



The Bishop David Brown School

Enabling all to excel

Principal's Newsletter

17th October 2025

Dear BDB Families,

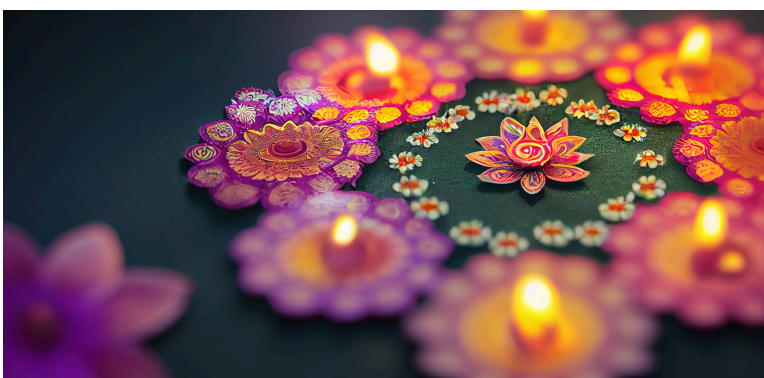
At BDB, we believe that truly valuing one another means recognising and celebrating the rich diversity of our community – including our identities shaped by religion, cultural heritage, ethnicity and personal experiences. This is not just about acknowledging difference; it's about embracing it.

I remain absolutely committed to ensuring that BDB is a place where discrimination of any kind is never tolerated. **Please remind your child that the use of racially abusive or prejudicial language is unacceptable and will result in serious consequences.**

While the 'Fundamental British Value' of tolerance is important, I believe it does not go far enough. Tolerance implies merely putting up with difference – but we aim higher. At BDB, we strive to celebrate diversity, to be proud of what makes each of us unique and to foster a culture where every person feels seen, respected and empowered.

Hindu members of our community will likely be celebrating Diwali, the festival of lights over the weekend; enjoy the celebration of good over evil and light over darkness!

With very best wishes,
Ms C Venter



Black History Month

This week's assembly focus was **Standing Firm in Power and Pride**.

This month, we celebrate Black History Month, a special time to recognise and honour the achievements, history and lasting impact of Black people in our communities and around the world.

The theme "Standing Firm in Power and Pride" reminds us to be proud of who we are, to stand strong in our identity and to celebrate the strength and resilience shown by generations who have fought for equality and justice.

At school, we use this time to learn from the past, celebrate the present and look forward to a future built on unity, respect, and opportunity for everyone. Black History Month encourages us all to stand together in pride and continue making positive change.

Black History is not separate from British History – it is an essential part of it. From Black people living in Britain since the Roman and Tudor eras to the vital contributions of the Windrush generation to institutions like the NHS, Black people have helped shape the nation we live in today.

This reminds us that we all have the power to promote respect, stand up to prejudice and be proud of both our individuality and the things that unite us.

Through reflection, we can learn to show resilience, take pride in our identities and use our power to challenge injustice – helping to build a fairer, more inclusive school community for everyone.