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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 the ever popular Christmas songs to say a very, merry Christmas and happy holidays to everyone. Everyone looked so festive today in their Christmas jumpers and Christmas colours and we have raised more than £300 for Save the Children - thank you!

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, all different but all equally wonderful 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 two weeks! Big, big thanks to all the staff for getting the children ready to perform, and 'big thanks' to the Music tutor, Naomi, and Tom and Lawrence for their brilliant musical accompaniment at every show. A special 'well done' to the Nursery and Reception classes who started our 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, along with the wonderful Y6 children who performed so brilliantly at our last Millfields Christmas concert! Thank you to all of you for supporting your children and for joining in with the festive fun with some impressive singing and celebrations, and for your generous donations for the school and church.

Last week, all the classes took part in our now termly TasteEd 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. A huge thanks to Bruno for organising the lessons, and to parent Anna Jones and colleagues from TasteEd for coming in to support us. And big thanks to food supplier Nattoora for donating all the wonderful fresh produce! Millfields



became a TasteEd Ambassador school this year, and Bruno has championed this, and all the brilliant work that the staff at Millfields and TasteEd do at local events as well as within Millfields.

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, Natural History Museum, The 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. 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, Rema and others who helped get the Food Hampers ready! Thank you also to the parents who made cash donations to the Food Bank.

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! And 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.

Finally, we are sadly saying 'goodbye' to Cheneice, Trent Class Reception teacher who is leaving today and moving on to manage her own Nursery provision. I am sure that you will join me in thanking her for all her hard work and wishing her all the very best for the future.

Have a lovely holiday and enjoy the festive period. Term starts for the children on Monday 5th January. 'Merry Christmas' everyone, and 'Hanukkah Sameach' to those celebrating Hanukkah. Take care, Jane

Important Dates

Monday 5th Jan

Start of Spring Term

Mon 5th - Fri 9th Jan

Hispanic Week

Thursday 15th Jan

Sibling Photo Day

Friday 30th Jan

Fill Up Friday

Word of the Week


WIDDERSHINS

First recorded in 1500s

Adverb

Moving in a counter-clockwise direction

E.g.: The old clock seemed to tick *widdershins*, as if time itself had decided to run backwards

 **Did you know?** Although widdershins sounds mysterious, it's still used today in writing to add a touch of old fashioned magic when describing something moving the "wrong way" around a circle

Tuck Shop

Thank you to Ararat Class for organising last week's tuck shop. Amount raised was a zesty **£121.30!**

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 over the Christmas break:

13th December ~ Frida V & Donna R
 14th December ~ Sabrina B, Joaquin D & Luisa L
 15th December ~ Ryan B
 16th December ~ Alex B & 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 ~ Bahoz C
 24th December ~ SJ K, Delilah L & Amaanah R,
 25th December ~ Gabriella D, Tova H, Camila M, 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, Xiæra P & Rafi V
 31st December ~ Celia S
 2nd January ~ Frida A, Malka M & Darren M

Many Happy Returns to you ALL!



RECEPTION APPLICATIONS REMINDER

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.

CREATIVE WEEK IS COMING!

We're getting ready for our exciting Creative Week, and we need your help collecting materials!

During the holiday period, there's lots of recycling, perfect for the projects we'll be making in school.



Please send in any clean items we can use for junk modelling, such as:

- Bottles
- Cardboard boxes
- Tubes
- Lids
- Cartons
- Any other recyclable materials

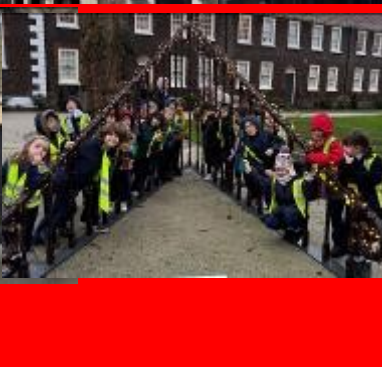
Please bring materials to the main office before Friday 23rd January

PSA After-school Tuck Shops — Autumn 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 9th Jan	Zambezi (Yr2)
Friday 16th Jan	Karisimbi (Yr1)
Friday 23rd Jan	Trent (Rec)
Friday 30th Jan	Mississippi (Yr6)
Friday 6th Feb	Fitz Roy (Yr5)
Friday 13th Feb	Yangtze (Yr4)
HALF TERM	
Friday 27th Feb	Annapurna (Yr3)
Friday 6th Mar	Nile (Yr2)
Friday 13th Mar	Kilimanjaro (Yr1)
Friday 20th Mar	Mersey (Rec)
Friday 27th Mar	Yukon (Yr6)
END of	TERM

Christmas at Millfield in Pictures





The winter term sure is a long one with a load of fun PSA events culminating in the big fair. But you know all about these events - you attend, bring the joy, make them happen.

What you may not know about is the most crucial part of the PSA - spending the funds to enrich the school life of every Millfields child. So here's round up of where our funds have been spent in recent months:

Design and Technology. The PSA buys all of the DT materials for the school. It's an eclectic shopping list: Sewing needles, embroidery thread, chenille stems, rainbow coloured card, bamboo sticks, lollipop sticks, masking tape, toothpicks, spaghetti, felt, cotton and many glue sticks. The children from nursery to Yr6 love their Design Technology. It's great we're able to make it happen.

We support the amazing **TasteEd** sessions - buying the serve ware, a great initiative that involves every class in the school.

Flamenco! Our KS2 pupils were able to participate in a PSA funded dance workshop during Spanish week.

Block Printing, again all years in the school were given access to paints, marbling ink and more card!

Our lucky year 5 students had their creativity unlocked during a PSA funded drama and writing workshop.

We have happily been able to support our incredible **SEND** team. Most recently purchasing 10 sensory swivel chairs for use throughout the school.

These are typical of some of the regular spends the PSA makes. Beyond this we are working on a big project... the next and hopefully final phase of the playground development. We believe that together we can make that happen. You'll be hearing more about this early in 2026 when we'll also be holding discos for our older children, regular tuck shops plus much more!

A big festive thank you to all of the staff at the school who we pester on a regular basis - there are some incredible individuals who continually have our back, going above and beyond to help us, and thanks to you, all the parents and carers.

Every cupcake and raffle ticket bought counts

Have a merry and peaceful winter break,
Alessandra, Sheena, Sreen, Kate D, Kate G and Tory
THE PSA COMMITTEE



TERM DATES CURRENT YEAR

Millfields Community School Term Dates 2025-26

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