

# Newsletter

## Greek School of Ayia Triada Birmingham

Strive, Learn, Grow in our Community



# June July

## Message from our teachers



Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians,  
As we reach the end of the school year and look forward to the summer break, it is a wonderful time to reflect on the remarkable journey we have shared together. This year has been filled with meaningful opportunities for learning, growth, and creativity—for both our students and our teachers. It has been a joy to watch our students thrive, developing new skills and deepening their knowledge through a wide range of enriching experiences.

June, in particular, was a month of great activity and achievement. Our GCSE students approached their examinations with impressive dedication and perseverance, giving their very best throughout the process. Meanwhile, our younger students took part in painting competitions, expressing their creativity and artistic talents in inspiring ways. We also completed our end-of-year assessments, which provided a thoughtful measure of the academic progress made over the past months. These assessments revealed just how far our students have come, and we could not be prouder of their growth and accomplishments.

Our final celebration on July 12th was a truly memorable occasion. It was a special moment where we gathered to honour our students' hard work, present well-deserved awards, and share heartfelt farewells with teachers and classmates. The event beautifully marked the close of a successful and fulfilling school year. Seeing the joy and pride on the faces of our students and their families was genuinely heart-warming.

Thank you for being an essential part of this incredible journey. We look forward with excitement to the new adventures and opportunities that lie ahead.

Wishing you all a restful, joyful, and well-deserved summer break.

Best Regards,  
Dimitris Themistokleous

What a journey...  
that was 2024-2025.





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## WHAT'S ON



## ΤΟ ΠΟΙΗΜΑ ΤΟΥ ΜΗΝΑ

### "Κλείνει ο κύκλος, ανοίγει η αυγή"

Μια χρονιά γεμάτη φως,  
γεμάτη γνώση, γέλιο, στόχους.  
Σπόροι που φυτέψαμε μαζί,  
τώρα ανθίζουν μες στους δρόμους.  
Κλείνει ο κύκλος, ανοίγει η αυγή,  
καινούριες μέρες, νέα ταξίδια.  
Κουβαλάμε στις καρδιές τη στιχμή,  
και προχωράμε με ελπίδα και πίστη  
αληθινή.

Καλοκαίρι ας γίνει γιορτή,  
ζεκούραση, όνειρα, χαρά πολλή.  
Θα ζαναεμίζουμε, παιδιά μου, ζανά,  
στη γνώσης την όμορφη αγκαλιά.

## NEW SCHOOL YEAR

SATURDAY 13/09/2025

MONDAY 15/09/2025

TUESDAY 16/09/2025





# HIGH ACHIEVERS OF 2025

## OUTSTANDING EFFORT OF THE YEAR

1. Efraim Serghi-Year 4 91%
2. Christos Kyriakou Year 4 81%
3. Panagiota Kyriakou Year 4 88%
4. Rafaela Chalaile Y1 adv 98%
5. Mariam Derviziotis Y1 adv 100%
6. Calista Price Y1 adv 100%
7. Panagiota Andreou Y1 adv 100%
8. Vasilis Kalisperas Y3 82.9%
9. Evdokia Antoniou Y3 96.7%
10. Theodore Nicola Level 1 Adv
11. Angelo Gjeka year 4
12. Vangelis Anastasakis Y6 95%
13. Iris Vasiliki Karagiannopoulou Y6 92%
14. Elina Kalispera Y6 92%
15. Anna Maria Kamenou Y5
16. Erikos Waterland Y1 93%

Christina G.  
Potis M.

## EXCEPTIONAL EFFORT REGARDLESS OF OUTCOME

1. Mariam Georgiou Year 4
2. Leonidas Elia Year 4
3. Konstantinos Nikolaou year 4
4. Mikael Papakostas Year 4
5. Aggelos Charalampous Y1adv
6. Georgia Christophorou Y2
7. Savvas Panay Y3
8. Panagiotis Deriziotis year 4
9. Andreas Ioannou Y6
10. Anastasia Ktori Year 1

## ATTENDANCE AWARD

1. Christos Kyriakou Year 4 100%
2. Panagiota Andreou Y1 adv 100%
3. Christina Andreou Y1 adv 100%
4. Ioachim Barton Y1 adv 100%
5. Anyisia Barton GCSE2
6. Alexandra Bellos Year 1 100%

## MARIA VORGIA AWARD

Giannis Kantidakis  
Anastasios Menicou



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*congratulations!*



An underwater scene featuring a young boy with red hair floating in a yellow and blue striped ring. He is smiling and has yellow starburst marks above his head. To his left are two purple fish with gold spots. To his right are green coral pillars. Two pink jellyfish with long tentacles are positioned above him. The background is a blue underwater environment with white wavy lines and a grey cloud-like shape containing the text.

# SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



# INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY!



We are proud to share that our school took part in this year's International Language Event, organized by a vibrant network of communities from around the UK. Representing Greece & Cyprus, our talented students and adult dance groups performed traditional dances accompanied by live music, offering a joyful and authentic taste of our rich cultural heritage. It was a wonderful opportunity to connect through language, music, and movement—and to celebrate the beauty of cultural exchange!







# Father's Day



To celebrate Father's Day, our students took part in a variety of creative activities to show their love and appreciation for their dads.

Throughout the week, the children made wonderful crafts, including handmade cards, and colourful drawings. Each creation was unique, filled with imagination, heartfelt messages, and joy. This special project gave the students the opportunity to reflect on the importance of father figures and to express their feelings in a meaningful and creative way. Their excitement and pride were evident in every smile and every artwork.



Χρόνια Πολλά,  
Μαμμά!  
Σε αγαπώ,  
ΕΛΕΓΙ



June  
21

# CHESSINGTON WORLD OF ADVENTURES RESORT

On Saturday, 21st June 2025, our school organised a wonderful trip to Chessington World of Adventures Resort, bringing together students, parents, and teachers for a day full of fun, laughter, and unforgettable experiences!

Everyone had the chance to explore the amazing themed areas, enjoy thrilling rides and roller coasters, discover wild animals at the zoo, and experience the magic of the jungle, the deep sea, and adventure lands.

The turnout was fantastic, the atmosphere joyful, and the collaboration between children, teachers, and parents truly inspiring. This trip gave us all the opportunity to bond, and create lasting memories beyond the classroom.







# EU AMBASSADOR SCHOOLS AWARDS CEREMONY MANCHESTER

July  
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It's been a great honor for our school to be part of the European Parliament Ambassadors School Accreditation Ceremony hosted by the Loreto High School in Manchester.

Our School together with another 5 Schools from the U.K. was given a plaque by Leena Maria Linnus, the Head of Office, EPLO U.K for our dedication and hard work on the program



Our Junior and Senior Ambassadors' team prepared a small presentation about their amazing journey in the program so far. They shared with the audience, making us proud once again!



# Cake & Ice Cream Sale

Sat 28<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2025



As part of our UNICEF Rights Respecting School journey, we held a charity bake sale to support our local community, and it was a wonderful success. Parents generously volunteered their time and talents, baking and donating a fantastic variety of cakes and treats, as well as helping to run the stall alongside staff and committee members. The event not only raised valuable funds but also brought our school community together in the spirit of kindness, cooperation, and respect for the rights of others. We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the parents, staff, and committee members who gave their time, energy, and support to make the bake sale such a positive and meaningful event.

**WE RAISED THE  
AMAZING AMOUNT  
OF £532**

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# Gravity Trampoline Star City



## Bouncing into Summer: A Fun-Filled Day at Star City!

Tuesday, 8th July was an exciting and memorable day for all the children who attend GSAT on Tuesdays. To celebrate the end of term, we took a special trip to the trampoline centre at Star City — and what a fantastic time we had!

The day was packed with energy and laughter as both children and teachers bounced, flipped, and jumped their way through the trampoline park. From foam pits to obstacle courses, everyone had a chance to challenge themselves and enjoy the thrill of movement in a safe and joyful environment.

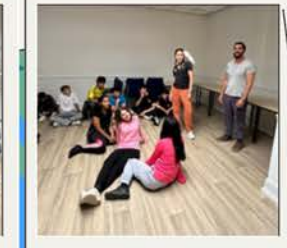
It was a wonderful way to wrap up the term — full of smiles, teamwork, and unforgettable memories. A big thank you to all the staff and organisers who made this trip possible. We're already looking forward to our next adventure!



# A very Special Visitor at our School

Γεια σας! Με λένε  
Sweetpea

When Sweetpea, the 25-year-old cockatoo, visited our school, the children were absolutely delighted. With her white feathers and playful personality, she quickly became the star of the day. The students loved watching her mimic sounds, flap her wings, and interact with the crowd. Many had never seen a bird like her up close, and they were fascinated by her intelligence and charm. It was a memorable visit that sparked curiosity and joy in everyone.





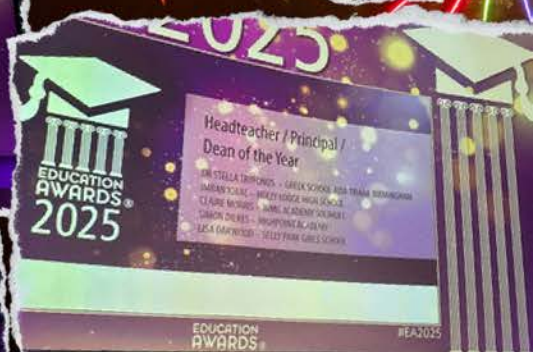
# The Education Awards

July

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2025  
WINNER





# Last Day of School

On the last day of school, our students enjoyed a delightful and memorable day filled with fun and excitement. We treated ourselves to refreshing ice lollies, which added a sweet touch to the celebrations. The day was packed with various games that had everyone laughing and cheering, creating an atmosphere of pure joy.

We also had parties in our classrooms, where students and teachers alike came together to celebrate the end of a wonderful school year. It was a heartwarming time as we shared stories, reflected on our achievements, and looked forward to the future.

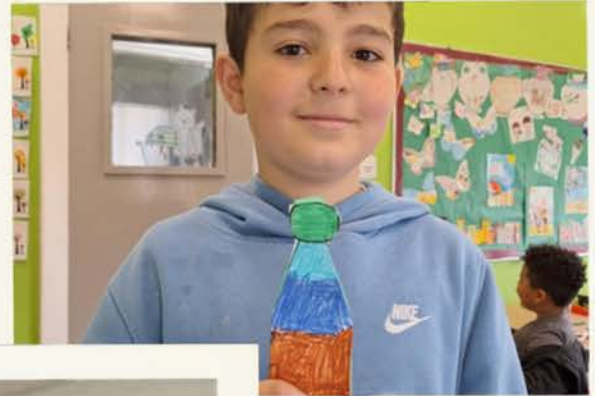




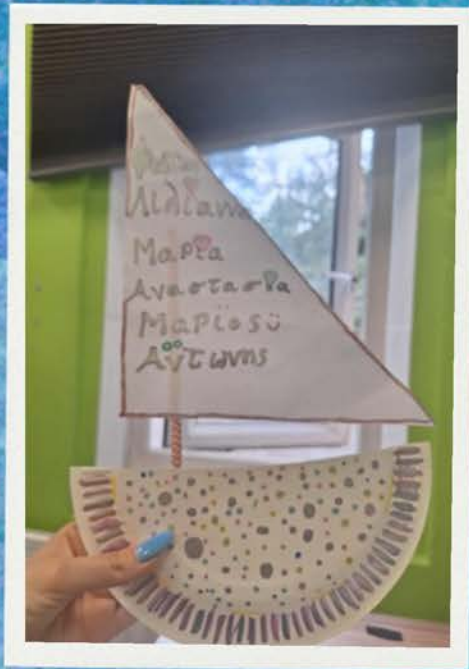
# our SCHOOL LIFE

















# Dance Groups



This year our school has been running dance classes led by our Dance Teachers Mrs Sotiria Karafillides and Mr Dimitris Themistokleous.

Dance classes are on Monday 19:30-20:30 and Tuesdays from 18:30-19:00 for the children, 19:00-20:00 for adults, and on Saturday for school children from 14:00-15:45.

It's amazing to see that this year our dance classes are flourishing and both children and adults are enjoying them.

Anyone interested in dance classes can contact our school directly or the class teachers. We are always happy to welcome new students.





Culture

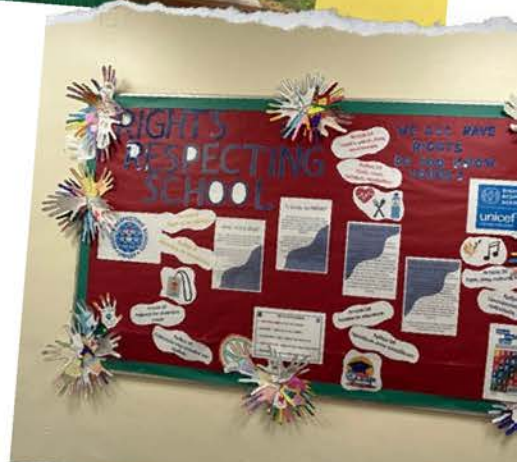
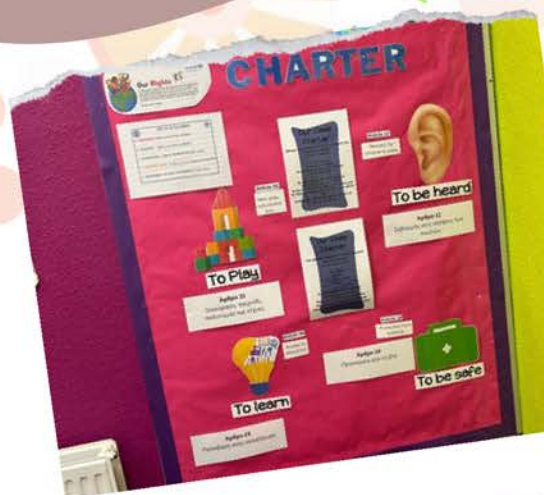




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This year has been a meaningful journey of learning and growth, as we continued to embed and reinforce children's rights both in and out of the classroom. Through a variety of engaging events, themed days, assemblies, and classroom activities, our students developed a deeper understanding of their rights and the importance of respecting the rights of others. These experiences helped to build empathy, confidence, and a strong sense of community among the children. From learning about global issues to celebrating diversity and inclusion, the year has been filled with opportunities to put rights into action. These moments have not only enriched our school community but have also strengthened our commitment to creating a safe, inclusive, and empowering environment for every child. Each step has brought us closer to achieving our goal of Silver Rights Respecting School accreditation, and we are proud of the progress we've made together on this important journey.



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2024 – 2026



Rights  
Respecting  
Schools

UNITED KINGDOM



Bronze  
Rights Committed



*What is the name of the international document that outlines the rights of children?*

- a) *The Children's Charter*
- b) *The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child*
- c) *The Youth Declaration*



*Which of the following is a right every child has according to the Convention?*

- a) *The right to play all day*
- b) *The right to play and rest*
- c) *The right to vote*

True or False: Every child has the right to go to school and get an education.

True or False: Every child has the right to a safe place to live.

*Who is responsible for making sure children's rights are respected?*

- a) *Only parents*
- b) *Governments, families, and communities*
- c) *Children themselves only*

True or False: Children have the right to a name and nationality.

True or False: Only children living in certain countries have the right to express their opinions freely.

True or False: Every child has the right to be treated equally, no matter their race, religion, or abilities.





# EUROPEAN CORNER

Did you know??

THAT THE NETHERLAND'S  
NATIONAL ANTHEM IS THE  
OLDEST IN THE WORLD??

WE LOVE  
EUROPE

*"Wilhelmus van Nassouwe",  
known simply as "Wilhelmus",  
is the national anthem of both  
the Netherlands and its  
sovereign state, the Kingdom  
of the Netherlands. It dates  
back to at least 1572, making it  
the oldest national anthem in  
use today, provided that the  
latter is defined as consisting  
of both a melody and lyrics.*

**What is the English translation of The  
Netherlands' national anthem?**

William of Nassau am I, of German descent;  
True to the fatherland I remain until death.  
Prince of Orange am I, free and fearless.  
To the King of Spain I have always given honour.  
You, my God and Lord, are my shield, on You I  
rely.  
On You I will build; never leave me,  
So that I may remain pious, your servant at all  
moments,  
Dispelling the tyranny that wounds my heart.





Καλό Καλοκαίρι  
have a lovely  
summer