



# PILGRIMS' WAY PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

## ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear parents and carers,  
What a fantastic and busy first half term it has been! The children have really embraced this half term's value focus on *collaboration*! We're so proud of all they have achieved and are excited for what's to come as we move into the winter season, including our school production of *Aladdin* and lots of other festive activities.

Thank you for your continued support in our school community!  
Mr Gibbs



## CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

In October, we explored the lives of inspirational local figures like Una Marson and John Boyega. The month ended with a fantastic International Evening, featuring flag face painting, hair braiding, biscuit decorating, and amazing international cuisine, alongside a special assembly celebrating our wonderful community.

## SPOTLIGHT ON ORACY

We've launched a new focus on oracy to help children build confidence in speaking and listening. Through discussions and debates, we're developing skills for clear communication. Ask your child's teacher for ways you can support at home!

## APPLICATIONS FOR RECEPTION

If your child was born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021, they are due to start primary school (Reception Class) in September 2025.

The closing date for submitting the online application for primary admissions is on Wednesday 15th January 2025. If you require assistance with the online application, please call the school office on 0207 639 1995 or email [admin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:admin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk)





## IMPORTANCE OF READING

Reading with your child is essential for their development and helps foster a love of books. As you read together, ask questions like, “What do you think will happen next?” or “How would you feel if you were that character?” Regular reading also helps improve vocabulary and confidence!

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Good attendance is **crucial** for your child’s success and development. Every day at school is an opportunity to learn, build strong habits, and develop resilience. Even if it’s just a little sniffle, it’s important to send your child in—missing school can make it harder to keep up with lessons and activities. Let’s work together to keep our attendance strong!

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- W/c 18.11.24 Friendship Week
- 22.11.24 Year 4 trip to the British Museum
- 22.11.24 School Photos
- 26.11.24 Year 2 trip to the Cenotaph (rescheduled)
- 29.11.24 Year 6 trip to the Tower of London
- 29.11.24 **No after school club**
- 02.12.24 Christmas Jumper Day
- 04.12.24 Year 1 London Landmarks trip
- 06.12.24 Year 6 Junior Citizenship Scheme
- 10.12.24 Beauty and the Beast pantomime in school
- 11.12.24 Winter Fair
- 13.12.24 EYFS Festive Stay & Play
- 13.12.24 KS2 Christmas Production - 2pm
- 17.12.24 KS1 Christmas Production - 10am
- 18.12.24 Christmas Lunch
- 19.12.24 Class Parties (children can wear own clothes)
- 20.12.24 **Break up for holidays - 1.30pm**

## TRIPS AND EXPERIENCES

It’s been an eventful half-term at Pilgrims’ Way! In addition to our Remembrance Day activities, which included wreath-making in Year 2 and learning about local soldiers, our trips have been fantastic. Year 4 visited the Science Museum and Poetry Library, Year 5 explored Southwark Park and the Science Museum, and Year 6 went to the National Portrait Gallery. Year 3 enjoyed outings to the Southbank Centre and Southwark Cathedral, while Year 2 visited the Wallace Collection and Year 1 went to Burgess Park.

We’ve also had some exciting experiences, including the loan of the art piece *Man Drinking Coffee* by Joy Labinjo, which has been displayed for children to study. Our school community has also come together as children democratically voted for their new School Council members, giving them a voice in shaping our school. It’s been a term full of learning, creativity, and reflection!

