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# Windrush

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In November, Prime Theatre performed *Windrush Girl* to an audience of our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils.

Based on real life experiences, this play follows 12 year old Norma June across a series of birthdays as she leaves Jamaica to join her mother's new life in London.

**Plot summary:** When Norma receives a ticket for England on her 12th birthday, she leaves her father, her best friend and the island she loves. The Empire Windrush's long sea voyage is full of music, iced buns and sea sickness. Norma realises her adventure abroad isn't quite what she imagined when she has to share a bed with her mother and a toilet with the rest of the lodging house! Norma makes friends easily at her huge school, but slowly notices that one teacher seems to pick on her more than the other children. Norma eventually stands up to Mr Hunter and explains that England is her country as much as his, teaching her classmates how all children should be treated the same, no matter how different they may seem. The play ends with a confident Norma encouraging the audience to be as brave as she was whenever they see injustice.

Our pupils thoroughly enjoyed watching the performance and afterwards, reflected on the messages within the play, equality, tolerance and our school's CARE Values.



