



8th December 2023

School Newsletter

A message from the Headteacher

Next week is the last week of the Autumn term. Please remember that we close on Friday 15th December 2023 at 1.30pm and there is no After School Club on this day. We open again at the usual time on Wednesday 3rd January 2024.

The last week of term is always very busy so please take the time to read the newsletter this week very carefully so that you are fully informed.

You should have received a letter, sent home with your child, from Enfield Council consulting on the implementation of an ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) scheme which is planned for some of the streets near school. This is a measure to keep children and parents safe as there has been some dangerous driving and parking at drop off and pick up times. Please read the letter carefully and if you wish to contribute to the consultation please follow the directions in the letter.

Yesterday we heard the very sad news about the passing of Benjamin Zephaniah. As many of you might know, the children studied this talented and highly influential poet, writer and actor as our inspirational person this year. There are many great quotes from this "Titan of British Literature" but my favourite is from his book *Refugee Boy*, "School was preparation for the future.....and he had no intention to go into the future unprepared." May he rest in peace.

Words of Encouragement

The words of encouragement for this week are from Luke 3:4

As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet: "A voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him'.

As we approach the second Sunday of Advent we continue to prepare our hearts and minds for the celebration of the birth of Jesus at Christmas.

Look what the children have been doing!

Nursery

Lots of fun filled activities have been prepared for the children to learn about the true meaning of Christmas. The children have listened to The Nativity Story. They have had fun decorating the nursery Christmas tree. They have been busy making their very own decorations to decorate the nursery- making snowmen, stars and stockings. The children have also been writing letters to Santa telling him how good they have been.

In maths, we have been learning about simple patterns using colours, natural resources and paint.



Nursery are really excited to welcome you next week for our Christmas concert next Wednesday 13th December, flyers have already been sent out. The performance will start promptly at 10.45am and 2.30pm in the nursery. Please use the nursery entrance. Please note that Nursery will be closed on Friday 15th December.



Reception

It has been a very busy week this week in Reception. Our final lesson for our RE topic asked the question: Why is Christmas special for Christians?



We discussed the concepts of joy and peace and made peace doves with hand prints. We have started to do lots of Christmas themed art and crafts as well as beginning to practise for our Nativity performance which will take place on the last day of term. During maths we have been counting amounts of objects, writing numbers and practising our number formation.

We have been continuing to confidently use our phonic knowledge to blend and read CVC words as well as simple sentences.

Year 1

Children created story map for the last text of our topic 'The Christmas Truce' which they used to support their writing about the story.

In RE, children continued their learning on the importance of each person in the Nativity story. They learned about King Herod and why he was jealous and watched a snippet from the film 'The Grinch'. From the film, the children understood that the real joy of Christmas does not just come from presents, decorations and food. It comes from a heart filled with love.

Children have been making Christmas decorations and enjoyed decorating their classrooms with their art works.

Well done children, for all your hard work and continue to challenge yourselves.



Year 2

This week we have been practising for our Year 2 Christmas performance. The children have worked hard to learn the songs and associated actions. We look forward to seeing you next week Tuesday at either our 9:15am or 2:15pm presentations. Remember tickets are being distributed on a 'First Come First Served' basis.

Year 3

This week in Year 3, we have been learning about oral storytelling. The children enjoyed learning the stories and then adding their own actions and sound effects to bring the story to life!

A reminder to all Year 3 children – please complete the Times Tables Rock Stars Tournament, every week! We will be giving prizes for anyone who collects five TTRS certificates! Good Luck



Year 4

A number of children in each class received their Times Table Rock Star certificates for outstanding achievement. Keep up the good work Year 4 in learning your times table in preparation for your assessments in May 2024.



Year 4 have also been practising for their recorder concert they will be performing next week for their parents on Thursday 14 December at 2pm.



Year 5

Train strike?

Of course that is not going to stop us from going to the Science Museum!

As our trip was cancelled this week, Year 5s took a VIRTUAL trip to The Science Museum. This week, we have been learning about the Industrial Revolution - the transition from creating goods by hand to using machines. We explored the functions and uses of steam engines, steam boilers and the Old Bess. We have also worked on writing a non - chronological report about The Legacy of Steam Power - exploring what it is, how it works and its importance today.

Year 6

The hallway in Year 6 was filled with melodic tunes this week as the children composed their own protest songs. They fine tuned their breathing when singing (this ensured that they did not disrupt musical phrases when singing) AND worked hard on singing expressively. They learned to play the tune using musical notation as an accompaniment.

Our focus in Maths this week has been on dividing and multiplying fractions. The children solved multi-step word problems using their fraction knowledge.

In RE we looked at effective advertising and the children made their own advertisement for Latymer All Saints church. They paid careful consideration to the following:

- What makes an advert effective and convincing?
- The key central beliefs of the meaning of Christmas for the Christian community.
- Understanding why churches, advertise Christmas.

Staff changes

When we return from the Christmas holiday we will have some staffing changes. Mrs Okechukwu (Year 1 leader), Mrs Adams (Support team) and Mrs West (Cleaning team) will be leaving us. I am sure you will join me in wishing them every success in the future and thanking them for all of their hard work.

Mrs Okechukwu will be replaced by Mrs Malik. I am sure that you will join me in welcoming her to our Latymer All Saints family.

Key dates for the last week of autumn term 2023

11th – 15th December

Date	Time	Event
Tuesday 12 th	9.30am & 2.30pm	Y2 Christmas performances for parents – Infant Hall
	3.30-5.20pm	Year 4 Movie Night
Wednesday 13 th	10.45am & 2.30pm	Nursery carols for parents – Nursery
	3.30-5.20pm	Year 2 Movie Night
Thursday 14 th	Lunchtime	Christmas lunch
	2pm	Year 4 recorder performance for parents – Junior Hall
	3.30-5.20pm	Year 3 Movie Night
Friday 15 th	9.15am	Christmas service with Reception Nativity and Years 1, 3 & 5 – All Saints Church Reception parents welcome (please see separate letter to book your place)



	10.15am	Christmas service with Reception Nativity and Years 2, 4 & 6 – All Saints Church Reception parents welcome (please see separate letter to book your place)
	1.30pm	School closes for pupils

Panathalon

We came 3rd out of 10 schools! Well done Panathlon team we so proud of you all.!!



Safeguarding Your Children

In school children talk about posting videos of themselves dancing or singing on YouTube. If you give your children permission to use apps that are not age appropriate, it is really important that you know what your children are watching, what they are posting and ensuring their privacy settings are strong.

'Age restrictions on YouTube doesn't allow children under the age of **13** to create their own channels or accounts, and children between ages 13 and 17 are only allowed to open them with parental permission.' parentzone.org.uk

There are too many risks out there on social media for children, just as you teach your children road safety, please teach them online safety.



Mental health support

Urgent mental health support - 24/7 crisis lines



Every mental health trust in London has put in place a **24/7 crisis line** for people of all ages - children, young people and adults. The lines which are free to call can provide advice to those in a crisis. These crisis lines are supported by trained mental health advisors 365 days a year.

You can find the 24/7 crisis line numbers using the NHS Service Finder (link below) but the table provides all of the telephone numbers in London.

<https://www.nhs.uk/service-search/mental-health/find-an-urgent-mental-health-helpline>

Area	Boroughs covered	24/7 crisis line number
North West London	Brent, Hillingdon, Harrow, Kensington & Chelsea and Westminster	0800 0234 650
	Ealing, Hounslow and Hammersmith & Fulham	0800 328 4444
North Central London	Barnet, Camden, Enfield, Haringey and Islington	0800 151 0023
North East London	City & Hackney	0800 073 0006
	Newham	0800 073 0066
	Tower Hamlets	0800 073 0003
	Barking & Dagenham, Havering, Redbridge and Waltham Forest	0300 555 1000
South West London	Kingston, Merton, Richmond, Sutton and Wandsworth	0800 028 8000
South East London	Croydon, Lambeth, Lewisham and Southwark	0800 731 2864
	Bexley, Bromley and Greenwich	0800 330 8590



Dates for your diary

Please make sure you check these dates regularly as additional events may be added.

- Friday 15th Dec: Break for Christmas holiday at 1.30pm (No after school club this day)
- Wednesday 3rd Jan 2024: Children return to school after Christmas
- Friday 9th Feb: children break up for half term at 3.15pm
- Monday 19th Feb: Children return to school after half term
- Thursday 28th Mar: Children break up for Easter 1.30pm (No after school club this day)
- Monday 15th April: Children return to school after Easter Holiday
- Thursday 25th April: Class photographs
- Friday 24th May: Children break up for half term at 3.15pm
- Monday 3rd June: Children return to school after half term
- Wednesday 3rd July: INSET day (No children in school)



Wednesday 24th July: Children break up for Summer holiday at 1.30pm (No after school club on this day)

If you have any queries about information in the newsletter please do not hesitate to contact school via the office or to ask one of the staff team in the playground at the beginning and end of the day.

Best wishes

Katy Brennan

Head teacher

In our school we love deeply, respecting everyone and treating them with dignity;
we aspire with confidence, working hard and embracing challenge and
we serve God and the community, following the example of Jesus, to create a better world.

Ephesians 5:2 (NLT)

"Live a life of love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us"

