



# **IQRA VA PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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**Training in this world and the Hereafter”**

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Assalamu’alaikum wa Rahmatullah

We would like to inform you about ‘Windrush: Portrait of a Generation’, a wonderful and moving exhibition of photos taken by Jim Grover. This display is now being showed at St James’ Church, on Park Hill, and our year 6 students have been given the wonderful opportunity of going to explore this fantastic exhibit.

We will be walking to the Church tomorrow (Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October) afternoon to explore and enjoy the presentation of the lives and traditions of the first generation of Caribbean migrants settling in Clapham and Brixton. There is no cost to this afternoon trip and Insha’Allah the children will all return before home time.

Please see the attached leaflet for further details on the exhibition.

Best Regards

Ms Humaira Saleem  
Head Teacher

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## **Windrush: Portrait of a Generation**

*The exhibition is coming home to Clapham and Brixton*



**A photo-story by Jim Grover**

*In celebration of the Caribbean community in south London*

Leading church figures in South London have joined forces to bring Windrush: Portrait of a Generation - a moving photographic exhibition which received widespread acclaim earlier this year - to Clapham and Brixton to be re-exhibited among the community which both inspired and featured in many of the images.

The Reverend Canon Dr Rosemarie Mallett and Reverend Kit Gunasekera of St John's Angell Town, Brixton and St James, Clapham respectively, have invited award-winning social documentary photographer Jim Grover to exhibit his set of 80 predominantly black and white photographs and accompanying narrative in their respective church's during October and November, which overlaps with Black History Month.

The exhibition, portrays the current lives and traditions of the first generation of Caribbean migrants, who settled in Brixton and Clapham. The photographs are themed into groups of photo-stories that, together, encompass their daily lives including; community clubs; customs, dominoes; dancing; faith; family gatherings; the Jamaican home; service to the mother country; funerals; and Nine Night' (a tradition which marks the passing of a loved one). The exhibition leads with an opening portrait and personal story of Alford Gardner, now aged 92 and one of the tiny number of surviving original 'Windrushers'.

The photo-essay was photographed by Grover, a Clapham local, over 11 months, ending in April 2018. He said: "I am so pleased that we are staging the exhibition in Clapham and Brixton; it feels like it is coming home. I so enjoyed spending so much time with this remarkable community here in South London; this photo story is their story and it is truly inspiring."



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In addition, remarkable personal stories from the Windrush generation, based on interviews with Jim Grover, as well as extended photo-stories running as slide shows, that bring to life a typical Jamaican funeral, the playing of dominoes and portraits from the members of the Stockwell Good Neighbours Club, will be featured.

## Background:

June 22nd 2018 marked the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the arrival of the *SS Empire Windrush* at Tilbury docks in 1948. The ageing merchant ship brought 802 young hopefuls, including 539 Jamaicans, to help rebuild Britain in the aftermath of the war. This was a truly momentous moment in the evolution of Britain’s cultural life: the arrival of those first passengers and ensuing steady flow of migrants from the Caribbean, often referred to as the ‘Windrush generation’, was a major step in the creation of a multi-cultural Britain.

*Windrush: Portrait of a Generation* is the latest photo-story by award-winning social documentary photographer Jim Grover and was first exhibited at the gallery@oxo, Oxo Tower Wharf on London’s South Bank from 24th May until 10th June 2018. It attracted 12,800 visitors and extensive media coverage, both national and regional:

*‘...poignant and intimate...moving and often beautiful...’ The Observer*  
*‘...one of 2018’s must see shows...’ Londonist*  
*‘...do not miss...’ ES Magazine*

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## Listings info:

Title: *Windrush: Portrait of a Generation*

Admission is free.

Venues:

St. James’s Church, Park Hill, Clapham, SW4 9PB

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October-Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October

Monday-Wed 11-6pm, Thursday-Friday 11-9pm, Saturday 10-4pm, Sunday 2-6pm

<https://www.stjamesclapham.org.uk>

St. John’s Angell Town, 49 Wiltshire Road, Brixton, London, SW9 7NE

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November to Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November

2-6pm Monday to Saturday

<https://stjohnsangelltown.church>

More information about the exhibition and Jim Grover can be found at:

[www.windrushportraitofageneration.com](http://www.windrushportraitofageneration.com)

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