



ST MICHAEL'S  
C of E PRIMARY  
HIGHGATE

# Weekly Roundup Newsletter

9<sup>th</sup> December 2022

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Head of School

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Executive Headteacher

## Message from our Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers,



The Christmas festivities started in school this week with 5 nativity performances from Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 2 pupils, plus our amazing Show Choir sang in the Café in St Michael's Church on Tuesday afternoon and at our family assembly this morning. That's over 180 pupils playing and working together in celebration.

Next Tuesday afternoon, Year 6 will perform a cabaret for our local community at school, bringing people together with entertainment, refreshments, warmth and good cheer for the afternoon.

You are all invited to join us at St Michael's Church Service led by Year 5 on Thursday starting at 9:30 am. All children from Reception to Y6 will partner up and walk together to church to celebrate Christmas and the end of a very successful first term.

Have a good weekend.

**Fran Sorapure**

## Stars of the Week

Going Above And Beyond



**Year 2**  
Charlie &  
Hunter S

**Year 4**  
Noura &  
Amy

**Year 6**  
Vesper &  
Olivia

**Year 1**  
Oscar &  
Carys

**Year 3**  
Arthur &  
Evie

**Year 5**  
Orla &  
Kara



# Nursery and Reception Nativity







# Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity





# Choir Christmas Concerts

## A Trio of Christmas Concerts

The Junior Show Choir have been working hard all term preparing for the festive season. This morning, they performed their third concert in 6 days.

We started last Saturday evening at a joint Carol concert with the Highgate Choral Society at St Michael's Church. Tuesday saw us perform again at the church, this time to the local wellness cafe. This is a fabulous charity that offers support to lonely and vulnerable members of the local community and it was a real pleasure to spread a little extra joy at this time of year. Our trio of concerts was rounded off this morning with a family assembly for the parents and the rest of the Juniors. We are the largest Primary School choir in North London (I think), and certainly one of the hardest working. I already have a few things booked in for the coming term, and I can't wait to see how far we will go.

As if that wasn't enough, the album that we recorded last summer is now ready. Titled the *Rhythms of Music*, it will be available with a charitable donation very soon. To keep it as accessible as possible, the Junior Show Choir is one of the school's cheapest clubs. All donations for the album will go straight back into the Choir to help us to grow to bigger and better things.

Running the Junior Show Choir is an absolute joy and a pleasure, and I am always happy to take more children from Years 3 to 6. Please sign up for the new time in the usual way.



# Reading Raffle Winners!

Well done to our Reading Raffle winners: Penny, Matylda, Joseph and Edward!







## *Year 5 & 6 Table Tennis Tournament*



On the 1st of December a squad of 2 boys and 2 girls from Year 5 and 6 went to Alexandra Park School for the annual Haringey Table Tennis Tournament. The team did very well and although not winners on the day had a great time playing against boys and girls from the borough.



Everyone enjoyed themselves a lot. Our team had a fantastic attitude throughout and always tried their best. Georgie in year 6 said, "It was really fun and you get to meet and make friends with children from other schools.

Thanks to the whole squad: Azai , Arez , Srna and Georgie from Year 5 and Year 6. They performed amazingly.





## Year 6 Leavers Cinema Trip



Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November, 44 (out of 60!) kids from last year (the 2022 Leavers) went to see Matilda the Musical film at the Odeon Luxe in Holloway Road. Considering that they have all now left and gone to their respective secondary schools, it is a real testament to the sense of community and friendship that the children have and an especially nice way for them to get together and catch up whilst reliving and singing along to all the songs that they all so loved performing at school in their Year 6 musical extravaganza!







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together we raised  
**£669.02**

Thank you for your  
generous donations!

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in Need**







# Spring Term Clubs

BOOKINGS AVAILABLE  
MONDAY 12TH DEC



# 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.



# House Points & Attendance

## Class House Point Winners

KS1 Europe 242

LKS2 Deutscher 153

UPKS2 Warwick 210

## House Winner

St David  
602



Whole school Attendance **89.7%**



Class with the best attendance  
**Ma class at 97.9%**

# Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 4 Natural History Museum Trip Year 5 Church Service Rehearsals Year 6 Community Cabaret Rehearsals <b>NO TAG RUGBY CLUB</b>
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 & EYFS Christmas Parties Year 5 Church Service Rehearsals Year 6 Community Cabaret – 2pm
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 and 4 Cinema Trip Christmas Lunch Year 5 Church Service Rehearsals
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Church Service Led by Year 5
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	LAST DAY OF TERM – <b>2pm Finish</b>



School vision

We believe our children's future is created every day. Every moment counts.

Brought to life through our mission

To nurture and inspire our children to develop a love of learning in a supportive Christian community and become the best they can be.

Underpinned by our values

Endurance | Forgiveness | Koinonia | Creation | Friendship





St Michaels Church Highgate



SUNDAY 11TH DECEMBER

# Messy Christingle



4PM - 6PM



FUN, FOOD,  
CRAFT & GAMES



**FOR ALL AGES!**

**ANDY.ALDRIDGE@STMICHAELSHIGHGATE.ORG**



# *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!



# Carols

## in Pond Square

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December  
6.30pm

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



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SOCIETY

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

Collection for  
the Highgate School  
Foundation

