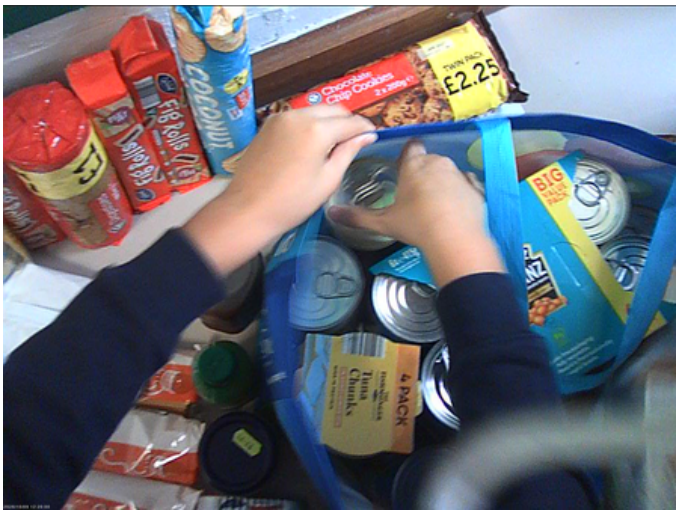
Food Harvest

Our pupils contributed generously to our Harvest Festival, learning about gratitude and the importance of supporting others.

Families and staff donated food items that will be shared with local church to help those in need.

This event showcases the kindness and community spirit that make our Primary phase so special.









Sept - Oct 2026 -Reading News - The Joy of Books



For book lovers, poetry lovers and anyone who loves a great recommendation, this podcast explores the books, stories and poems that make us who we are.

Our very first podcast guest is space scientist, and science educator and communicator, Dame Dr Maggie Aderin. Dame Maggie takes host Gaby through her childhood experiences with undiagnosed dyslexia, her career in astronomy and the books and stories that have been with her every step of the way.d poems that make us who we are.





Joe sits down with host Gaby to discuss the books that helped him through a difficult childhood and the ones that have shaped the dad he is today. Joe talks openly about growing up with a mum who struggled with OCD and anxiety and a dad who was addicted to heroin. School was his safe place, but he wasn't a reader. Even so, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory got his imagination going, and Of Mice and Men was the first book to move him to tears.

Sept - Oct 2026 Evolve Community News - REMINDER!

FREE SCHOOL MEALS SEPTEMBER 2026

All children from households in receipt of Universal Credit will be eligible from September 2026.

Apply for Free School Meals



There are changes to the legislation which means more families should be entitled to FSM so we are asking parents to update their applications as they could be eligible from September. Follow the links and apply directly.

LGfL Free School Meals Eligibility Checker

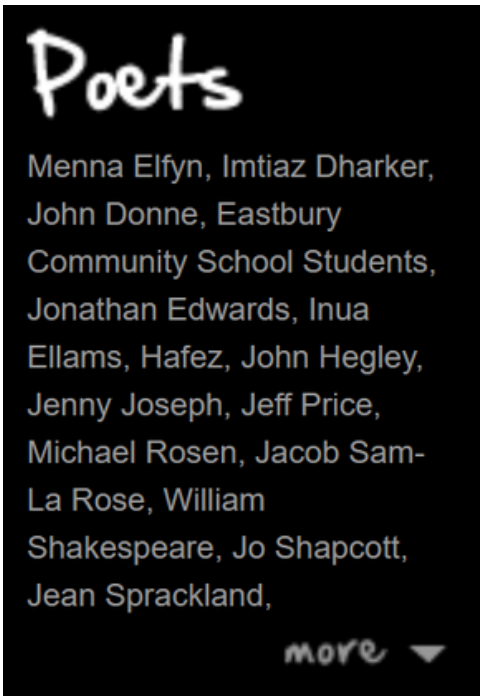
Sept - Oct 2026 - Celebrating National Poetry Day 1st October

The Poetry Station

In celebration of National Poetry Day on the 1st October, take a look a the wonderful resource below.

Talk This Way by Jacob Sam La Rose

Jacob Sam-La Rose gives a fond introduction and reading to this poem about music and hip-hop.





Sept - Oct 2026 Secondary Curriculum

Secondary Curriculum - Exam Dates 2026 / 2027

Mock Examinations	
Term 1	5th October 2026 Week 6
Term 2	30th November 2026
Term 3	1st February 2027
Year 6 SATs	10th to 13th May 2027
Term 6 (Year 10)	W/C: 20th June 2027
GCSE Exams 2027	
Maths Paper 1	Friday 14th May 9:00 am
English Language Paper 1	Monday 24th May 2027 9:00 am
Maths Paper	Thursday 27th May 2027 9:00am
English Language Paper 2	Tuesday 8th June 2027 9:00 am
Maths Paper	Monday 14th June 9:00 am

Personal Development Updates

Primary

Learning About Feelings, Friendships and Healthy Choices
This term, pupils have been learning to understand their emotions, build positive friendships and make healthy choices.

Black History Month: Honouring Our Community
Our primary pupils have been celebrating Black History Month by recognising the contributions, achievements and stories of people within our community.

Pupil Voice: Class Elections
Pupils took part in class elections to choose representatives who will share their classmates' ideas and help shape school life.

Celebrating Effort, Kindness and Achievement
We are recognising pupils' hard work, kindness and progress through our gold, silver and bronze certificates.

Secondary

Year 11 Take Their Next Steps Towards College
Year 11 pupils completed their first careers drop-down day, exploring their options and preparing for life after school.

Pupil Voice: Helping Shape Our School
Our pupil representatives are bringing forward ideas and helping staff understand what matters to young people.

Mentoring: Supporting Confidence and Wellbeing
Our mentoring programme gives pupils regular opportunities to talk, build confidence and receive support from trusted adults.

Coming Next Term

Primary: New Opportunities with Crystal Palace
Our confirmed partnership with the Crystal Palace Foundation will bring new opportunities for primary pupils next term.

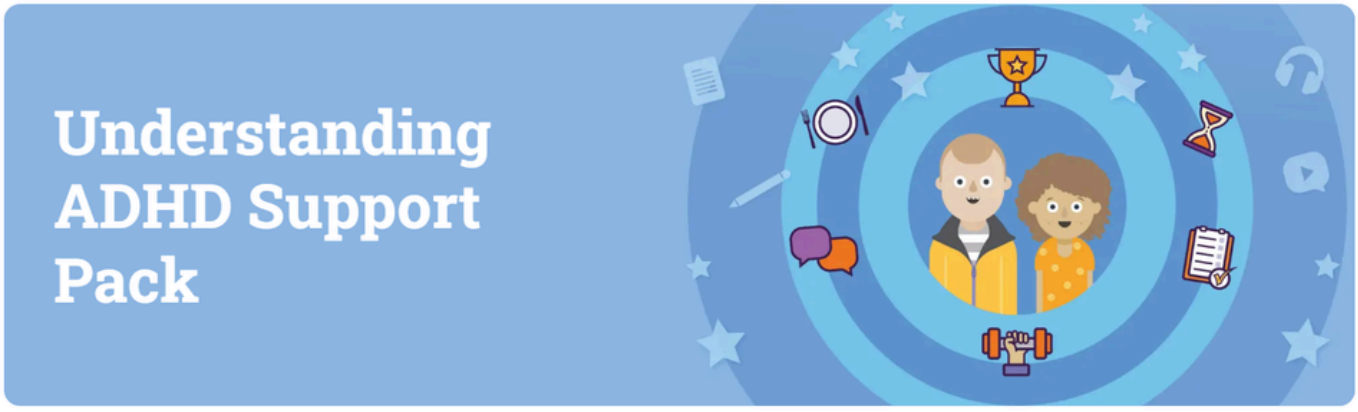
Secondary: College Visits and Support with Applications
Year 11 pupils will visit London South Bank College in November, with application workshops planned for later in the academic year.

Dyslexia Awareness Week 5th -11th October



British Dyslexia Association

ADHD Awareness Month October



SAFEGUARDING AT EVOLVE



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Safeguarding is Everyone's Responsibility

If you ever have a concern:

✔️ Speak to a trained adult immediately

✔️ Provide clear and factual information