St Martin of Porres

Catholic Primary School

Growing in knowledge and the love of Jesus

Dove News

16th October 2026
Issue 7

A message from the Headteacher

On Friday, we marked Show Racism the Red Card, giving the children the opportunity to explore what racism is, discuss the importance of equality and respect, and learn about how this important campaign began. We focused on the themes of empowerment and solidarity, encouraging the children to recognise the power they have to stand up against racism, support one another and celebrate diversity. It was a valuable opportunity to reflect on how we can all work together to create a school and a world where everyone feels valued, included and respected.

We also celebrated our Harvest Festival. A huge thank you to everyone who generously donated items. Your kindness and support are very much appreciated, and all donations will go to a local homeless shelter to support those in need. Thank you for helping us to make a difference in our community.

Finally, we had a fantastic Parents' Evening. It was wonderful to meet with so many of you and share the children's progress. I would also like to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our questionnaires. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive, and I am incredibly grateful for your kind comments, encouragement and continued support. It means so much to know that we are working together to give the children the very best possible experience at school.

Thank you, as always, for being such a supportive school community.

Andrea Smith
Head of School

Gospel Reflection For The Week

This Sunday's Gospel: *18th October 2026* *'A grateful heart is a happy heart.'*

Regularly expressing gratitude (or saying 'thank you') to each other helps love to grow. It is good for us to be grateful to God for the blessings of his love, for our lives, our talents, our families, our school and for the love of those around us. How do we show God we are grateful? Who else will you remember to show gratitude to in these coming weeks? Perhaps a parent or carer, a family member, a teacher or a friend. How will you do this (e.g. with a hug, kind words, a thank you note, a prayer, a gift, or by offering help)?

Talk about it at home: *Ask your child what the word 'gratitude' means to them? Can your child remember a time when they felt really grateful for someone? How did they show their gratitude to that person? Each family member name one or two things that you are most grateful for?*

Link for the Wednesday Word: https://www.stmartinofporres.co.uk/Let-s-pray-at-home/

Dates and Notices

Dates for your diary

Monday 19th October	Horse Chestnut Visit to St Paul's to meet author J.T. Williams
Tuesday 20th October	Multi Sports Club/Football 3.30 – 4.30pm (Years 1 – 5) Drama Club (Years 2 – 6) 3.30 – 4.30pm
Wednesday 21st October	Karate Club (Years 1 – 6) 3.30 – 4.30pm
Thursday 22nd October	Forest School Launch at St Martin's Ash Class Visit to Alexandra Park Library Irish Dancing (Years 1 – 6) 3.30 – 4.30pm
Friday 23rd October	Horse Chestnut Science trip to Queen Mary University Black History Month Celebration Assembly 2.45pm
Mon 26th Oct – Fri 30th Oct	Half Term
Mon 2nd Nov	**INSET Day – No school for pupils**

Attendance

98.1%

Whole school

Best class this week

100% - Horse Chestnut Class

The gates close at 8.55am

All pupils should be at their desks at 9.00am

Please call the school by 9.30am if your child is absent.

Eco-Challenge

This week's challenge

Creative snacks … instead of pre-packaged!



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Website

Trips and Events This Week



Friday 16th October

Forest School

Horse Chestnut

Year 6 had a great time practicing their assembly for SAY NO TO RACISM day in Forest School. They worked together to prepare messages of inclusion, equality and respect, reminding us all that we should never judge people or put them into boxes. Everyone deserves to feel valued and accepted!

Thursday 15th October

Science

Sycamore

Sycamore class enjoyed a practical science class, extracting salt from salt water with an improvised Bunsen burner made from a coke can and candle

They then all tasted the salt!!





For 28th October 2026

Individual/Family Photos

All photos are now available to purchase online

Your child will have been given a slip with their unique access code on photograph day! Please scan the QR code to gain access to the site and place your order.

*Parents have until **Wednesday 28th October** to order online, you can choose either free delivery to school (to be delivered to school 2 weeks after the above date) or a direct home delivery for a small fee.*

Please contact the office if you have misplaced your slip.

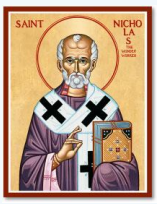
Celebrating Success

House Points



St Teresa of Calcutta

76
355



St Nicholas

111
382



St Luke

79
313



St Catherine of Siena

117
438

Gold Star Award Winners

Class	Name	Reason for the award
Ash	***Layla***	*For working so hard in all areas of your learning. You are using your phonics to write such interesting sentences in your lessons and working hard at trying mathematical sums on your own first. We are very proud of you Layla!*
Beech	***Olivia***	*For working so hard on your sentences and story writing, Olivia! You have shown fantastic effort and determination to improve your writing. Keep believing in yourself and trying your best. Well done on your brilliant progress!*
Sycamore	***Peter***	*For making a fantastic start to the term! Your sensible attitude, hard work and enjoyment of learning really shine through. You always try your best, and the improvement in your handwriting shows just how much effort you are putting in. Keep it up!*
Horse Chestnut	***Nikola***	*For doing amazing work in Maths, taking on additional challenges, and showing fantastic determination to improve. Your hard work and dedication to practicing Maths are truly outstanding!*

Good Shepherd Award Winners

Name	Reason for the award
Ash ***Isabelle***	*For being such a helpful member of our class. You are always eager to tidy our working environment and are always helping and supporting your peers. You really are such a kind friend Isabelle!*
Beech ***Wiktor***	*For always showing excellent behavior and working hard in each lesson. You consistently complete your work to a fantastic standard, reflecting Jesus, the Good Shepherd, through your dedication, kindness and wonderful example.*
Sycamore ***Elika***	*Elika has the kindest heart and brings such warmth to our class. Her beautiful smile, caring nature and genuine empathy make everyone feel valued and loved. She is a wonderful friend and a shining example of Jesus' love.*
Horse Chestnut ***Ariana***	*Nominated by a friend for kindness and care. For helping others and always being there. You follow Jesus, sharing love each day, and shine his light in all you do and say!*

Top Table Award

Azaya – Ash Class

Hailey – Horse Chestnut Class

Friends of St Martin of Porres

Latest news

We were pleased to speak to many of you this week. We are encouraging parents and carers (and wider families) to sign up to our ongoing fundraising activities – Your School Lottery and easyfundraising. Please speak to your rep or reach out to the Committee for further details.

Thank you!

Coming up

23rd October	***Year 6 Hot Chocolate Sale***
27th November	***Non-uniform day for Christmas Fair tombola***
4th December	***Christmas Fair***

Get involved

We would love to hear from parents and carers with ideas of fundraising or you would like to get involved with our events. Contact your rep or email stmartinfriends@gmail.com



*The **School Council** are running a stall at the Christmas fair. At the fair we will be selling soft toys as Christmas gifts for younger friends or relatives. We would love, if you can bring your new or nearly new soft toys, (no need to buy new soft toys) bring your soft toys in the collection box in your classroom. The **School Council** are also collecting spare change that you may have in your purse or pocket or a drawer at home. Please can you spare it and bring it to school to drop in the coin jar in your child's classroom. We are raising money to buy playtime equipment.*



Our Parish

St Paul the Apostle RC Parish Wood Green
22 Bradley Road
N22 7SY

Mass times

Saturday:	*17.30*
Sunday:	*08.00, 10.00, 12.00*
Weekdays:	*09.30 Mon – Fri*

Parish news

ST MARTIN OF PORRES CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

FREE Stay & Play

FRIDAYS
9:15 - 10:15 AM



Nature and Me - 16th October



Fireworks! - 13th November



Have a Jolly Christmas - 4th December





Story Time - 8th January
Share a story with me



I can see a Rainbow - 12th March



Finger Gym Fun - 11th June



Getting To Know Me - 9th July
Share a story with me

Tea & coffee provided.
Welcoming all pre-Reception aged children.