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Dear Parent/Carer



SHABBAT CELEBRATIONS

On Friday 21st November 2025, our school will be holding a whole-school Shabbat afternoon.

Although we are a Church of England school, we believe it is important for our pupils to experience and learn from the celebrations and traditions of other faiths.

This special afternoon will focus on the Jewish celebration of Shabbat – a weekly day of rest, reflection, and togetherness. Through this, children will explore values shared across many beliefs, including peace, gratitude, kindness, rest, and community.

During the afternoon, pupils will:

- Take part in electricity-free activities to experience the idea of rest and connection.
- Enjoy opportunities for play, reflection, creativity, and conversation.
- Share a small piece of challah-style bread, freshly baked by our Collective Worship Council, as part of a moment of community and thankfulness.
- Bring in a named board game or non-electrical game to enjoy with friends or create their own game in advance to share during the afternoon.

Please ensure that your child's dietary requirements and allergy information are up to date with the school office. We will cater for any known allergies by preparing 'free from' versions of the bread so that all pupils can safely take part in this shared experience.

This event reflects our school's vision of offering every child the opportunity to flourish, understand themselves, and be valued for who they are. By exploring and appreciating different worldviews, we encourage our pupils to grow in understanding, empathy, and respect for others as children of God.

Yours sincerely

Miss C Seymour
Assistant Head