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Reminders

End of Term

Term finishes on Friday 20th December at 2.00pm. School re-opens for all children on Tuesday 7th January at 8.55am.



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all parents who have attended end of term events including the Winter Fayre and Sing Alongs. Our three school choir has been performing at various events including a Hackney wide celebration at the Town Hall. We are very proud of the commitment to music in our school and the many talented musicians we have. A huge thank you to our music team, Ms Davidson and Ms Ilsk for their preparation and hard work. Instrumental lessons start again in the Spring Term and if you would like your child to gain from the many benefits of learning a musical instrument then please ask at our reception desk for an application form. Learning an instrument not only brings a lot of pleasure, it helps develop concentration, listening skills, patience, social skills and memory. We subsidise all lessons with an even cheaper rate for those eligible for Pupil Premium Funding and loan instruments to allow practise at home.

We regard healthy eating education as a whole-school focus, and we believe that opportunities to teach about the importance of living a healthy lifestyle occur throughout the curriculum. Healthy eating education forms an important part of our school's curriculum. The importance of balanced nutrition and healthy food choices is explicitly taught through the Science, Design and Technology and the PSHE curriculum. Despite the many sweet treats around at this time of year, we continue to ask that if children bring a packed lunch to school, their lunch boxes contain a healthy and nutritious meal that will help them retain concentration in the afternoon. We ask that you provide healthy options such as low sugar juice, chopped vegetables and dried fruit.

Thank you to all parents who completed the parent survey during our recent parent consultation evening. Ensuring we capture the voice of our community is a very important part of what we do. Please don't forget, feedback at other times in the year can be shared with the school through our parent comment box situated in the school office. We will share more news on the survey outcomes in the new year with headlines in our newsletter and on our websites.

Please make sure that children continue to read and practise key maths and writing skills over the holidays, whether it is writing a letter to Santa or playing card games and adding up the scores.

As always, thank you for your support. We wish you all a very safe and happy holiday!

Mr Stephen O'Brien - Headteacher | Ms Rachel Davie - Executive Headteacher

Autumn Walk

Reception children recently embarked on an Autumn walk to explore the seasonal changes in nature. During the walk, they spotted wonderful signs of autumn, including crispy leaves and long twigs. It was a great opportunity for the children to observe and learn about the beauty of the changing season.



William Morris

In Art, Year 2 have been learning all about William Morris and his style of art. They visited the William Morris Gallery where they learned more about his life and saw pieces of his art. They then sketched some of Morris' designs, weaving ribbons and creating their very own repeated patterns using wood blocks!



Pop Art

This week in Year 5, pupils have been studying the art of Andy Warhol, one of the most influential artists of the 20th century. They then created bright and colourful versions of pop art, inspired by Andy Warhol, using bright and complimentary colours.





Winter Fayre

Last week, the community came together to celebrate our Winter Fayre. Everyone enjoyed performances from the choir, festive food and drink and many won raffle prizes or visited Santa's grotto! Thank you to all the parents, carers and local businesses for their generous donations which helped raised money for our school.



Bike Bus

We are excited to announce that Carolyn Woodley, the Mayor of Hackney, will be joining the Orchard bike bus on Tuesday 17th December for the final bike bus of the year. We hope that as many parents and pupils will be able to join. Please click the link below to view the route and view timings!
<http://tiny.cc/zax0001>



Key Dates

Year 2 Seasonal 'Sing-Along'
 Monday 16th December at 2:45pm

Year 1 Seasonal 'Sing-Along'
 Tuesday 17th December at 2:45pm

KS2 Pantomime at the Hackney Empire (tickets only)
 Wednesday 18th December

Christmas Jumper / Christmas Dinner Day
 Thursday 19th December

Children break up for the holidays
 Friday 20th December at 2pm

Coffee Mornings

Parents/Carers are invited to drop into our sessions on various themes which are held in the Flexible Space at 9:15am on a Friday. These allow you to meet with other parents as well as to learn more about what the school does and get some practical tips on how to support your child with their learning from home.

Date	Focus
Friday 20th December	Parent Reading Celebration for EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2

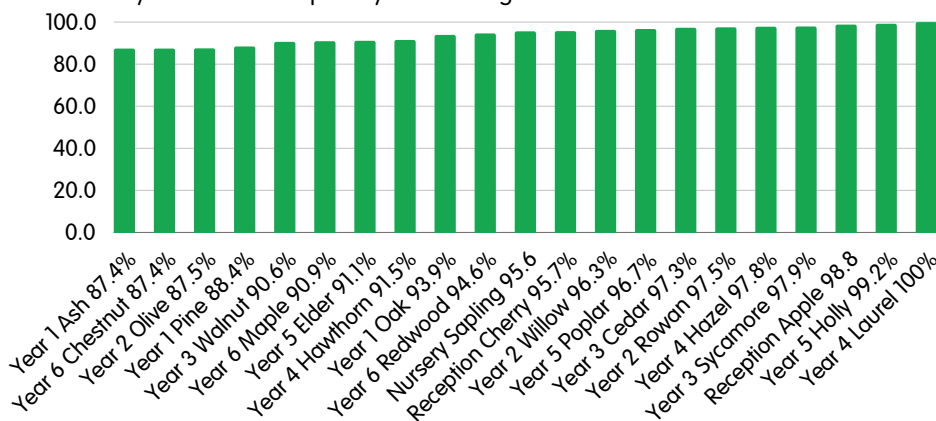
Attendance

The whole school attendance for the last week was 94.3%.

Well done to Year 5 Holly Class, last week's winners with 98.4% attendance.

Attending school every day makes a real difference.

Please remember that **WE DO NOT AUTHORISE HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME** and unauthorised absences may result in a fixed penalty notice being issued.



Term End and Start

The second half of the autumn term ends on Friday 20th December 2024 at 2:00pm.
 Please scan the QR code to view our 2024 - 2025 term dates.



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