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It's beginning to look even more like Christmas!

We are almost at the end of term and it certainly feels a lot like Christmas already with all our wonderful performances and concerts this week, and Christmas Lunch today. Firstly, a huge well done to our boys football team last week for playing brilliantly in the group stages of the Borough 5-A-Side Tournament. They were in a tough group and although they narrowly missed out on the next stage, they can be really proud of how well they played and the great team spirit. Thank you Izaac for organising.

Also, Congratulations are in order for the Y4 and Y5 cyclists who took part in the Roller Challenge yesterday. Millfields children were way ahead of the rest and clocked some of the best scores! Well done team Millfields. Thanks to Nishie and also to parents, Hendrik and Tim for your help on the day!

This week, we enjoyed the wonderful singing and performing by the three Y2 classes who put on the nativity: 'Hosanna Rocks', and the three Year 1 classes who put on a traditional nativity! (Well, one was set near Mount Kilimanjaro and a rhino visited the manager, but otherwise traditional!) The children (and staff) worked so hard on their singing and acting skills, so I was really pleased to see so many parents and families come along to enjoy the shows! Thank you for coming, and I think you will agree each performance was very special! Memories made for sure! A huge 'thank you' to all the children and staff in Y1 and Y2.

Well done to all the KS2 choir and instrumentalists, who took part in the evening concert on Thursday. A big 'thank you' to St James Church for letting us use the venue this week and next. The evening concert was such a lovely occasion with very talented children singing and playing - definitely lifted our mood! Big thanks to the Music Team - Tom, Lawrence, Kauri, Jack, Luciano, Maddy and Yasmin! And well done and 'thank you' to the choir led by Bruno! Thank you to all of you for supporting your children and for joining in with the festive spirit.

The Y1 - Y6 Concerts are taking place next week, and will be in St James Church on Lower Clapton Road. The concerts are one year group only, and each class will sing 2 songs, and a couple of songs altogether, so they will be short and sweet! Please look at the information that has been sent out via email to remind you of days and times, as well as information on Google Classroom about the clothes/colours that children need to wear for their concert. Nursery and Reception classes will be in school on Monday 15th December at 9am and 11am - if you can make the later performance it would be appreciated as the early one gets very busy and crowded!

Today, it was the whole school Christmas Lunch and the children had a lovely festive time in the hall with music, party hats, glitter, sparkle and party clothes, for a Christmas Lunch with all the trimmings. Thank you to all the kitchen staff- the dinner was delicious, and thanks to all the staff, especially Debi, Sheyenne, Emma and Kingsleywho helped to set, clear and serve the children.

We will be preparing the Christmas Food Hampers on Tuesday 16th December, ahead of distribution on the Wednesday. If you have any more non-perishable festive and luxury foods-tinned fruit, jam, tinned fish, cakes, biscuits, chocolate, savoury snacks including crisps, custard or other desserts, we would be very grateful. Many thanks to all the parents who have contributed so far - it is very much appreciated.

If you are not going to be in school for any reason that is not an illness, please make sure that you have requested permission by emailing info@millfields.hackney.sch.uk and ask for a Leave Request Form. This can also be found on the school website under Attendance. All leave is not automatically granted, so please make sure you make a request in good time, and do not book any travel until it has been authorised.

We have our traditional London Day trips next week, and there are also theatre and cinema trips (Reception, Y3 and Y4). Please make payment for the cinema if you have not already done it thank you.

A final reminder that the end of term - next Friday 19th December is also Christmas Jumper day with donations of £1 on the gate for 'Save the Children'. School finishes at 1pm/1:15pm on the last day of term. There are no after school clubs on the last day of term. Finally, have a good weekend - remember to wrap up warm. Take care and stay well. Jane



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Important Dates

Friday 19th December Christmas Jumper Day Friday 19th December Last Day of Term

(School ends at 1pm and 1:15pm NO CLUBS)

> **Monday 5th January** Pupils back to School

First recorded in 1920s

Noun Silly talk or nonsense

E.g.: "No more malarkey—get on with your work!"

Did you know? Malarkey became popular in the 1920s thanks to American comic strips—nobody knows its true origin which makes the word itself a bit of...malarkey!

Tuck Shop

Thank you to Mekong Class for organising last week's tuck shop. Amount raised was a juicy

£151.10!

Thank you everyone for all of your support!





Happy Birthday to the children and staff who celebrated their birthdays this week:

6th December ~ Noah C

7th December ~ Anu T & Laurence P

8th December ~ Oona E & Inigo F

9th December ~ Khadijah G, Ariya R & Alba S

10th December ~ Ruby A

11th December ~ Noah H & Leonard W

12th December ~ Ahyan A & Mattia D,

Many Happy Returns to you ALL!





Please do not forget to apply for your child's September 2026 Reception Place. If you have a child born between 01.09.21-31.08.22 they are eligible to start Reception in September 2026. The deadline for this application is

15th January 2026. Applications can be done now. Please apply via the admission website: www.eadmissions.org.uk

If you require any assistance with this application please speak to a member of staff.







WINTER CONCERTS 2025

Monday 15th December - School Middle Hall

Early Years Sharing Concerts

Mersey, Shannon, Trent, Lea & Thames 9am & 11am

Tuesday 16th December -St James Church

Yr5 Sharing Concert (Acatenango, Fitz Roy, Shenandoah) 9.45am

Yr4 Sharing Concert (Ganges, Mekong, Yangtze) 11.15am

Wednesday 17th December - St James Church

Yr2 Sharing Concert (Douro, Nile, Zambezi) 9.30am

Yr6 Sharing Concert (Mississippi, Orinoco, Yukon) 11.15am

Thursday 18th December - St James Church

Yr1 Sharing Concert (Kilimanjaro, Karisimbi, Olympus) 9.30am

Yr3 Sharing Concert (Ararat, Fuji, Annapurna) 11.15am



CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE

We're collecting donations for our Millfields families who need additional support this Christmas. If you'd like to participate, we're accepting non-perishable seasonal food items (listed below) until Tuesday 16th December. Please leave donations at the school reception. Your contribution, whatever you can give, will help local families have a brighter Christmas.

MINCE PIES, CRISPS, JUICES, SWEETS, CHOCOLATES, BISCUIT'S, PUDDINGS, CAKES, SELECTION BOXES

THANK YOU











THANK YOU!!

The Winter Fair was a fantastic success, and we want to thank everyone who helped make it happen.



- Castles Estate Agent, for once again sponsoring this year's fair and helping us reach our fundraising target.
- Everyone who ordered their **Christmas trees** through the PSA. We made £1,200 profit, and we're thrilled that so many of you loved the quality. We'll definitely be doing this again next year!
- Those who ordered wine and cheese boxes. These will be available for collection on Friday 19th December at pickup. Thank you to the team who organised this brilliant addition!
- And of course, **every volunteer** who helped at the fair. We simply couldn't do any of this without you.

Between the Castles sponsorship, the wine and cheese sales, the Christmas trees, and the fair itself, we raised **over £12,000** this year!

A huge hooray to everyone involved. We're excited to put these funds towards resources for our children. Keep an eye on this page; next week we'll share a full update on everything the PSA has funded this term.

Thank you, everyone!





Millfields Community School Term Dates 2025-26

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NEXT YEAR

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STARS OF THE WEEK

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Lower Key Stage 2

Upper Key Stage 2

