



Dear parents and carers,

It has been another fantastic week at Horn Park, with educational visits, personal development opportunities and great learning linked to the curriculum.

This week, our whole-school assemblies have focused on Black History Month, an important part of our curriculum and ethos. From Reception reading *Coming to England* by Floella Benjamin, to Year 6 exploring the Bristol Bus Boycott, children have been learning about key figures and events that have shaped history. We believe it's vital that children understand and celebrate the diverse contributions to our society, and this is embedded across subjects and year groups throughout the year.



Year 5 have been taking part in Bikeability training this week. They've been learning how to ride safely and confidently, with some children progressing to road safety skills. It's been fantastic to see their enthusiasm and growing independence.

A big thank you to all the parents who joined our Reception Phonics and Early Reading Workshop on Wednesday morning. It was a great opportunity to observe a live phonics session and learn more about our approach to early reading. If you were unable to attend, the presentation slides are available on our school website [here](#).



Thursday was a busy day for learning beyond the classroom with Reception visiting Eltham Library, where they enjoyed stories and explored books, helping to foster a lifelong love of reading. Year 1 were also out of school, visiting the Museum of Childhood, linking to their history topic on toys from the past. The children were fascinated by how toys have changed over time.

We are looking forward to having Vancols Photographers in school on Tuesday to take individual and sibling photographs of the children. Please ensure, as always, your child is in full school uniform including their blue school jumper/cardigan. Please note that sibling photos will only be taken before school. If you would like your children photographed together, please complete [this form](#).

While not currently listed in our uniform policy, we kindly ask that children wear hairbands in colours that match our school uniform: black, navy, or royal blue. This helps maintain a smart and cohesive appearance, whilst also promoting a sense of belonging and equality among children. Thank you for supporting our efforts to create a focused and inclusive learning environment.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mr Jack Green

Horn Park Primary School PTA Presents

# AUTUMN DISCO

WEDNESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER 2025

3.30pm - 4.30pm  
Reception & Years 1-3

5.00pm - 6.00pm  
Years 4-6

£3 per child  
Please purchase tickets via My Child At School  
Tickets are limited

### Greenwich Supports:

#### Get help with the cost of living crisis

The Royal Borough of Greenwich have advised there will be no school holiday payment for free school meal families this October half term. The only payment confirmed for the 2025/26 academic year is a £50 per eligible child payment for the Christmas holiday. Please visit their website [here](#) for support that is on offer for families

### Anxiety in Children Workshop

We are holding an Anxiety in Children Workshop which will be led by lead practitioners from the Greenwich Mental Health in Schools Team (MHST) on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 9am**. MHST provides early interventions for children and young people with mild and moderate mental health symptoms. You can read more about this workshop [here](#) and register your interest to attend [here](#).

### FREE SEND inclusive October half term holiday activity programme

You can read more information here about **FREE SEND** inclusive holiday activity programme this October half term. Alternatively, families can follow the expression of interest [link here](#).

### Reception 2026 Schools Tours

Do you know any local families with children who are due to join a Reception class in September 2026? If so, we are offering tours of the school. Please [click here](#) to book one of our upcoming school tours.

## Dates for your diary

w/c 20/10: **No Choir or After School Activity Clubs this week** (Basecamp will run as usual)

20/10: Diwali school lunch

20/10: 5pm Parents' Evening slots for November will be available to book via [My Child At School](#)

21/10: **Individual & sibling school photos – Sibling photos will only be taken before the school day**. Please complete [this form](#) if you would like your children to have a photograph together

22/10: 9am Anxiety in Children Workshop – Register your interest to attend [here](#) & report to the school office on arrival

22/10: 9am PTA Annual General Meeting – please report to the school office on arrival

22/10: Year 6 Old Royal Naval College Trip

22/10: 3.30pm – 4.30pm Reception to Year 3 Autumn Disco

22/10: 5pm – 6pm Year 4 to Year 6 Autumn Disco

23/10: Year 2 Tower of London Trip

24/10: Last day of Autumn 1 term

27/10 – 31/10: **HALF TERM BREAK**

31/10: [Secondary School application deadline](#)

03/11: Children return to school – First day of Autumn 2 term

w/c 03/11: **No Choir or After School Activity Clubs this week** (Basecamp will run as usual)

05/11: Year 3 & Year 4 Barbican Hall Trip

05/11: 'Let's Rocket' themed school meal

05/11: 3.30pm – 5pm Parents' Evening

06/11: 3.15pm – 4pm Chartwells parent/carer taster session

06/11: 3.30pm – 7pm Parents' Evening

19/11: 9am – 10am Oracy Open Morning

20/11: Year 5 Bank of England trip

19/12: Last day of Autumn 2 term

05/01/26: Inset day – Children not in school

06/01/26: Children return to school – First day of Spring 1 term

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Term dates for this academic year can be found [here](#).

Please remember that you can click on any wording underlined in this newsletter for more information.

## Attendance Matters

Good attendance is key to success both educationally and beyond. For this reason, we aim for 100% attendance.

This week's attendance: 96%

Best Year Group: Year 2 – 98%

## Book Recommendation

Richmond class are reading 'Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls: 100 Real-Life Tales of Black Girl Magic'. This collection of tales is dedicated to amplifying and celebrating the stories of Black women and girls from around the world. It features the work of over 60 Black female and non-binary authors, illustrators, and editors and has been designed to acknowledge, applaud, and amplify the incredible stories of Black women and girls from the past and present.



## ONLINE LEARNING (Homework)



Term Value:

Respect

Lunch Menu: 3

w/c 20<sup>th</sup> October

