



West Ham Church School

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Newsletter
Autumn 2
Week 7



A note from Mrs. James

The snow has been an unexpected visitor this week as temperatures plummeted and the ice set in. Mr. Anderson, our site supervisor, was up bright and early Monday morning to clear the paths, car park and ensure the site was safe. The children have been given set times to build snowmen and play with the snow on the field and time inside to ensure they don't get too cold. We have a can do attitude and so swimming continued as normal although when paths have been too treacherous we have adapted our planned events as necessary.

This is such a special time of year and we are grateful that we have been able to welcome parents into school this week to share our Key Stage 1 Nativity. We were all super impressed with the children's performance skills and singing. Well done, especially Year 2!

Thank you for coming along to the Christmas Fayre on Thursday and making it such a successful event.

May I remind all parents that I am unable to authorise term time leave for holidays or to visit relatives abroad. Children are legally expected to be in school unless they are unwell. Although there will be less formal lessons this week, the social and emotional benefits of being in school during the festive season, are invaluable. It is true that there are a lot of bugs and viruses going around and please keep informing us if your child is affected. We wish all those who are poorly a speedy recovery. Warm regards and best wishes x

School Vision

Our Vision is to enable children, with God's guidance, to know and appreciate the **wonder** of God's creation, to live in **harmony**, embracing differences, to always act with **compassion** inspired by the example of Jesus, and to have the **strength** to follow their dreams and achieve their goals.

Prayer Space

*A prayer from the team at All Saints Church
Lord God,*

*We wait for the coming of Christmas
with feelings of joy and excitement.*

*As we wait, help us to remember all
that we need to do to prepare, and may
we find joy in both the giving and
receiving of gifts this Christmastime.*

*Remind us that you are God with us,
that you came to be with us all those
years ago because you love each one of*

*us.
Amen.*

Christingle/Carol Service

All Saints Church
Wednesday 21st Dec

9:30 - 10:30 am

All welcome
Tea/coffee and a mince
pie back at school
afterwards

Christmas Parties Tuesday 20th DEC

Non-uniform day - Children can
Wear party clothes and/or
Christmas jumpers to school
**Parents, please provide
a contribution towards
the party food (no nuts)**



Term Dates

Please be punctual
collecting your child at
1:30pm on **Wednesday 21st
December.**



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**What's On At
WHCS**

Dates for your Diary

Please note the following events before the end of term. We will give as much notice as possible if these change for any reason. We hope that you can join us!

When?	What?	Who?	Where?
Tuesday 20th Dec, 9:30- 10:30am	Nursery and Reception Performance <i>Celebrate with EYFS!</i>	Nursery and Reception parents/carers/families	School Hall
Tuesday 20th Dec	Christmas Jumper/non-uniform day	All children	School
Tuesday 20th Dec 1:30 - 3:15pm	Class Parties	All children	Classrooms
Wednesday 21st Dec, 9:30-10:30am	Christingle Service (followed by hot drink and mince pie back at school)	Children and parents/carers	All Saints Church
Wednesday 21st Dec	Christmas Lunch School closes at 1:30pm		

January 2023

School will reopen for pupils on **Monday 9th January**, at 8:30am. Please ensure that your child brings their PE kit back to school with them.

Foxes and Swallows will start swimming lessons on Tuesday 10th January 2023





Early Years Foundation Stage

This week

We have enjoyed the snow this week! Although it was too icy to visit the church, we completed our Christmas Journey activities in school and had a great time in school together. The children had some fantastic ideas about why Christmas is so special, and enjoyed collecting the different people for their very own Nativity scene. In Nursery, we used our fine motor skills to wrap parcels, create letters and cards to post in our post box, and used the interactive whiteboard to play maths games.



Next week We can't wait to see as many family members as possible at our **EYFS performance** on **Tuesday 20th December** at **9:30am**. Please join us afterwards for a hot drink and a mince pie!

Reminders Dragonflies and Ladybirds class parties will be on Tuesday 20th December. The children may wear party clothes and Christmas jumpers to school. Nursery will have their party on Wednesday morning.

Key Stage 1

This week

What a week for Key Stage 1! It started with the wonderful snow where the children had so much fun making snowmen and enjoying the cold weather. This week the children have been practising and performing their amazing Christmas productions of 'Jesus in the Manger'. They did so well projecting their voices and remembering all of their lines. Well done to the children and thank you for all of your support at home.



Next week

Class parties will be on Tuesday 20th December. The children may wear party clothes and Christmas jumpers to school. Party food can be brought into school from Monday ready for our class parties on Tuesday.



Reminders

Wednesday morning will be our Christingle service - please join us at All Saints Church - all welcome. Children will have a Christmas dinner at lunchtime on Wednesday.



Lower Key Stage 2

This week

The children really enjoyed the change in the weather and had lots of fun playing in the snow. They have been busy working on their DT projects, concentrating on sewing their decorations for the Christmas Fayre. Children were able to plan, create and evaluate their decorations, and were delighted to collect them and take them home from the Christmas Fayre on Thursday.



Next week

The children will create their very own Christingle ahead of the school Christingle Service on Wednesday 21st December. We will also be creating placemats for our Christmas dinner in the school hall.

Reminders

Class parties will be on Tuesday 20th December. The children may wear party clothes and Christmas jumpers to school. Home learning over the holidays is linked to our new topics: The Mayans, The Amazon Basin and continuing to learn our multiplication tables.

Upper Key Stage 2

This week

The children have been working hard in their assessments, showing plenty of strength and resilience. We have written our retelling of 'The Christmas Truce' from the perspective of the soldiers on the Front Line in WW1 and have also finished our hanging decorations following the theme of 'Make Do and Mend' - our sewing skills were put to the test but we are really pleased with the results! We also had lots of fun playing in the snow!



Next week

Christmas Jumper day and Christmas parties will be on Tuesday. We will be making placemats for our Christmas dinners as well as Christingles for our service at All Saints Church.



Reminders

Home learning over the holidays is linked to our new topics: Ancient Greece, Space and Athens. Please ensure that your child completed some of these tasks and reads regularly during the holiday.



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Attendance

Congratulations! The class with the highest attendance across the school last week was...



Eagles



Celebration Page

On this page, we celebrate the children's achievements in and out of school, including

- ❖ good behaviour
- ❖ excellent attitude to learning
- ❖ progress
- ❖ high quality work
- ❖ awards



Headteacher's Awards

Wonder (EYFS): True, for finding excitement in his learning, and for sharing his knowledge of the snow with his peers.

Harmony (KS1): Lilyana - for being a good friend and helping other children in practical activities.

Compassion (LKS2): Ismail for always thinking of others to help in the class without being asked.

Strength (UKS2): Dunmi, for consistently demonstrating strength and resilience in all aspects of her learning.

Mathletics

Gold: LKS2 - Tawhid (Otters)

UKS2- Aaron (Eagles)

Silver: KS1 - Georgiana (Squirrels), **LKS2** -

Ana-Sofia, Tasnia (Otters), **UKS2** - Tohfa (Swallows)

Iasmina (Eagles)

Bronze: LKS2 - Emily, **UKS2** - Ahana

(Eagles) Nicoleta (Eagles) Fatema, Reeha, Nanija,

Jaeden, Ivan, Yuliana (Kingfishers)



Little Owls (Nursery): Aysem, for her enthusiasm when rehearsing our songs.

Dragonflies (Reception): Ibrahim, for writing an excellent letter to Santa.

Ladybirds (YR & Y1): Zion-Kenzo for his confidence during our Christmas rehearsals.

Butterflies (Y1): Kristine for her excellent efforts with her writing.

Hedgehogs (Y2): Michela, for her confidence when performing in the Nativity at late notice.

Squirrels (Y2): Isobel, for being caring towards her friends.

Otters (Y3): Guilherme for his effort when practising his times tables.

Badgers (Y3&4): Jenelle for making progress with her times tables.

Foxes (Y4): Angel, for making good progress in maths.

Swallows (Y5): Daria, for her contributions to class discussions this week.

Eagles (Y5&6): Anny, for working hard in her DT project and helping her peers to succeed.

Kingfishers (Y6): Jaeden for helping others to sew, and ensuring that they were able to achieve.



Calypso Carol

1. See Him lying on a bed of straw,
A draughty stable with an open door,
Mary cradling the babe she bore,
The Prince Of Glory is His name.

CHORUS

*O now carry me to Bethlehem
To see the Lord appear to men,
Just as poor as was the stable then,
The Prince Of Glory when He came.*

2. Star of silver, sweep across the skies,
Show where Jesus in the manger lies.
Shepherds, swiftly from your stupor rise
To see the Saviour of the world.

CHORUS

3. Angels, sing again the song you sang,
Bring God's glory to the heart of man,
Sing that Bethlehem's little baby can
Be salvation to the soul.

CHORUS

4. Mine are riches from your poverty,
From your innocence, eternity,
Mine forgiveness by your death for me,
Child of sorrow for my joy.

CHORUS x 2