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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.

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

Mrs R Bradley
Deputy Head