



Bishop John Robinson CofE Primary School Autumn 1 2025 Newsletter

Our School Vision

Be the best we can. Join in learning, play and prayer. Remember God's word.



Theme: The Words of Jesus

Bible Verse: "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13: 34-35

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a joy it has been to be back together in school this term. The start of a new academic year always brings a sense of excitement and possibility, and this half term has been no exception. The children have settled beautifully into their learning, and our classrooms are once again filled with curiosity, creativity and laughter.

One of the highlights of this term has been the introduction of our new House System, inspired by the patron saints of England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. The children have embraced their new Houses with great enthusiasm, showing wonderful teamwork, sportsmanship and pride in their groups. It has already begun to strengthen our sense of community and belonging across the school.

Our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils enjoyed a memorable residential trip to Marchants Hill, where they challenged themselves, developed resilience, and deepened friendships through teamwork and adventure. The staff who accompanied them were so impressed by their positive attitude and the way they represented our school.

We were also delighted that our school choir played a key role in the Southwark Diocese opening of Black History Month, singing beautifully and sharing in the celebration of culture, faith and unity. This, along with our vibrant International Day, reminded us once again of the richness and diversity within our school family — a true reflection of God's love in all its forms.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all our new families who have joined us this term. We are so pleased you are now part of our community, and we look forward to all the ways you will contribute to the life of our school.

As we come to the end of this busy and fulfilling half term, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to our dedicated staff for their hard work, care and commitment to providing the best possible education and pastoral support for our pupils. My thanks also go to our governors for their ongoing support and encouragement.

I wish you all a peaceful and restful half term holiday. May it be a time of refreshment and joy with family and friends.

My warmest regards,

Ms Sarah Biney

Headteacher



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Our Term Dates

Mon 1 st Sept	Inset Day
Tue 2 nd Sept	Inset Day
Wed 3 rd Sept	Pupils Return
Fri 24 th Oct	School Closes at 3:15pm
Mon 27 th Oct – Fri 31 st Oct	Half Term
Mon 3 rd Nov	Pupils Return
Fri 28 th Nov	Inset Day
Fri 19 th Dec	School Closes at 1:40pm
Mon 22 nd Dec – Fri 2 nd Jan	Christmas Holidays
Mon 5 th Jan	Inset Day
Tue 6 th Jan	Pupils Return
Fri 13 th Feb	School Closes at 3:15pm
Mon 16 th Feb – Fri 20 th Feb	Half Term
Mon 23 rd Feb	Pupils Return
Fri 27 th Mar	School Closes at 1:40pm
Mon 30 th Mar – Fri 10 th Apr	Easter Holidays
Mon 13 th Apr	Pupils Return
Mon 4 th May	Early May Bank Holiday
Fri 22 nd May	School Closes at 3:15pm
Mon 25 th May – Fri 29 th May	Half Term
Mon 1 st Jun	Pupils Return
Fri 17 th Jul	School Closes at 1:40pm
Mon 20 th Jul	Inset Day
Tue 21 st Jul – Fri 28 th Aug	Summer Holidays

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Our Houses



St. Andrew, the brother of St. Peter, was one of Jesus' first disciples. He is said to have been crucified on an X-shaped cross, which is now a symbol of Scotland, where he is the patron saint. **St. Andrew's Feast Day is celebrated on the 30th of November.** He is a symbol of faith and humility.

Head of House
Mrs Townsend



St. David, a 6th-century bishop and monk, is the patron saint of Wales. He founded several monastic communities and is often depicted with a dove. He was renowned for his wisdom and dedication to the Christian faith. **His feast day, the 1st of March,** is widely celebrated in Wales with parades and cultural events.

Head of House
Miss Broad



St. Patrick, born in the 4th century. Originally from Britain, he was captured by Irish raiders and taken to Ireland as a slave. After escaping and returning home, he later returned to Ireland as a missionary, spreading Christianity across the country. He is credited with using a shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity and is the patron saint of Ireland. **His feast day, the 17th of March, is celebrated worldwide.**

Head of House
Mrs Linge



St. George, a 3rd-century Christian martyr, is known for his courage and faith. According to legend, he slayed a dragon to save a princess, a symbol of the triumph of good over evil. His unwavering dedication to Christ, even unto death, has made him a symbol of bravery. **St. George is the patron saint of England and his feast day is celebrated on the 23rd of April.**

Head of House
Mrs Newsham

Our pupils are full of excitement following the introduction of our brand-new school houses! School leaders have been busy planning a range of fun and friendly house competitions to take place throughout the year, giving everyone plenty of opportunities to get involved and show their team spirit.

House points will be awarded for good behaviour, punctuality, attendance, and for demonstrating our core school values of trust, forgiveness and compassion. At the end of every half term, the winning house will be proudly announced and celebrated!

The winning house for Autumn 1 with 5996 points is...
St Patrick's House!



Our Start and Finishing Times for 2025/26

Polite Reminder: The gate times for pupils will continue to be as follows:

8:40am – Front gate will open

8:50am – Front gate will close. Children arriving after this time must come to the school office.

11:40am – Morning session Nursery dismissal (via the EYFS gate)

12:10pm – Afternoon session Nursery arrival (via the EYFS gate)

3:10pm – EYFS and KS1 dismissal

3:15pm – KS2 dismissal

Permission to Walk Home

Children who are dismissed directly from school at 3:15pm will be expected to leave the school site and meet either you or an arranged appropriate adult in a designated spot or to walk home unaccompanied. If you would like to request permission for your child to walk home unaccompanied this academic year, please pick up a permission slip from the school office and return it to the office.

Please note, as children are in their uniform they are representing our school to the local community. If children do not behave appropriately on their way out of school, the permission will be withdrawn. Please also ensure that if your child walks to school unaccompanied in the morning that they behave safely and appropriately.

Reading and Homework

Thank you to all of you for encouraging children to complete their homework and read their books regularly. Your support makes a real difference and helps to strengthen the learning taking place in school. Please continue to encourage these good habits at home, as they play an important role in your child's progress and confidence.

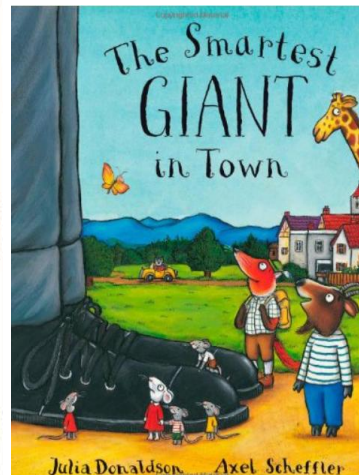
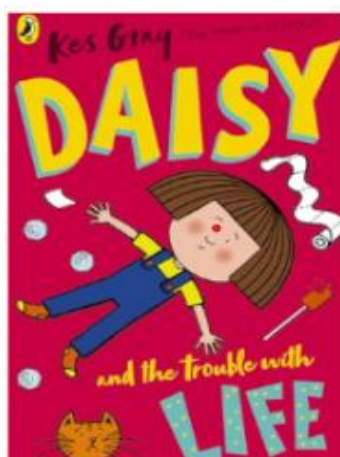
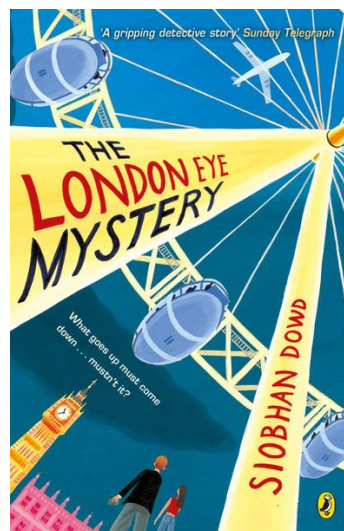
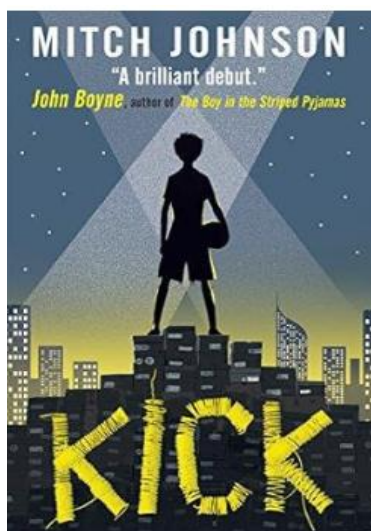
Sunrise and Twilight

All clubs will begin on **3rd November 2025**. We kindly ask parents and carers to share their feedback by completing our **Wraparound Provision Survey**.



Books of the Term

Every Monday, at the start of Collective Worship, we introduce a new book. We read the blurb, reflect on the story's message, and discuss what we can learn from it. These are the books that have inspired us this term



Our weekly book introductions have inspired enthusiasm for reading across the school. They've encouraged rich discussions, built confidence in sharing ideas, and helped pupils make meaningful connections between stories and our school values.



School Uniform

Please ensure your child attends school each day with the correct uniform:

- All pupils in EYFS and Key Stage 1 must wear a white polo shirt and jumper / cardigan with the school logo.
- Children in EYFS or Key Stage 1 should not wear a school tie.
- Pupils in Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6) must wear either a polo shirt or a collared blouse or shirt with school tie.
- Pupils are allowed to wear grey trousers or shorts, a grey skirt or checked summer dress.
- **PE Kit for all pupils (Years 1-6) is black or grey shorts or jogging bottoms with a white t-shirt. House-coloured t-shirts are to be worn only during house events.**
- Year 1-6 black school shoes.
- EYFS children black trainers (at all times).
- **Please ensure all uniform is clearly labelled to avoid loss of clothing.**

Southwark Diocese Black History Month Celebration 2025

Well done to Mr Elegbede and the school choir for successfully contributing to the opening of Southwark Diocese's Black History Month Celebration.





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School Journey Year 5 and Year 6
Pupils had a fantastic time raft building, aero balling, zip wiring, giant swinging. They also had a disco on that last day!



Our visit to PGL Marchants Hill last week was a truly memorable experience for the children. They embraced new challenges with courage, encouraged one another with kindness, and grew closer as a community. Whether climbing, problem-solving, or working as a team, they demonstrated perseverance and friendship in abundance. The trip was not only full of fun and adventure but also a wonderful opportunity to live out our school values in action.



International Day

We were all very excited about BJR's **International Day**, and what a joyful occasion it was! The children came dressed in colours and clothing representing countries from all around the world. They spent the day exploring different cultures, traditions and languages through food, music, stories, and creative activities. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the rich diversity within our school community and to learn more about the wider world around us.





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Key Dates for Autumn 2

Trips and other key dates will be sent to you once confirmed

Meet the Headteacher	3 rd November 2025
Reception and Year 6 Height and Weight	7 th November 2025
Peace Class Worship	7 th November 2025
Remembrance Day	11 th November 2025
Police Workshop for KS1	20 th November 2025
EYFS Open Day	21 st November 2025
Year 6 Visit to St Afege	21 st November 2025
Parents' Evening	25 th & 27 th November 2025
INSET Day	28 th November 2025
Christmas Tree Dressing	1 st December 2025
Perseverance Class Worship	5 th December 2025
EYFS Nativity/Carols	12 th December 2025
KS2 Snow Ball	12 th December 2025
Christmas Jumper & Christmas Dinner Day	17 th December 2025
Christmas Service	18 th December 2025
Carolathon	18 th December 2025
End of term	19 th December 2025 (School closes at 1:40)