



## Raglan Upcoming Dates

**Christmas Fair** – Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December  
**EYFS and KS1 performance** – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> and Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December  
**Christmas Lunch** – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December  
**End of term** – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December (school finishes at normal time)  
**Start of term** – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January

## Language of the Week

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	French Joyeux Noël	German Frohe Weinachten	Spanish Feliz Navidad	Italian Buon Natale	Polish Wesołych Świąt

### The Makaton Sign of the Week is 'angel'



Hands make slight flutter movements

Double click on the link below for a video

 11th Dec angel.MOV

### Character Virtue of the Week



Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas is in full swing! The children arrived on Thursday morning to the wonderful sight of Christmas decorations being set up around the school.

Although the festive season has started, the children have continued to engage and immerse themselves in their learning. On my learning journey this week I have continued to be marvelled by the phonetic development of the children in Nursery, Reception and Key Stage 1. I have enjoyed seeing Sharks and Frogs continue their development of number, number groupings (getting increasingly more complex), and reading skills. I dropped in on Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 in English lessons throughout the week and their focus on editing their writing is very commendable; especially as I am constantly challenging them on demarcating their writing accurately.

EYFS and Key Stage 1 have also been busily rehearsing their Christmas production. Key Stage 2 have also been rehearsing for their carol concert. The staff have again worked their own magic to ensure that normal curriculum delivery has been in place; whilst being able to rehearse the children for their performances. In addition to this we have school visits being undertaken by Sharks and Frogs (their trip into Bromley), Year 2 (their local Church visit), as well as Mr Boorman taking a group of Year 5 and 6 children to Langley Park School for Boys so they could compete in a sports hall athletics competition.



The Christmas period was heralded in yesterday with our Elderly Citizens Christmas Party. This is an event that the school has hosted for over 25 years; and I am very happy that we have been able to sustain the tradition. A massive congratulations to the Year 6 children, Year 6 staff team, the Admin and Site Team, as well as Mrs Mead for organising and hosting this very special event.

**I also look forward to seeing you all at the FoR Christmas Fayre tomorrow. The FoR have been working round the clock in order to make this critical fundraiser a huge success! Please do come and support them, the children and the school.**

### **The Raglan Christmas Album – What a Triumph!**

We have done it! Our Raglan Christmas Album has been uploaded to our school website for you to access. You can also download the album by using this link:

[https://we.tl/t-nPGuGFaqRN?utm\\_campaign=TRN\\_TDL\\_05&utm\\_source=sendgrid&utm\\_medium=email&trk=TRN\\_TDL\\_05](https://we.tl/t-nPGuGFaqRN?utm_campaign=TRN_TDL_05&utm_source=sendgrid&utm_medium=email&trk=TRN_TDL_05)

This has been a massive project and a great experience for the children. I very much hope you will be playing our Christmas album over the festive period! Again, a massive thank you to Tony Clark (Grandparent at school), Luis Bonilla, our BYMT teaching team, Miss Lowe, and the whole school staff for helping make it happen. I would also like to thank and congratulate the children for another massive Raglan triumph!

### **School Uniform Information**

I do appreciate that we are fast approaching the end of term, however I need to remind parents that we have the same expectations for school uniform. This includes PE uniform. We expect children to be in correct school uniform (unless we have a themed day like today). In addition to this; children should not be coming to school wearing rings or bringing rings in. The children will be asked to remove these and take them home. They should not return to school. In addition to this, nail-polish should not be worn into school. As a reminder we are expecting children to have their shirts tucked in when inside the building. All staff have been reminding children of this.

### **Road Safety Information**

Please do ensure that you and your children take care walking to and from school as the nights draw in even quicker over the next two weeks. I am still trying to lobby the local council for parking enforcement, speed restrictions at peak times and a new digital speed awareness sign on the corner of Havelock and Jaffray Roads. I am yet to be successful, but I won't give up!

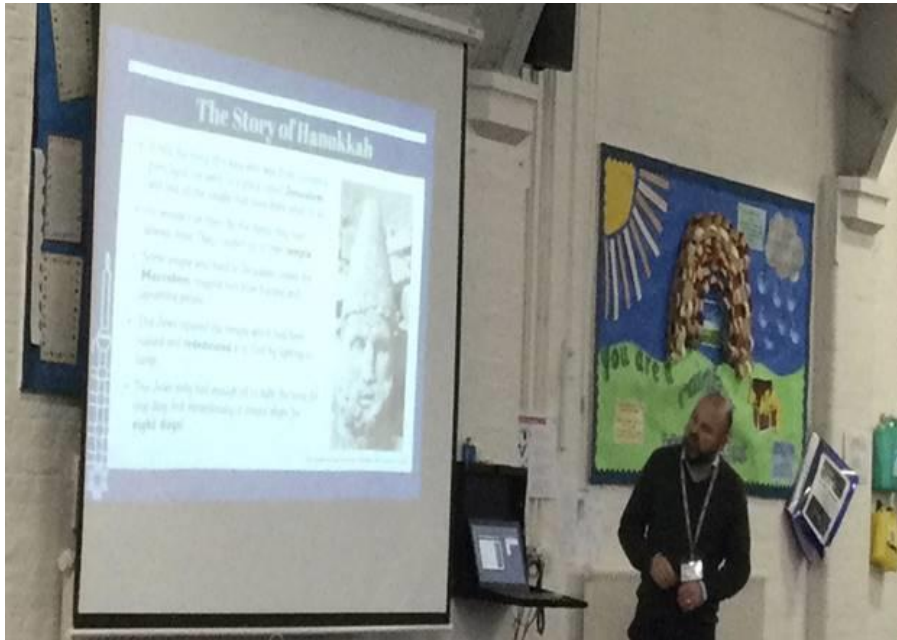
### **Key Stage 1 Christmas Performances: Important Health and Safety Reminder**

We are unable to permit you to bring in any hot drinks from outside the school – not even in flasks. If there was to be a spillage and this resulted in another adult or child being scolded – the school is liable for this. Please ensure you refrain from bringing in any hot drink. We will not be able to allow you to enter the hall with this. Thank you for your understanding.



## Assembly: Happy Hanukkah

On Wednesday at whole school assembly we celebrated the Hanukkah – The Jewish Festival of Light. I explained to the children what Hanukkah symbolised and how this is celebrated. We watched two clips that showed children families celebrating this holy period of time for Jewish people. The children were able to see similarities in terms of how people celebrate across different faiths. We are wishing the Jewish community a happy Hanukkah period.



## Year 2 Trip

Last Friday, Year 2 had a fantastic trip to St Paul's Cathedral as part of their learning about the Great Fire of London. The children experienced an exciting train ride before and were amazed by the size and sight of the Cathedral. They took part in an interactive guided tour which included acting out events from the Great Fire of London such as how the fire was put out. A brilliant day was had by all and luckily the weather held out! Thank you to the parents that came with us, we couldn't have done it without you!



## **Year 5 and 6 Athletics at Langley Boys**

On Tuesday morning, 20 children from Year 5 and 6 attended the indoor athletics event at Langley Boys school. The children participated in a number of different track and field-based events including relay races, vertical jump and standing long jump.

The children truly gave their very best effort when it came to all the events and did the school proud. I am so pleased and proud of how well the children conducted themselves.

A massive thank you as well to all the parents who assisted in getting over to the school - it would not have been possible without your help.

Mr Boorman - Year 4 teacher and PE lead



## **Parent Assemblies**

The Lunar New Year assembly is taking place on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February and the Ramadan assembly is taking place on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March. If you would like to present a parent assembly about either of these events please email the office for the attention of Mr De Freitas.

## **Christmas Newsletter**

The next Newsletter will be sent out on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

## **Nursery Fundraising**

Nursery are fundraising for a new mud kitchen for their outside area. They will be holding a cake sale with Christmas goodies on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December from 3.30 in their outside space. Donations of cakes and biscuits would be greatly appreciated. All year groups are welcome.

## **Christmas Clear Out**

As Christmas is swiftly approaching, you may be looking to make room at home for the arrival of new gifts. If you have any unwanted toys that your child(ren) no longer play with please could you think about donating to Nursery. We are always happy to accept items to make our Nursery brighter. We are especially looking for number books and to increase our construction area with a tool station and tools.

## **Lunch Bands**

If you have any of the red, yellow or green lunch bands at home please can you return them to school.

## Christmas Lunch

Children will be asked to select their Christmas menu on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December. The choice will be meat or vegetarian Christmas dinner.

# CHRISTMAS LUNCH

19TH DECEMBER 2023

## MAIN

Traditional Roast Turkey with Festive Trimmings & Gravy  
(G, SU)

or

Roast Vegetable Wellington with a Tomato Sauce  
(E, G)

## SIDES

Rustic Roast Potatoes, Peas, Carrots & Brussel Sprouts

## DESSERT

Chocolate Yule Cake with Vanilla Cream

(MK, E, G)

or

Fruit Pot

### Allergens:

CE = Celery, CR = Crustacean, E = Eggs, F = Fish, G = Cereals Containing Gluten, L = Lupin, MK = Milk, MO = Molluscs, MU = Mustard, N = Nuts, P = Peanuts, SO = Soya, SU = Sulphur, SE = Sesame Seeds \* = May Contain



## Bromley's Winter Holiday, Activities and Food Programme 2023

<https://bromleyeducationmatters.uk/Article/151328>



To find out more and to book  
Scan the QR code or go to the Bromley website

[www.bromley.gov.uk/  
HolidayActivitiesandFoodProgramme](http://www.bromley.gov.uk/HolidayActivitiesandFoodProgramme)



## Free School Dinners

If you are on certain benefits, including Universal Credit and Tax Credit, your child may be able to access free school meals support during the holidays. This comes in the form of a voucher which can be used in most supermarkets. This is £15 per child per week and can be incredibly useful during holiday periods.

For example, children entitled to this, will all receive a £30 voucher for this Christmas holiday. Currently all primary school children are entitled to Universal Free School Meals through the Mayor of London scheme, meaning many families are not aware of this extra benefit available to them. If you need any advice or support in applying for this please contact the school office. Please use the link below to confirm if you are eligible for free school meals.

[Apply for free school meals - GOV.UK  
\(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

## Rock Steady Concert

This morning our Rock School blew the roof off the hall with an array of songs they have been learning across the half term. Our Rock School has over 40 children now involved from all year groups and classes across the school. Our Rocksteady leader Mitchell was really nervous because this was his first school rock concert. I was confident that our children would rise to the occasion – and they did!

Music and performance are life-long passions and hobbies. Indeed nothing would make me prouder than for our school to be the catalyst for the next UK mega-group or musical artist. I do hope that the children that are involved in Rock School begin to take up individual lessons with their instruments through BYMT. (You can find the details for this on our website.) This will help children develop their playing further!

Music is a wonderful vehicle for children to transition from here into secondary school. It opens up so many avenues in secondary school and life! In addition to this, playing a musical instrument is great fun! I would like to congratulate all of the children that performed. You were all awesome!

Thank you to our Rocksteady Instructors, and a big thanks to Mr Newnham (one of our dads) who accompanied our final act on bass guitar. Thank you to you, the parents, for supporting your children in Rock School. It was one of the initiatives that I wanted to bring to our school; and by supporting your children you have helped create a musical wave that I hope continues to build momentum. Miss Lowe is leading on Expressive Arts in our school and our vision is to one day have 'Expressive Arts' as a real feature and focal point of our school. A massive well done again children! That was truly epic this morning!



## Language Provision at the Cinema!

The Language Provision had a very festive trip to Vue cinema today, to have their very own, private viewing of 'Santa Claus The Movie'. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves, whilst munching on their snacks and wearing their festive jumpers or hats. Reviews after the viewing included, 'That is what I call a Christmas classic' and 'I can't wait for Christmas now, I feel so full of Christmas!'. It is fair to say they all had a wonderful time (adults included!).



## And Finally...

I do hope that in every child's Christmas stocking is a book and a times tables chart! I know I sound obsessive about reading and times tables; but mastering both helps to unlock learning and enable life choices and success.

Please do find the time to read with your children, and have your children read, as well as further practise their times tables.

I do hope to see you at our Christmas Fayre on Saturday.

Thanks for your continued support,

Mr De Freitas