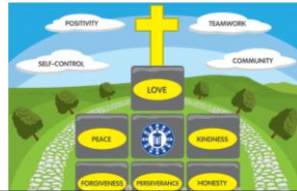


# Higham St John's C of E Primary School



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One more step...  
'Let us keep in step with the Spirit.'  
Galatians 5:25*

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Date: Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2026

Re: **Cultural Diversity Week – w/c 18<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

Dear Parents and Carers

I am pleased to share our exciting plans ahead of our first ever Cultural Diversity Week w/c 18<sup>th</sup> May 2026. The week will be packed with fun activities for all of the children, learning about different countries and cultures. It will be a wonderful celebration to round off this half term – particularly after SATs week!

## Timetable for the week:

**MONDAY 18<sup>th</sup> May: Bollywood Dance Workshops** – all classes with a celebratory whole school performance at the end of the school day, complete with traditional Holi paint colours!

**TUESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> May: Samba Drumming Workshop** – Birch, Sycamore and Oak Classes with a performance assembly at the end of the school day in front of the whole school

**WEDNESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> May: Languages and Food Day** – opportunities in classes to try learning a new language; food tasting / creating activities (final details to be confirmed)

**THURSDAY 21<sup>st</sup> May: Sports Day!** 9:30am – 11:30am (2 x parents per family are invited to attend)

**FRIDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> May: Cultural Diversity Day** – a non-uniform day when the children are invited to come to school wearing traditional clothing representative of their cultural heritage (please ensure clothing and footwear is suitable for a day learning and playing within our school setting)

## Bollywood Dancing Workshops and Holi Celebration:

Holi is a major Hindu festival of colours, love, and spring.

Jenisha Patel from 'Jenny's Bollywood Academy' will be leading the workshops.

Jenny has shared the following information regarding the coloured paints which are used in the celebration dancing at the end of the day:

*"For the colour powder, we use Festive Colours, which are non-toxic and safe for children to use."*

<https://www.festivecolours.com>

*"It works best if the children bring white tops or spare clothes to change into for the final session, as it can get quite messy! Clothes and shoes may get stained, and if it rains the colour can stick a bit more – but it's all part of the fun and creates such a memorable experience."*



**Please note:** We will be seeking consent from parents for your child to participate in the celebration using the coloured paints. This will be posted on School Comms in due course.

Your child will still participate in the dance activities if you choose not to consent to them joining in with the coloured paints.

To support with the cost of providing these activities for the children, **we are asking for a small voluntary contribution of £3 per child.** We really appreciate your contributions which will help us continue to provide exciting enrichment for the children. If you have any concerns about making the payment, please contact our school office who will be happy to help.

Best wishes

Mrs Shaw, Headteacher