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Thought for the Week

Dear Families,

This week in collective worship, we have been exploring the Christian value of **Hope**.

We shared the story of Abraham and Sarah from the Book of Genesis. God made them a remarkable promise: despite their old age, they would be blessed with a child and become the ancestors of a great family. Although they had to wait many years through uncertainty, they kept their trust in God, and in His time, their son Isaac was born.

Through this story, the children have been reflecting on what it means to hold onto hope. We discussed how hope is more than just a wish, it is a confident trust that a brighter future is ahead, giving us strength when things feel difficult or take longer than expected.

Continuing the Conversation at Home We encourage you to talk with your child about hope this week. You might ask them:

- What is something big or small that you are hoping for right now?
- How does it feel when we have to wait patiently for something good?
- How can we bring hope to others when they are feeling down?

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." — Romans 15:13

Notices

Food at school—Allergies, Asthma and medical needs.

A reminder that St Jude's is a nut and seed free school. We have a number of children with allergies and nuts and seeds are high on the allergies list. Packed lunches and snacks for after school clubs should be healthy and nut free.

The Government have issued new guidelines on allergy awareness, prevention and treatment in school. It can be found following this link [Allergy safety in schools statutory guidance](#)

Lettings & Space Hire: Our Building is Available!

We are looking to rent out our school building during evenings, weekends and school holidays. If you know of any local community groups, sports clubs or organisations that be interested in hiring our space, please let Mrs James know.

We Value Your Feedback: Parent Survey Now Open!

At St Jude's, we are always striving to make our school the best it can be for our children and families. Your views, ideas, and feedback are a vital part of this journey.

We would be extremely grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete our short Parent /Carer Survey. Whether you want to highlight what is working well or share areas where you think we can improve, we want to hear from you.

Please click the link below to share your thoughts:

[Please click here to complete the parent/carers survey](#)

The survey will remain open until **Friday 16th October**. Thank you so much for taking the time to help us shape the future of St Jude's.

School Census—1st October

This Thursday we have our annual census day. **Every child that eats a school lunch counts in the census, and every child on the census counts towards our school budget!**

Plainly put the more children in school the greater the budget we receive!

So if your child does not normally have a school dinner *please consider allowing them to have one on Thursday.*

Thank you for your support.

Amazon Wishlist

Dear St Jude's Families,

At St Jude's we are so fortunate to have a wonderfully supportive community and we are grateful for our hard-working PTA and the fantastic efforts they put into fundraising for our school.

As you may be aware, schools continue to face tighter budgets in today's economic climate. While our staff team works hard to manage our funds carefully, there are always extra resources and equipment that would make a huge difference to our children's daily learning.

To help us enhance our provision this year, we have updated our Amazon Wish List. Please click on the link below and you will find items chosen specifically to enrich classroom learning, dedicated play equipment for Key Stage 1 lunch and playtimes, and creative materials to support our art curriculum.

[St Jude's wishlist](#)

Any contribution, no matter how small, makes a real difference. By helping us with these supplies, you allow us to redirect vital school funds straight into our curriculum, ensuring it remains engaging, inspiring, and enriching for every single child.

Thank you so much in advance for your support with this.



What has Reception been up to?

Welcome to our Reception Class. We have been having so much fun dressing up!



We have been palaeontologists searching for dinosaurs in the sand.



We have learned 8 phonemes so far and have been practicing matching pictures to the initial sound.

What has Reception been up to?

Reception have loved exploring our outside area. They have been using the large construction pieces to build houses.



They have made creations through junk modelling.



Important Dates

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Class Collective Worship

Throughout the year we welcome parents to see your child's class Collective Worship. These special workshops are a showcase of the children's learning and an opportunity for the children to lead worship for our school community. They will be held in the **school hall at 9.05am**.

Reception: Wednesday 26th May

Class 1: Wednesday 28th April

Class 2 : Wednesday 5th May

Class 3: Wednesday 10th February

Class 4: Wednesday 21st April

Class 5: Wednesday 20th January

Class 6: Wednesday 11th November

Term Dates:

School finishes for half term : Friday 16th October 2026 at 3:30

Return to school : Monday 2nd November 2026

Whole School Events, Trips, Workshops and Visits

Class 3 trip to Southwark Cathedral, Tuesday 29th September, 9.00am-3.00pm

Parents Evening, Tuesday 13th and 15th October 3:45—6:45

Black History Month Exhibition, Friday 16th October

Sports Inspired Athlete Event, Thursday 5th November, 9.00-11.00am

Class 1 Dulwich Gallery Visit, Wednesday 11th November, 12.30-2.00pm

Class 2 Dulwich Gallery Visit, Wednesday 18th November, 10.00-11.30am

Class 3 Dulwich Gallery Visit, Wednesday 18th November, 12.30-2.00pm

P.E. Days

Reception— Friday

Year 1— Wednesdays and Thursdays

Year 2— Mondays and Thursdays

Year 3— Thursdays and Fridays

Year 4 — Mondays and Wednesdays

Year 5— Wednesdays and Fridays

Year 6 — Wednesdays and Fridays

Message from Rory Dunnett– Chair of Governors

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Welcome back!

I hope you and your families had a wonderful summer break. On behalf of the Governing Body, I would like to welcome everyone back to St Jude's for the new school year, with a particularly warm welcome to those joining our school community for the first time – students, parents and staff! It has been lovely to see the school full of children and families again, and we are all looking forward to another happy and successful year at St Jude's.

I am also delighted to welcome Mrs James back to St Jude's as our Interim Headteacher. From the time Sue spent with the school as Acting Head between November 2024 and October 2025, it was clear that she shares the same values and ambition that make St Jude's the place it is, and I am excited to see her bring her own vision and help to make St Jude's the very best school it can be.

I would also like to welcome two new Parent Governors, Chantel and Suzanne, to our Governing Body. Parent Governors play an important role in the life and leadership of the school, bringing the perspective of our parent community while working alongside the rest of the Governing Body in the best interests of all our children. We are very grateful to them both for volunteering their time and look forward to the contribution they will make. More from them below!

Finally, thank you, as always, for everything you do to support St Jude's. I hope you and your children have a fantastic year. As usual, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at rdunnett@stjudeslambeth.org.

Chantel: *'I am closely connected to the school through my two children: one has just moved on to secondary school, and the other is currently in Year 5. I bring many years of teaching experience and more recently as chair of School Admission Appeal hearings for Lambeth primary and secondary schools. As a parent governor, my role is to represent the voice of parents and carers, to help shape the school's strategic direction and to support and challenge school leaders so that every child receives the best possible education.'*

Suzanne: *'My children are now in Year 6 and Year 4 and I have loved being part of the St Jude's community for the last six years. St Jude's is a special school, with a caring culture and wonderful children. In my professional life, I work in a group of schools leading professional development for school staff. I'm really looking forward to being part of the school's next chapter as a parent governor.'*



Rory Dunnett
Chair of Governors



Chantel Gyasi
Parent Governor



Suzanne Howard
Parent Governor

Friday Stars !

Reception

Reception's Friday Star is Karimah for always being prepared and helpful and ready to learn! You are such a good role model for your class and your effort towards learning is incredible!



Class 1

Class One's Friday Star is Marion for her consistent efforts especially in her literacy learning and her kind and positive attitude towards her peers. Well done Marion!



Class 2

Class Two's Friday Star is Eva - she is such a calm, kind and joyful member of our class. We love how she always celebrates others. Thank Eva!



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Class 3

Class Three's Friday Star is Alice. Alice has shown so much commitment and enthusiasm in her learning this week. She really impressed us with her reasoning skills in maths and made a conscious effort to include key vocabulary in her answers. Well done Alice!



Class 4

Class Four's Friday Star is Evie. Evie has shown great resilience and effort in her learning this week. You are always ready to listen and be the best learner you can be. And she got the most dojos in the class this week! You are setting a great example for the rest of the class. Well done Evie!



Class 5

Class Five's Friday Star is Sheldon! Has has worked extremely hard this week, putting in extra effort in Literacy where he wrote a wonderful non-chronological report. Well done Shelon, keep up the great work!



Class 6

Class Six's Friday Star Ivy! Year 6 started working on putting together a narrative recount in English and Ivy went above beyond to take this home, put together an exceptional diary entry and showcased her work beautifully using the literacy devices we discussed over the last 2 weeks.



Class Dojo winners:

With 360 points, this week's winners is Class1!

You got most of your dojos this week for for being prepared for your learning!

Saints and Workers of the Week



Each week, the staff nominate children to be our Saints and Workers of the Week.

Saints of the Week are children who have worked really hard to live out our Christian school values:

- We work well together
- We are prepared and helpful
- We are resilient
- We are there for one another
- We celebrate each others' success

Workers of the Week are children who have shown huge effort and progress in their learning.

Saint of the Week

Class 3, Elena

For thinking of others before herself during swimming by lending her goggles to her friend.



Worker of the Week

Class 2, Noah

Noah worked incredibly hard in his writing this week to produce a thoughtful diary entry.

Class 4 Leander

For exceptional writing this week—you included all of our grammar features (adverbials, expanded noun phrases, direct speech) as well as including creative ideas.



St Jude's Inclusion Hub



Introduction - September 2026

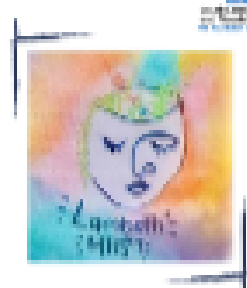
It has been a joy and a pleasure for me to join the St Jude's community this term and get to know so many parents and children. As Inclusion Lead and SENDCo, I strive to ensure that as a team, we are enabling every child to thrive and learn and working alongside parents is the key to making this happen. Every month, I will be posting information and leaflets in this Inclusion Hub part of the newsletter and will be arranging SEND focused coffee mornings every half term, so please look out for them. I'm very much looking forward to working with you.

Mrs Beth Golding

Introducing



Lambeth Mental Health Support Team



Lambeth Mental Health Support Team

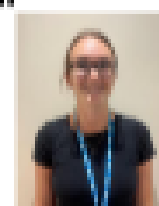
We are now working with Lambeth MHST. Thank you to those parents who were able to join the parent coffee morning recently. If you would like more information on the work they do, please contact Mrs Golding through the school office.



Speech and Language Therapy in your school

Who am I?

- Hi my name is Lucy!
- I work for Evelina London NHS



What do I do?

- I work with the school to support Speech, Language and Communication (SLC) skills in areas such as attention & listening, understanding, talking and social interaction.
- We support schools through a range of different activities including training, advice, classroom observations, setting up groups, creating a communication friendly environment to support language & learning, and much more.
- Speech, language and communication development is important in supporting pupil's learning and their ability to build relationships.
- If you would like to discuss anything else, please speak to the school SENCO.

For more information about our service, training available, top tips to support your child at home, advice videos and more please visit:

Our **website**: www.evelinalondon.nhs.uk/community/speechandlanguage

Our **Facebook** page: <https://www.facebook.com/EvelinaLondonSLT/>



St Jude's Inclusion Hub



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EarlyBird+ Programme Information Session

Please come along to our information session and find out about the EarlyBird+ Programme for parents/ carers of children the age of 4– 10 years old, with a diagnosis of Autism. This information session can also be attended by professionals.

Tuesday 13th October 2026

9:15-10:15

Jubilee Primary School

The session will provide you with detailed information about the Early Bird+ programme.

Please note you must attend this session if you would like to be considered for the EarlyBird+ programme.

The programme will run over a 6-week period with sessions taking place every Monday from 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm, starting on Monday, 9 November.

If you have any questions, please contact us on

inclusion@jubilee.lambeth.sch.uk

We look forward to seeing you there.





Low Cost/No Cost Family Fun in London



Please look at the organisations' websites to double check times and arrangements

Fun Palaces Weekend – **FREE**

Half Moon Theatre Fun Palace, White Horse Road, London E1 0ND

Saturday 3rd October, 10am – 4pm

Half Moon Theatre will be hosting a Fun Palace on Saturday with art and craft all day in our foyer space. In the theatre, we will have new sessions of either storytelling, movement or music taking place every 20 minutes. We also have activities and refreshments in our garden all day. All events are free. Refreshments are available to buy during the day.

Find other Fun Palaces across London all this weekend at:

<https://funpalaces.co.uk/find-a-fun-palace/>

The Big Draw – **FREE**

Quentin Blake Centre for Illustration, 1 Myddelton Passage, EC1R 1AG

Saturday 3rd October, 11am – 4pm

Join us for the official launch celebration of The Big Draw Festival 2026 at Quentin Blake Centre for Illustration. Throughout the day, visitors of all ages are invited to get involved with a joyful and jam-packed programme of artist-led workshops and activities. Across Quentin Blake Centre you'll find plenty of opportunities to experiment, play and create with an exciting line-up of artists, illustrators, and creative facilitators. With a mix of free drop-in activities, bookable workshops and exhibition tours, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Check out the [full programme here](#).

Chelsea Physic Garden – **FREE**

Chelsea Physic Garden, 66 Royal Hospital Road, SW3 4HS

Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th October, 10am – 5pm (last entry 4.30pm)

Step into Chelsea Physic Garden and travel back in time at London's oldest botanical garden. Across the weekend of the Chelsea History Festival, the whole family can get hands-on with nature and history. Try pond dipping, craft activities, and enjoy lively storytelling sessions.

<https://www.chelseaphysicgarden.co.uk/event/open-weekend/>

Horniman Museum – **Octonauts Adventure – FREE**

100 London Road, Forest Hill, SE23 3PQ

Pick up a free trail and join the Octonauts crew on mini-missions throughout the Museum, and discover some fun Octofacts along the way. Then head outside to the Sound Garden for a bonus adventure 10am – 5.30pm

<https://www.horniman.ac.uk/event/octonauts-adventure-at-the-horniman/>

Cosy Craft (Creative Arts) **FREE**

Brixton Tate Library, Brixton Oval, SW2 1JQ

Sunday 4th October, 12.30 – 2.30pm

Explore and learn both old and new crafts. Enjoy various weekly workshops, including drawing, painting, flower pressing and more with materials provided. <https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/events/cosy-craft-creative-arts#event-location>

Dr Bike – **FREE**

Voltaire Road, Stockwell, SW4 7UR

Saturday 3rd October, 10am – 2pm

Experienced mechanics check everything on your bike from wheels, brakes, gears, tyre pressure and more

<https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/events/dr-bike-voltaire-road>

Black History Month events

Family-friendly Black History Month events in London include cultural fairs, interactive music workshops, and community festivals taking place throughout October 2026

The Brixton Experience Black History Month Tour: Explore Brixton's Black history, Windrush legacy, and Caribbean culture at Windrush Square on Saturday, 3 October 2026 at 11:00 AM (ages 14+) Tickets @£20 (2 for 1 deal) <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-brixton-experience-black-history-month-2026-registration-2000004863385?aff=ebdigi&googleliveevents>

Exhibition of artist Joslyn Walker Peart - ~~BOOKING~~ FREE

'Crossing Time' from 1st Oct- 30th Oct at Brixton Library, SW2 1JQ

Crossing Time is an exhibition celebrating the work of the late Jamaican artist Joslyn Walker Peart

An evening with Grantley Haynes: From Windrush to British Reggae FREE

Thursday 1st October, 6.30pm at Brixton Library SW2 1JQ

Join us for a lively talk and audience Q& A with Grantley Haynes, a pioneering voice in British reggae, and author of *The British Reggae Music Industry* and his current title *From Windrush to British Reggae*

Free event but reserve a ticket:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/an-evening-with-grantley-haynes-from-windrush-to-british-reggae-tickets-1998534958861>

Black Culture Market

Assembly Hall, Lambeth Town Hall, 1 Brixton Hill, SW2 1RW

Saturday 3rd October and Sunday 4th October, 12.00 - 5.00pm

Black Culture Market returns to Brixton for another vibrant weekend celebrating African and Caribbean culture, creativity and commerce. Taking place over two days at Lambeth Town Hall, this popular indoor market brings together more than 40 Black-owned businesses, offering visitors the opportunity to discover unique products while supporting independent entrepreneurs from across the UK

Tickets & Information: <https://www.blackculturemarket.co.uk>

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Tuesday 29th September
Wednesday 30th September
Thursday 1st October
Friday 2nd October

OPEN EVENING 4PM - 6PM

Thursday 1st October

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website to register

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