



ST MICHAEL'S
C of E PRIMARY
HIGHGATE

Weekly Roundup Newsletter

2nd December 2022

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Head of School

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Message from our Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers,



It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas in school, everyone is busy working on Christmas displays and both halls have beautiful trees and there is also one shining brightly in the carpark. Some parents spent all morning filling lots of Christmas hampers, which now look amazing, so thank you to all the different teams for making this happen.

The KS1 nativity is sounding excellent, you are certainly in for a treat next week in the KS2 hall. The whole school will be watching the dress rehearsal on Monday and parents and carers are coming throughout the week to watch, plus the Early Years nativity will be performed by Nursery and Reception in the infant hall too. The Christmas fair opens at 12 noon on Sunday with lots of stalls, a Santa's grotto and café, plus the teachers and I will be selling nearly new school uniforms. Just 24 sleeps to Christmas and lots to do in-between before we end the term on **16th December at 2pm.**

Finally, a big thank you to the children in Year Three Deutscher Class and to Ms Kan and Ms Hawkins for a lovely inclusive celebration with excellent singing, acting and performance skills once again this morning.

Fran Sorapure

Stars of the Week

Going Above And Beyond



Year 2
Beau &
Aoife

Year 4
Zadie &
Saffron

Year 6
Samaya &
Ethan

Year 1
Anna &
Alistair

Year 3
Emilio &
Tilden

Year 5
Sesen &
Emilie

2023-24 Term Dates



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Term Dates 2023-24

Autumn Term 2023

	Starts	Ends	Term Days
Autumn 1	Monday 4 September 2023	Friday 20 October 2023	35
Holiday	Monday 23 October 2023	Friday 27 October 2023	
Autumn 2	Monday 30 October 2023	Thursday 21 December 2023	39
Holiday	Friday 22 December 2023	Friday 5 January 2024	

Spring Term 2024

	Starts	Ends	Term Days
Spring 1	Monday 8 January 2024	Friday 9 February 2024	25
Holiday	Monday 12 February 2024	Friday 16 February 2024	
Spring 2	Monday 19 February 2024	Thursday 28 March 2024	29
Holiday	Friday 29 March 2024	Friday 12 April 2024	

Summer Term 2024

	Starts	Ends	Term Days
Summer 1	Monday 15 April 2024	Friday 24 May 2024	29
Holiday	Monday 27 May 2024	Friday 31 May 2024	
Summer 2	Monday 3 June 2024	Wednesday 24 July 2024	38
Holiday	Thursday 25 July 2024	TBC	

Bank holidays

Christmas Day	Monday 25 December 2023
Boxing Day	Tuesday 26 December 2023
New Year's Day	Monday 1 January 2024
Good Friday (Bank Holiday)	Friday 29 March 2024
Easter Monday (Bank Holiday)	Monday 1 April 2024
May Bank Holiday	Monday 6 May 2024
Spring Bank Holiday	Monday 27 May 2024
August Bank Holiday	Monday 26 August 2024

Inset days: TBA. 5 days are set by the school for training; the school is closed on these days.

Please note: We **do not** authorise holidays in term time under any circumstances. Parents and Carers, please ensure that you do not book holidays and flights before term ends or after term has begun. Everyday in school matters. We see the number of requests for time out of the school e personal illness rise considerably towards the end of each term.

All requests to leave during term time are monitored by the Headteacher who may wish to meet with you to discuss your request further.



Deutscher Class *Family* Assembly



Deutscher Class shared their learning about Notting Hill Carnival and Great Black Britons with parents, carers and the rest of the school this morning. They had a lot of fun and should feel very proud.



Year 1 Europe and Nursery *Scottish Country Dancing*



On Wednesday 30th November, Year 1 Europe led the children from Nursery in an afternoon of Scottish Country Dancing. We all had great fun dancing the Camden Chaser, which we renamed "The Train Dance" because the follow-my-leader chase reminded us of a train. We loved celebrating one of our patron saints and learning about other cultures from the UK.

SAVE THE CHILDREN

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Thursday 8th December

This Thursday is Christmas Jumper Day! Children can come to school in their festive knits to help us raise money for Save the Children.



Donate now



Save the Children
CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

House Points & Attendance

Class House Point Winners

KS1 Ashman 308

LKS2 Ma 201

UPKS2 Parton 217

House Winner

St Andrew
701



Whole school Attendance **96.8%**



Class with the best attendance
Ma class at **95.9%**

Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
Monday 5 th December	
Tuesday 6 th December	KS1 Nativity Play – KS2 Hall at 9.30am Junior Show Choir at the Wellness Café, St Michaels Church
Wednesday 7 th December	Year 5 Swimming KS1 Nativity Play – KS2 Hall at 9.30am EYFS Nativity Play – KS1 Hall 9.30am Year 6 Bocelli Climbing
Thursday 8 th December	EYFS Nativity Play – KS1 Hall 9.30am Christmas Jumper Day Year 6 Glennie Climbing
Friday 9 th December	EYFS Nativity Play – KS1 Hall 9.30am Junior Show Choir
Monday 12 th December	Year 4 Natural History Museum Trip Year 5 Church Service Rehearsals Year 6 Community Cabaret Rehearsals
Tuesday 13 th December	Year 5 Church Service Rehearsals Year 6 Community Cabaret Rehearsals
Wednesday 14 th December	Year 3 and 4 Cinema Trip Christmas Lunch Year 5 Church Service Rehearsals
Thursday 15 th December	Church Service Led by Year 5
Friday 16 th December	LAST DAY OF TERM – 2pm Finish



Warm Place



Drop-in free craft making and table tennis every Thursday 10.30am to 3.30pm at the Holly Lodge Community Centre, 30 Makepeace Avenue, Highgate, London N6 6HL.

Open for **ALL AGES!!**

Come and try your hands at mosaics, create a bookmark, God's Eye or bring your own creative project along. The table tennis table will be set up for some fun games. Tea, coffee and light refreshments will also be served. Come and feel warm, welcomed, meet new friends and have a fun time!

Etching by: Rebecca Denton

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Holly Lodge Christmas Fair

Saturday 3rd December 10am - 6pm

Fashion, textiles, pottery, prints, handbags, cakes.
Come and say hello, browse, shop, eat, drink.
Support your local makers as well as your local community centre.



FREE ADMISSION



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Holly Lodge Community Centre
30 Makepeace Avenue
Highgate
London N6 6HL

Carols

in Pond Square

Tuesday 13th December
6.30pm

Followed by mulled wine and festive fare
at the Highgate Society, 10A South Grove



HIGHGATE
SOCIETY

Organised by the
Highgate Society with
the Highgate School
Symphonic Band and
Concert Choir

Collected by
the Highgate School
Pond Square Choir

