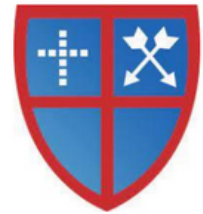


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## HEADTEACHERS MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of a rewarding term, I want to thank all our children, families, and staff for their continued hard work and support. It has been a very productive start to the school year and children have started with a positive learning attitude.

A special thank you to our Year 6 parent/carers for organising such a fantastic social event — your enthusiasm, teamwork and sense of community made it a great success (and the giant marshmallows were a real treat!).

We have also enjoyed celebrating Black History Month, with children taking part in inspiring activities that highlight diversity and unity. We now look forward to our **International Event on Friday 14th November**, when we will share and celebrate our many heritages.

Finally, thank you to everyone who attended our recent coffee morning and offered thoughtful suggestions for future workshops

Wishing you all a restful break. I look forward to seeing everyone back on **Monday 3rd November**.

Warm regards,  
Mrs Susan Eade

**Congratulations!**  
**Tobias Yr4 and Jacob Yr6**



A huge well done to Jacob and Tobias on their admission to the Southwark Cathedral Choir! We're so proud of you both and can't wait to hear more about your musical journey.

**School Photographs**  
**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November**



**All Macaulay pupils will have their individual photographs taken. We kindly ask that parents and carers ensure children come to school as usual, dressed in full school uniform.**

**Thank you for your support.**

*You're Invited*



**Join Your Child for Reading Fridays!**

**Starting next term, come and enjoy reading with your child every Friday morning from 8:40 to 9:10 am in the classroom.**

**It is a wonderful opportunity to support their learning and share the joy of reading together!**

## SCHOOL VALUES

Our Christian Value this term is

**Compassion**

Ephesians 4:32

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ, God forgave you



**French phrase of the month selected by Year 2**

**"Les Couleurs d'Automne"**



Rouge



Jaune

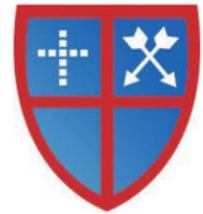


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## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

### Black History Month 2025 at Macaulay CE Primary School

This year's Black History Month theme, "Standing Firm in Power and Pride," was set by the official organisers and founders of Black History Month UK. It celebrates the strength, achievements and cultural pride of the Black community. At Macaulay, our pupils have been exploring this theme through a range of creative work reflecting on history, identity and the importance of equality.

### Big Foot Arts Education Workshop

The children took part in an inspiring workshop led by Bigfoot Arts Education on "Celebrating Inspirational Black People Who Help Shape Britain Today." Through drama and discussion, they learned about influential Black figures who have made a difference in shaping modern Britain. The sessions encouraged reflection, creativity and pride in the diversity and unity that make the Macaulay community so special.



Each year group explored the theme in their own way. some highlights are

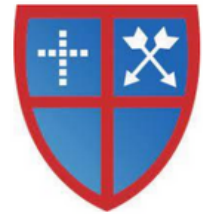
Year 1 learning about Maggie Aderin-Pocock and created fact posters celebrating her achievements in science. Year 2 discovered Claudia Jones and the Notting Hill Carnival and also explored traditional Jamaican foods – tasting snacks, cutting and frying plantain and comparing them to popular UK treats.



Year 3 studied Benjamin Zephaniah through poetry, fact files, and drawings, while Year 5 wrote inspirational biographies about Roy Hackett and his fight for equality and justice.



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## PRAYER SPACES

Last week, pupils in KS1 and KS2 had the opportunity to take part in a special Prayer Space experience in the school library, led by the team from HTC Clapham. Through five interactive stations, children explored big questions about life, faith and emotions in a calm and creative setting.



Prayer Station: A Fresh Start

The children wrote the word "sorry" in the sand as they thought or prayed about something they wanted to say sorry for. Then they brushed the sand away, symbolising how Jesus forgives and gives us a fresh start. Finally, they blew bubbles together and watched them disappear as a reminder that God's forgiveness makes our mistakes go away.

Prayer Station: Caring for the World

The children looked at the world map and thought about what is happening around the globe. They were invited to share about family or friends living in other countries and reflect on people who need help. Many wrote or drew prayers and thoughts on post-it notes and stuck them onto the map. Some also drew pictures of the world as they prayed or reflected on how to make the world a better place.



Faith  
Hope  
Love



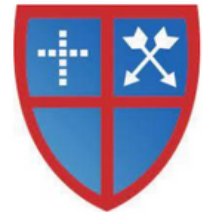
## What did we learn?

I discovered  
wherever I  
going through  
rough times.  
You can talk to God

God forgives  
our sins.

I felt calm  
and at peace  
because God was  
with me and  
because of the  
music.

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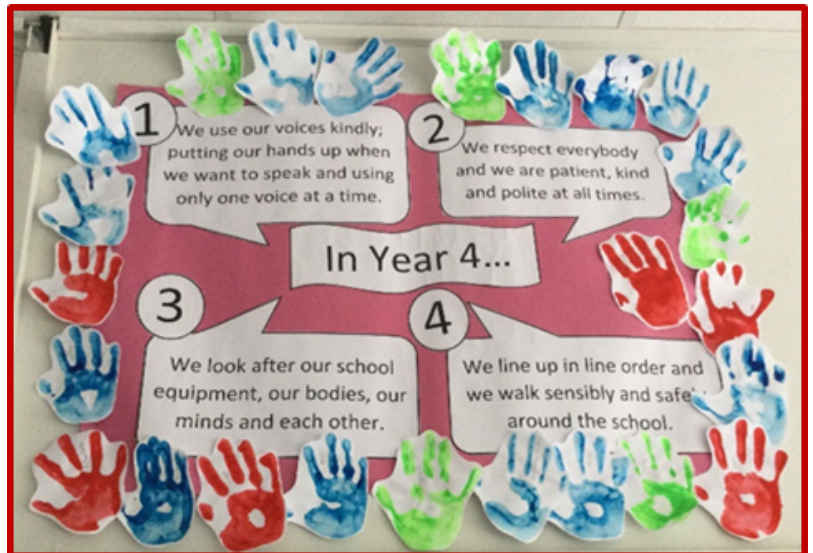
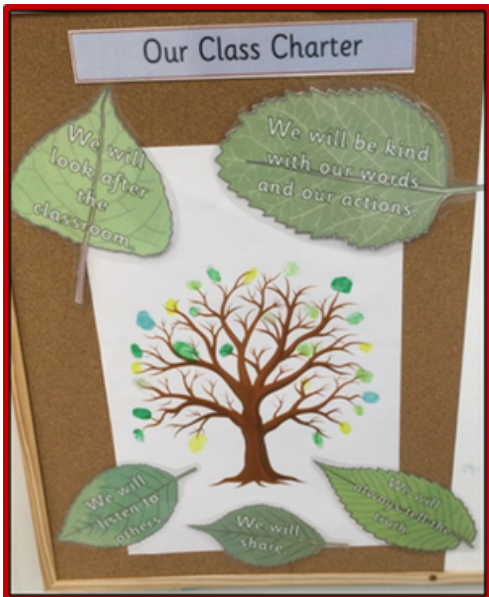


## BEHAVIOUR UPDATE

This term, each class has been constructing **Our Class Charter**. Together, the children have discussed and agreed upon a list of positive behaviours that they will follow throughout the year.

They have talked about what positive behaviour looks and sounds like — speaking kindly, using encouraging words, showing respect and building each other up through their actions. It has been wonderful to see every class take ownership of their charter and create something that reflects their shared values and goals.

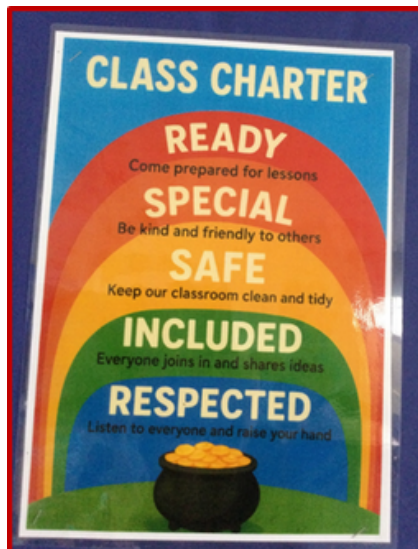
All of this work is underpinned by our Christian values of Resilience, Thankfulness, Compassion, Creativity, Responsibility, and Friendship. These values guide us in how we treat one another and help us to build a caring and supportive school community. This work will serve as a daily reminder of the importance of working together, speaking positively and making our classrooms happy, nurturing places to learn and grow.



‘Our Class Charter’ is based on ‘Our Christian Values’ and ‘The Macaulay Principles’

### Our Christian Values

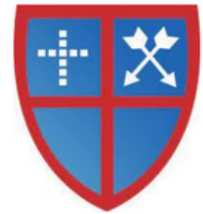
- Resilience
- Thankfulness
- Compassion
- Creativity
- Responsibility
- Friendship



### The Macaulay Principles

- Ready
- Respectful
- Safe

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## THE MACAULAY PTA

Hi Everyone,  
I'm Sue, and I'm excited to introduce myself as your new PTA Chair. I've been part of the school community for over eight years—my older two children are now in secondary school, and I still have three boys here keeping me busy! Thanks to your support, the PTA has accomplished some fantastic things over the years, such as funding the new sound system in the hall, providing class iPads, sponsoring coaches for the Year 6 School Journey, and organising fun events and enrichment opportunities for the children. This year, we have an even longer wish list of items we'd love to fund to further support PTA events at school.

We've also put together a wonderful team of class reps to help keep you informed, but we're always looking for more volunteers! Whether you can offer some time, ideas, or simply an extra pair of hands at an event, we would love to have you involved. Your contribution truly makes a difference.



Please feel free to say hello

Looking forward to a fantastic year ahead,  
Sue

**PTA REPS /LEADERS  
2025/ 2026**

**NURSERY  
CHRISTINA E / SIMONE/ AYSE  
S-K**

**RECEPTION  
HARRIET H/ SOPHIE N-L**

**YEAR 1  
HANNAH P - K / LUCY A**

**YEAR 2  
CHRISTINE H/ DAWNA**

**YEAR 3  
SUE R**

**YEAR 4  
SIMONE**

**YEAR 5  
ALEXANDRA P/ SUE R**

**YEAR 6  
AYSE S-K/ SUE R**

**PTA CHAIRMAN - SUE R  
SECRETARY JEFF H  
TREASURER - TOM B**

## PTA WISH LIST

**HELP US CREATE WELCOMING EVENTS!**

We're gathering supplies to support shared meals, community events, and cosy classroom moments. If you have any of the items below—new or gently used—we'd be so grateful!

**KITCHEN & SERVING ITEMS**

- 2x Slow cookers
- Tea urn
- Large cooking pots (we need a few!)
- Cheese grater
- Jugs
- Serving trays
- Plastic cups
- Plastic boxes with lids
- Containers
- Table cloths
- Utensils
- Disposable gloves

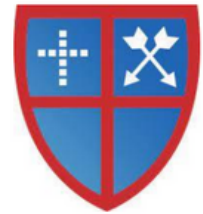
**PANTRY STAPLES**

- Tea

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## THE HTC LIGHT PARTY



### Kids

Fun and free drop-off spaces for children to make friends and learn about God. With singing, Bible stories, crafts, snacks and games.  
**Trinity House Clapham**

#### KS1 After-School Club

Reception to Year 2  
Thursday 3.45pm-4.45pm

#### KS2 Connect Group

Years 3 to 5  
Thursday 5pm-6pm

### Youth

Fun, food and Bible teaching.  
**Trinity House Clapham**

#### Youth Connect

Years 6 to 9  
Monday 6pm-7.15pm  
Years 10 to 13  
Monday 7.30pm-9pm

### Families

A safe space for parents and carers of young ones to connect over coffee and cake, and hear from the Bible. Little ones can enjoy our play area and song time.  
**Trinity House Clapham**

#### Trinity Babies

0 to 18 months  
Wednesday 10.45am-11.45am

#### Trinity Toddlers

18 months to 4s  
Thursday 9.30am-10.30am  
Thursday 10.30am-11.30am

### Sundays

#### Morning Services

9.30am & 11.15am  
Lively, contemporary services with a crèche for babies and kids groups for 18 months-14 years, with a café in between.  
**Holy Trinity Clapham**



**Trinity House Clapham**  
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