

**Newsletter**

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Dates for Autumn term

**New items in red**

**Start and finish time changes from  
May 17th:**

A big thankyou to all the parents and children who have adapted so quickly to our new timings this week. Please remember that it is really still very important that children come to and leave school at their allocated times so that we do not get any bottlenecks at the gate.

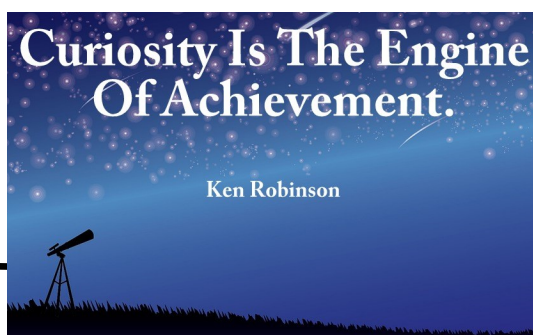
**Relationships. Sex and Health Education (RSHE):**

In line with national guidelines we have rewritten our policy for RSHE and also updated how we teach the subject. Teachers will be writing to parents next week inviting you to meetings straight after half term where you can hear more about the programme, and ask questions about it. Staff and Governors have considered and approved the policy and we encourage all parents to read it by clicking on this link: <https://friarsprimaryschool.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/RSHE-policy-2021.pdf> (it is also posted on the policies page of our website as well as the RSHE page). If you have any comments before the parent/teacher meetings please email them to [office@friars.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:office@friars.southwark.sch.uk)

**Meal provision over half term:**

Southwark remains committed to supporting its disadvantaged and vulnerable pupils and will do this by using the Winter Grant Scheme *extension* funding to provide meals for those pupils who are eligible to receive benefits-related FSM during the May half term holiday, just as it did over Christmas, February half term and Easter holiday periods. In addition, funding will also be provided for meals, over the same period, for **any** primary and nursery pupils whose parent requests them. Please complete the form at this link: <https://bit.ly/3v3QVcO> (also accessible from the home page of the website) **by 4pm on Monday 24th May**. Please remember benefits eligible children will automatically receive the vouchers and do not need to complete the form. Parents of other children requesting the vouchers need only complete the form once for each child.

**Thought for the week:**



Have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely,

J. Burt, Headteacher:

**Friday 28th May**—last day of Summer 1.

**Monday 7th June**—first day of Summer 2; **Year 3 and Year 4 RSHE meetings for parents (4pm on Google meet)**

**Wednesday 9th June**—Year 5 and Year 6 RSHE meetings for parents (4pm on Google meet)

**Thursday 17th June**—Year 1 and Year 2 RSHE meetings for parents (4pm on Google meets)

**Wednesday 16th June**—drama workshops for EYFS and KS1

**Wednesday 23rd June**—Y5 with Into University all day

**Week beginning 12th July**—Health week

**Wednesday 14th July**—Sports day at GMH park

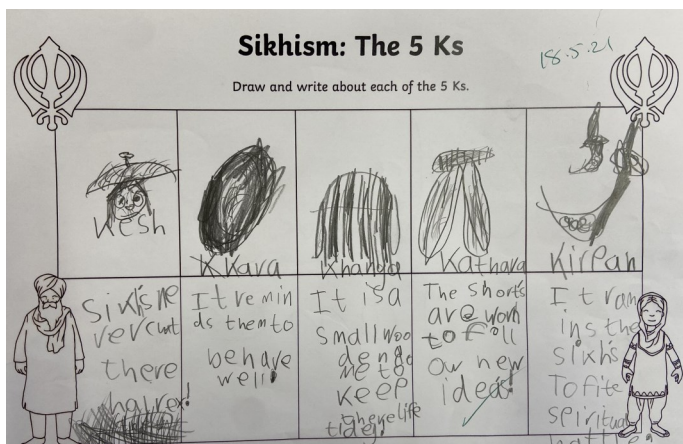
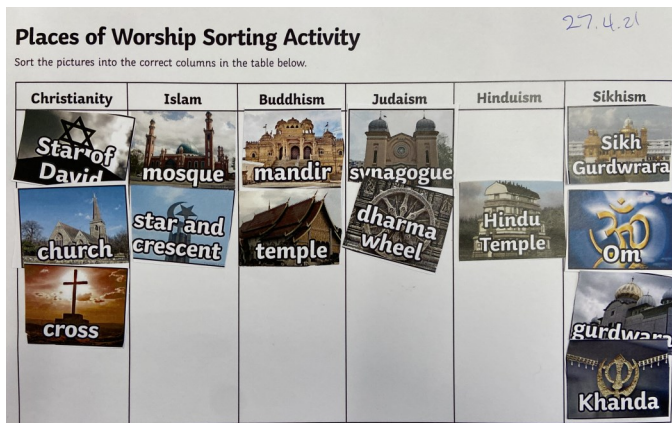
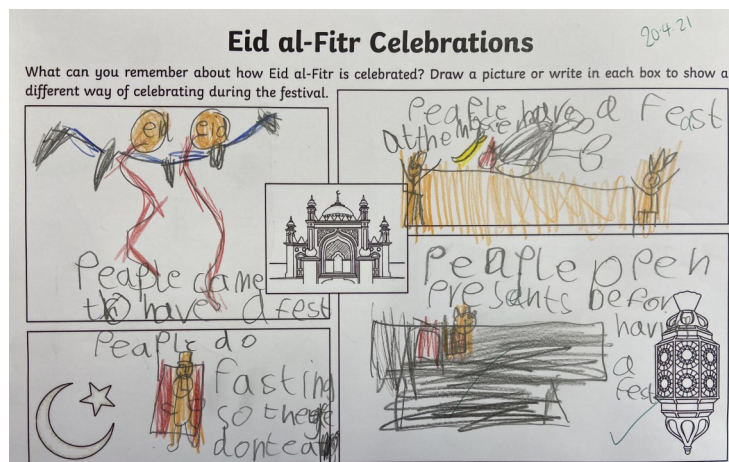
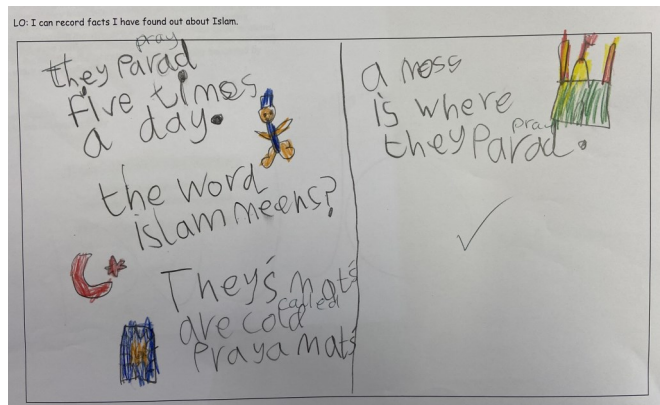
**Friday 16th July**—End of year reports out to parents

**Wednesday 21st July**—Y6 performance / graduation (live or recorded: COVID dependent)

**Friday 23rd July**—last day of school year

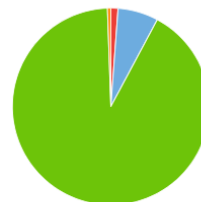
## Children's learning at Friars:

In RE, our **Year 1** children have been learning about what it means to belong. This year they have looked at belonging to Christianity, Hinduism, Islam and Sikhism. When learning about what it means to be a Muslim, they learned about current beliefs, practices and lifestyles by studying holy days, artefacts and festivals including Eid Al Fitr that was celebrated last week. When learning about Sikhism they have found out about the "five Ks" (the Kesh—uncut hair; Kangha—a wooden comb; Kara—an iron bracelet; Kachera—cotton underpants and Kirpan—an iron dagger) which are fundamental to all Sikhs' identity.



## Attendance:

Attendance for the whole school this week is **93.28%**. Let's see if we improve in the final week of this half term! Well done to **Y3** who are the best attending class this week with an excellent **98.95%**!



The green section of the pie chart shows the percentage of children who are in school.

# Stars of the week



## EYFS / Y1—Y3

**Y2—Jannah**

**For using some fantastic vocabulary in her writing.**

## Y4-6

**Y6—Enelda**

**For beautifully presenting and illustrating her published scientific writing.**

**Well done!**

## Values stars

Compassion	DJ—Y5
Creativity	Alex—Y6
Endeavour	Archie—Y1
Resilience	Shaquille—Y2
Respect	Shalom - Y3
Responsibility	Ameerah—Y4

**Well done!**

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**Commitment to keeping children safe:**  
Paper copies of our safeguarding policy are available for parents from the school office. It is also posted on the policies section of the website.

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Our focus value for this half term:

**Endeavour**

**Achieving excellence in a happy, nurturing and safe environment**

***Compassion, Creativity, Endeavour, Resilience, Respect, Responsibility***