



West Ham Church School

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Newsletter
Autumn 2
Week 6



A note from Mrs. James

Bravo! Year 3 & 4 for their amazing production this week. Thanks go to firstly to the children for all their hard work and then to our wonderful staff especially Miss Kee, our drama teacher, and staff working in Lower Key Stage 2 led by Mr. Dickey. We invested heavily in costumes this year, even hiring the main character costumes from a stagewear company. It really helped the children to get into character and raise their game. They were stars - fabulous singing, dancing and acting - well done!

Please welcome our new team member, Mr. Raj Pandya, who has been contracted to work as an Academic Mentor through the National Tutoring Programme. Mr. Pandya will mentor children in Year 6 initially, in preparation for end of Key Stage 2 tests.

Health Information

We are aware of a couple of cases of scarlet fever and three cases of chickenpox currently in school. We advise parents to contact their G.P. if children present with symptoms (kindly note, hospitals will only see emergency cases). Please click on this link for further information:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/scarlet-fever/>

School Choir

Well done to our school choir who sang up a storm at the turning on of the Christmas lights at the library (bringing a tear to staff's eyes - it was so beautiful).

Miss Rice, our Music Lead, also took the children to sing carols at Chadacre Court bringing a little joy to the residents.



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 thank you for this season of Christmas, when we celebrate the gift of your son Jesus. Help us to be generous and loving to those around us and, in all the fun and excitement of the season, may we not forget the true reason for the season - that Jesus came into the world as a tiny baby, to shine the light of His love into the hearts of all who would receive him. Amen

Competition Time!

Newham Council are naming some new bin lorries and need your help! Please submit your drawings of bin lorries, and suggestions for names, by Monday 9th January by emailing them to recycling@newham.gov.uk.

Parents we need your help please

Monday 12th December
2:30pm

Please come and help us prepare for the Christmas Fayre



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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?
Monday - Friday	Assessments	Year 5 and 6	Classrooms
Wednesday 14th Dec, 9:30-10:30am	Y1 and 2 Performance <i>The Nativity</i>	Parents/carers with young children	School Hall
Wednesday 14th Dec, 2-3pm	Y1 and 2 Performance <i>The Nativity</i>	Parents/carers (no children)	School Hall
Thursday 15th Dec, 3-5pm	Christmas Fayre	School families £2 entry	School Hall
Tuesday 20th Dec, 9:30- 10:30am	Nursery and Reception Performance <i>Celebrate with EYFS!</i>	Nursery and reception parents/carers/families	School Hall
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





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EYFS & KS1

Weekly News Page
Assistant Head: Mrs. Rogers



Early Years Foundation Stage

This week

The children were very excited to see Christmas trees in their classrooms and frost on the ground this week! We have been looking in more detail at what happens in winter, with the children in Reception looking at the story 'The Snowman' for inspiration for their writing. Nursery have worked hard to try and use some of our new festive vocabulary, including *wreath* and *bauble*.

They have enjoyed exploring size, shape and measure with different baubles.

Next week

As part of our RE curriculum, the children in Reception will be visiting All Saints Church to explore different aspects of the Christmas story.



Reminders

We can't wait to see you at the Christmas Fayre after school on Thursday 15th December. Please pay for your child's entry in advance using School Money. There will be lots of exciting games with prizes to be won, as well as preloved stalls selling a variety of goods.

Key Stage 1

This week

Year 1 have revisited number composition and have been arranging and representing different numbers. In English, we explored the creation of an original narrative based on the short film, 'The Snowman' as part of our writing assessment. The children in Year 2 have been working hard on their assessments, and had a fantastic experience at the pantomime watching Cinderella, whilst Year 1 enjoyed visiting Emmanuel Parish Church in Forest Gate to find out all about Christmas.

Next week

The children will be continuing their assessments, with Year 2 focusing on their writing and Year 1 continuing with reading and maths. The children are also very excited about celebrating all of their hard work with their Nativity performance.



Reminders

Please remember to contact the school's office to book your tickets for the Nativity for next Wednesday 14th December at 9:30am or 2pm. We also warmly invite you to our Christmas Fayre after school on Thursday 15th December. Please pay in advance using School Money.



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KS2

Weekly News Page
Assistant Head: Miss Jukes



Lower Key Stage 2

This week

We were all blown away by the production of *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*. The children made us all very proud and worked really well as a team to make the the performance the smash hit that it was. Thank you to everyone at home for their support.



Next week

We will be taking time to complete assessments in writing and maths. We will also be holding a mock KS2 times tables assessment. This link will take you to the test to help children prepare.

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>

Reminders

Next week will be the **last week of swimming** for Otters and Badgers. Foxes will be swimming on Tuesday afternoons during the spring term. Please ensure children in the Foxes class have an appropriate swimming costume and a swimming hat.

Upper Key Stage 2

This week

This week, school councillors in Years 4 and 5 took part in a workshop at Stratford Theatre. They were part of 14 schools that discussed the important responsibilities of a school councillor and helped to plan an event. In English, the children recorded their own documentaries in groups around the school. They all worked together to create their own scripts and interviewed each other.



Next week

For both Year 5 and Year 6, it will be assessment week. Please ensure that the children have a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast before coming to school.



Reminders

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Attendance

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



Otters



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 (UKS2): Maria A for showing an amazing wealth of knowledge in computing.

Harmony (EYFS): Ayana for showing harmony when working with her learning partner during maths.

Compassion (KS1): Priscila, for always helping her friends without needing to be asked.

Strength (LKS2): Taeyla, for showing strength and determination during the production.



Little Owls (Nursery): Jordan, for trying hard to include others in activities.

Dragonflies (Reception): Toba, for her effort in rehearsing for our performance.

Ladybirds (YR & Y1): Elena for her efforts in writing and her progress in phonics.

Butterflies (Y1): Jemimah, for her amazing creative writing based upon *The Snowman*.

Hedgehogs (Y2): Jahaziel, for his great acting and performance skills.

Squirrels (Y2): Martha, for trying her best and having focus during her assessments.

Otters (Y3): Elze, for her confidence when taking part in our production.

Badgers (Y3&4): Daria, for settling in well to her new class, working well with her peers.

Foxes (Y4): Angelica, for excellent sewing skills when completing her DT project.

Swallows (Y5): Idilay, for being helpful in DT by supporting her peers to sew.

Eagles (Y5&6): Nicoleta, for her confidence in speaking when creating her documentary.

Kingfishers (Y6): Keshion for tackling challenges in maths when multiplying fractions.

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, Yulian (Kingfishers)



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