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Black History Month



[Benjamin Zephaniah Poem](#)

People will always need people

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8uH>

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Benjamin Zephaniah

- **Determination**
- **Excellence**
- **Courage**
- **Inspiration**
- **Friendship**
- **Equality**
- **Respect**

Benjamin Obadiah Iqbal Zephaniah was born on April 15, 1958, near [Birmingham, England](#). His parents were Jamaican and even as a child he enjoyed the reggae music and poetry of Jamaica. He started writing poetry when he was very young. By the time he was 15 years old he had a lot of fans in his neighbourhood. Soon his fame began to spread. Zephaniah won many awards. In 2003 he was offered an OBE. This means Order of the British Empire. It is a special honour that the queen awards to people who have made a great contribution to British society. Zephaniah refused to accept the honour, saying that the word *empire* reminded him of slavery and the suffering of black people.

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Y1



- Maple: Rosie for showing great determination to improve her writing. Well done Rosie!



- Beech: Joshua for his excellent, independent work in maths

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Y2

- Willow: Ola for showing respect through the use of her wonderful manners.
- Oak: Kian for working with determination to improve his handwriting.

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- 3W: James for being kind and respectful and always willing to polish his work.



- 3P: Emily for always being eager and ready to join in with lessons and inspiring others to do the same.



Y4



- 4T: Charlotte is always focused and ready to learn. She is always determined to do her best – particularly in writing.
- 4S: Harrison for his outstanding determination in all of his learning.

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Y5



- 5B: Luis for showing determination when trying to improve his handwriting and presentation of work
- 5C: William for showing tremendous focus, maturity and a great work ethic in all of his subjects.

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Y6



- 6B: Chloe for being an excellent, dedicated learner this week who always demonstrates respect for her classmates and teachers.
- 6W: Alexis for showing determination to improve her handwriting in every subject.



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Well
Done
Harry!



During lockdown, Harry
cycled 15km a week for
three weeks and raised
£400 for the NHS.

Fantastic work Harry!
We are all proud of you!