

Message from the Senior Leadership Team

This week at SMA we marked Windrush Day, commemorating the day in 1948 when the *MV Empire Windrush* landed at Tilbury Docks. The Windrush generation refers to the half a million people who came to the UK from the Caribbean between 1948 and 1971. Our pupils had the opportunity to take part in a range of activities, including exploring an online exhibition with recreations of the destroyed landing cards of the passengers and an online talk with Benjamin Zephaniah.

There are so many inspirational members of this generation who have had an enormous impact on British society. Some are more famous, like the sprinter Linford Christie, who won 24 medals during his track career, more than any other male athlete representing Great Britain. There are also the less famous heroes from the Windrush generation who served with distinction in the National Health Service and who helped to rebuild the UK after World War Two.

At SMA, we believe in letting our light shine and that every individual has their own unique talents that need to be nurtured. As we reflect on the contribution that the Windrush generation made to British society, let's remember that each of us has the power and talent to make a valuable impact in our communities. How will you make your impact?

Mr M Bradley
Associate Assistant Headteacher

Prayer and Reflection

Next Tuesday 29th June we celebrate the Feast of St Peter and St Paul, two of the most important saints of the Church. They were apostles sent out to share the teachings of Jesus to others. They were caked to go out and share God's love in the world and to work for peace and justice. We are called to be apostles too. In Fratelli Tutti, Pope Francis called for all of us, of different faiths as one family to serve on another, look after our common home and to work towards peace, justice, equality for all people, to end poverty and oppression. Each of can spread this message every day in every interaction that we have with others.

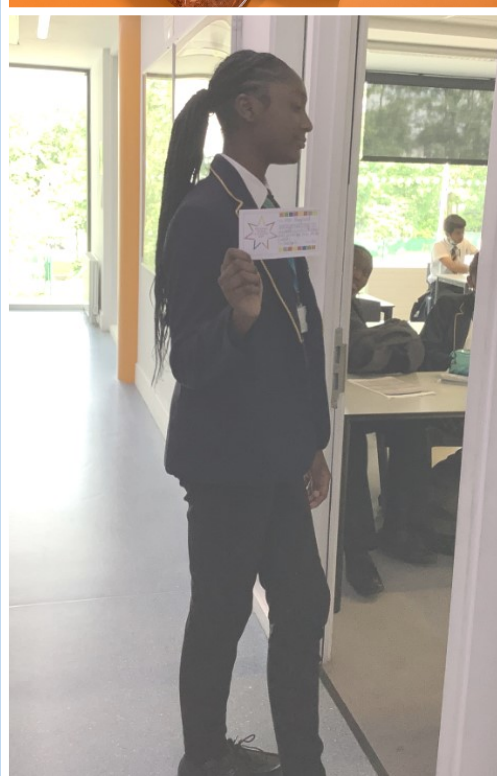
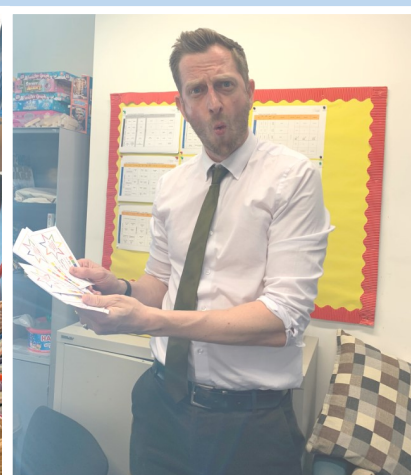
'Our bodies have many parts and the many parts make up one body. So it is with the 'body' of Christ. The eye can never say to the hand, 'I don't need you.' The head can't say to the feet, 'I don't need you.' God has put the body together in such a way that all the parts need each other. Now, all of you together form the body of Christ, and every one of you is a separate and important part of it.'



Whole Academy News

National Thank a Teacher Day #ThankATeacher campaign

Pupils across the Academy were thanking their teachers on Wednesday 23rd June! There were e-cards and post cards hand delivered by some of our fabulous Year 8 pupils as well as cookies in the Staff Room!



**NATIONAL
THANK
A TEACHER
DAY!**
23rd June
2021

**THIS THANK A TEACHER DAY
SHOW YOUR SUPPORT:**

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e-card and find other ways to celebrate your
teachers, school and support staff

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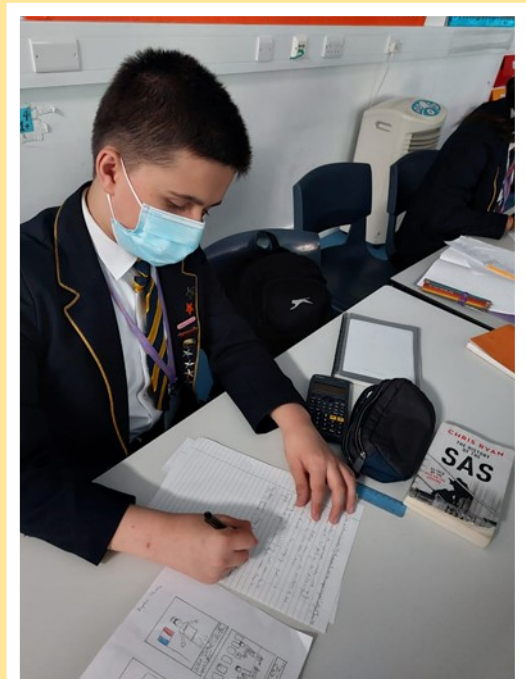
Commemorating and Celebrating Windrush at SMA



The Windrush generation refers to the half a million people who came to the UK from the Caribbean between 1948 and 1971. The name is a reference to one particular ship, MV Empire Windrush, which transported almost 500 passengers to the UK's shores with the aim of meeting post-war worker shortages. Many of the people aboard the ship were children.

The Windrush generation were true pioneers – a remarkable group of people who responded to the call across the Empire to rebuild Great Britain after the Second World War. They served with distinction in major industries such as the NHS, transport, building, while rising above a hostile reception in many quarters to fully integrate within British society at all levels. They have become known for a strong work ethic, unwavering faith and being staunchly committed to their families, who following their lead continue to contribute to the British economy and the sense of British identity.

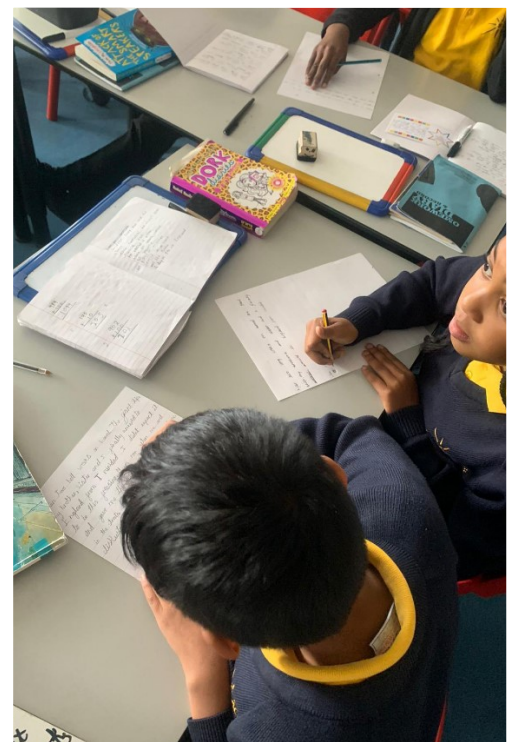
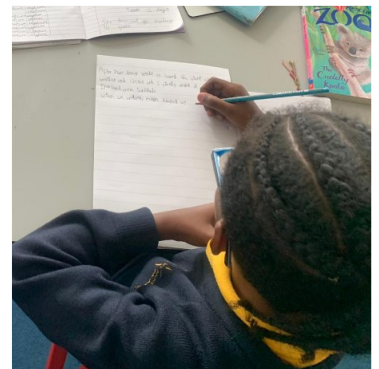
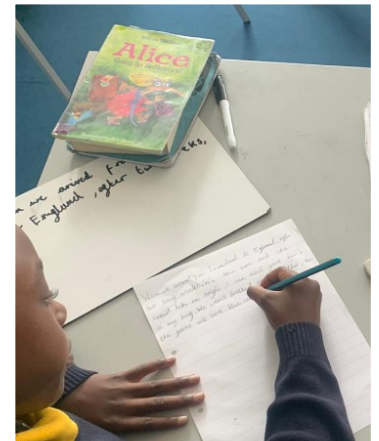
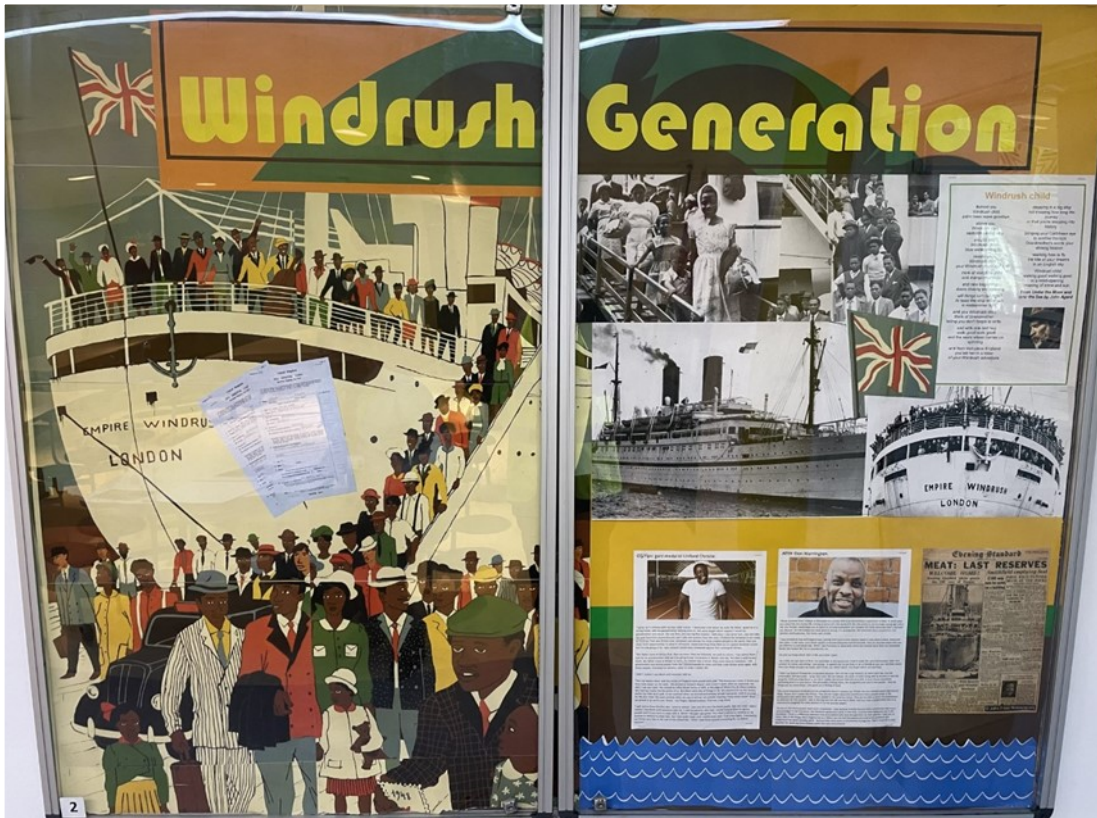
At St Matthew Academy, we actively promote and celebrate diversity, recognising the contribution of people from the Windrush generation. We marked the day by providing a host of activities for pupils across the Academy to engage with. This included all pupils exploring recreations of 1,027 individual landing cards representing each passenger who arrived on the MV Empire Windrush at Tilbury docks on 22 June 1948 as well as attending an event hosted by the British Library to mark Windrush Day. The event focused on the stories and experiences of children who came to the UK from the Caribbean as part of the post-war immigration boom, and those who were left behind, joining their parents in their new life later on. In this event Benjamin Zephaniah conversed with Black Cultural Archives Learning and Engagement Manager Ayshah Johnston and broadcaster Kieran Yates, to further explore the themes in his book, *Windrush Child*, and the legacy and struggles of this unique community.



Whole Academy News

Year 8 pupils working diligently, writing letters to their 'grandchildren' about their experiences of coming to England in 1948 and being part of the Windrush generation.

In RE lessons at the secondary phase pupils explored the lives of migrants from the Caribbean and their experiences in England. Pupils completed creative writing tasks and wrote poetry reflecting the emotions and mood of the country at the time of the immigration boom of people arriving in England from the West Indies.



EYFS and Key Stage 1

Year 1 are having so much fun already this term! They kicked off their new topic 'Near, Far and Where we are' by dressing up for pirate day. They have been learning how to make a map with a key for their partner to follow.

In Maths they have been consolidating their number work and learning positional language through treasure hunts!



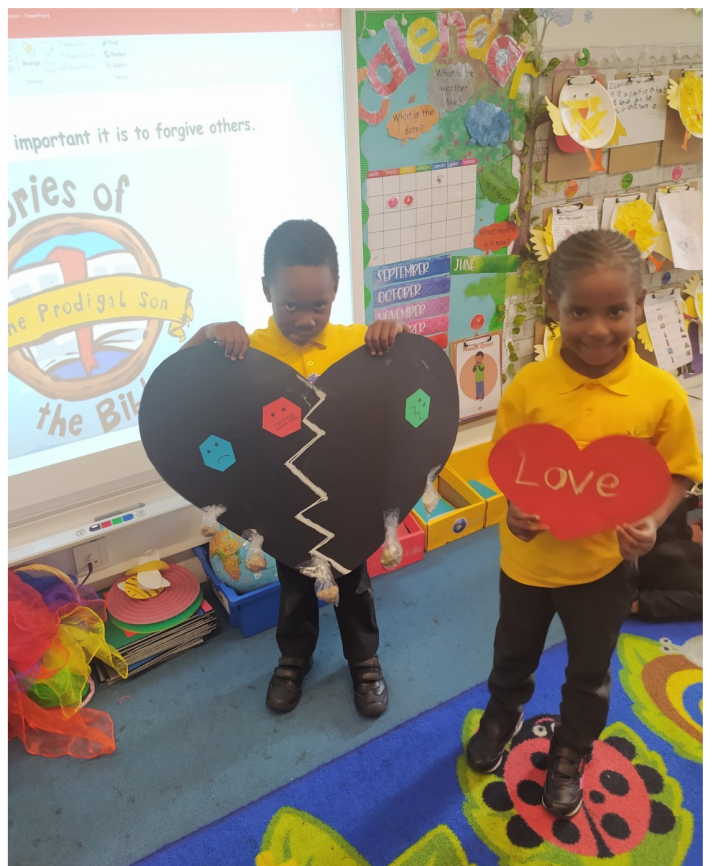
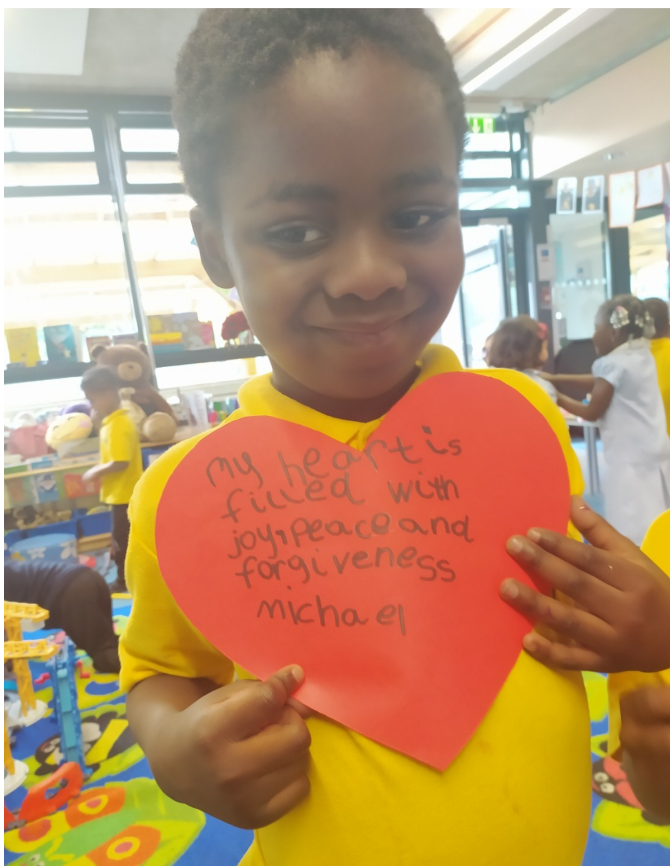
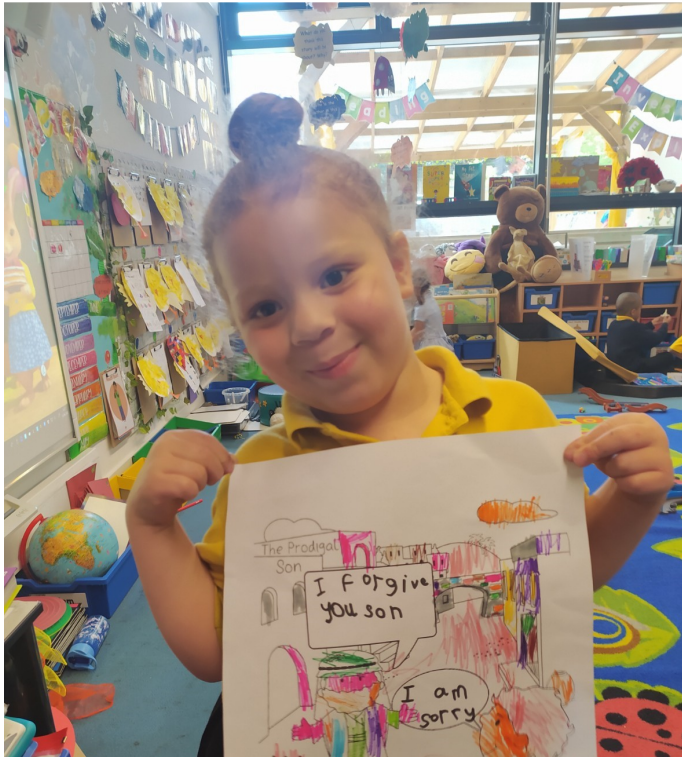
Reception have been so busy this term in their creative development learning. They are reading 'Naughty Bus.' and have been creating sculptures and re-enacting the story through role play.

The children are thoroughly enjoying being 'still life' artists and have been observing closely and painting plants!



EYFS and Key Stage 1

The children have been learning about the Prodigal Son and his Forgiving Father and how important it is to forgive others, although it isn't sometimes easy. The children discussed the feelings of the forgiving hearts, filled with joy, love and peace and compared them to the feelings of people who are holding a grudge.



Key Stage 4

Jack Petchey's
"SPEAK OUT"
Challenge!

Congratulations to Y10 student Parfaite for coming first representing SMA in the Jack Petchey Speakout Challenge last Tuesday 22nd June at a virtual evening event with a winning speech entitled 'Smile and the World Smiles With You.' This is the world's largest youth public speaking competition and the third year running that SMA have won. What makes her achievement even more impressive is this year's regional final included schools across Essex as well as London. Parfaite is now among the top 0.2% of young public speakers in London and Essex. What an accolade! Special mention should go to Y10's Tani Soyombo who also got came second in the first round of knockout workshops run by Jack Petchey. To watch Parfaite's incredible speech click on the following link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Negnj_x-1Pg She will now go through to the national Grand Final in July. Watch this space!

Regional Winner

Parfait, Year 10



House News

Achievement Points WB 7th June:

1st Romero 1083 (10 pts)

2nd Teresa 1060 (5 pts)

3rd Mandela 923 (3 pts)

Attendance WB 7th June:

1st Teresa 96.3% (10 pts)

2nd Romero 94.1% (5 pts)

3rd Mandela 92.7% (3 pts)



Overall:

1st Romero 1284 pts

2nd Teresa 1265 pts

3rd Mandela 906 pts

We have been recruiting for new House Councillors! Watch this page to find out who they will be!

Y11 Arts Showcase Event



Catholic World News

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly , 25th July

Pope Francis has instituted a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. Identifying with the more senior members of our society, he says “The whole Church is close to you – to us – and cares about you, loves you and does not want to leave you alone!”

As the Pope says, we should cherish the elderly and recognise that there’s no retirement age from the work of proclaiming the Gospel and handing down traditions to grandchildren.

To read the full message [click here](#)

Pope Benedict XVI

Lord Jesus,

you were born of the Virgin Mary.

the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne.

Look with love on grandparents the world over.

Protect them! They are a source of enrichment for families, for the Church and for all of society.

Support them as they grow older.

May they continue to be for their families strong pillars of Gospel faith,

guardians of noble domestic ideals, living treasuries of sound religious traditions.

Make them teachers of wisdom and courage, that they may pass on to future generations the fruits of their mature human and spiritual experience.



[Click here](#) to view Cardinal Vincent Nichols Reflection on grandparents and the elderly



HM Government

NHS

Test and Trace

**Rapid Covid-19
testing twice a week
will help us stay
ahead of the virus**

Report your test
result each time,
whether it's positive,
negative or void.

**Test at home, report online
and keep life moving.**

www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result

GET YOUR TESTS
FROM SCHOOL OR COLLEGE



Dear parents,

With the summer holidays fast approaching, we know children and young people may spend more time online.

Lewisham Council has commissioned the Athena Refuge to deliver 4 x free workshops to empower parents to support their children to access technology safely and positively and what to do if you have any concerns.

We know removing technology from our children can seem like a logical solution but sometimes this can in fact increase risks of unsupervised use.

The purpose of this workshop is to increase awareness and provide some useful skills to support parents, by the end of this workshop you should be able to:

- Recognise how modern technology can be used to jeopardise young people's safety
- Distinguish between different types of technological abuse that could affect children and young people
- Assess the risk factors involved in cases where technology is being used to abuse children and young people
- List different ways in which you can empower your children to use technology safely and positively

There are 4 workshops available via Zoom in July:

Workshop 1 – Tuesday 13th July 2021 4pm to 6.30pm

Register in advance for this meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/join/joinMeeting/tZckf-mhqD8rEtXylHSBIRclJy98Whb_UmM2

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Workshop 2 – Tuesday 13th July 2021 7pm to 9.30pm

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/joinMeeting/tZckdeytrD8qEtc81M-aM-wQb7ILITj1oCnI>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Workshop 3 – Thursday 15th July 2021 4pm to 6.30pm

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/tZAvf-GqpjvGdZAhK9aTwWldGBxQYbUfHom>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Workshop 4 – Thursday 15th July 2021 7pm to 9.30pm

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/tZwof-2ppj4sE90L1LbHcQzSgQY8AIHJGAdX>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Please click on the link provided for the workshop you wish to attend or copy and paste into a web browser for the same result, please add the required information to register and you will be sent information and instructions on how to join the appropriate workshop.

All workshops will be delivered via Zoom, for this you will need a device that is connected to the internet such as a smartphone, tablet or computer. You can download the Zoom App from:

- For Apple devices, i.e. iPhone or iPad this is the **App Store**
- For all other devices you download apps from the **Google Play Store**
- **The Zoom App**



You do not need to download the Zoom App you can still access via the web browser.

If you do not have access to the internet, a smart phone or tablet device please speak to your child's school about alternative access arrangements.

Safeguarding our pupils at St Matthew Academy

At St Matthew Academy our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is Mr Young supported by Mrs Wickliffe (secondary) and Ms Chick (primary), and our Child Protection Officer is Mrs Laker. Pupils can contact any of our Safeguarding Team during the school day.

Worried about a child?

You can phone or write to MASH about your concerns. Phone immediately if you believe it is urgent.

- Lewisham MASH (Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub) **020 8314 6660**
- Or call **999** or **101** if you believe a child is in immediate danger
- Childline **0800 11 11** www.childline.org.uk
- NSPCC **0808 800 5000** www.nspcc.org.uk

Term Dates

Summer Term 20/21

Monday 19 April 2021 to Friday 28 May 2021

Half Term: Monday 31 May 2021 to Friday 4 June 2021

Monday 7 June 2021 to Wednesday 21 July 2021

Autumn Term 21/22

Friday 3 September 2020 to Friday 22 October 2021

Half Term: Monday 25 October 2020 to Friday 29 October 2021

Monday 1 November to Friday 17 December 2021

Spring Term 21/22

Tuesday 4 January 2022 to Friday 11 February 2022

Half Term: Monday 14 February 2022 to Friday 18 February 2022

Monday 21 February 2022 to Friday 1 April 2022

If you have any comments, queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us.

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