## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 13th October 1.30 finish for Shemini Atzeret/Simcha Torah
- 14th and 15th–
   School closed
- Week beginning 27th October – Half term – school closed.
- 3rd November

  Pupils return
- 6th November– school book fair starts
- 7th November
   short Fridays begin
   1.30 finish
- 12th November–
   Science exhibition
   after school in main
   hall

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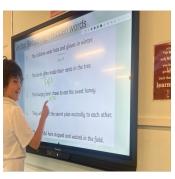
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## Shabbat time: Starts Friday at 18.04 and ends Saturday at 19.03

We have all been working really hard. Across the school everyone has been developing their verbal reasoning skills.



Year 5 have been looking for 'words within words' and seeing if they can get faster at locating new words each time they have a go.



As always our pupils take pride in their work and presentation is part of their pride.

Impeccable science work Davi– well done!

Our Sukkah is up and pupils have been learning all about Sukkot and the Arba Minim.

Here are some images of our Sukkah visits.

Year 3 took it in turn to smell the etrog and shake the lulav.





In Year 1 & 2 they enjoyed eating and sharing their food in the succah.



Following the aweinspiring days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, we have the festival of Succot. Succot is also known as Z'man Simchateinu (the time of our rejoicing). We take the Arbah Minim (the 4 Species) and we sit in the succah. But why are we so happy when doing these things on Succot? After all, the Succah can be damp and cold? We are happy and we rejoice, because both commandments; Succah and Arbah Minim, give us the opportunity to come together. Regardless of culture, nationality or religion, the Succah enables us to gather harmoniously together and celebrate as one human race. Indeed, the 4 Species give the same message; that regardless of who you are, your abilities and stature in society, we work together as one society. By working together in peace and harmony, we have every reason to celebrate and rejoice.

Shabbat shalom and Chag Sameach. Rabbi Goldmeier

Ms Metin and the Simon Marks Team