

# Millfields Mag

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## Joy to the World - It's Christmas!

Hurrah, and thank you everyone, we made it, (well most of us) to the end of term! We celebrated the end of term today with 2 'Sing along' concerts with the children. All of the staff joined in and entertained the children with Christmas carols and songs to say a very, merry Christmas and happy holidays to everyone. Classes also had a party to celebrate and/or went to the cinema.

It has been a long term but a very productive one for all the children and the school community - the children have worked so hard at school and home! This was evidenced brilliantly with the homework projects that the children have been bringing in and have been displayed in classes for us all to see.

Well done to all the classes - children and staff, for their amazing costumes, enthusiasm and beautiful singing for our Winter Concerts this week. Each concert was a delight and really got us all in the Christmas spirit! A big 'thank you' to the church for letting us use the venue over the last 2 weeks! Big, big thanks to all the staff for getting the children ready to perform, and 'big thanks' to the Music Team - especially Roz and Tom. A special 'well done' to the Nursery and reception classes who started out week with a brilliant concert that they performed twice in front of a packed school hall. One of the highlights of my week for sure! Thank you to all of you for supporting your children and for joining in with the festive fun with some impressive singing and dancing - you know who you are!

On Monday, all the classes took part in our first TastEd Day. This was a food technology day where the children enjoyed eating, feeling, seeing and hearing (yes, hearing) a range of different fruits and vegetables. This was a great experience for the children to work with food and expand their tastes. Thanks to Bruno for organising the day, and to parent Anna Jones and colleagues from TastEd for coming in to support us. And big thanks to food supplier Natoora for donating all the wonderful fresh produce!

Also this week, the children have all enjoyed a trip to somewhere in London this week for our traditional termly 'London Day'. The children have all reported that they enjoyed their class trips to places such as the National Gallery, Young V&A Museum, Docklands Museum, Science Museum, Wallace Collection, Tate Modern and Nursery visited the local library on their first trip out! It is so fantastic that we get to take the children to so many places in our wonderful city! Thank you to all the parents who volunteered their time to help out on the trips

As part of our end of term celebrations, each teacher chooses a child for the Headteacher Hot Chocolate award. We all had a lovely time with warm hot chocolate with cream and marshmallows, biscuits and chocolate coins! Well done to all the children for being so great!

A huge 'thank you' to the whole school community who have been bringing in food donations for the Christmas Bags over the last few weeks. As ever, we are thankful for your individual and collective generosity. Massive thank you to Heather, Kate and others who helped Rema to get the Food Hampers ready! Thank you also to the parents who made cash donations to the Food Bank, and to you all for money collections after each concert for the church. Thank you also, to all of you for the lovely gifts that the staff have received. You are very generous and giving, and it is very much appreciated!

Finally, thank you for all your support during another busy term for us all, with a few new challenges as always, for children, staff and families, and as always, we have all worked together, so thank you everyone.

Have a lovely holiday and enjoy the festive period. Term starts for the children on Monday 6th January. 'Merry Christmas' everyone. And 'Hanukkah Sameach' to those celebrating Hanukkah.

Take care, Jane

### Important Dates

**Start of Spring Term**

**Monday 6th January**

**Hispanic Week**

**6th - 10th January**

**Sibling Photo Day**

**Monday 20th January**

**Dress Up for Digits**

**Friday 7th February**

**National E-Safety Day**

**Tuesday 11th February**

### Word of the Week

#### LUMINARIA

First recorded in English in the late 1940s

from Latin *lūmināria*, "lamp"

*noun*

a Christmas lantern consisting of a lighted candle set in sand inside a paper bag.

E.g.: A *gelid* breeze swept through the city, signalling the arrival of winter.

### Tuck Shop

Thank you to Douro Class for organising the last tuck shop. Amount raised was a lip-smacking

**£134.15**

Thank you everyone for all of your support!





Happy Birthday to the children and staff who celebrated their birthdays this week and will do so through the holiday period:

14th December ~ Sabrina B, Joaquin D & Luisa L  
 15th December ~ Ryan B  
 16th December ~ Wael M  
 17th December ~ Rayan G & Woody P,  
 19th December ~ Arthur K, Anastasia M & Loulou P  
 20th December ~ Asher G & Glen T  
 21st December ~ Ted M, Archie T & Ffion W  
 22nd December ~ Django B, Alyana G, Kathleen S & Ifeoma U  
 23rd December ~ Bahozi C  
 24th December ~ SJ K, Delilah L & Amaanah R  
 25th December ~ Gabriella D, Tova H, Mila R & Jesus  
 26th December ~ Kareem M & Saleha N  
 27th December ~ Jasper E, Ellie M & Esther N  
 28th December ~ Otis B, Jasper B, Filip J & Rafi V  
 29th December ~ Sophia-Rose T  
 30th December ~ Zamzam A, Bukie O & Sharon K  
 2nd January ~ Frida A, Leondre H, Aliya H, Malka M & Darren M  
 3rd January ~ Blessing K & Anayah N

Many Happy Returns to you ALL!



## PSA After-school Tuck Shops — Spring 2025

We always need people to volunteer time to run the stall on the day and will need lots of donations of food on the day. Just take your food to the office on the day of your stall. Please remember that all food must be nut free to comply with school policy.

Date	Class
Friday 10th Jan	Fuji (Yr3)
Friday 17th Jan	Mekong (Yr4)
Friday 24th Jan	Shenandoah (Yr5)
Friday 31st Jan	Trent (Rec)
Friday 7th Feb	Karisimbi (Yr1)
Friday 14th Feb	Zambezi (Yr2)
HALF	TERM



## Is anyone thinking of a Bike for Christmas?

One of our smashing parents, Mick, Ellie's Dad runs a cycle shop: <https://bicyclebox.co.uk/>

Below is a link to his bike shop Facebook page where it is currently running this post:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1XW4LiGgyu/?mibextid=WC7FNe>

Mick has promised to give 10% of every sale straight back to school funds. Parents would need to collect the bikes from Tottenham at the shop, situated at 187 Philip Lane, or they could be delivered for a small fee of £15.

Parents need to email the shop directly at [n17cycles@gmail.com](mailto:n17cycles@gmail.com) or message via the Facebook page and also need to pay a 50% deposit when they order. The bikes are cheaper than RRP with the added benefit of helping the



## We're building a new Garden Room...

...And we need your help!

"Hackney School of Food is raising money for its brand new [Garden Room](#)! The room will open into the beautiful garden at the School of Food, and be a space for local children and adults to learn about food growing and nature. [Watch their fundraising video](#) starring Hackney pupils explaining why they need our support! They are raising money to put the finishing touches and make the space a vibrant learning environment. [Find out more and donate now!](#)"





Age  
4-16 years



Free  
for pupils on  
means-tested  
Free School Meals  
(Hackney and  
out of borough)

# CHRISTMAS PLAYSCHEME

FRI 27, MON 30, TUES 31 DECEMBER  
& THURS 2 JANUARY

10:00AM - 2:00PM

ART & CRAFTS  
DANCE, COOKING CLUB  
SPORTS & GAMES,  
ICE-SKATING AND MORE..  
Plus a nutritious lunch  
cooked fresh every day

FREE  
Food Boxes  
for  
Families



VENUE:  
BENTHAL PRIMARY SCHOOL  
BENTHAL ROAD LONDON N16 7AU

BOOK BY FRIDAY 20 DECEMBER  
OFFICE@BENTHAL.HACKNEY.SCH.UK  
020 8985 9310

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## RECEPTION APPLICATIONS REMINDER

Please do not forget to apply for your child's September 2025 Reception place. If you have a child born between 01.09.20-31.08.21 they are eligible to start Reception in September 2025.

The deadline for this application is **JANUARY 15th 2025**. Applications can be done now. Please apply via the admission website: [www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk)  
If you require any assistance with this application please speak to a member of staff.

## PSA Updates and Achievements



### 👏 This Week's Achievement! 👏

Thanks A big thank you again to everyone for making the winter fair such a success. We raised over £9.5k, more than ever before and had a great time doing so.

We're always looking for ideas and people to support PSA activities so please get in touch. There will be opportunities to share your thoughts next term, we'll keep you posted on dates.

**Have a fabulous few weeks and we look forward to next year!**



WELCOME TO TATE MODERN



# Christmas at Millfield





# TERM DATES CURRENT YEAR

Millfields Community School Term Dates 2024-25

September 2024							October 2024							November 2024							December 2024							Key
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	School Holidays
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	Bank Holidays
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# NEXT YEAR

Millfields Community School Term Dates 2025-26

September 2025							October 2025							November 2025							December 2025							Key
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	School Holiday
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	Bank Holidays
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