

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Monday 22nd September-1.30 finish for Rosh Hashanah**
- **Monday 22nd September– Mini Challah sales until 1.45pm**
- **Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th– School Closed for Rosh Hashanah**
- **Wednesday 1st October– 1.30 finish for Yom Kippur**
- **Thursday 2nd October– school closed for Yom Kippur**
- **Friday 3rd October– Peer media-tor applications and references due in (for pupils)**

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חוריה עם דרך-ארץ

19th September 2025

26 Elul 5785

Parasha: Nitzavim

Shabbat time: Starts Friday at 18.52 and ends Saturday at 19.51

A huge welcome back to all our families and a huge welcome to Simon Marks to our new families.

This week is democracy week and pupils who would like to become school councillors have been writing manifestoes in a bid to get as many pupils as they can to vote for them.

The polling station has been set up and elections take place this afternoon.



Once elected they will be having these discussions with Mr Dasgupta (school council lead).

Meanwhile, all classes have been learning about Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New year) and have been busy baking 'Mini Challas' as part of school councils first fund-raising event– what this years fundraise is for is still to be decided.

Years 1 & 2 showing off their baking skills!



As part of our mental health and wellbeing work, we took the whole school to the cinema to watch 'Christopher Robin'. The whole school has been reading a variety of 'Winnie the Pooh' books and we rounded the unit of work up with a treat. All themes emerging from the film were discussed with pupils so everyone was prepared.



As we approach Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish new year, we don't just get ready for the two days of the new year, but everything we do on Rosh Hashanah prepares us for the entire year ahead. We dip apple in honey because we want the year ahead to be sweet and full of goodness. We eat the seeds of a pomegranate because we want our good deeds during the coming year to be as numerous as a pomegranate's seeds. The Shofar is blown on each day of Rosh Hashanah and when we hear it, we think about how we can improve and be even better in the year ahead. We are going to lead from the front and act as a really good role model. We want to take responsibility for our actions and lead by example. Wishing all at Simon Marks 'Shanah Tovah', a healthy and sweet new year.

From Rabbi Goldmeier

Ms Metin and the Simon Marks Team