



ST MICHAEL'S
C of E PRIMARY
HIGHGATE

WEEKLY ROUNDUP NEWSLETTER

15th December 2023



Message from our
Head of School

Sinead O'Brien

Dear Parents & Carers,

What an amazing week we have had! Both EYFS and KS1 produced the most fantastic nativities that have kicked off Christmas perfectly. The children spoke and sang beautifully and the acting was first class. We were also lucky enough to be entertained by the year 6 pupils who put on the most wonderful community cabaret for some invited guests. The children devised the majority of the show themselves including writing and acting comedy sketches, singing and playing instruments, they also serenaded our guests with classic Christmas tunes. This kind of production does not happen overnight and I want to thank all St Michael's staff for their dedication and enthusiasm in supporting the children with the production of these events.

Next week we have our Christmas church service which will be led by Year 5. I know that this will be the ultimate icing on our Christmas cake and you are all most welcome to join us in this celebration.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs O'Brien

School vision

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

Brought to life through our mission

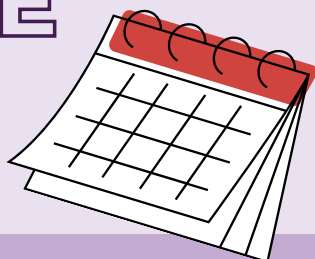
To nurture and inspire our children to develop a love of learning in a supportive Christian community and become the best they can be.

Underpinned by our values

Endurance | Forgiveness | Koinonia | Creation | Friendship



DATES FOR THE DIARY



Mon 11th	Year 6 Boys & Girls Football Matches Year 5 & 6 Girls Football Matches v Highgate Primary
Tue 12th	KS1 Nativity to Parents (9:30am, KS2 Hall)
Wed 13th	KS1 Nativity to parents (9:30am, KS2 Hall) Flu Vaccination Catch-up
Thu 14th	EYFS Nativity to Nursery parents (9:30am, KS1 Hall) Year 6 Community Cabaret - Junior Hall 2:30 - 4:00
Fri 15th	EYFS Nativity to Reception parents (9:30am, KS1 Hall)
Mon 18th	Years 3,4,5 and 6 Trip to Phoenix Cinema
Tue 19th	EYFS Theatre Workshop at School
Wed 20th	Christmas Lunch Class Parties
Thu 21st	Year 5 Church Service 2pm Finish
Fri 22nd	School closed



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Christmas Dates

Date	Activity	Time and Place	Who for
Sat 2nd	School Choir at Highgate Choral Society Concert	St Michael's Church, 5-8pm	All welcome
Sun 3rd	Whole School Christmas Fair	St Michael's School, 12-4pm	All welcome
Thu 7th	Christmas Jumper Day	School, all day	Everyone
Mon 11th	KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal to whole school	KS2 Hall, 2-3pm	Pupils & Staff
Tue 12th	KS1 Nativity to Parents	KS2 Hall, 9:30-10:30am	Parents
Wed 13th	KS1 Nativity	KS2 Hall, 9:30-10:30am	Parents
	EYFS Dress Rehearsal to KS1	KS1 Hall, 2-3pm	KS1
Thu 14th	EYFS Nativity	KS1 Hall, 9:30-10:30am	Parents
	Year 6 Community Cabaret	KS2 Hall, 2:30-4pm	Invited guests
Fri 15th	EYFS Nativity	KS1 Hall, 9:30-10:30am	Parents
Tue 19th	EYFS Theatre Workshop	KS2 Hall, 2-3pm	Early Years Pupils
Wed 20th	Christmas Lunch Day	KS1 & KS2 Halls	Pupils & Staff
Thu 21st	Christmas Church Service led by Year 5	St Michael's Church, 9:30-10:30am	All welcome
	Whole School Finish 2pm	2pm	All pupils

NEW 2024 - 2025 TERM DATES

	STARTS	ENDS	TERM DAYS
INSET	Monday 2 September 2024 Friday 11 October 2024 Friday 25 October 2024 Friday 22 November 2024	Monday 2 September 2024 Friday 11 October 2024 Friday 25 October 2024 Friday 22 November 2024	
Autumn 1	Tuesday 3 September 2024	Thursday 24 October 2024	37
Holiday	Monday 28 October 2024	Friday 1 November 2024	
Autumn 2	Monday 4 November 2024	Friday 20 December 2024	34
Holiday	Monday 23 December 2024	Friday 3 January 2025	
Spring 1	Monday 6 January 2025	Friday 14 February 2025	30
Holiday	Monday 17 February 2025	Friday 21 February 2025	
Spring 2	Monday 24 February 2025	Friday 4 April 2025	30
Holiday	Monday 7 April 2025	Monday 21 April 2025	
INSET	Friday 27 June 2025	Friday 27 June 2025	23
Summer 1	Tuesday 22 April 2025	Friday 23 May 2025	
Holiday	Monday 26 May 2025	Friday 30 May 2025	37
Summer 2	Monday 2 June 2025	Tuesday 22 July 2025	
Holiday	Wednesday 23 July 2025	Friday 29 August 2025	

BANK HOLIDAYS

Christmas Day	Wednesday 25 December 2024
Boxing Day	Thursday 26 December 2024
New Year's Day	Wednesday 1 January 2025
Good Friday (Bank Holiday)	Friday 18 April 2025
Easter Monday (Bank Holiday)	Monday 21 April 2025
May Bank Holiday	Monday 5 May 2025
Spring Bank Holiday	Monday 26 May 2025
August Bank Holiday	Monday 25 August 2025

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

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

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

House Points & Attendance

Class House Point Winners

KS1	K2 169
LKS2	Fuji 1116
UKS2	Cairngorms 340

House Winner

St George 400	
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Class with the best attendance:

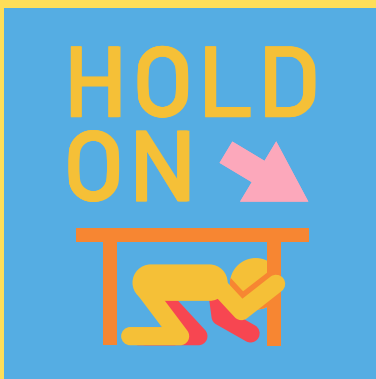
Y5 Cairngorm Class

with 97.4%





Y5 GEOGRAPHY



Over the past two weeks Year 5 have been learning about Earthquake preparedness in Geography. A particular highlight was practising how to respond to an earthquake threat themselves: every time the teacher shouted "EARTHQUAKE" they had to duck under the desks and hold onto the table legs until the danger had passed.





KS1 NATIVITY



The Bethlehem Star



St Michael's Tennis Tournament

On Tuesday 5th December, St Michael's hosted a tennis tournament in the New River Sport and Fitness Centre against Rhodes Avenue, Highgate Primary, Channing, and Tetherdown.

The events included:

- Mixed Doubles
- Girls' Doubles
- Boys' Doubles
- Singles

St Michael's came 1st, 2nd or 3rd in every event and won the tournament overall. Every school taking part agreed that the event was fantastic! Hopefully, this will be the first of many tennis tournaments hosted by St Michael's.



The All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club

On Wednesday 6th December, Year 5 visited Wimbledon. The Tennis Time Travellers programme took Year 5 back to what life was like in the Victorian era up to the 1920s.

In addition to learning about Wimbledon's role in the creation of lawn tennis, Year 5 learnt how the development of The All England Lawn Tennis Club reflected the wider growth of the railroads and changes to the surrounding area.

The Wimbledon Team guided us through the fashions of the time for both men and women and read parts of the 1901 census. Year 5 also participated in a version of a town meeting to discuss the possibility of new grounds for the tournament.







Finally, we were given a tour of the Grounds and visited the Museum. The whole day was amazing!



SPRING 2024 CLUBS

BOOKING NOW AVAILABLE!

BEFORE SCHOOL

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
Y3&4 Gymnastics 	Y5&6 Gymnastics 	Rec. Gymnastics 	Y1&2 Gymnastics 	Y3-6 Choir 
Y3-6 Basketball 	Y3&4 Tennis 	Y5&6 Tennis 	Y1-6 Chess 	Y1&2 Tennis 
	R,Y1&2 Yoga 	Y3&4 iBrick 		

AFTER SCHOOL

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
Y1-6 Capoeira 	R&Y1 Ballet 	Y1&2 iBrick 	Rec. Debutots 	Y1&2 Choir 
Y1&2 Debutots 	Y3&4 Football 	Y3-6 Street Dance 	Y1&2 Football 	Y4-6 Art 
Y5&6 Film 	BONJOUR R,Y1&2 French 	Y5&6 Football 	R,Y1&2 Spanish 	Y5&6 Tennis 
Rec. Football 	Y5&6 Netball 	Y1-3 Art 	Y2-6 Drama 	
Y3-6 Science 	Y1&2 Science 		Y3-6 Girls' Football 	
Y1&2 Tennis 			Y3&4 Tennis 	

Celebrate

Christmas

20th December 2023

Come join us for Christmas lunch!

Roast Turkey

Red Pepper Mozzarella Parcels

Vegetable Lentil Loaf

Roast Potatoes

Sage & Onion Stuffing

Parsley Carrots

Honey Roasted Parsnips

Brussels Sprouts

Pigs in Blankets

Christmas Chocolate Cake

Christmas Shortbread Biscuits

Plus a Fresh Fruit Platter

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MAYOR OF LONDON

Date: December 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

As the end of term approaches, I wanted to write to you to let you know how successful our Universal Free School Meals programme has been. I'm pleased to say I've now provided more than 10 million free lunches to primary school pupils in state-funded schools across our city since September. As part of our emergency intervention to help with the cost of living crisis, I'll continue to fund millions more free school meals until at least the end of this academic year, ensuring children don't go hungry and saving families hundreds of pounds.

I'm doing this because I know many parents and carers are desperately struggling with the cost of living right now. As someone who received free school meals myself growing up, I know they can be a lifeline to people who are finding it hard to make ends meet and that they can also help children concentrate in the classroom and reach their full potential.

As Mayor of London, I also fundamentally believe that feeding our children shouldn't be an optional luxury but should rank as one of our society's top priorities. Making sure our children are properly fed and healthy is vital to building a better London for everyone – a city that is fairer, safer, more inclusive and more prosperous for all.

I've been deeply touched by the heartfelt messages I've received from both parents and pupils, who've told me what these free school meals mean to them. I know times are still tough for many families across London, so I sincerely hope this programme will continue to make a meaningful difference to you and your children, particularly as the days get colder and energy bills remain high.

Even though your child is receiving their free school meals automatically, it is still vitally important – if you have not already done so – to complete your school or borough's registration form in case your child is eligible for extra funding for their school, worth over £1,300 per year, plus any wider benefits for your family. For more information about this and anything else about the scheme, please visit our online hub: <https://www.london.gov.uk/free-school-meals>.

Families having difficulties with their financial situation can also access advice and support by visiting my cost of living hub here: <https://www.london.gov.uk/programmes-strategies/communities-and-social-justice/help-cost-living>.

I wish your family a happy and healthy winter break, and I hope your children are looking forward to their school meals when they return in the New Year.

Yours sincerely,



Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London



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Christmas Nativity Service

DEC 17 | SUNDAY | 10AM

Everyone welcome - children please dress as sheep/animal of choice. ★ • Mince pies and mulled wine afterwards ★



**Is your child aged 3 or older?
Do you plan to come to church on Christmas morning?**

Take part in our amazing Nativity!

**The rehearsal is on Sunday 17th December 12:30-2pm
for the performance at 10am on Christmas morning**

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RUNNING EVERY SCHOOL HOLIDAY!

Summer Holiday, Easter Holiday,
Winter Holiday and Half Terms!



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2nd Jan - 5th Jan

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