

# Weekly Newsletter

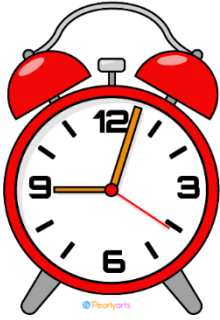
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## Time Keeping



**Thank you** to all the parents and carers who get their child to school on time every day – we really appreciate it

The playground for children in Years 1 to 6 is open from 8.55am every morning. Nursery and Reception Gates also open at the same time.

Lessons start promptly in class so please continue to arrive before the bell is rung to go up to class with your teacher. Late arrival is monitored by the school and can contribute to a lot of lost learning time. Thank you for your support.



The 2025 UK Black History Month theme is "**Standing Firm in Power and Pride**". This theme emphasizes the resilience, strength, and unwavering spirit of Black communities, celebrating their collective power to effect positive change and the unshakeable cultural pride and heritage of Black people worldwide.

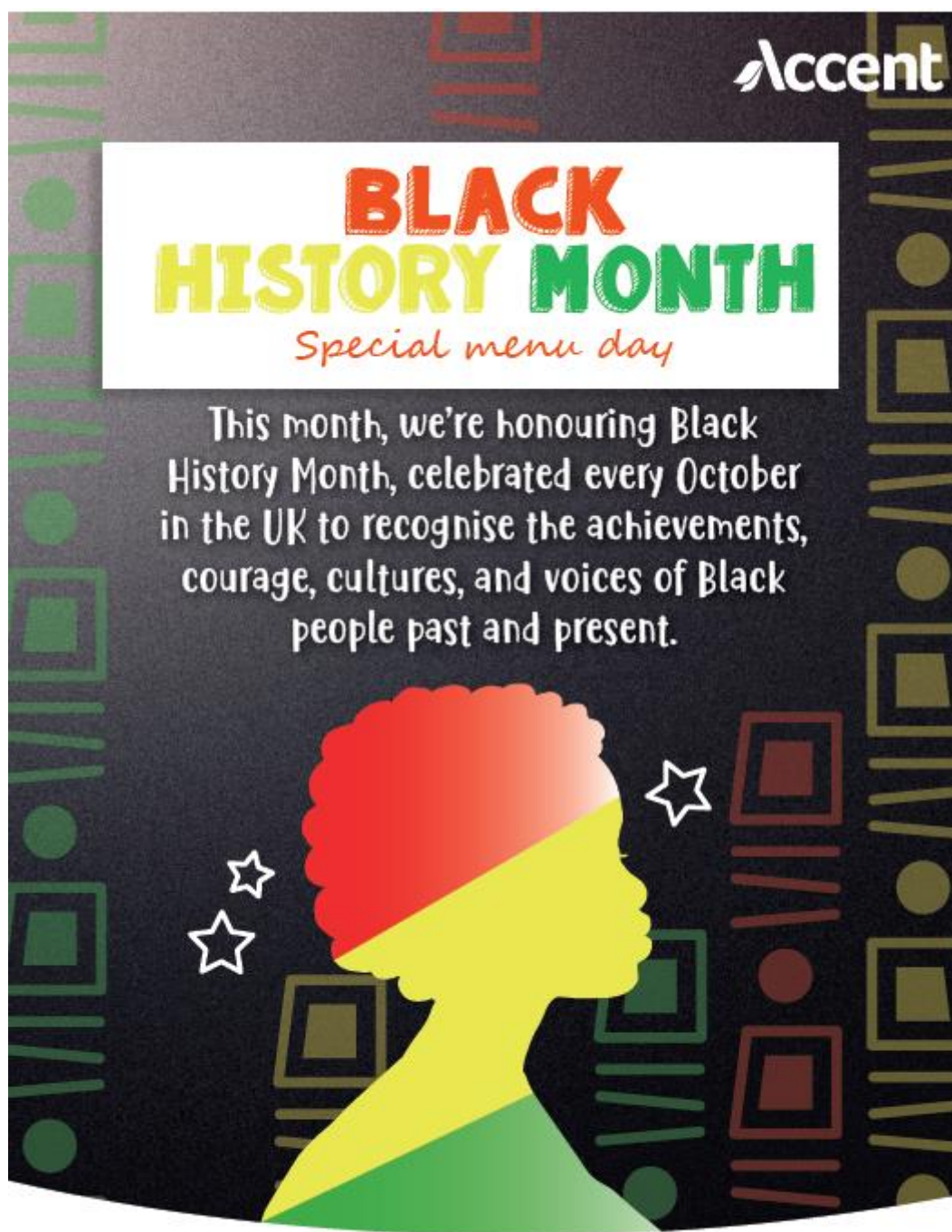
## School Events

All classes will be taking part in our Black History Month sharing assemblies on **Friday 24th October at 9.20am**. Each class will showcase their learning and celebrate inspiring figures, stories, and achievements from Black history. Parents and carers are warmly invited to attend and celebrate with us.

Black History Month work will be shared on the school's website from **Friday, 24th October 2025**.

To celebrate Black History Month, we will be serving special themed lunches inspired by African and Caribbean cuisines on **Friday 24th October 2025**.





**FRIDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**



Black History Month  
special menu

Mild Caribbean Chicken Curry  
With Jollof Rice  
(None)  
Or  
West African Chickpea and Kale Curry  
With Jollof Rice  
(None)  
~  
Green Beans  
Roasted Butternut  
(None)  
~  
Malva Pudding  
With Custard  
(G,E,Mk)

LOOK OUT!  
ALLERGENS

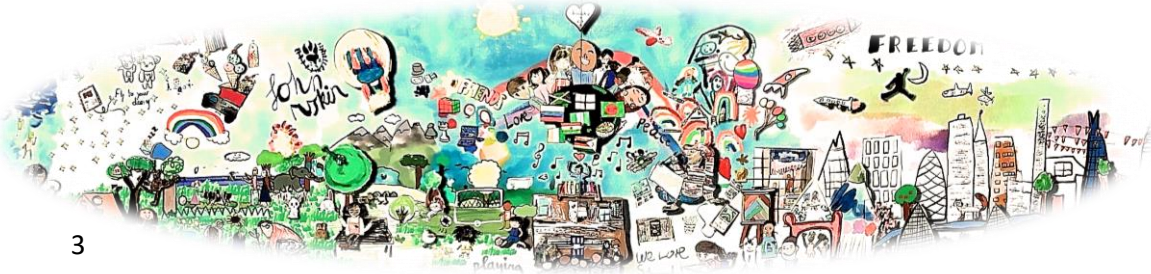
Ce = Celery  
Cr = Crustacean  
E = Eggs

F = Fish  
G = Cereals containing Gluten  
L = Lupin

Mk = Milk  
Mo = Molluscs  
Mu = Mustard

N = Nuts  
P = Peanuts  
Se = Sesame Seeds

So = Soya  
Su = Sulphur Dioxide



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## Trip reminder

Turquoise Class and Scarlet Class will be visiting the Horniman Museum on Friday 21st November.

If you haven't already done so, please remember to pay **£3.15**, either at the school office or via the Teachers2Parents app.

Thank you.



## JRS School Council

We are excited to introduce the new school councillors for this year.

### Year 6

Chairperson – Diyan                      Deputy chairperson – Elliott  
Secretary – Isha                          Treasurer - Mesgana

**Year 5** – Santiago, Matilda, Joanna, Leon

**Year 4** – Adam A, Jinan, Michelle, Isabella

**Year 3** – Chimamanda, Ayodele, Ezekiel, Ivan

**Year 2** – Hajahama, Isaac, Adam G, Alice

**Year 1** – Waled, Ajna, Astrid, Amir

**LU** – Kyron, Kieranie

A school council is a group that meets regularly to discuss ways we can make our school the best it can be. We have already had our first meeting and we have lots of great ideas. Look out for the noticeboard near to the office, where you can put forward any ideas that you have too.

The School Council



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## Secondary School Open Events

Please click on the link below to see an **updated schedule** of Secondary School open events provided by a range of secondary schools. These events offer a valuable opportunity to visit schools, meet staff and learn more about their school's offer.

[Southwark Secondary Schools – Open Events 2025](#)

Important Note: John Ruskin does not endorse or recommend any specific secondary schools. The information shared is for your convenience and awareness only.



Harris Boys' Academy will be running an additional Open Event/Tour next week on **Wednesday, 15th October at 9:00 AM.**

As the deadline for Year 7 applications - September 2026 is approaching, this is a great opportunity for families to visit and learn more about our school.

Full details and sign-up are available on our website: <https://www.harrisdulwichboys.org.uk/>

Additionally, we will be offering a **Spanish-language tour** for families who may prefer this option.



Wednesday, 15th October 2025



9:00 AM



Harris Boys' Academy East Dulwich Peckham Rye, London, SE22 0AT



**Book a tour here:** <https://www.harrisdulwichboys.org.uk/admissions/book-a-tour>



**Book a Spanish Tour / Visita en Español – Reserva Aquí:** [Click here to sign up](#)

If you have any questions: 

**Email:** [Info@harrisdulwichboys.org.uk](mailto:Info@harrisdulwichboys.org.uk)



**Telephone:** 0208 299 5300



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## Reception Open Days

For parents looking for reception places in September 2026

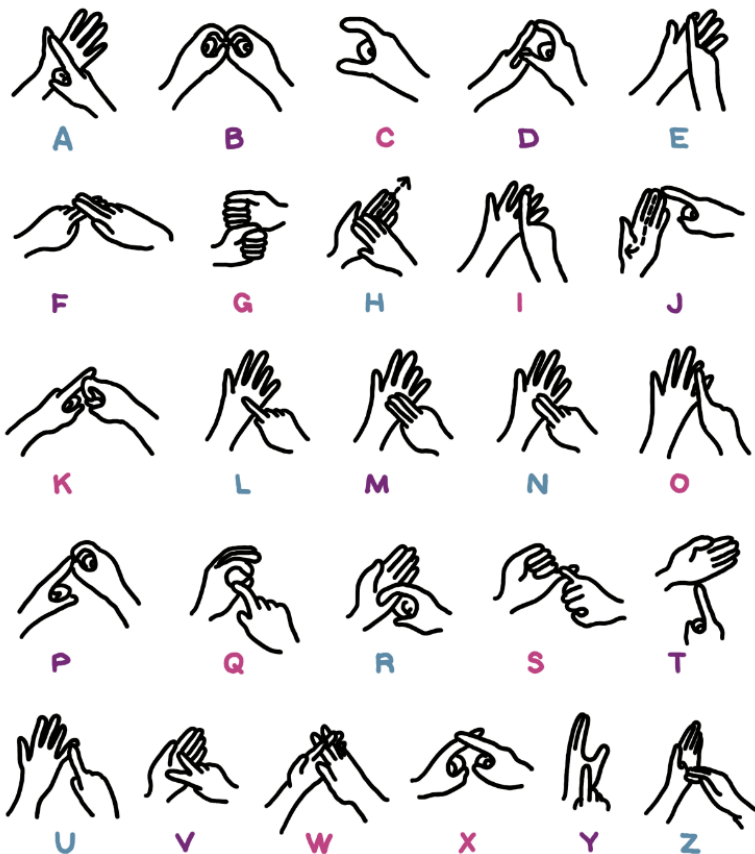
Wednesday 15th October at 9.30am

Tuesday 11th November at 9.30am

Wednesday 3rd December at 4pm

Contact the school office to book an appointment: [office@johnruskin.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:office@johnruskin.southwark.sch.uk)

## British Sign Language



## Safeguarding Information: Children's "Spy" Books



Dear Parent/Carer,

We want to make you aware of a recent issue affecting some popular children's books by Andrew Cope, including the Spy Dogs, Spy Cats, and Spy Pups series.

Some editions of these books include a printed web address at the back. This link used to go to the author's website, but the domain is no longer under his control. It has since been taken over by another party and now leads to inappropriate adult content.

The publisher, Puffin, has paused sales and distribution of the books. They have stressed that the website has no connection to the author or publisher.

What this means for you:

- If your child has any **Spy Dog**, **Spy Cat** or **Spy Pups** books at home, please check the back for website links and make sure they do not try to visit the sites.
- It is safe for children to continue reading the stories themselves — the concern is only with the outdated link.
- We recommend talking with your child about the importance of not following web addresses in books without checking with an adult first.



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## Teaching Assistant Training Course

Learning Unlimited will be running an accredited Teaching Assistant training course, starting on **12th November 2025**. The course will be run online on Wednesday mornings and is open to all Southwark residents.

Applicants can use the QR code on the flyer to apply or this link - <https://tinyurl.com/mt6ay3m2>



Free\* 15 week Learning Unlimited course for adults  
interested in becoming Teaching Assistants

### Train to be a Teaching Assistant

Wednesdays 9.30am – 12.30pm

From 12<sup>th</sup> November 2025 to 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026

We will contact you after you register to arrange an assessment time.  
This course will be delivered online using Zoom



**What will I get from attending the course?**

- The knowledge and skills required to become an effective teaching assistant
- The City & Guilds Award in Support Work in Schools (Level 2)
- The opportunity to progress to the Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools or to apply for work as a Teaching Assistant
- ▶ Find course FAQs here - <https://www.learningunlimited.co/what-we-do/training/itt/faqs/>

**How much does it cost?**

\*The course is free but there is a non-refundable registration fee of £60.

To apply for a place on the course use the link/QR code below to complete the online form:

<https://tinyurl.com/mt6ay3m2>

*All applicants should have level 2 English.*

*Please note you will need to complete a portfolio which will require quite a lot of homework.*

*Places are subject to completion of application form and assessment.*





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### OCTOBER HALF TERM CAMPS

**23RD & 24TH OCTOBER  
30TH & 31ST OCTOBER**

**JAGS SPORTS CLUB  
DULWICH  
SE24 9JN**

**9.30AM - 12.30PM**

**SCHOOL YEARS 2-6  
(SPLIT AGE GROUPS)**



[www.netballcoachuk.com/camps](http://www.netballcoachuk.com/camps)



**EDUCATION**



Every Saturday,  
8<sup>th</sup> November - 13<sup>th</sup> December

## YOUNG FARMERS

Are you curious about farming? Do you love animals?

Join our 6 week programme to learn about farming practices, animal life cycles and sustainability, all whilst having fun at The Farm!

We are hosting a jam-packed programme of...

**Animal Care | Games | Gardening | Wellbeing**



9am - 11.30am  
Ages 8 -16 | £72 per child\*

For more information and to sign up, email  
[education@vauxhallcityfarm.org](mailto:education@vauxhallcityfarm.org)

\*We are offering a limited number of funded places for children from low-income families. Priority is given to those receiving pupil premium.

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## Key Events for Week Commencing 13 October

Monday  
**2.00-2.30**      **Burgundy Class swimming**

Tuesday  
**10.00-10.30**      **Turquoise Class swimming**  
**10.30-11.00**      **Scarlet Class swimming**

Friday  
**2.00**      **Vermilion Class swimming**

## Forthcoming Dates

14 October  
**Vermilion Class visit to Heritage Centre**

21 October  
**Burgundy Class visit to Heritage Centre**

22 October  
**Vermilion Class assembly**

11 November  
**Vermilion Class visit to Horniman Museum**

14 November  
**Year 6 visit to Imperial War Museum**

24 November  
**Green Class visit to Tower of London**

## Autumn Term Dates 2025

*INSET days: Monday 1 and Tuesday 2 September  
(school closed to pupils)*

**Wednesday 3 September - Friday 24 October**

Half Term Holiday: Monday 27 October - Friday 31 October

**Monday 3 November - Friday 19 December**  
(school closes at 2pm)



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## Southwark Council Bulletin

Read here: [Latest News](#)



## Useful Links

School term dates 25-26 - [Term Dates 2025-26](#)

Our website – [www.johnruskin.southwark.sch.uk](http://www.johnruskin.southwark.sch.uk)

School caterer - <https://accentcatering.co.uk/>

Uniform supplier – [www.earthuniform.com/collections/john-ruskin-primary-school](http://www.earthuniform.com/collections/john-ruskin-primary-school)

Secondhand uniform supplier – [uniformerly.co.uk/search-listings/?q=&c=17273](http://uniformerly.co.uk/search-listings/?q=&c=17273)

The Nest - [thenestsouthwark.org.uk](http://thenestsouthwark.org.uk)

Chess in Schools - [www.chessinschools.co.uk](http://www.chessinschools.co.uk)

Southwark Council – [www.southwark.gov.uk](http://www.southwark.gov.uk)

Camberwell Leisure Centre - [southwarkleisure.co.uk/centres/camberwell-leisure-centre](http://southwarkleisure.co.uk/centres/camberwell-leisure-centre)

Parentkind - [www.parentkind.org.uk](http://www.parentkind.org.uk)

Children's Commissioner - [www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk)

Department for Education - [www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education](http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education)

Ofsted - [www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ofsted](http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ofsted)

NHS - [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)

TFL - [travelforlife.tfl.gov.uk](http://travelforlife.tfl.gov.uk)

