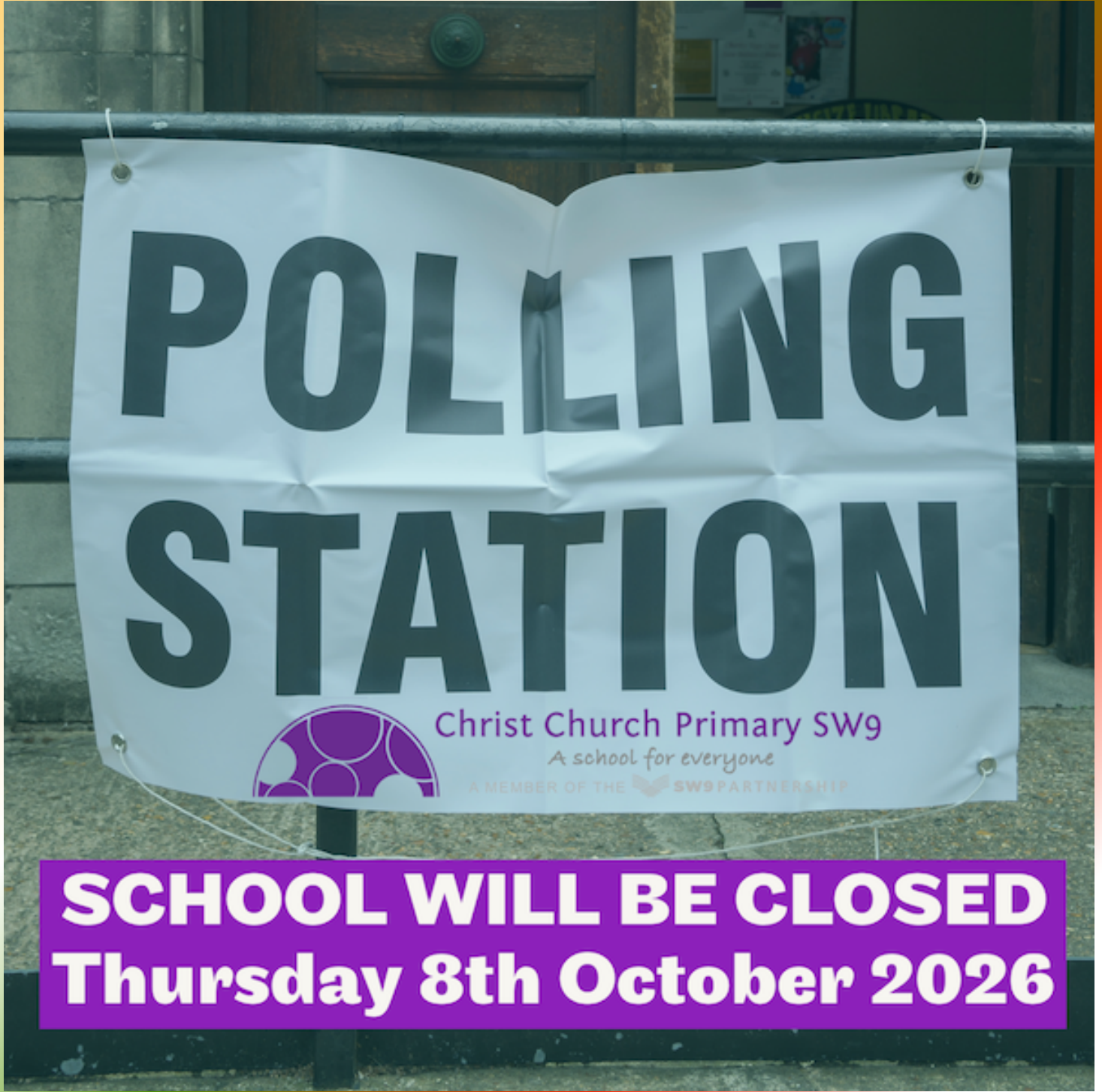




Newsletter Friday 2nd October 2026



**POLLING
STATION**



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**SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED
Thursday 8th October 2026**

A reminder that school will be closed to all pupils on Thursday next week, as our premises are required for use as a polling station for the upcoming Myatt's Fields ward by-election.

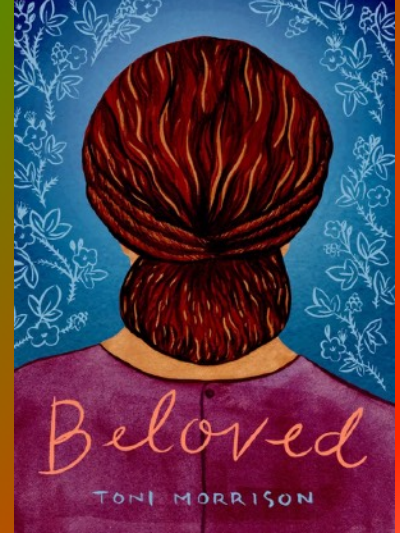
We thank all families for their understanding with these temporary arrangements and apologise for any inconvenience caused. School will be open as usual on Friday 9th October.

Black History Month 2026

While Black artists inspire and shape our culture every day of the year, October gives us a welcome opportunity to give their work some extra focus for Black History Month. Over the coming weeks, we'll be sharing a selection of painters, musicians, writers, and performers whose creativity continues to leave a lasting mark. Join us as we explore their stories and highlight their ongoing impact.

TONI MORRISON

Nobel laureate Toni Morrison reshaped literature by centering the Black experience with poetic precision and emotional depth. Novels like *Beloved* and *Song of Solomon* brought history, memory, and community to life. Her legacy endures not only in her storytelling, but in how she expanded the boundaries of global literature.

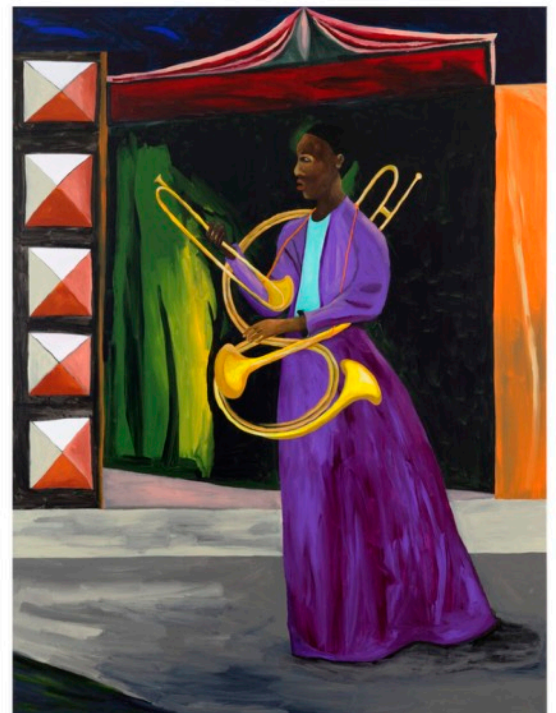


MILES DAVIS

Few musicians have redefined an entire art form as often as Miles Davis. A legendary trumpeter and composer, he stood at the forefront of nearly every major development in modern jazz. His ability to evoke deep feeling through a single, sparse trumpet note transformed the landscape of modern music forever.

LUBAINA HIMID

A key figure in the British Black Arts Movement of the 1980s and the first Black woman to win the Turner Prize, Lubaina Himid turns history into tactile, vibrant art. Her bold paintings and theatrical installations challenge colonial narratives while celebrating Black identity, heritage, and everyday life with warmth, satire, and quiet power.





BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROJECT 2026

TEXTILE DESIGN
Create bold geometric repeat-patterns based on traditional West African fabrics

HAIR AS ART
Create a self-portrait using black yarn, beads, and ribbons to celebrate beautiful, creative hairstyles

BRITISH TRAILBLAZERS
Create a profile or poster about modern Black British icons - who are they and what did they achieve? Lubaina Himid, Chris Ofili, Ncuti Gatwa, Malorie Blackman.....

THE LIVING CANVAS: BLACK VOICES, SHAPES & STORIES

POETRY IN MOTION
Write and illustrate a performance poem inspired by Benjamin Zephaniah

CLAY PINCH POTS
Sculpt and paint a clay pot inspired by traditional African pottery patterns

AFROFUTURISM ART
Design a futuristic city or fashion piece inspired by Marvel's Wakanda

STORY QUILTS
Design a fabric or paper square telling a family story, inspired by artist Faith Ringgold

This term, our whole-school project is celebrating the vibrant history, contemporary culture, and global impact of Black artists, innovators, and storytellers. We are asking children and families to create a piece of art, a 3D model, or a project that explores these brilliant perspectives. There are some fresh ideas here, but it's completely over to you!

There will be prizes for the most imaginative projects!

Project Due Date: Monday 12th October 2026



Please don't forget our Family Learning Project themed around *"The Living Canvas: Black Voices, Shapes & Stories."* While our whole-school focus this year is celebrating Black artists, storytellers, and innovators, please feel free to interpret the project however you like—anything goes! We know how wonderfully creative our Christ Church families are, whether you choose to make a piece of art, a 3D model, write poetry, or put together a research project. Our main goal is simply to showcase your talents and celebrate together. We can't wait to see what you create!

Project Due Date: Monday, 12th October 2026



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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER 2026 AT 9.10AM

We are delighted to invite families to our whole-school Black History Month Celebration Assembly on Friday, 16th October at 9.10am.

This special assembly will be a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community and celebrate the children's hard work, creativity, and learning throughout the month. Everyone is warmly welcome to join us!

**ALL SCHOOL EVENTS
CAN BE FOUND HERE ON
OUR WEBSITE**



BINGO *Night*

YES! IT'S BACK! CC BINGO NIGHT
FRIDAY 9TH OCTOBER
FAB PRIZES, AND FUN

DOORS OPEN FROM
6.30PM
EYES DOWN FROM
7.00PM

BRING YOUR OWN FOOD
AND DRINK
BOOKS SOLD ON THE DOOR

It's that time of year again....get ready for a fantastic evening of Bingo! Everyone is welcome to attend and join in the fun—whether you're a bingo regular or playing for the very first time.



Once again, a massive thank you to our Family Engagement Team and to everyone for supporting last week's Macmillan Coffee Morning. We made an amazing £270 for the charity.

Every pound raised and every slice of cake enjoyed will help Macmillan provide vital medical, practical, and emotional support to those who need it most.

Autumn Half Term
Monday 19th October -
Friday 30th October 2026



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A QUICK NOTE ON MOBILE PHONES IN SCHOOL AND ON THE PLAYGROUND

We want to share a gentle reminder about mobile phones to help keep our school a safe, connected, and present environment for everyone.

Pupil Phones - As a reminder, children are not permitted to use mobile phones during the school day. We completely understand and respect that many families like their child to carry a phone for safety and peace of mind when walking home alone in the afternoon. For these pupils, phones are collected first thing in the morning and kept safely locked away in the main office until home time.

Staff Phones - We believe in leading by example, so our staff members are also not permitted to use their personal phones during the school day, save for when they are on their designated breaks.

Help Us Keep the Playground Connected - With that in mind, we respectfully ask for your support on school grounds during drop-off and pick-up times. We completely respect that you have busy lives and private matters, however, we gently ask that parents avoid making or taking phone calls while on the playground.

Drop-off and pick-up are such wonderful moments to engage with your children, hear about their day, catch up with the teacher and chat to fellow parents. Of course, we know that genuine emergencies pop up that simply cannot be helped, but whenever possible, keeping the playground a phone-free zone helps us show respect to our children and staff, and gives us all a chance to connect face-to-face.

Thank you, as always, for your support.



WYCK FOREST GARDEN

APPLE DAY

SUNDAY
18TH OCTOBER 2026
12-4.30PM

Free Community Event

**Live folk music - free food - orchard plants
spring bulbs to take home - apple pressing
children's crafting workshops**



WYCK GARDENS, LOUGHBOROUGH JUNCTION SW9 7JD

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