

JULY 2025

MACAULAY NEWSLETTER

ISSUE 8



HEADTEACHERS MESSAGE

Dear Families of Macaulay,

In our final newsletter of the term, I would like to thank everyone in the Macaulay community. As I reflect on the year, I celebrate what makes Macaulay truly special – our strong sense of community, where children learn together in an environment of high expectations, mutual respect, and care. We celebrate our diversity – it is our strength – and we value our rich, caring, and inclusive school family.

To our Year 6 pupils, we send our very best wishes as you take the next exciting step. You have not only achieved academic success but have also exemplified the values at the heart of Macaulay: compassion, thankfulness, resilience, responsibility, creativity, and friendship. As you prepare for secondary school, may you have the courage to embrace new challenges and the wisdom to make thoughtful choices. Remember, you will always be part of the Macaulay family.

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

— Jeremiah 29:11 May this verse be a reminder of God’s purpose and plan for our lives.

Thank you to all our children for their hard work, resilience, and enthusiasm throughout the year. It has been a joy to see how each one has embraced learning, grown in confidence and character, and met challenges with determination. They have achieved so much – both academically and personally – and I hope you enjoyed reading their reports, which reflect this success.

A heartfelt thank you also to our committed and dedicated staff, who see the potential in every child and are dedicated to help them flourish.

Wishing you all a restful and joyful summer.

I look forward to welcoming you back on Wednesday, 3rd September 2025.

Mrs Eade



Thank you and Good-bye

Thank you to **Mrs Sarah Francis** for the incredible love, dedication, and commitment she has shown to the children and families of Macaulay. Her work has been a shining example of the Macaulay values, leaving a lasting and meaningful impact. We wish her every success and happiness in her future plans. Mrs Francis will be truly missed and remembered for the difference she has made at Macaulay.

Thank you to **Mrs Louise Tantum** for supporting families with compassion, wisdom and love. Her positive impact on the lives of so many children and families, as a counsellor, will be remembered. We will miss Mrs Tantum at Macaulay and wish her every happiness in her retirement.

Thank you to **Mrs. Francis Henry**, an exceptional cello teacher who has dedicated many years to Macaulay. Her positivity and passion for music have inspired many. Mrs. Francis leaves behind a legacy of nurturing talent, which will continue to enrich the Macaulay community. We wish her every happiness in her retirement.

We will
miss
you

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Meet the Teaching Team

2025-2026

We're proud to introduce our dedicated teaching staff for the upcoming school year:

Class Teachers

- Nursery – Miss Louise Woods
- Reception – Miss Madison Chhita
- Year 1 – Miss Ella Cochrane
- Year 2 – Mrs Ellie Lee
- Year 3 – Ms Alessia Scaranto
- Year 4 – Mr Simon Ledger
- Year 5 – Ms Ciara Warde
- Year 6 – Ms Joanne Martin

Specialist Teachers

- French – Mrs Sally Cornforth
- Violin – Alejandra Gonzalez Gordon
- Guitar – Mr Michael Bresnahan
- ⚽ PE Coaches – Mr Ben Freerman

We look forward to another another great year of learning, discovery, and growth!



Meet the Teacher – Dates for Your Diary

We are looking forward to welcoming parents and carers to our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions this September. This is a great opportunity to hear about the year ahead, routines, expectations and how you can support your child's learning.

Here are the scheduled dates:

- Year 5 – Thursday 11th September 9.05 - 9.30am
- Year 6 – Friday 12th September 9.05 - 9.30am
- Year 2 – Monday 15th September 9.05 - 9.30am
- Year 4 – Tuesday 16th September 9.05 - 9.30am
- Year 1 – Thursday 18th September 9.05 - 9.30am
- Year 3 – Friday 19th September 9.05 - 9.30am

We hope to see as many of you there as possible!



Thank you Macaulay PTA!

A big thank you to the PTA for all of their hard work this year .

A massive £4K was raised at the Summer Fair !
We thank you all for your continued support.

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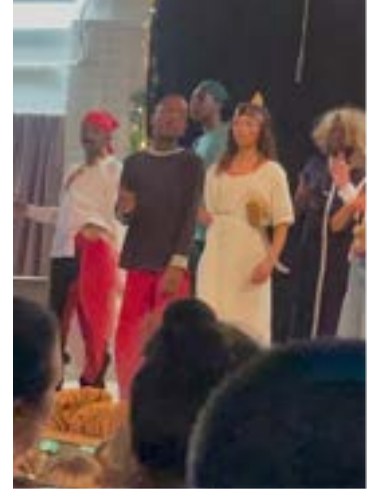
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KS2 PRODUCTION PANTASTIC!



Our amazing Year 6 students wowed us with Pantastic. A fun and lively twist on Peter Pan, with colourful characters, catchy songs, they brought Neverland to life and gave us all a show to remember. Well done to Year 6 and to Mr Ledger.



KS1 & KS2 SPORTS DAY

Sports Day was a fantastic celebration of energy, enthusiasm and teamwork across the whole school. From speedy sprints to impressive long jumps, every child gave their best effort and cheered on their friends with great spirit. The smiles, determination, and sportsmanship on display made it a day to remember. Well done to all parents for their participation too. You were impressive.





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OUR ENRICHED CURRICULUM

YEAR 1 LEARNING ABOUT OTHER FAITHS - JUDAISM

Year 1 had a special visitor who taught them all about Judaism, including important traditions, symbols, and celebrations. The children asked thoughtful questions and enjoyed learning about a different faith in a hands-on way



YEAR 5 TRIP TO THE LONDON CENTRAL MOSQUE

Year 5 found their recent trip to the London Central Mosque most interesting. They had the opportunity to observe prayer rituals as well as learning from one of the Mosque's Key Educators. We looked at models of Mosque's from around the world and visited the Mosque's Educational Centre.

YR 2 LEARNING ABOUT OTHER FAITHS- SIKHISM TRIP TO GURDAWARA

Year 2 visited a Gurdwara as part of their RE learning about Sikhism. They were warmly welcomed and had the chance to explore the place of worship, listen to stories, and even share in some food. Both experiences helped deepen their understanding and respect for the beliefs and practices of others.





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EYFS EXPLORE THE LONDON AQUARIUM!



Our EYFS children had a wonderful day at the London Aquarium! They were amazed by colourful fish, graceful rays, and some very big sharks – but the highlight for many was seeing the playful penguins! It was a fun and fascinating trip that sparked lots of excitement and curiosity about life under the sea. A big thank you to all the adults who helped make the day so special!





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OUR ENRICHED CURRICULUM YR 1 TRIP TO BROCKWELL GARDENS

Year 1 had a lovely time exploring Brockwell Gardens, where they enjoyed the fresh air, spotted different plants and flowers, and learned more about nature in our local area.

The children loved being outdoors and seeing how plants grow – a perfect way to support their science learning this term!



YR 4 TRIP TO CHELSEA PHYSIC GARDEN

Year 4 had a fantastic trip to the Chelsea Physic Garden, one of London's oldest botanical gardens. They discovered how plants are used for medicine, food and wellbeing and were fascinated by the wide variety of species from around the world. It was a brilliant day full of hands-on learning and exploration.



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YEAR 6 LEAVERS

Our Year 6 pupils took time to reflect on their journey so far. From friendships and fun to challenges and achievements, they have learned a lot along the way and have some wise words to share. Here are some of their thoughtful, funny and heartfelt reflections



Alicia

“We can’t arrange change, but we can be prepared and bear through the hard times without being scared.”

Léonie

“If you don’t believe in yourself, then you can’t be yourself.”

Bonnie

“We are so lucky that saying goodbye to Macaulay is so hard.”

Julia

“Don’t let tough times overwhelm you because God has a plan for us to keep, even though we don’t like it.”

Joycie

I agree with Sir David Attenborough when he says, “We need to work with nature, not against it.”

Esther

“Perhaps this was the moment for which you were made.” ~ Esther 4: 14

Harvey

“Don’t always try to be more than what you are; remember you are enough already.”

Jacob

“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me, but I may have to fight more than once to win it.”

David

“Albert Camus claimed to know the source of human happiness. He once said (paraphrased slightly), that just the work of pushing the boulder would make Sisyphus happy. Well, he clearly never met me.”

Amelia

“To draw you must close your eyes and let your hand do the work; art speaks where words are unable to explain.”

Malachi

“With God, everything is possible.”

Lili

“If it comes about that we don’t go to the same secondary school, or are not together like we have been for 8 years, just keep me in your heart - I’ll stay there forever.”

Olivia

“Change can be sad, but change can be great.”
Change is something we should celebrate.”

Ismael

“Ecclesiastes tells us there is a time for everything - the good and the bad. May God help us all to make the right choices in difficult situations.”

Janice

“Change is strange. Change can rage. Change is something we can’t exchange.”

Roman

“All is well in my world. I am grateful.
I am enough.”

Adanna

“Although we fail sometimes and life can be hard, God knows what is coming to us and why.”

HAF SUMMER

Lambeth's Holiday Activities & Food

Dear Parent/Carer

I'm delighted to let you know that this summer Lambeth Council will be hosting our Holiday Activities and Food Programme.

We are partnering with local holiday club providers across the borough to provide an exciting programme of meals and activities for children and young people in our local communities. Free places are available for children between the ages of 4 and 16 years, who are eligible for benefits-related school meals.

The programme will run from **Monday 28 July to Friday 29 August 2025** and is designed to give local families on benefits-related free school meals access to free, healthy food and fun activities over the summer holidays. Each programme will provide:

- Free, healthy, and tasty food
- Fun physical activity sessions
- A wide range of other activities to suit different ages and personalities
- Opportunities to learn more about food and nutrition for children and families

This year we are introducing a new way to book with providers. We are using a booking system called Eequ. You will be able to book up to 16 sessions per eligible child, with all 60+ providers in Lambeth, from Friday 27 June at 8am. You are able to visit the platform from today and register your interest in activities, but the full range of activities on offer may not be available until 27th June at 8am.

To find out more scan the QR code or visit the web address below.

I hope your family can take full advantage of the summer programme.

If you'd like to learn more about what Lambeth Council has on offer to support with the increased cost of living, such as food vouchers, free childcare and access to pre-loved school uniform, visit www.lambeth.gov.uk/costofliving.

Yours faithfully,

Councillor Ben Kind – Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Education



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HOLIDAY EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES



This is a fantastic offer launching for the summer period. A family saver ticket where a family of four pay just £48 (£12pp) for the Battersea Power Station LIFT 109 experience. It's a great day out for families.

The link to book

[https://lift109.co.uk/?](https://lift109.co.uk/?utm_source=bps_fb&utm_medium=partner&utm_campaign=lift25_5072025_whats-on&utm_content=family-saver-promo)

[utm_source=bps_fb&utm_medium=partner&utm_campaign=lift25_5072025_whats-on&utm_content=family-saver-promo](https://lift109.co.uk/?utm_source=bps_fb&utm_medium=partner&utm_campaign=lift25_5072025_whats-on&utm_content=family-saver-promo)



after school eco club for years 3-6 starts september 11, 4.00pm - 5.15pm at st barnabas clapham common

email: vicar@stbcc.co.uk to find out more and book your place