

Black History Month

is every month



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Black History Month in the UK takes place during October each year to recognise and celebrate the achievements of African and African Caribbean communities.

It's also a chance to help us all be more aware of issues affecting culturally diverse communities like Bishop Stopford's and to share our experiences to help us be an even closer family.

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A historic year

This year has seen demonstrations in Britain and around the world in response to the death of George Floyd.

2020 has held a mirror up to the world and forced many to see the reality of racism.

In the UK, Black Lives Matter demonstrations have called for an end to systemic racism, where people aren't treated fairly because they are black.



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Premier League footballers have taken the knee in solidarity with the movement, while there have been calls to remove statues of white people who contributed to Britain's role in the transatlantic slave trade - a time where black people were traded for goods and sold into slavery to work. It lasted for more than 400 years.



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"Black Lives Matter protests around the world sparked a commitment among many individuals and organisations to educate themselves about Black history, heritage and culture - as part of understanding racism and standing in solidarity against it.



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In school this year we will be ensuring that we discuss subjects like racism, equality, fairness and respect regularly.

We have some interesting events planned throughout the year to celebrate our wonderful Bishop's family and not just in October.



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In the mean time, we would like to think about Bob Marley's famous line from his song 'Buffalo Soldier.' In it he sings, 'If you know you're history, then you would know where you coming from.'



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Mr Lyle would like to make a short video or series of posters showing students sharing a little bit of history about the country where they, or their parents and carers, are from.

We have students from all over the world so the more we know about each other, the better our school will be!

If you are interested please let Mr Lyle know!



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BBC on Black History Month

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/49883230>

What's it like being Young Black and British?

Why is black history month important?

Black Britain's who paved the way

'My ancestor was a slave'

Newsround bulletin about racism in the UK



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