

# AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

## HEADTEACHER COMMENT

As we come to the close of the Autumn Term, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible journey we have shared over these past months. From welcoming pupils back in September to celebrating the vibrant events of October and November, this term has been filled with learning, creativity, and community spirit.

Our pupils have embraced opportunities to grow and shine, whether through engaging in Black History Month activities, exploring road safety with TfL, or taking part in Guy Fawkes crafts and Remembrance Day reflections. We have also celebrated kindness and individuality during Odd Socks Day and raised funds for Children in Need, showing the power of coming together for a good cause.

A highlight for me has been seeing families connect during our Coffee Mornings, where our therapy teams shared practical strategies to support communication and independence at home. Your feedback has been invaluable, and we look forward to continuing these sessions in the new year.

Christmas Jumper Day was a wonderful success!

It was fantastic to see so many pupils and staff getting into the festive spirit.

**Together, we raised an incredible £107.50 for the 'Save the children' charity!  
Thank you for your generosity and support in making this possible.**



As we finalise our festive celebrations, including our Winter Show, I am reminded of the warmth and positivity that make Snowflake School such a special place. Thank you for your continued support and partnership; it truly makes a difference in the lives of our pupils.

Wishing you all a joyful holiday season and a restful break. I look forward to welcoming you back in the Spring Term for more exciting learning and shared successes.

Warm regards,  
Sumen Starr  
Headteacher

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## IMPORTANT DATES

7th Jan Term Resumes

13th Feb Last day of Spring term

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## ASSISTANT HEADS' COMMENTS



As the autumn term draws to a close, I am delighted to share some of the wonderful highlights.

This September we were thrilled to welcome four new pupils into our Primary school community. They have settled in beautifully, and it has been a joy to see them forming relationships, engaging in learning, and becoming part of the Snowflake family.

We held our first parents' coffee morning of the academic year, which was a lovely opportunity to connect, share experiences, and strengthen the partnership between home and school. We hope to build on this success with more opportunities for parents to come together in the new year.

Our pupils and staff have embraced a wide range of calendar events this term, each bringing its own excitement and learning opportunities. Some highlights included:

- **Black History Month** – exploring stories and achievements that inspire us.
- **World Mental Health Day** – raising awareness and celebrating wellbeing.
- **Halloween** – creative costumes and festive fun.
- **Guy Fawkes Day** – learning about history through celebration.
- **Remembrance Day** – reflecting with respect and gratitude.
- **Odd Socks Day** – celebrating individuality and anti-bullying.
- **Children in Need** – fundraising with enthusiasm and kindness.
- **Christmas Jumper Day** – ending the term with festive cheer.

The autumn term has been full of energy, learning, and community spirit. As we look forward to the spring term, we are excited to continue building on these successes, welcoming families into school life, and celebrating the achievements of our pupils together.

On behalf of the Snowflake team, I would like to thank our pupils, families, and staff for their commitment and joy this term. Wishing you all a restful holiday and a bright start to the new year.

Warm regards,

Tara Morgan, BCBA, UKBA(cert)

Assistant Head

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## DIAMOND CLASS



What an amazing start to the school year!

Diamond Class have had an amazing Autumn Term with many achievements and fun memories. We are happy to welcome Troy and Nada as our new starters in Diamond Class this year, they have been settling well and have become a wonderful addition to our class!

All of our pupils have been doing well in settling into their school routine after the summer break. They have all been working hard towards achieving their targets and have been completing regular Intensive Trial Teaching (ITT) sessions and Natural Environment Teaching (NET) sessions everyday. Our pupils have been enjoying and showing great participation and enthusiasm within their weekly PE, Music, Yoga, Science, and PSHE lessons.

Our term has been filled with many events and activities which our pupils have really enjoyed. One of our highlights of this term has been Halloween, some of our pupils dressed up in costumes and did some Halloween activities. We also celebrated a few other events including Odd Socks Day, Remembrance Day, and Anti-Bullying Week, Christmas Jumper Day.

Each of our pupils have made progress this term in different areas. Mira has been showing fantastic progress with sitting down, showing good listening and participation during group reading. Gabriel has been finding new activities to play with and has been making good progress with requesting. Nada has been spending some time playing together with other pupils and is learning to share. Mariam has been showing amazing participation in her Yoga lessons. Jayden has been sitting nicely during group lessons and making efforts towards engaging in the activities. Troy has been building on his vocabulary and is becoming more independent in requesting for his preferred items and staff members.

It has been lovely to see our pupils doing so well at school and learning new skills in their teaching sessions. We look forward to continue seeing more amazing progress in the next term as well!

Aisha Aajakia  
Class Lead



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## EMERALD CLASS

Emerald Class had an amazing Autumn Term!

This Autumn Term was busy, fun, and full of learning for all the pupils in Emerald Class. We welcomed two new pupils, Xeno and Dohnel, and it was wonderful to see how smoothly they transitioned into their new school environment. It was also lovely to see Sashane, Dev, Iqlas, and Amir return to school after the summer holidays with such happiness, and to watch them work so hard and achieve so many new skills throughout the term.

All pupils engaged in Intensive Trial Teaching (ITT) and Natural Environment Teaching (NET) sessions, as well as receiving weekly OT and SaLT sessions. They also enjoyed individual and group curriculum lessons with our lovely teacher, Natalia. Emerald Class adjusted brilliantly to their new PSHE and Science group lessons, and it was fantastic to see everyone participating so well in a group learning environment. Pupils also had weekly PE, Music, and Yoga lessons, where they engaged enthusiastically and developed new skills while having fun. This term, we celebrated a number of special events. For Halloween, pupils dressed up in fantastic costumes, including Xeno as a rocket man, Dev as Dracula, and Dohnel as Batman. The class also took part in Odd Socks Day by wearing colourful mismatched socks; marked Remembrance Day by painting beautiful poppies; and wore yellow to celebrate Children in Need. We also highlighted the importance of Anti-Bullying Week through engaging activities.

We are incredibly proud of the individual achievements across the class this term. Amir impressed us with his excellent understanding of receptive instructions and motor imitation skills. Sashane demonstrated wonderful social skills and confidently transitioned around the school. Iqlas made fantastic progress by happily transitioning from her transport and moving safely around the school, including using the stairs. Dev learned to wait patiently for his turn and increased his engagement during group-based sessions. Xeno adapted remarkably quickly to his new school environment and stayed highly motivated to learn new skills. Dohnel entered school each day with a lovely smile, worked hard to use his PECS book to communicate, and adjusted well to his new ITT environment while acquiring new skills.

We are so proud of all our Emerald Class pupils and everything they have achieved this Autumn Term!

Doga Reis  
Class Lead



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## SAPPHIRE CLASS



We've reached the end of the Autumn term and Sapphire class had a wonderful time learning new topics and exploring different activities!

In Maths, we practiced counting forward and backwards with numbers up to 100 and even used negative numbers. We also learned to recognise and label most 2D shapes and explore the different properties of 3D shapes. In addition to this, we have started to look at the place value of 2-digit numbers and assign each digit to the correct place.

In English, we read many books together related to life stories and even read some non-fiction books about different homes around the world. We identified and labelled some nouns from these stories too.

In Science, we learnt about our bodies and were able to identify all parts of our bodies. We even learnt about some internal organs like the heart, brain, and lungs.

In PSHE, we explored the topic of Myself and Others and identified some of the things we are good at and what made us similar and different to our friends.

### Key events:

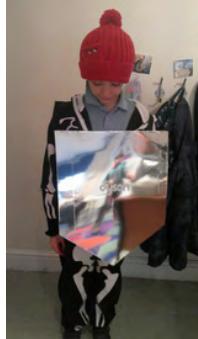
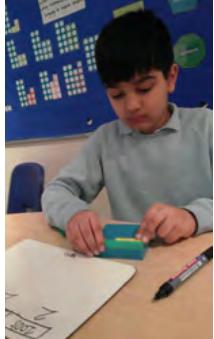
Halloween, pupils dressed up in fun and spooky costumes for Halloween and showed off their costumes to their friends.

Black History month, to celebrate the diversity of our pupils, we read a story that reflected those from different backgrounds and cultures.

Remembrance day, to honour armed forces who have died in the line of duty since the first world war, we held a minute of silence and created poppies in an art lesson.

Children in need, pupils dressed up in their pajamas to show support for disadvantaged children.

Henna Choudhury  
Class Lead



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## LUNAR CLASS



Welcome Madina!

We are delighted to welcome Madina as she transitioned from primary to our secondary school. She has settled in and is embracing her new environment with positivity and enthusiasm. Throughout the day, she enjoys engaging in sensory play, which sparks her creativity and focus, and she loves listening to Kidz Bop to keep her energy high. Welcome to Lunar, Madina – we are so happy to have you as part of our class!

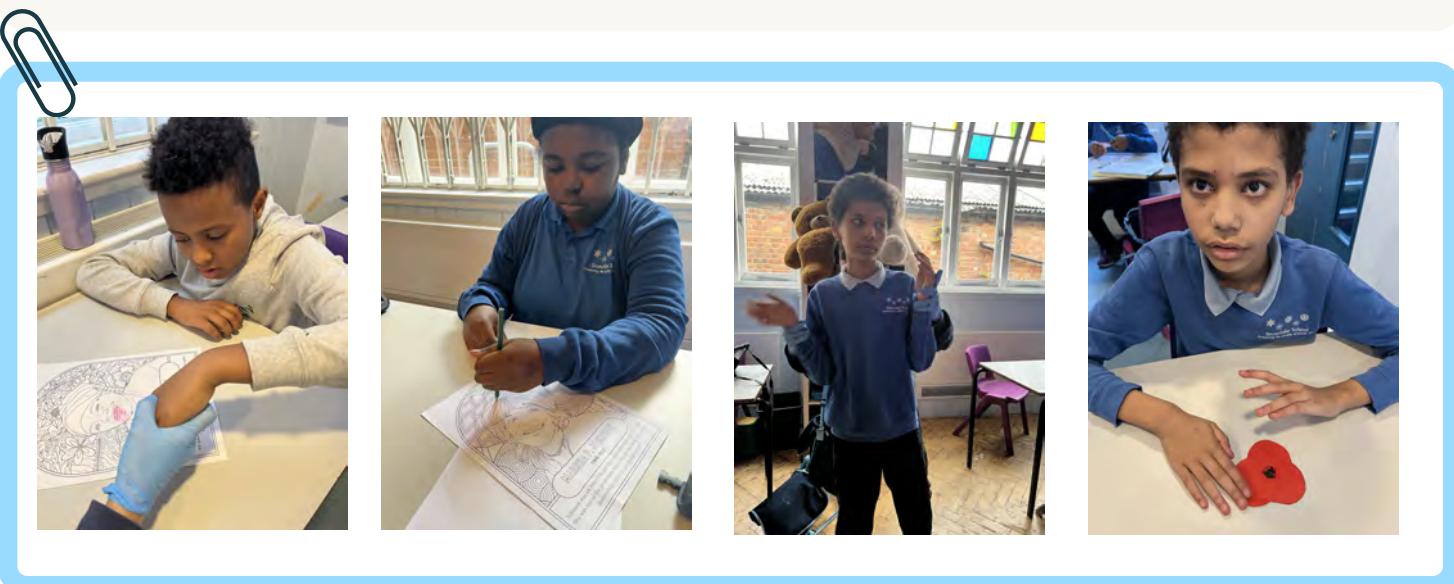
### Lunar Class Enrichment Highlights

This term, pupils in Lunar Class have engaged in a variety of enrichment activities that have broadened their learning and cultural experiences. From celebrating Black History Month by colouring pictures of famous African American pioneers, to dancing the morning away during our vibrant Diwali Festival of Light celebration, the class has embraced each opportunity with joy and creativity. We are looking forward to many more exciting enrichment activities with Lunar Class in the months ahead!

### Lunar Class Curriculum

This term, pupils in Lunar Class have been diving into an exciting range of curriculum subjects. In Science, they are exploring their senses and discovering how we experience the world around us. In PSHE, the focus has been on self-care, helping pupils to understand the importance of looking after themselves. In Maths, pupils are developing their knowledge of the number system through engaging methods such as using numicon. Meanwhile, in English, the class is enjoying reading fairy tales, perfectly aligned with our enchanting theme this term: "Once Upon a Time."

Kathy Stanley  
Class Lead



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## SUPERNOVA CLASS



As we approach the end of the Autumn term, Supernova Class has had a wonderfully busy and exciting few months.

The pupils have enjoyed a wide range of new activities, celebrations, and learning experiences. We began the season by celebrating Halloween with colourful decorations and dressing up. The class enjoyed exploring costumes, sensory activities, and themed crafts. For Children in Need, the pupils got creative with art and crafts and dressed in yellow to show their support. It was a lovely opportunity to come together as a school and take part in a meaningful cause. Remember Supernova Class also commemorates Remembrance Day. The pupils made beautiful poppies and learned about the importance of remembering and respecting others.

### Learning and Progress

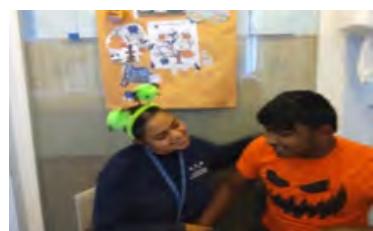
Alongside all the celebrations, the class has been working very hard on their individual learning programs and curriculum subjects. Pupils have also been fully engaged in their occupational therapy sessions, as well as speech and language therapy, making wonderful progress across all areas.

Nora and Atticus have been visiting the farm once a week. They absolutely love the experience and have enjoyed exploring the animals and farm work.

The whole class has also been taking part in weekly shopping trips for Food Technology. These outings help the pupils develop independence, life skills, and confidence in the community.

We are so proud of all the hard work and joy the pupils have brought to Supernova Class this Autumn. We look forward for a wonderful Spring term ahead.

Maria Fernandez  
Class Lead



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## SHOOTING STARS CLASS



Shooting Stars has had a fantastic Autumn Term

### Weekly swimming trip

This term the Shooting Stars class enjoyed a weekly swimming session at Everyone Active. The class showed some amazing skills in the water and we had a great time together.

### Learning

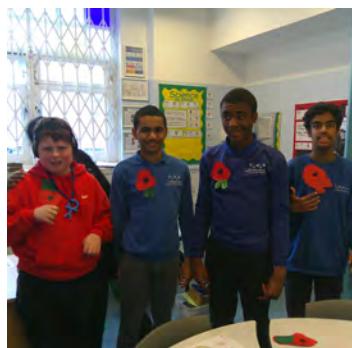
It has been a busy and rewarding term for Shooting Stars. The class worked collaboratively to design and display their own family tree, helping them to explore and celebrate the theme of families. In Science, pupils investigated the five senses through hands on activities, feeling different textures, smelling fruits, and creating their own "sense boxes" to deepen understanding. Alongside this, the pupils learned about how to stay healthy and keep their bodies safe. In English, our focus has been on Fairy Tales, with the class reading, exploring, and building stories.

### Special Events

Shooting Stars have also taken part in a range of exciting events this term. For Children in Need, the class dressed in yellow, and they joined in Odd Socks Day to celebrate individuality. Around Bonfire Night, pupils learned about Guy Fawkes, enjoyed a fireworks display in assembly, and created colourful paper sparklers. Snowflake Café has continued this term, with an exciting trick or treat theme for Halloween, with lots of decorations!

We have had a wonderful term and can't wait for more exciting learning adventures.

Sam Starkey  
Class Lead



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## MILKYWAY CLASS



Welcome, Zohair and Ali!

This term, we were delighted to welcome Zohair and Ali, who transitioned from Snowflake Primary to join Milky Way Class. Both pupils have settled in wonderfully and have quickly become part of our classroom community. Zohair has shown impressive skills in phonics and number work, and he enjoys exploring shapes and alphabet letters throughout the day. Ali has demonstrated strong abilities in reading and maths, and his love for music – especially playing the keyboard. They bring a lively energy to our class. We are so pleased to have them both with us, and they have each contributed something unique and positive to our learning environment.

### Our Term Highlights

Milky Way Class had a vibrant and activity-filled term with a range of exciting events. From dressing up for Halloween, to joining a lively Diwali dancing workshop, creating poppies for Remembrance Day, and participating in the TFL workshop, our pupils approached every event with enthusiasm and curiosity. Their engagement and joy throughout these experiences have been wonderful to see.

### Curriculum Learning

Alongside our special events, pupils have been actively involved in our curriculum lessons. This term, they explored a variety of subjects including Science, Maths, English, PSHE, and Phonics. It has been lovely to observe their dedication and growing confidence as they participate in these learning opportunities.

### Looking Ahead

It has been a pleasure to see how much each pupil has grown this term, academically, socially, and emotionally. We are incredibly proud of the hard work and resilience shown by every member of Milky Way Class. We look forward to another term of learning, exploration, and continued progress together.

Wenjia Zhang  
Class Lead



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## SPEECH AND LANGUAGE



### Secondary:

We help our pupils with communication in the following ways:

- **Social communication**—understanding social rules, conversation skills, and recognising emotions.
- **Functional language for independence**, such as making requests, planning activities, and making choices.
- **Developing narrative skills** for retelling events and expressing opinions.
- **Supporting AAC users** with developing longer phrases and using devices across the school day.

### Communication Tips for Families (Secondary)

Here are simple strategies families can use during the holiday break:

- **Offer choices:** "Do you want hot chocolate or juice?"
- **Model language** without pressure to respond\*\*: "That's a shiny decoration!"
- **Use visuals or objects** to support routines and transitions.
- **Pause and wait** to give your child more time to process.
- **Narrate the day:** "We are getting ready... now we're putting on our coat... next we go outside."
- **Involve students in planning:** checklists, calendars, or talking through steps of an activity.

### Primary:

What We've Been Working on in Primary

#### • **Attention and Listening Skills:**

- Using short, engaging activities (e.g., sensory trays, light-up toys, bubbles) to support shared attention.

#### • **Developing Early Interaction:**

- Playing simple turn-taking games and encouraging children to look, copy, and respond during play.

#### • **Supporting Understanding:**

- Using visual timetables, objects of reference, and simple words or signs to help pupils understand routines.

#### • **Building Expressive Skills:**

- Helping children request items, make choices, and comment using words, or AAC.

### How Families Can Support at Home (Primary)

Here are simple ideas families can try over the holidays:

- **Choice-making:** Offer two items and pause—"Do you want *lights* or *music*?"
- **Comment, don't question:** "Oooh, soft snow!", "That's a big tree!"
- **Use simple phrases:** "More bubbles?", "All done?", "Your turn!"
- **Play chase or tickle games:** Great for developing anticipation and early communication.
- **Use sensory materials:** Rice, playdough, water beads, or wrapping paper can create great communication moments.

The Speech and Language team



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## WINTER SHOWS



## CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY



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## NEW STAFF MEMBERS

### PRIMARY

- Gautami
- Emily
- Augustus
- Jessica
- Danika
- Aisara

### SECONDARY

- Nadia
- Yasmin
- Mwajuma
- Magdalena
- Ahlame
- Isabell

### BOTH

- Elizabeth
- Serene

School policies inform you of the guidelines and procedures that we follow in school, and cover a range of subjects. Please find all our school policies on our website <https://snowflakeschool.org.uk/policies>

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We would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.  
**We look forward to welcoming our pupils back on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

### THANK YOU

Thank you to our supporters for their ongoing support.



### THANK YOU



### Medical Forms

**Medical Forms Care Plans and Asthma cards** need to be updated every year, or whenever there is a change to your child's care requirements or medication. Please ensure you (and your child's doctor if required) sign any medical forms that are sent home and return them to school as soon as possible so we can ensure the correct care is given to your child. It would really help if you could complete, sign and ensure these are with the Admin team in the first week back.

