



Events & Celebrations



Our Christmas Celebrations will include an **EYFS Christmas Party** on the morning of next **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> 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.*

Santa Fun Run

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



EYFS Christmas Celebration Assembly

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



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.

End of Term

The Autumn term will conclude next **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December** at **2pm**.

School will reopen on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025**.

**This Week in the EYFS**



KNOW YOUR PENGUINS



This week **Nursery** have continued opening their **Advent Calendar** and counting down the days to Christmas and the Christmas holiday. Our word of the week has been **Nativity** as we have been learning about the story of the very first Christmas. We also made saltdough decorations for our Christmas tree, Christmas cards and a Christmas tree themed headress for our Christmas performance next week. This week we learned two new **letters and sounds** in phonics: **Ff & Gg**. We are thinking about things that begin with those letters/sounds and are clapping the syllables in each word to develop our phonological awareness.

**Reception** have continued their learning themed around '**Blue Penguin**' by **Petr Horacek**. This week they have focused on finding out all about penguins. They have read a range of information texts to develop their knowledge and understanding of the world. They have learned about the many different species of penguin (ask them to name some!) and learned some facts about them. They then made penguin posters to record their findings. In the Tower Hamlets Phonics Programme the children have been learning the letter-sound correspondence for **Jj & Vv**. They have also been making Christmas decorations.

On **Thursday** EYFS children had the privilege of watching the dress rehearsal of this year's Key Stage 1 Nativity production in St Barnabas Church which was fantastic!

This week we have continued practising the Christmas songs and rhymes which we hope you will enjoy hearing when you join us next Thursday.



*This will be the last EYFS Newsletter for this year. We wish all our children and their families a happy holiday and a peaceful and prosperous New Year!*

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 15<sup>th</sup> January and that for Nursery places is 16<sup>th</sup> February 2025.**

Book Bags & Changing Bags

We will send home changing bags with the children at the end of this term. Please ensure they are returned replenished in January.

School nurse appointments

If you would like to book an appointment with the school nurse on 16<sup>th</sup> January for advice on bedwetting, healthy eating, emotional health, sleep, puberty, hygiene or behaviour please call the office or email

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