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17th October 2025

Dear parents and carers,

I am starting this week's newsletter with another very exciting announcement. Torridon has been awarded the GOLD Artsmark! We are so proud of the work of our creative team and it is fantastic to have some external recognition of the wonderful work they do. The reviewer summed it up with the following statement:

Torridon Primary School presents a compelling picture of a setting in which the arts are embedded across the curriculum and are integral to the school's identity, values, and inclusive ethos. The school's work is underpinned by a strong sense of purpose, with the arts used deliberately to reflect a diverse community, support pupil wellbeing, and promote high standards of teaching and learning.

Well done and thank you to Deme and the creative team for all their hard work in making sure our arts provision is so exciting for the children.

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our parent and carer open evenings this week. we were very proud to show you the children's learning and to share with you how well they have settled into the new school year. I hope you found the time with the class teachers useful.

Next week we are looking forward to workshops and celebration events to mark the end of Black History Month. On Friday 24th October, we are inviting everyone to come to school dressed in ways which represent and celebrate their culture or reflect the colours of a flag which is important to them. We are also inviting families to share a family dish for our food fair on the playground at the end of the day. Look out for more details later in the newsletter.

We are also very excited for the PTA bake sale which takes place on Wednesday after school. We can't wait to taste some of your delicious sweet treats! I hope you have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you next week.

Best wishes,

Manda George
Headteacher



**Artsmark
Gold Award**
Awarded by Arts
Council England

Black History Month Celebration

Black History Month Celebration – Friday 24th October 2025

Time: 3:15 PM – 4:30 PM



Join us on the last day of term as we come together to celebrate Black History Month with joy, creativity, and community spirit! Explore inspiring displays of Black History Month learning created by our students and staff. Express yourself through music, arts, and dance! Whether you're performing or participating, this is your space to shine. Our in-house DJs will keep the energy high with great music throughout the celebration.

Children, staff, and parents are warmly encouraged to come dressed in their cultural attire or country flags to proudly represent their heritage.

In the afternoon, at 3:15pm, we will be hosting community tasting tables in the KS2 playground. **We invite you to bring a dish to share which represents your culture** so that we can all enjoy and learn about different cuisines and family traditions. We will be able to store dishes in a cool room, during the day but we will not have the facility to refrigerate or heat any food. If you have prepared a dish which needs to be refrigerated or served warm, please bring it to the community tasting tables in the playground just before 3.15pm. Please make sure dishes are nut free and clearly labelled with ingredients.

We look forward to celebrating this vibrant day together and appreciating the diverse heritage that makes our school unique.

There will be collection buckets on the gates for any contributions towards the workshops we are hosting this week.

OPAL Parent Play Champions

A huge thank you to everyone who has responded so far! We are thrilled to see such interest in becoming an Opal Play Parent Champion.

There is still time to get involved! The opportunity remains open until the end of half term, so if this is something that you would like to be part of, please send us an email to the admin email address for the attention of Gwen.

admin@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk



We look forward to hearing from you.

Rights Respecting Assemblies

This week in our Rights Respecting Assembly, we explored the themes of Harvest and World Food Day. We also looked at Article 6 from UNICEF, which reminds us that every child has the right to survive and develop to their full potential. Together, we discussed the importance of healthy food, clean water, and a safe place to live, and shared ideas about how we can help others enjoy these rights too. It was a lovely chance to celebrate the values that help us care for one another and build a fairer world.



Weekly Attendance

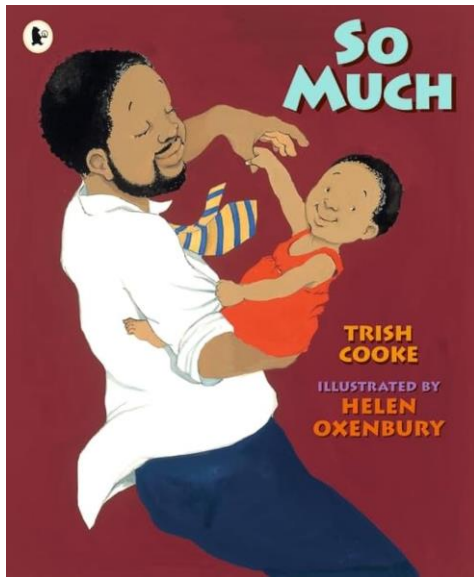
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1N	95%		3G	93%		5C	94%	
1W	95%		3S	94%		5V	94%	
2E	96%		4C	91%		6L	95%	
2S	90%		4K	99%		6LG	95%	
2SW	94%		4S	93%		6R	97%	

Well done to all the classes with over 97% attendance this week

Nursery

In nursery this week our theme has been 'people we love'. We have been singing 'You are my Sunshine' and reading 'So Much' by Trish Cooke, then we talked about important people and how we know they love us.

*You are my sunshine, my only sunshine,
You make me happy when skies are grey.
You'll never know dear, how much I love you.
Please don't take my sunshine away.*



Year 1 – Black History

This Black History Month, Year 1 has been learning about the reggae singer Maxi Priest. We discovered fascinating facts about his life, including how his family moved from Jamaica to Lewisham—where we live!

We enjoyed dancing to some of his most famous songs and explored his musical style. Using the Paint app, we created vibrant portraits of Maxi Priest, and practiced our typing skills by writing fact files about him in PowerPoint.

It's been a wonderfully creative way to celebrate Black History Month and learn more about a local musical legend!

Maxi Priest



Fact File by: Zara

Age: 63
British reggae
singer and writer



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Maxi Priest



Fact File by: Max

Age: 63
British reggae
singer and writer



Information:

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Maxi Priest



Fact File by: Musa

Age: 63
British reggae
singer and writer



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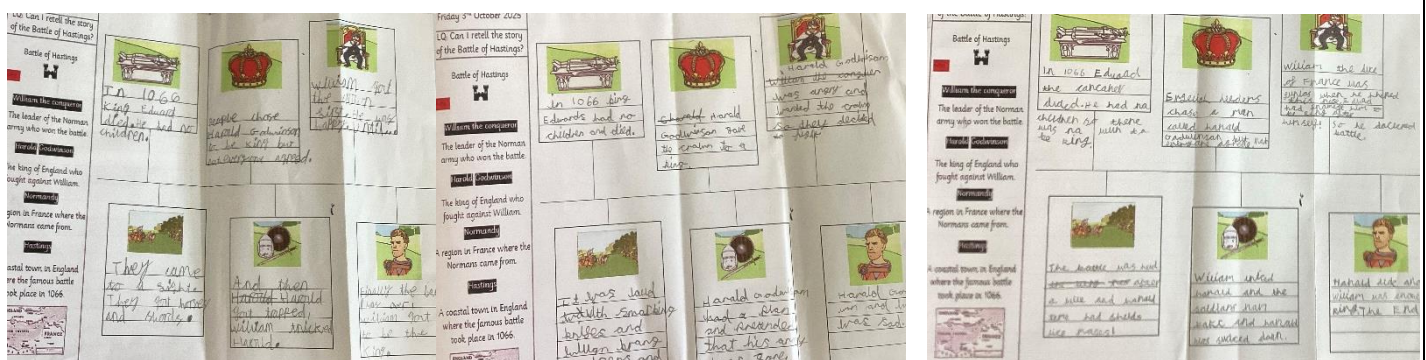
Resource Base – Sports Festival

This week, our Resource Base had an exciting trip to the Sports Festival at Bacon's College! After a long and adventurous bus journey, we arrived full of energy and ready to join in the fun. The day was packed with exciting activities — we started with some cricketing activities. Then after lunch we took part in a capoeira session, learning the unique mix of martial arts and dance from this amazing Brazilian tradition. It was a fantastic day filled with movement, laughter, and new experiences. Well done to everyone for their brilliant participation!



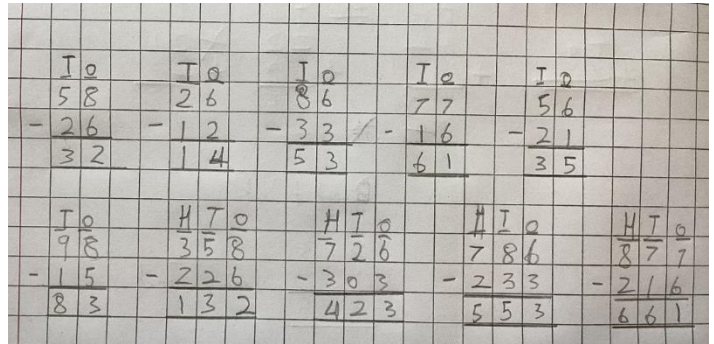
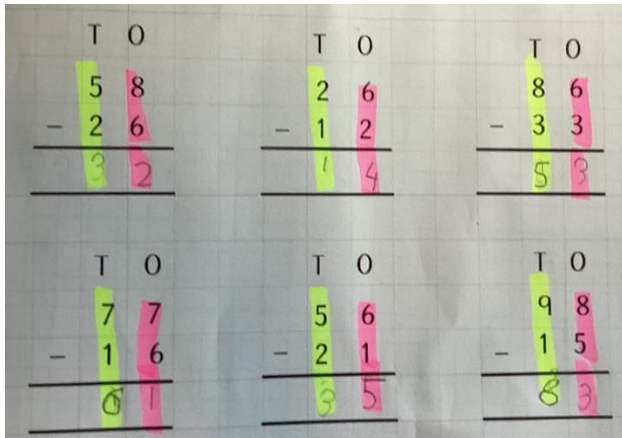
Year 2 – History

This week Year 2 have been learning about the Battle of Hastings. We found out who the key people were and what happened during the battle. We used what we had learned to retell the story in our own words, making sure we included the main events in the right order. We really enjoyed learning about this important moment in history! Take a look at our wonderful learning...



Year 3 Maths

Year 3 have been finding out all about the column method for addition and subtraction. We have to remember to put the digits in the correct column before we can complete the calculation. Take a look at our amazing work!



"The column method is easy and makes adding and taking away faster!" Kyrie.

"The column method was easy because all you had to do was write the number down in the right column, add or take away and then right the answer." Melita.

"I thought that the column method was easier because it helped me add quicker and learn quicker." Holly

"I think the column method is easier for everyone and me!" Adem

Year 4 – PE

This term in PE, Year 4 have had the exciting opportunity to work with a football coach from PESSN. During our sessions, we've been developing our dribbling skills using our feet and learning how to move safely in a confined space while avoiding others. We also practised working as a team to keep possession of the ball and defend against our opponents. The sessions have been full of energy, teamwork, and lots of fun. We've really enjoyed every moment so far!

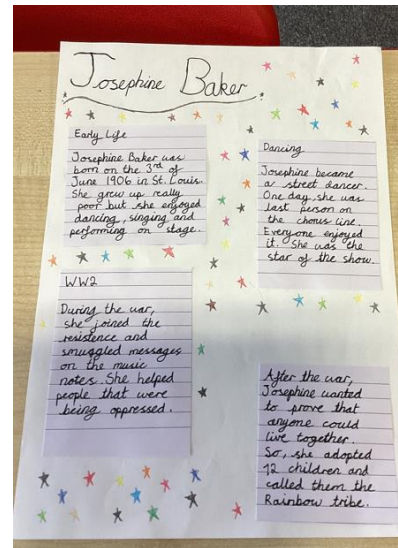
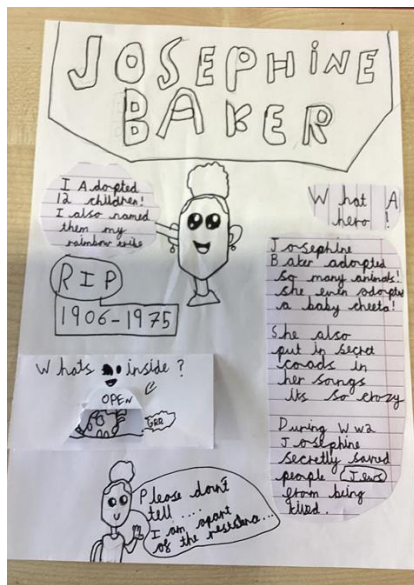


Year 5 – London Eye Trip

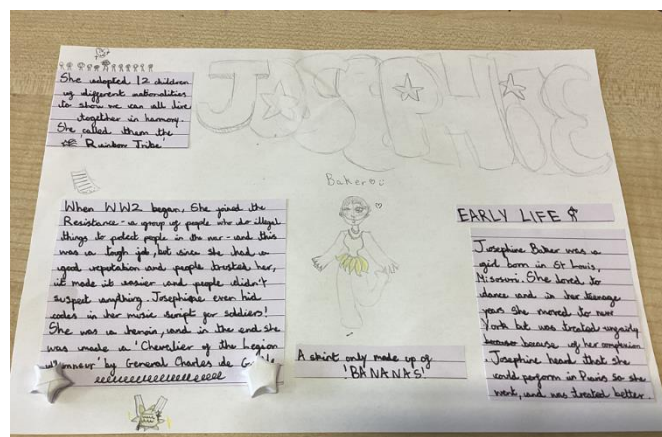
Year 5 have had an exciting experience this week. They visited The London Eye to deepen their understanding of their core text – The London Eye mystery. They also tried to answer some burning questions about how the main character in the story disappeared after taking a flight on one of the pods. They were intrigued to see some of the landmarks that they have been learning about in history and were amazed at how technology and transportation have advanced since the 18th Century; before and after The Industrial Revolution.



Year 6 – Black History Month



This week, Year 6 have been learning about Josephine Baker. We discovered that Josephine Baker was not only a famous entertainer but also a courageous spy who worked for the French Resistance. Pupils explored how she used her celebrity status to travel across Europe, carrying secret messages hidden in her sheet music and costumes. We discussed why her actions were so important in helping the Allies gather intelligence and how she risked her life to fight against Nazi occupation. Through reading, research, and class discussions, pupils learned about her bravery and determination, as well as the challenges she faced as an African-American woman in Europe during the war. This learning has helped Year 6 see that history is not just about battles and leaders, but also about individuals who made extraordinary sacrifices for freedom. Josephine Baker's story has inspired pupils to think about courage, resilience, and standing up for what is right.



Friends of Torridon PTA

Dear Families,

Following the success of the Holiday Card Project over the last few years, Friends of Torridon PTA is delighted to share with you the artwork your child has created for this year's project - your child should be bringing it home with them today.

To customise and order your child's cards or other gift items, visit www.apfsorders.co.uk and input the unique code found on the back of your child's artwork. You will also be asked to input your child's first name, surname and class – this is just for the school's benefit to help with distribution of orders.

Orders must be placed
by **midnight Friday 7th November.**

The artwork your child has created will be reproduced in full colour onto high-quality cards, available in packs of 12. Additional items such as wrapping paper, mugs and tote bags can be ordered and all orders can be paid for through APFS's secure, online system. Re-orders can be placed through the same site using **your unique code which you can share with other members of your family/ friends.**

It's a lovely way to celebrate your child's creative efforts during the festive season. Fundraising from the sales goes directly to the school to benefit the children.

Towards the end of November, you will receive your cards and any other items you've ordered!

Many thanks as always for your fantastic support!

Friends of Torridon PTA

CHRISTMAS PROJECT

Turn your child's creativity into personalised gifts that everyone will love!



HOW TO ORDER:

- 1 Visit apfsorders.co.uk
- 2 Enter the unique artwork code on the back of your child's artwork under the QR code.
- 3 Place your order and get your unique gifts delivered to school.



TAP HERE

Why doesn't the QR code scan on the back of my artwork?

The QR code is for internal use only and won't work with external devices. Head to apfsorders.co.uk and enter your unique code.

What if I miss the deadline?

You can still place an order, but the school won't receive fundraising, and your items will be sent to your home with an additional postage fee.

What if you didn't send us your artwork?

No problem, just enter the 8 character code that appears under your QR code on the reverse of your artwork and you will be prompted to upload a photo of your artwork (Jpeg).

When will I receive my order?

Your order will be delivered to the school along with all other orders on the date agreed by the organiser.



Art projects for schools

01227 262417 info@apfs.org.uk  

Dates for Your Diary

Monday 20 th and Tuesday 21 st October	Black History Month workshops for yrs 1 - 6
Wednesday 22 nd October	PTA bake sale 3:15 – 5:15pm
Friday 24 th October 2025	Black History Month Celebration 3:15-4:30 pm
Monday 27th – Friday 31st October	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Friday 7 th November	Year 5 and 6 girls' football tournament
	Deadline to order Christmas cards
w/b Monday 10 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday 11 th November	Year 1 boys' football tournament
Friday 14 th November	Children in Need
Monday 17 th November	Individual and class photographs
Friday 21st November	INSET DAY
Monday 24 th November	Reception cinema visit
Thursday 27 th November	Reception to Year 6 height and weight screening
Friday 28 th November	Artisan Craft Market – 3-5pm
w/b 1 st December	Whole school assessment week
Wednesday 10 th December	Music concert
Thursday 11 th December	PTA School Disco
Friday 12 th December	Year 1 and Year 2 festive assembly performances
Monday 15 th December	Year 5 and Year 6 festive assembly performances
Tuesday 16 th December	Reception nativity performance
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 18 th December	Year 3 and 4 festive assembly performances
Friday 19 th December	Last day of term
Monday 22nd December – Friday 2nd January	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
Monday 5 th January 2026	First day of spring term

Dads Stay & Play

all Dads and Male Carers Welcome!

Join your local Family Navigator and Early Years Practitioner for a morning of activities for you and your children.

Refreshments Provided

Saturdays - 10.00am - 12.00pm

Bellingham Family Hub
109 Randlesdown Road
SE6 3HB
18th October
20th December
21st February
18th April

Deptford Family Hub
Alverton Street
SE8 5NH
15th November
17th January
21st March

lewishamfamilyhubs.org.uk





STARS OF THE WEEK not chnaged



Class	Name	Reason
Nursery FT	Elora	For being so brave using her new superpower!
Nursery AM	Rishani	For her perseverance with mark making and writing her name.
Nursery PM	Aiza	For listening to grown-ups and doing good tidying up.
Blue Class	Maeve	For a positive attitude to learning. Well done!
Red Class	Elea	For being very helpful and kind to her friends. She shares and plays with everyone. Well done, Elea! 😊
Yellow Class	Rowan	For being a kind and caring friend and having a fantastic attitude to learning. Well done!
1M	Ezra	For his positive attitude towards his learning. He is trying particularly hard in our science lessons and has learned lots of information about animals! Keep up the good learning, Ezra! 😊
1N	Sulamita	For the care and effort she puts into everything she does. Her reading, writing and maths are improving so much and she is so independent now. She also did a wonderful drawing of the Empire Windrush.
1W	Marwa	For always being willing to help others. She is a good friend to everyone and always shows kindness. Well done Marwa!
2E	Hanane	For showing increased independence in her learning and for producing well-presented, thoughtful pieces of writing this week. A fantastic effort—keep it up! 😊
2S	Lily	For her kindness, thoughtfulness, and always trying her best. You are a wonderful role model to your peers, well done Lilly! 😊
2SW	Beatrice	For her consistent kindness, calm attitude, and always doing the right thing. Beatrice is a wonderful role model and helps make our classroom a positive place for everyone. Well done Bea, keep it up! 😊
3A	Maisie	For being an excellent role model and helping others. You have been very kind and should be proud of yourself – well done!
3G	Idris	For always helping his peers and adults during OPAL play activities. Keep it up Idris 😊
3S	Theja	For producing a fantastic speech about fairness and equality. Well done for speaking with passion in front of an audience. You are amazing ☆
4C	Whole class	For everyone's amazing work in writing. Reading through all of the hot writes, I was very impressed. Well done 4C 😊
4K	Florence	For a wonderful effort in her precision spelling task and improving her handwriting. Well done, Flo 😊
4S	Nova	For always showing lots of enthusiasm for learning and a growth mindset for continual improvement. Well done, Nova 😊
5A	Aisha	For settling well into the class/school community and already displaying the core values of excellence and commitment towards her learning. Keep it up!
5C	Owais	For his exceptional attitude to learning and beautifully neat handwriting. Well done!
6L	Ameliia	For her fantastic problem-solving skills in the maths – applying her knowledge of long multiplication and division. Well done!
6LG	Ayaan	For always actively participating in class discussions and sharing valuable ideas. Well done!
6R	Kenny	For making a consistent effort to improve the presentation of his learning and for demonstrating excellent collaboration skills when solving multi-step problems in maths. Well done.
Resource Base	The whole Resource Base	For the way they conducted themselves on our trip and coped with the long journey. They made us very proud.

TORRIDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS **ARTISAN CRAFT** **MARKET**

FRIDAY 28TH
NOVEMBER

 **3-5PM**

VENDORS
WANTED!

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afternoon and showcase
your handmade gifts,
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STALL ENQUIRIES:
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St Andrew's Church

Christmas Tree Festival

24th-29th November 2025

We warmly invite you to take part in St Andrew's 3rd annual Christmas Tree Festival, providing and decorating your own tree, which reflects **you, your family, business, school or group** (some are clubbing together with neighbours on their street) – **it's an opportunity to be creative!**

The tree you provide will need to be:

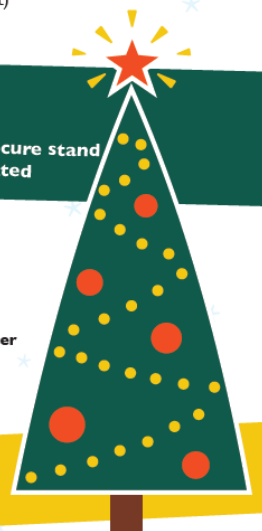
- Artificial and no taller than 5ft
- Self-supporting, with a safe and secure stand
- Lights must be LED/battery operated

Set-up: afternoon of Sun 23rd Nov or morning of Mon 24th Nov.

Take-down: afternoon of Sun 30th Nov or morning of Mon 1st Dec.

On the main festival day – **Saturday, 29th November** – mulled wine, mince pies, festive activities and stalls will be on offer in the church Hall, in collaboration with the Corbett Library Christmas Market.

To book a tree space, please contact Christine by the 31st October:
07944 017491
cmaggs@hotmail.com



Sign up for your space today!



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- Standard day at camp, 9:30am–4:30pm
- Extended hours, 8am–9:30am, 4:30pm–6pm
- Sibling discounts available
- Discounts available for full week bookings

ADDITIONAL OFFERINGS

- Book with childcare vouchers, Tax free childcare, Bright Horizons & CGPS
- HAF Programme provider
- Pre-school places available at selected locations

CAMP DATES

- Week 1: 20th October – 24th October
- Week 2: 27th October – 31st October

CAMP LOCATIONS

- Babington House School
- Bickley Park Prep School
- Dulwich College DUCKS
- Harris Academy Greenwich
- Langley Park School for Boys
- Parish CofE Primary School
- Poverest Primary School
- St Christopher's The Hall
- St Dunstan's College
- Sydenham High School
- Tubbenden Primary School



OCTOBER HALF-TERM FOOTBALL HOLIDAY CAMP



St Paul's Sports Ground, Rotherhithe, SE16 5EF



10am-3pm



Monday 27th October - Thursday 30th October



£12 per day or £40 for four days



Age 5-13 year-olds



Contact: Nfarrell@millwallcommunity.org.uk/
07932877303 for more information



Register here or visit:
<https://tinyurl.com/3zxy8uvh>



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OCTOBER HALF-TERM MULTI-SPORTS HOLIDAY CAMP



The Lions Centre, Bolina Rd, SE16 3LD



10am-3pm



Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October



£12 per day or £50 for five days



Age 5-13 year-olds



Contact: Epoole@millwallcommunity.org.uk/
07958026876 for more information



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Thursday 25th Sept

OPEN MORNINGS

~~From Monday 6th - 13th October 2025~~

Please see academy website to book.

Open Events 2025, (Update - Additional Open Morning 14th Oct, Read more to book)

Due to popular demand, we are holding an additional open morning on Tuesday 14th October from 9:15am-10:00am. Please book in via a link on the website. Booking confirmation will be provided on Friday.

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