

3rd October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have an exciting month ahead at school. October brings two important highlights:

- Black History Month, which we will celebrate through both our curriculum and extra-curricular activities.
- World Mental Health Day on Friday, 10th October.

Please also note that the last day of term is Friday, 24th October.

Highlights from this week

Meet the Therapists – Reception and KS1

Thank you to all the families who joined us on Tuesday. We hope you found the session both informative and supportive.

Starting School Sessions

We really appreciated the thoughtful discussions and reflections shared this week. The next sessions will take place on **Thursday, 23rd October** – we would love to see you there.

Assemblies

Assemblies play a central role in our curriculum, giving pupils opportunities to learn and reflect together.

- This week, Key Stage 3 students explored the importance of Black History Month.
- Key Stage 4 students enjoyed a visit from the Millwall Community Team, who spoke about the programmes they offer. From next week, some of our Key Stage 4 students will take part in the Millwall Premier League Inspires Programme.



- We'll be sharing updates on Key Stage 2 assemblies very soon – watch this space!



School Photographer

Friday's photography session brought much excitement. Photos will be shared with families as soon as they are ready.

Looking Ahead

Family Reading Workshops

Reading is a key focus in our school development plan. Families are warmly invited to join Erin for practical workshops on supporting reading at home:

- **Thursday, 9th October**
 - 9:45 am – Primary families
 - 2:15 pm – Secondary families

Parent Governor Opportunity

A reminder that we currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. If you would like to find out more, please speak with Steph, Rian or Erin. Thank you to those who have already expressed interest.

Flu Vaccinations

The school nursing team will be visiting on Monday, 3rd November to offer flu vaccinations for pupils whose families have completed the online consent form. The vaccine is a quick nasal spray (not an injection).

You can find the online form here:

<https://cypcis.kingstonandrichmond.nhs.uk/flu/2025/southwark>

Meet Our Safeguarding Team

Keeping our pupils safe and happy is at the heart of everything we do. Every member of staff plays a part in safeguarding, but we also have a dedicated team who lead this important work.



Erin
Designated
Safeguarding Lead
(DSL)



Rian
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead
(DDSL)



Steph
Designated Safeguarding Lead
for Spa Education Trust

Families are welcome to request a copy of our Safeguarding Policy from the school office, or access it anytime on our school website: [Policy](#)

Community Updates

Southwark Local Offer: School Holiday & Weekend Activities

There are lots of fun, inclusive, and specialist opportunities in Southwark during school holidays and at weekends for children and young people with SEND. Use this link for more information: <https://localoffer.southwark.gov.uk/leisure/school-holiday-provision>

Celebrating Success – Autism Accreditation Advanced Status

This week we are proud to share highlights recognising our excellent work in developing students' functional skills and self-reliance:

- *Students grow in independence through effective curriculum, scaffolding, and learning strategies, preparing them for adulthood with essential life skills.*
- *Students are taught to make choices, including saying no, with staff modelling. Learning is deepened by revisiting spaces for context.*
- *Recognising and utilising the skill sets of those within the student council to enable peer on peer mentoring for those that need extra support for a positive outcome in the session.*



As always, please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

Wishing you all a restful weekend,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Steph Lea'.

Steph Lea
Executive Headteacher