



Events & Celebrations



Our Christmas Celebrations will include an **EYFS Christmas Party** on the morning of **Wednesday 18th December** followed by our **Christmas Dinner** at midday.

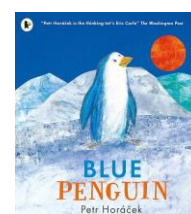
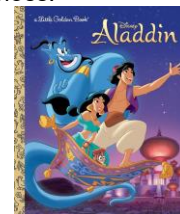
You are welcome to wear your Christmas Jumpers on this day!

If your Nursery child attends school part-time and would like to stay for Christmas Dinner please speak to Tracy.

This Week in the EYFS

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in the EYFS. We have begun our Christmas preparations, and our classrooms are beginning to look very festive with Christmas trees and decorations appearing all over the setting. We have also begun practising the Christmas songs and rhymes which we hope you will enjoy hearing when you join us on the afternoon of **Thursday 19th December** (see below for details).

This week **Nursery** have been opening their **Advent Calendar** and thinking about Christmas preparations. We learned that **pantomime** is a **tradition**, as we heard the traditional story of **'Aladdin'** ahead of the visit from the Stage Ed Theatre Company on Thursday. We role played making our own **Magic Carpet** ride and thought about where we would choose to go on our adventures. After hearing the story we made a character portrait and story map. On Friday we learnt about **Saint Nicholas** and discovered that he had left a gold coin in our shoes!



Reception have been reading **'Blue Penguin'** by **Petr Horáček**. They have begun learning about the **Arctic** and the **Antarctic**, and the similarities and differences between them, including the creatures that live there. Their word of the week has been **wander**. In the Tower Hamlets Phonics Programme the children have been learning the letter-sound correspondence for **Ss**. They have also been learning the correct formation of those letters and learning to read to six new tricky words: **put, as, has, into, I** and **her**. In mathematics they have been investigating four sided shapes, and also recognising and describing their daily routines.

Santa Fun Run

EYFS Children are going to take part in the **Santa Fun Run** in the school playground on the morning of **Thursday 19th December**.



EYFS Christmas Celebration Assembly

We would like to invite all EYFS parents to join us on **Thursday 19th December** at **2pm** when we are planning to perform a brief medley of seasonal songs and dances for your delight and entertainment!



Next **Thursday 12th December** in the morning EYFS children will be going to St Barnabas Church to watch the dress rehearsal of this year's Key Stage 1 Nativity Production.



If a new scooter or bicycle is on your child's list for Father Christmas, we would be delighted to have any **scooters, trikes, balance bikes** or **pedal bikes** that your child has outgrown to refresh our Early Years bike collection.

Applications for September Nursery and Reception places

Please don't forget to apply in time if you would like a Nursery or Reception place for your child in September.

The deadline for Reception applications is **15th January** and that for Nursery places is **16th February 2025**.

Book Bags & Changing Bags

Changing bags, book bags and water bottles should be brought to school every day.

Although we do have spare clothes it is a challenge for staff to find items from our stock which fit particular individuals on demand, and children are a lot happier to put on clothing which they recognise as belonging to them.

We would welcome donations of carrier bags, and any outgrown wellington boots, shoes, leggings or jogging bottoms.

Friday is non-uniform day at Chisenhale Primary School!

End of Term

The Autumn term will conclude on Friday **20th December** at **2pm**.

School will reopen on **Wednesday 8th January 2025**.