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IMPORTANT DATES

 **Black History Month begins** - Thursday 1st October

 **World Space Week begins** - Monday 5th October

 **World Mental Health Day** - Friday 9th October

 **End of Term** - Friday 23rd October

 **Half Term Holiday** - Monday 26th – Friday 30th October

New Pupils at Primary

A very warm welcome to our new pupils who have joined us in Primary this term! It has been wonderful getting to know them and seeing them settle into their new classes and routines.

Yunus – has enjoyed exploring his new school and is becoming familiar with his surroundings and daily routines. He is making a lovely start and gradually becoming more settled each day.

Judie – has settled into school really well and is enjoying exploring a growing range of activities. She has shown great engagement and curiosity while becoming increasingly aware of the people around her.

Stafania – has settled into school incredibly quickly and has already begun enjoying table work. She is becoming familiar with her new routines and has been very happy to come into school each day.

Eric – has adapted really well to his new school routine and is becoming increasingly comfortable with familiar staff. He particularly enjoys messy play and is beginning to spend longer taking part in group activities.

Jiyaan – has settled into school really well and is beginning to communicate his wants and needs using his iPad. He is growing in confidence and developing his ability to make increasingly independent requests.

Sultan – has settled into his new school routines and is enjoying taking part in his lessons. He has also built lovely relationships with the staff around him and is becoming increasingly comfortable in his new environment.

We are delighted to welcome all of our new pupils to Snowflake School and look forward to watching them continue to grow, learn and flourish with us this year!

Message from Headteacher

Welcome to the first Newsletter of the 2026-2027 academic year.

It has been a genuine pleasure to welcome both returning and new pupils and families to Snowflake School this September. The start of a new academic year is always an exciting time, filled with new opportunities, new experiences and, for many of our pupils, new routines and expectations. I have been incredibly proud of how our pupils have settled into the school year and embraced these changes.

A particular welcome goes to the families who have joined our school community this term. We understand that starting a new school can feel both exciting and overwhelming and we hope that you have already experienced the warmth, care and dedication that sits at the heart of Snowflake School. Building strong relationships with families is incredibly important to us and we look forward to working in partnership with you throughout your child's journey.

Over the coming year, we remain committed to providing an ambitious, nurturing and personalised education for every pupil. Alongside academic learning, we will continue to place a strong emphasis on communication, independence, wellbeing and preparation for adulthood, ensuring that our pupils develop the knowledge, skills and confidence they need for the future.

This month has already seen pupils engaging in a range of exciting learning opportunities, including visits into the community and the recent visit to the Royal Albert Hall. It has also been wonderful to see families joining us for our Speech and Language Therapy and Occupational Therapy Coffee Morning. Opportunities such as these help strengthen the partnership between home and school and remind us of the importance of working together to achieve the very best outcomes for our young people.

Thank you for your continued support. I look forward to sharing more of our pupils' successes and achievements with you throughout the year.
Warm wishes,

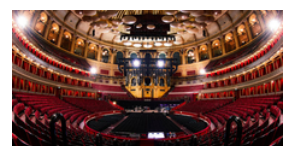
**Sumen Starr
Headteacher**

Royal Albert Hall

Some of our pupils had a fantastic opportunity to visit the Royal Albert Hall. During the visit, they explored different areas of this iconic London venue, including the beautiful auditorium, royal areas and the stage. A particular highlight was the opportunity to sit in the King's Box, giving the pupils a very special view of the Hall!

They also took part in an interactive discovery trail, enjoyed live music and explored a range of sensory activities while learning about the history of the venue.

The pupils had a wonderful time discovering the fascinating stories behind the Royal Albert Hall and experiencing somewhere new. It was a fantastic opportunity to learn, explore and enjoy a memorable day out in the community. ☀





Speech and Language Therapy and Occupational Therapy Coffee Morning



Snowflake school recently hosted a Coffee Morning, lead collaboratively by our Speech and Language Therapy (SALT) and Occupational Therapy (OT) teams, providing a relaxed and welcoming opportunity for parents and carers to connect with members of our therapy team. The session was attended by Ramsha and Kaya from the SALT team, Elizabeth and Ariaan from the OT team, alongside our Assistant Head, Mariam. Together, the team provided parents and carers with an opportunity to meet with professionals, ask questions, share experiences and discuss strategies that could support their children both at school and at home.

As part of the morning, our SALT team also provided Proloquo2Go training for parents and carers of children who use the communication app. The training focused on developing parents' confidence in using Proloquo2Go and exploring practical ways to incorporate it into everyday routines and activities at home. This consistency across environments can help children to generalise their communication skills beyond the school setting and use their communication system more meaningfully throughout their daily lives.

The OT team shared practical strategies and ideas to help parents support their children's independence, participation and engagement in everyday activities. Discussions included ways of adapting routines and activities to make them more accessible and manageable for individual children, as well as considering how small changes within the home environment can support children to participate more confidently.

We shared a range of activity ideas that parents and carers can use at home. These resources are designed to help families incorporate simple strategies into everyday routines and continue reinforcing the skills and approaches being developed in school.

The Coffee Morning is a valuable platform for families to connect with one another. We recognise that parents and carers can be an important source of support for each other, and that sharing experiences, ideas and practical strategies can help families feel more connected to the wider Snowflake School community.

We would like to encourage all our parents and carers to join us at future events whenever possible. These sessions are an opportunity not only to speak with members of the school and therapy teams, but also to meet other families, share experiences and build supportive connections with one another.

Following the positive response to this Coffee Morning, we will aim to create more opportunities for parents and carers to connect and speak with each other at future events, alongside opportunities to engage with our multidisciplinary team. We hope these gatherings will continue to grow into a supportive space where families can share ideas, learn from one another and work collaboratively with us.

A big thank you to all the families who joined us and contributed so positively to the morning. We look forward to continuing to work together as a school, therapy team and family community to support our pupils to thrive.



Important Reminder for Parents/Carers



Please help us keep our records accurate and up to date. If there are any changes to your:

-  Home address
-  Contact telephone number
-  Email address
-  Medical information, social worker information or medication

Please inform the school office as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.