



Newsletter 116

Friday 17th October 2025

## School Term and Holiday Dates

**Autumn Half Term 2025**  
Monday 20th October – Friday  
31st October 2025

**Last Day of Autumn Term  
2025**

Friday 19th December 2025 -  
School Closes at 1.30pm

**Spring Term 2026**

Children return to school on  
Tuesday 6th January 2026

**Spring Half Term 2026**

Monday 16th February –  
Friday 20th February 2026

**Last Day of Spring Term  
2026**

Friday 27th March 2026 –  
School Closes at 1.30pm

**Summer Term 2026**

Children return to school on  
Monday 13th April 2026

**Summer Half Term 2026**

Monday 25th – Friday 29th  
May 2026

**Last Day of**

**Summer Term 2026**

Wednesday 22nd July 2026 -  
School Closes at 1.30pm

**School will be closed:**

Monday 4th May 2026 –  
BANK HOLIDAY

**“Each act of kindness is like a  
spark—lighting not just another's  
path, but making the whole world  
glow a little brighter”**



# Kindness

Contact us: 0207 274 7012 or

[admin@standrewsce.lambeth.sch.uk](mailto:admin@standrewsce.lambeth.sch.uk)

Don't forget to check out the website:

[www.standrewsprimaryschoolstockwell.org](http://www.standrewsprimaryschoolstockwell.org)

Check out our class blog site: [www.standrewsallstars.com](http://www.standrewsallstars.com)

# Meet Our Kindness Ambassadors

Meet our 'Kindness' Ambassadors. These wonderful children are those who have demonstrated genuine acts of kindness this term.

Y1—Lucas and Jahnay

Y2—Sarita and Ana

Y3—Daria and Amira

Y4—Eden and Khadiza

Y5—Khalil and Miah

Y6—Daniel and Theo



## Children who read...



Are more likely to overcome disadvantage caused by inequalities



Are more likely to be happier, healthier and experience better mental wellbeing and self-esteem



Are more likely to do better at school and make more progress across the curriculum



Are more likely to develop empathy and creativity

[booktrust.org.uk/benefits-of-reading-news](http://booktrust.org.uk/benefits-of-reading-news)

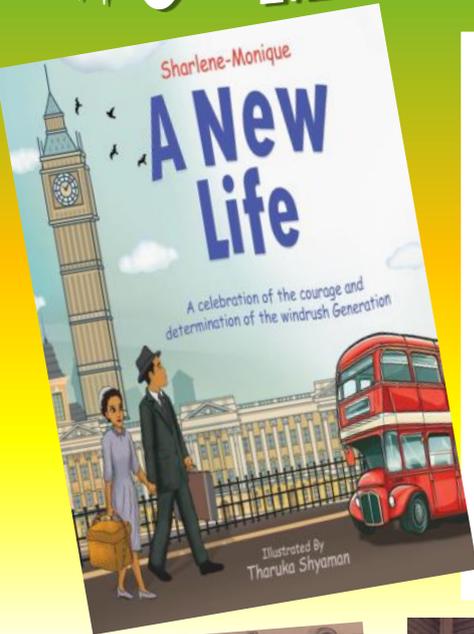
BookTrust  
Helping children read

Here are our Year 6 reading for pleasure from First News. Having discussions with their partner about the world around them and what interests them.

Reading the newspaper helps children improve their language, general knowledge and critical thinking.



# We Met the Author!



As part of our Black History Month celebrations, we invited Sharlene-Monique, the author of the children's book, 'A New Life' to visit us at school.

Sharlene-Monique inspired the children with her lovely book. It tells the story of her grandparents who were part of the Windrush Generation and how they made a new life in England in the 1950's.

Like others, their story is a celebration of hope, courage and determination.

The children sang songs, listened to her story and asked wonderful questions.



## Black History Month Homework Project

Remember the children's Black History Month homework is due on **Friday 7th November 2025**.



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/joinin/black-history-month>

<https://www.biography.com/tag/black-history>

<https://www.who2.com/list/black-history-month-biographies/>



## Back to School

## Monday 3rd November

## 8.55 am

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH



"Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world."

Harriet Tubman  
Political Activist



Operation Christmas Child is a project of the international Christian aid organization Samaritan's Purse that collects and delivers shoeboxes filled with toys, school supplies, and personal care items to children in need around the world



## Operation Christmas Child

We thank you for your kind and generous Donations.

Please bring your donations to school by **Friday 7th of November 2025**

If you are stuck for ideas about what Shoebox gift to donate, here are some gift ideas:



### Toys

Toy cars  
Skipping ropes  
Yo-yo's

Toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries please)



### Special Item

Football with pump  
Doll  
Cuddly Toy

# Kindness & Giving

We are collecting on behalf of Lambeth and Croydon Foodbank. Please kindly donate by bringing your contributions to school.

The Foodbank currently needs:

**Tinned Vegetable Soup**  
**Deodorants**  
**Shampoo**  
**Cooking Oil**  
**Rice Pudding**  
**Strong Carrier Bags**

We thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity.



### Personal Care Items

Toothbrushes  
Washcloths  
Combs  
Hairbrushes

### School Supplies

Pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons and markers  
Notebooks  
Colouring and picture books  
Solar calculators



### Accessories

Socks  
Sunglasses  
Jewellery and watches

Torches (wind up or with extra batteries)

If you have any empty shoe boxes with a detachable lid, we would love to have them.

**Thank you, but we don't need any wrapping paper this year.**

### Do not include any of the following:

Toothpaste, sweets, lotions or liquids, used or damaged items, seeds, gum, chocolate, or other food items; religious or political literature; medicines; aerosol cans; sharp or fragile items

For more ideas and gift suggestions, please visit [SAMARITANS-PURSE.ORG.UK/OCC](http://SAMARITANS-PURSE.ORG.UK/OCC)