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24th November 2025

Dear Parents/Carers;

Christmas is Coming!

I love this time of the year and, although Christmas seems a long way off, it will soon be upon us. We try to make the season as special as possible for all of our children. As well as recognising and celebrating this important Christian Festival, through the festivities we will also teach children, regardless of their faith, some important traditional Great British Values – those of citizenship, empathy, tolerance, community-spirit, sharing & giving, 'joining in' and 'having fun'. I'm writing to tell you about just some of the many activities planned for our children before the end of term.

Christmas Bring & Buy Sale (for parents) on Friday 28th November



On Friday 28th November, from 2:30-4:00, we will be opening our doors for you to come and shop at our annual Christmas Bring & Buy Sale. A stall costs £5 (if you're interested in being a seller) and you can reserve a stall by speaking to our staff in the School Office – we're allocating slots on a first come, first served basis - so, if you are interested in being a seller, **please book your stall NOW!** All money raised at the Bring & Buy sale will go towards our Christmas Fun Day.

We hope this will be a good way for you to pick up some "Christmas Bargains" or to have a "Christmas Clear Out" - depending on whether you are buying or selling! There will be a pre-loved uniform stall too!

If you are running your own stall, you'll be able to set up from 2pm. We hope to see you all there!

Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday 11th December



This year, as usual, we are going to be supporting 'Save the Children' and participating in 'Christmas Jumper Day'. On **Thursday 11th December** all children are invited to wear their **Christmas Jumpers** to school in return for a donation of **£1** which we will pass on to this important charity. **Please**



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note that on this day, children who wish to participate should wear their normal uniform but with their Christmas Jumper over the top.

Christmas Fun Day on Friday 5th December.

On Friday 5th December, we will be holding our annual **Fun Day**. This will be a very special day for the children. The hall will be transformed into a mini Christmas Bazaar, recreating the type of traditional Infant School Christmas celebrations that we as parents grew up with when we were young.

There will be a café and various festive stalls, run by School Staff. Children will have the opportunity to make traditional Christmas decorations and crafts that they will then be able to take home with them.



There will also be a 'bring and buy stall' – where children will be able to 'buy back' toy and book donations. All children in attendance will have the opportunity to have their photograph taken with Father Christmas, which will be available for you to purchase at a later date for £2.00.

What you can do to help:



• Please start to bring any unwanted toys, books, games and presents to school for the 'Fun Day Stall' and drop them into the school office.

• We need donations of empty cardboard egg boxes for one of our stalls. If you have any empty egg boxes, please don't throw them away – bring them to the school office.

• Closer to the time, we'll also need donations of cakes, biscuits and drinks for the café

On The Day:

- Fun Day is a **non-uniform day** and children are allowed to wear their own clothes / party clothes.
- On Fun Day your child will need some loose change (**but no more than £1**) in 'small coins' to go shopping with and a **carrier bag** with their name on in order to take home their purchases. Children really enjoy our Christmas Fun Days and they also gain a valuable insight into the principles of shopping and budgeting – like grown-ups.



Christmas Lunch at TVI on Monday 15th December

This year the children will be having a traditional Christmas Lunch at school on Monday 15th December. Antoinette and her team will be cooking up a delicious roast turkey dinner with all of the trimmings. There will of course be other options too.





Christmas Concerts

Christmas concerts are still a very long way off indeed; We're still deciding on this year's theme but it's sure to be spectacular! As usual it will be followed by a traditional Nativity led by our Nursery Children – with a great big British 'everyone joining in' spirit! There'll be the usual singing and dancing, as well as our famous grand finale! Everyone, for miles around, loves our Christmas concerts! The concerts will take place on the following dates and more information will follow soon:

Tuesday 16th December 1:30pm (for Reception Parents)	Wednesday 17th December 9:30am (for Morning Nursery & Year 1 Parents)	Thursday 18th December 1:30pm (for Afternoon Nursery & Year 2 Parents)	Friday 19th December 9:30am (for Any Parents Who Missed The Earlier Slots)
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Remember! On concert days you won't be able to bring buggies or push-chairs into school (for Health and Safety reasons), but they can be left under the shelter outside the hall. Please try and come on your allocated day – as on the final day, it usually gets really busy.

Term Dates and Timings



The last day of term for ALL children will be on Friday 19th December and it will be an early finish time of 1:30pm.

The first day back to school for all children will be on Tuesday 6th January.



As always, thank you for your support and trying to get your child into school every day



Class Parties – Friday 19th December

On the last day of term the children will be having their Christmas class parties. **Party Day is a non-uniform day.** We'll need some donations of party foods / drinks on this day and we'll send you out more information

closer to the time.

Please note that Afternoon Nursery children will have their class party on Thursday 18th December.







Yours sincerely,

Paul Jordan
Headteacher



PS. Please scroll down to see our **Calendar for the rest of this term.**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

When?	Event	Non-Uniform?	Parent Event?
School closes at 1:30pm on Friday 19th December Premier Education are running a Winter Holiday Camp @TVI – Please see below for more information			
November			
Thursday 27 th	Cooking Together in Hippos		Yes
Friday 28 th	Cooking Together in Koalas Christmas Bazaar @TVI		Yes
December			
Thursday 4 th	Cooking Together in Bumble Bees		Yes
Friday 5 th	Christmas Fun Day		
Monday 8 th Thursday 11 th	Year 1 Children will be selling cakes in the hall before school every day this week! Christmas Jumper Day  	Wear your Christmas jumper over your uniform today £1 Donation for Charity	
Friday 12 th	Cooking Together in Nursery		Yes
Monday 15 th Tuesday 16 th	Christmas Lunch Day Christmas Concert – Day 1 – Afternoon Concert – Reception Families		Yes
Wednesday 17 th	Christmas Concert – Day 2 – Morning Concert – Year 1 and Morning Nursery Families		Yes
Thursday 18 th	Christmas Concert – Day 3 – Afternoon Concert – Year 2 and Afternoon Nursery Families		Yes
Friday 19 th	Christmas Concert – Day 1 – Morning Concert – Full Time Nursery Families & Anyone Who Missed Their Day! Half Day – School Closes at 1:30pm for the Christmas Holidays Today		 Yes
January			
Tuesday 6 th	All children return to school – normal hours		



This Winter

Get involved in **healthy**
and **fun** activities

Check out the programme
at lbdd.gov.uk/HAF

**EACH ACTIVITY INCLUDES
A HEALTHY LUNCH**

Scan the QR code for our new and easy
booking process. Bookings open on
the 22nd November at 12pm.



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This provision is free for children and young people who live or go to school in Barking and Dagenham and are eligible for benefits related free school meals.



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Take part in a **Winter holiday** to remember in Barking and Dagenham

Location	Venue	Dates	Age Group
RM8 2FL	Artbash Camp Festive @ Grafton Primary School	Monday 22 to Tuesday 23 December Monday 29 to Tuesday 30 December	5 to 11 years
IG11 7BT	Art & Feast: A Winter Wonder Workshop @ Laura I. Art Gallery	Monday 22 to Tuesday 23 December Monday 29 to Tuesday 30 December	5 to 12 years
RM8 3AR	Ballerz Winter Camp @ Valence Primary School	Monday 22 to Tuesday 23 December Monday 29 to Tuesday 30 December	5 to 12 years
IG11 8JA	Ballerz Winter Camp @ Northbury Primary School	Monday 22 to Tuesday 23 December Monday 29 to Tuesday 30 December	5 to 12 years
RM10 9SA	BMoneywise Winter Camp @ Park Active Age Centre, Dagenham	Monday 22 to Tuesday 23 December Monday 29 to Tuesday 30 December	8 to 16 years
IG11 7JA	Box Up Winter Camp @ Gascolgne Primary School, Barking	Monday 22 to Tuesday 23 December Monday 29 to Tuesday 30 December	7 to 16 years
RM9 6AW	Carousel of Fun & NERF Battles Camp @ Goresbrook School	Monday 22 to Tuesday 23 December Monday 29 to Tuesday 30 December	5 to 11 years
IG11 0SQ	Centre Stage Perform @ The Wilds, Northgate Road, Barking Riverside	Monday 22 to Tuesday 23 December Monday 29 to Tuesday 30 December	5 to 11 years
RM9 4RB	Centre Stage Perform @ Monteagle Primary School	Monday 22 to Tuesday 23 December Monday 29 to Tuesday 30 December	5 to 11 years
RM10 7YP	Christmas HAF Fun for SEND Children @ Pembroke Gardens, Dagenham	Monday 22 to Tuesday 23 December Monday 29 to Tuesday 30 December	5 to 16 years
IG11 8TA	Explore the Wild Activity Programme @ Outdoor Bowls Pavillion	Monday 22 to Tuesday 23 December Monday 29 to Tuesday 30 December	8 to 12 years
RM9 5PU	Fuel & Flourish Holiday Camp @ Bobby Moore Sports Hub, Dagenham	Monday 22 to Tuesday 23 December Monday 29 to Tuesday 30 December	10 to 15 years
RM9 6UU	Inspire Minds Through Sports Winter Camp @ St Peter's RC Primary School	Monday 22 to Tuesday 23 December Monday 29 to Tuesday 30 December	4 to 11 years
IG11 0LG	Inspire Minds Through Sports Winter Camp @ Thames View Infants	Monday 22 to Tuesday 23 December Monday 29 to Tuesday 30 December	4 to 11 years
RM10 7PR	Unleash Your Creativity (UYC) – HAF Winter edition @ Heath Park Community Centre, Dagenham	Monday 22 to Tuesday 23 December Monday 29 to Tuesday 30 December	8 to 15 years
IG11 7BT	Winter Camp @ Laura I. Art Gallery CIC	Monday 22 to Tuesday 23 December Monday 29 to Tuesday 30 December	5 to 12 years
IG11 9ET	Let's Get Active (LGA) Christmas Basketball Camp @ Barking Abbey School Leisure Centre	Monday 22 to Tuesday 23 December Monday 29 to Tuesday 30 December	4 to 11 years
IG11 0TR	Malearn Haf Camp @ Jo Richardson Community School	Monday 22 to Tuesday 23 December Monday 29 to Tuesday 30 December	5 to 11 years
RM9 6NH	Malearn Winter Camp @ Thomas Arnold, Primary School	Monday 22 to Tuesday 23 December Monday 29 to Tuesday 30 December	5 to 11 years
RM10 8UR	Omega Sports Winter Camp @ John Perry Primary School	Monday 22 to Tuesday 23 December Monday 29 to Tuesday 30 December	4 to 12 years
RM9 6JH	Premier Education Winter Camp @ Godwin Primary School	Monday 22 to Tuesday 23 December Monday 29 to Tuesday 30 December	4 to 12 years
RM10 8DE	Premier Education Winter Camp @ Hunters Hall Primary School	Monday 22 to Tuesday 23 December Monday 29 to Tuesday 30 December	4 to 12 years



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Come & Join Us!

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WINTER CAMP



DATES

Monday 22nd December
Tuesday 23rd December
Monday 29th December
Tuesday 30th December

THAMES VIEW INFANTS

Bastable Avenue
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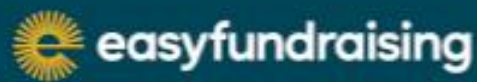
Our Winter Camp is part of the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme, offering **free** places to families who meet the eligibility criteria, to enjoy enriching activities and healthy meals.

If your child is not eligible to attend the camp for free, we would still love to welcome them along. The cost £18 per day.

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