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Well, September started us off with a series of extraordinary events. You may recall from my previous update that I reported an overwhelming response to the offering of New Testaments, and a renewed interest in Jesus being tangibly present in many of our schools. The wonderful news is that, despite a 2 week half term for most secondary schools, this has not abated!

After having offered around 740 children the opportunity to take a New Testament, but only if they intended to actually read it, we have distributed 414! I have had numerous occasions when a pupil has openly told me in front of several friends about how they are enjoying reading theirs, and there was one moment in a Year 8 class when I saw a boy at the back, not realising I was watching him, furtively pull his out of his jacket pocket to show to his friend across the room that he had it there. Surreal.

However, it's all very well celebrating the distribution of Gospels, but it means little if they remain unread. So, please...

PRAY that they will be opened, examined, questioned, and challenged, so that whoever does so finds answers they did not previously know were there.

PRAY for the teachers who have witnessed this surge in interest, that they too might be encouraged to explore for themselves. Some of them have taken New Testaments, so please PRAY that they will discover our risen Lord within the pages.

As for other activity, as I start back in schools I'm finishing off my series on County Lines at Cheam High, starting a Science and Faith series at Carshalton Girls and Sutton Grammar, and then launching into the Year 10 Healthy Relationships workshops at both Oaks Park and Cheam High.

PRAY that all these lessons will provide opportunities for the message of the Gospel; that there is an alternative to the answers offered by this world which gives hope and meaning, and is freely available to all. Again, I will be offering New Testaments at the end, so please..

PRAY that these older pupils may be encouraged to take one for themselves, and to open it and find the same wonderful loving God we know.

Our Christian Unions have continued to meet, and we have seen real encouragement in 2 with new attendees. And we have genuine excitement at 3 schools that currently do not have a group meeting – Oaks Park, Harris and Glenthorne – where there are stirrings of plans to form a new group at each one.

PRAY that there will be a christian presence at each of our schools, with the opportunity for any to come along and find the Saviour.

I have spoken at Cheam Baptist and Vineyard, and been overwhelmed by the degree of support we are getting. This month I will be visiting Carshalton Baptist to update them. Each church I visit I meet people who already support us through prayer and financial giving, and I make new friends who sign up to become part of our wider fellowship – many of whom are reading this update for the first time! I have also met with leaders from Hope Church, Holy Trinity Wallington and Horizon Church. If you haven't heard Sutton Schoolsworld mentioned within your own fellowship recently, then please ask your church leadership to consider inviting us along one Sunday to give you an update and an opportunity to know more.

PRAY that our engagement with all churches will continue to see people of all backgrounds coming together to talk about God, expressed through our different traditions, each with their own history, yet united around the foot of the cross of Jesus.

And one final plea – we are still short of a couple of actors for Easter Experience next year.

PRAY that we might be able to fill them by the end of this month!

And, as I always do, thank you for your faithfulness in praying for this vital work. Many of you contact our office to encourage us, and these comments mean so much. Please

continue to uphold us in your prayer lives, as we engage with thousands of young people and children every week. We genuinely believe that God is on the move in our country, in our town and in our schools. Please PRAY that we might be enabled, empowered, and ready whenever He calls us to give an answer to everyone who asks for the reason for the hope that is in us.

Simon Ellingham  
Director

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## PRAYER REQUESTS & EVENTS PDF



Click on the picture to get a list of events for the month.



Y3 Bible Explorers workshop



## PRIMARY SCHOOLS Prayer Requests:

### THANK YOU GOD:

- for the amazing first half term we have had.
- for the Easter Experience 2026 preparations that we have already been able to do.
- for an opportunity to rest and recharge over the half term.

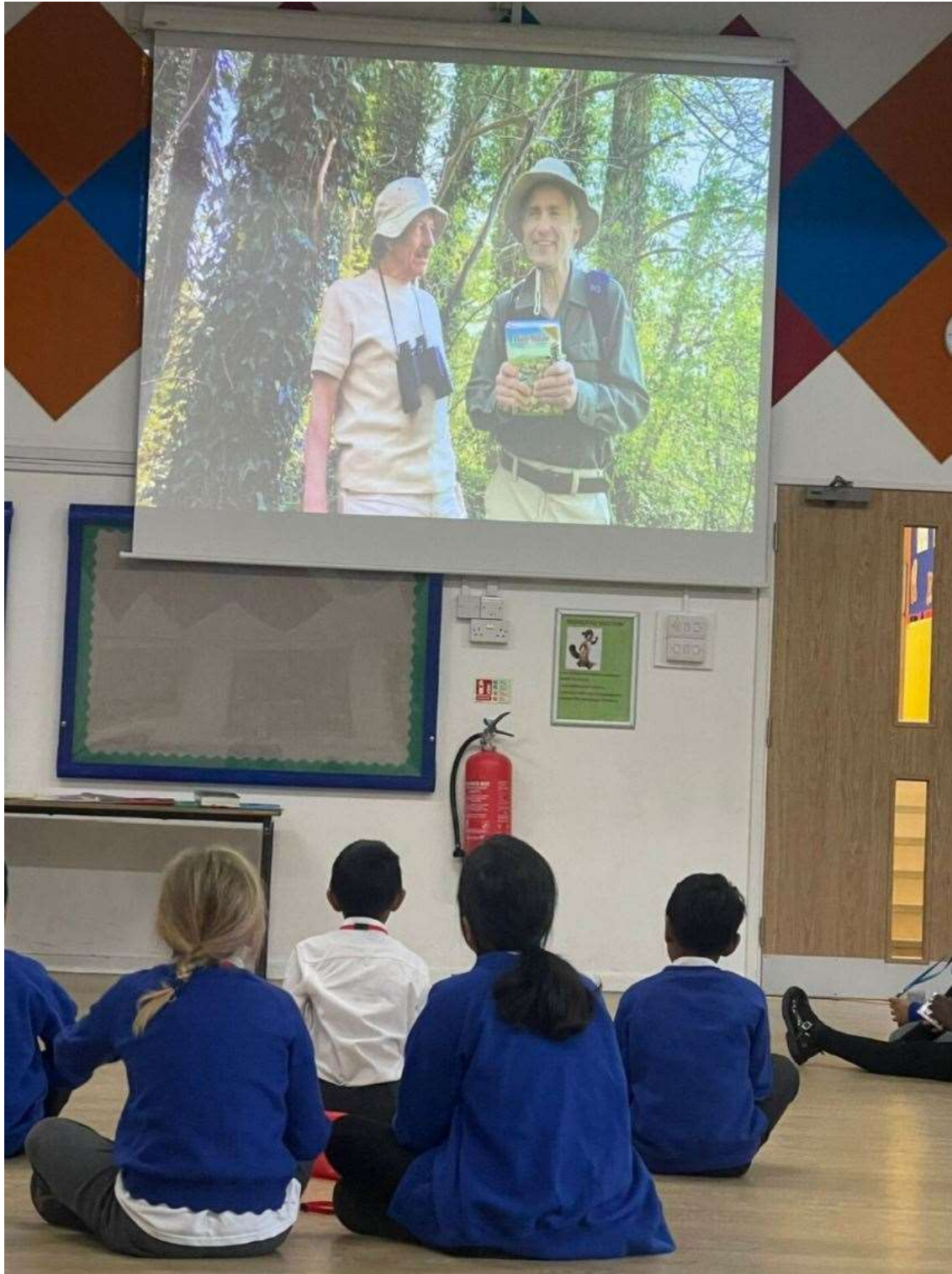
### PLEASE PRAY:

- for the 16 workshop bookings we have throughout November.
- for the amazing and ever-growing primary volunteer team we have on board and for good health.
- for our primary assemblies this half term.
- that the staff and children would know God's faithfulness and love towards them.
- for more opportunities to share in all primary schools across Sutton.
- for health, strength and protection over our primary team.

**We are so grateful for your prayers!**

Maisie & Abby





Y3 Bible Explorers workshop



## SECONDARY SCHOOLS Prayer Requests:

### **THANK YOU, GOD:**

- for the overwhelming response to the offering of New Testaments.

### **PLEASE PRAY:**

- that these will be opened, examined, questioned, and challenged, so that whoever does so finds answers they did not previously know were there.
- for the teachers who have witnessed this surge in interest, that they too might be encouraged to explore God's word for themselves.
- for County Lines at Cheam High, Science and Faith series at Carshalton Girls and Sutton Grammar, and then Year 10 Healthy Relationships workshops at both Oaks Park and Cheam High.
- for our existing CUs and for new CUs.
- that our engagement with all churches will continue to see people of all backgrounds coming together to talk about God.
- that we might be able to fill Easter Experience 2026 cast.

**Thank you for your continued prayers.**

Simon

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Would you like to be able to pray for SSW when they need it most?

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