

**DATES FOR YOUR  
DIARY**

- **15th September  
1.30 close for  
Rosh Hashanah**
- **22nd September  
whole school  
wellbeing trip to  
the Rio Cinema  
to watch 'The  
Lion King'**
- **Monday 25th  
September–  
School closed for  
Yom Kippur**
- **Friday 29th Sep-  
tember– 1.30  
close for Sukkot.**
- **Friday 6th Octo-  
ber– school clos-  
es at 1.30pm–  
Shemini Atzeret/  
Simcha Torah**
- **13th October–  
Art day Exhibi-  
tion (details to  
follow)**
- **23rd– 27th–  
School closed for  
half term**



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14th September 2023

28th Elul 5783

**Shabbat / Rosh Hashana: Starts Friday at 7.01pm and ends Sunday at 7.58pm**

## Rosh Hashanah– Special Edition Shana Tova to everyone!

Welcome back everyone. We hope you are all rested and ready for the year ahead. On that note we have our New Year coming up– wishing everyone a wonderful Rosh Hashanah. As most of you are aware most Jewish Holy days are at this time of the year, fortunately this year most of them fall on the weekend so we have some, but not a lot of disruption to our school days.

Rosh Hashanah is the Jewish new year, when we celebrate the creation of the world and G-d's Kingship over it. Rosh Hashanah begins on the evening of the 15th September and ends at nightfall on 17th September. It is the first of the high holy days (concluding with Yom Kippur 10 days later). As well as the Shofar (ram's horn) being blown in the Synagogue on the second day of Rosh Hashanah (the first day is Shabbat this year, when we do



not use the Shofar), we also have other customs including; eating apple dipped in honey, Challah dipped in honey and eating honey cake. The sweetness of the honey gives us hope for a sweet new year ahead.



Other symbolic foods, traditionally eaten on Rosh Hashanah include, Pomegranate, fish, carrots and dates. In their lessons, the children have been learning about the importance of reviewing their actions and good deeds towards other people over the course of the last year and resolving to be even better during the next year. They have also been learning about the way we address G-d as King during our Rosh Hashanah prayers

There is another Rosh Hashanah custom performed, known as Tashlich, from the root word Lishloach (to send away). This year, on the second day of Rosh Hashanah people have a custom to gather around a stream, a river or even the sea and symbolically cast all their wrongdoings in to the water, watching them float away.

A huge thank you to Liat Rosenthal for donating the wonderful apples for us to have some fun with!

**Ms Metin and the  
Simon Marks team**

