

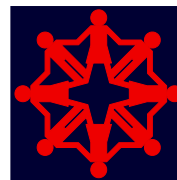
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All Believing, All Achieving

Dear Parents/Carers



3rd October 2025 – Week 5

"Children obey your parents, for this is right." Ephesians 6.1

"What does the Lord require from you, but to do justice, love kindness and to walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6:8)

Black History Month UK 2025: *Standing Firm in Your Power and Pride*

This October, our school will proudly celebrate **Black History Month UK** with the inspiring theme *"Standing Firm in Your Power and Pride."* Throughout the month, children will explore the lives, stories, and achievements of Black Britons who have made significant contributions to our society, many of whom have lived and worked right here in Croydon.

Our school vision, inspired by *Micah 6:8* – *"Act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly"* – will guide us as we learn together. We want our pupils to see how these values are reflected in the lives of the artists, leaders, and changemakers we study, and how we too can live them out in our daily lives.

What We'll Be Doing in School

Studying Famous Artists – Classes will look at the work of celebrated Black artists, both past and present.

Children will create their own art inspired by their styles, celebrating identity, resilience, and community pride.

Exploring Black Britons in Croydon – Pupils will research and learn about influential figures who have lived or worked in Croydon, discovering how their creativity and determination enriched the UK's cultural and social life.

- **Linking to Our School Vision** – Through classroom reflections and assemblies, children will connect the stories they learn with our vision: to act justly by recognising fairness and equality, to love mercy by showing compassion and understanding, and to walk humbly by valuing the contributions of others.
- **Creative Projects** – From posters and poetry to drama and music, children will share their learning and celebrate the powerful message of standing firm with pride.

Why This Matters

Black History Month is an important opportunity to celebrate the richness and diversity of British history. By learning about these inspiring individuals, children can see themselves reflected in history, understand the strength that comes from resilience and pride, and recognise the vital role Black Britons play in shaping the future.

As we celebrate together, we will continue to grow as a school community that seeks justice, shows kindness, and walks humbly with one another.

Harvest Prayer

Lord, thank you for walking with us through the seasons of our lives.
For the winter, when we are held safe in your arms through the darkness.
For the hope of spring, as we are filled with new promise and life.
And for the autumn days as leaves fall to seed new growth.
Amen.



Year 4 Science

Year 4 explored the different parts of the digestive system and its functions, using a model. They discussed how well the equipment represented each part of the digestive system.

We needed to add water to act as saliva and break down the food.

We used the potato masher to break down the food, which represented our teeth.

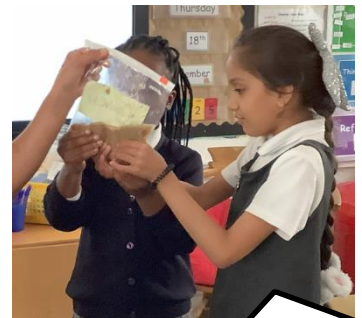
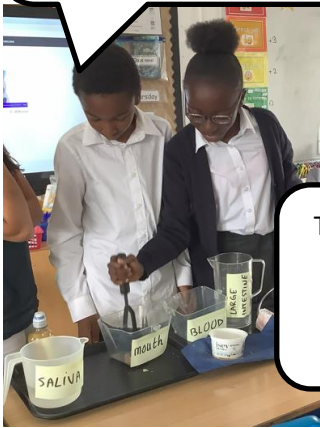
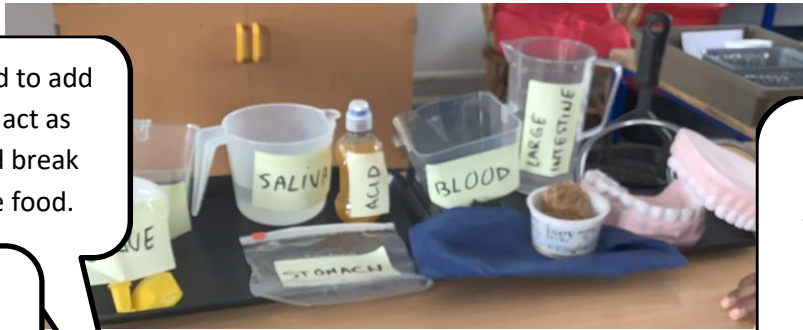
The food mixed with water was poured into a freezer bag. It represented our stomach.

My hand was like a tongue massaging the food through the funnel into the pipe. It represented the oesophagus.

We added juice to represent stomach acid. This represents the food breaking down some more before descending into the small intestine.

Nutrients are absorbed through the intestine wall into the bloodstream to be transported around the body. We noticed that the liquid came through the material, but this doesn't actually happen during this part of digestion.

Finally, we passed the mixture through to the large intestine and we squeezed it out to reveal the waste that excretes from the anus. The scientific word from this waste is called 'faeces'.





Harvest Service



This week the children went to All Saints Church for a very interactive Harvest Service. Each class contributed to the service, with year groups telling us what it means to share food with friends and family, what food they love, how we can waste less and share more. It was a wonderful time to come together and give thanks. We would like to thank you for your generosity, for which the Manna Society will be grateful.




Head Pupils 2025



There were lots of incredible letters written, our pupil's writing was so articulate and persuasive. However, we hope you will join us in congratulating Kyron and Medina on their success!



Stars of the Week	
Nursery Butterflies Class	Fatima & Mayrah
Reception Giraffes Class	Amelia-Rose & Adefunto
Year 1 Dolphin Class	Nazari & Levi
Year 2 Hummingbirds Class	Caleb & Stephanie
Year 3 Orangutan Class	Michelle & NB
Year 4 Cheetahs Class	Radeilis & Angel
Year 5 Whales Class	Glyniah & Ram
Year 6 Pygmy Owls Class	Mila & Aniyah-Lee

Attendance & Punctuality – 95.4%				
Overall attendance is higher this week!				
	Class	%	Lates	Winner
NUR	Butterflies	88.6%	0	 <p>A huge congratulations to Pygmy Owls who have achieved 98.7% for attendance this week. Great effort from Giraffe & Orangutan Classes too!</p>
REC	Giraffes	96%	3	
YR1	Dolphins	94.7%	3	
YR2	Hummingbirds	94.7%	3	
YR3	Orangutans	96.9%	5	
YR4	Cheetahs	94%	0	
YR5	Whales	95.2%	2	
YR6	Pygmy Owls	98.7%	4	

What YOU must do:

Try to telephone the school before 8.30am **each day** of your child's absence or email.

Tell the school in advance, of any medical appointments and bring in appointment cards/letters.

If you are not sure whether your child is well enough to attend school, send them in anyway as they often perk up on arrival.

If you and your child are experiencing difficulties with school attendance then talk to us as a first step so we can help!

What WE will do:

Check your child's attendance every day.

Phone home to discuss your child's attendance with you.

Invite you into school for attendance meetings if we are concerned.

If we cannot establish a reason for absence, then we may make a welfare home visit.

If you are unsure, please contact a member of staff.


Please download the Studybugs app that we are now using for reporting your child's absence.



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A quick and secure way to report absence due to illness and send messages to school.





Studybugs +



Take a look at the church's website for the latest newsletter and all the events taking place

<https://www.allsaintsun.org/>



**Changing childhoods.
Changing lives.**

<https://www.barnardos.org.uk/vfsworkshops-croydon>

Follow the link for some great virtual family space workshops.

Message from the inspector for Croydon town centre team

We are aware of incidents involving school children at West Croydon Bus Station after school, particularly on Fridays. The police and outreach organisations such as Project 4 Youth Empowerment (P4YE) have observed large groups of school-aged children gathering at the bus station after school, where anti-social behaviour often occurs, sometimes involving fireworks. There will be increased police presence at the bus station in the coming weeks. We kindly ask schools, families and carers to encourage their children to head straight home after school to reduce the risk of further incidents. We want to ensure that our young people are safe.

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Year 6 – Secondary Transfer

All application forms need to be submitted online by 31st October 2025 at 11.59pm.

Please ensure you check the Secondary school websites for up to date information on open days.

Don't Miss the
DEADLINE!

Diary Dates

3rd October – Celebrating Black History Month Launch 2025
7th October – 9.15am – Parent Support Coffee Morning (Small Hall)
14th October – Parents' Evening
15th October – Parents' Evening
17th October – 9.10am – Meeting for Carrotty Wood Residential YR6
20th October – Celebrating Black History Month Pupil Assembly
21st October 9.30am – Welcome meeting for Reception intake 2026
24th October – School finishes for half-term at 3.30pm
31st October – Deadline for Secondary School applications
3rd November – School starts back at 9.00am.
5-7th November – Year 6 Residential Trip to Carrotty Wood
6th November 2.00pm – Welcome meeting for Reception intake 2026
13th November – Flu vaccines for Reception to Year 6



Reception 2026 Intake Welcome Meetings

We will be holding welcome meetings for prospective pupils and families on:



- 9.30am 21st October
- 2.00pm – 6th November
- 2.00pm – 3rd December

Please book your tour at the school office.