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## Key Dates for your Diary



### Monday 8th January

First Day Back

### Friends and Families Workshops

Wednesday 10th January @ 2.30pm

Wednesday 17th January @ 2.30pm

Wednesday 24th January @ 2.30pm

Wednesday 31st January @ 2.30pm

### Thursday 25th January

Year 6

Class Assembly

### Thursday 25th January

Reception Class

Educational Visit to Little Angel Theatre

### 12 –16th February

Spring Half Term

### Thursday 28th March

Spring Term Ends

**We remind you that all holidays during term time will not be authorised and will incur a fine from the Local Authority.**

Dear Friends and Families,

Firstly, thank you for all your support and encouragement over what has been a long and eventful term. In addition, a big thank you to all our staff for their hard work and commitment to ensuring a consistent offer for our children. It is a thought-provoking time for us all as we say good bye to some staff whilst welcoming new staff onto our team. We are all very much looking forward to the start of the new year in January.

As many of you are aware David Murphy, our premises manager, has recently won a role leading a team in a school setting in Camden. David has been at the school for most of my tenure here and will be missed by staff, children and families alike. I am sure you will want to join us all in our congratulations and wish him well. David has been transitioning Ron Jackman to the school whilst we advertise and secure a premises manager to the role in January. The application form can be found on the school website.

I am sure you have been hearing about Cookie, our elf visitor, over December. They have been up to mischief, sometimes encouraged by their friend Trixie. You can see some of their escapades later in this newsletter. Movie Monday was a pleasure. The Odeon feedback to us how polite, well mannered and well behaved the children were. The children cleaned up after themselves and took thanked the staff as we left. Well done everyone!

A huge thank you to everyone for your support with our Winter Warmer. Elfridges was a huge success and we look forward to this becoming a yearly event. We will definitely need a larger venue next time! Together we raised £573.72 which will support the free enrichment programmes and visits we provide for all our children. Thank you.

Meanwhile I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year . We look forward to seeing you all in the spring term. 2024.

## House Points



## Totals for the Term

3939

Paradise Park

3172

Clock Tower:

4405

Cally Bridge

3231

Market Road



## Foundation Stage — Reception & Nursery

The children have been busy getting ready for our Early Years Winter Show. They enjoyed telling the Nativity Christmas story and they sang some lovely Festive songs.



Our adorable Christmas jumper day outfits.





## Years One, Two and Three

Year 1 had a fantastic time at the Natural History Museum.



Year 2 have been writing such amazing poetry! We enjoyed listening to our friends sharing their work. The children enjoyed exploring the Natural History Museum. It was fun to go exploring with friends! We saw so many interesting things about our world, past, present and future!



Year 3 our Elf on the shelf mischief!





Incredible movie Monday in which Years 1-6 were treated to a Cinema trip to see the new movie Wonka.

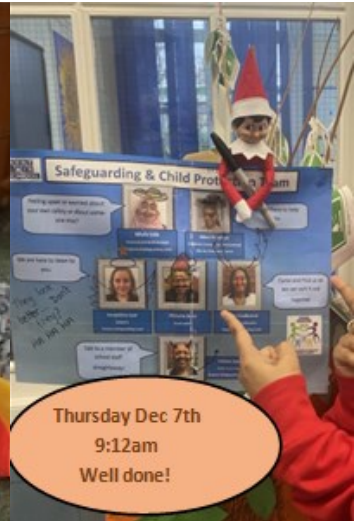
A huge thank you to all those who supported our Winter Warmer 2023. It was wonderful to see parents and children enjoy the activities and buying presents for loved ones.



Time to relax and enjoy the movie.







Can you spot Cookie ?

Year 6. 9:03am. Sufiyan has since joined in on the elf hunt (totally not photoshopped). (YR5 fund cookie @ 08:45) Good Luck tomorrow Yr6



Way up there, cheeky!



Will I be back next year?



Such a mischievous elf!



## December 21st 'Elf On The Shelf'



*Once you pop you can't stop.  
I loved being in your school.  
'Happy Holidays'*



Year 5. 08:51



Year 4. 08:53



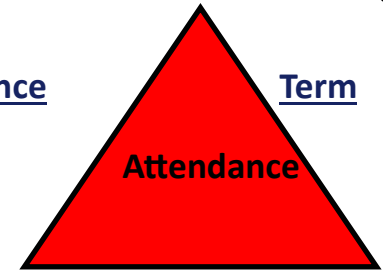
Year 6. 09:02

*We hope to see  
cookie again  
next year!*



Autumn Term Attendance

**93.3: %**



Unfortunately, due to high levels of sickness and a number of persistent absentees we have not met our target.



**ATTENDANCE**

**Target 96.5%**

Please support your child to be in school, on time, every day!



## Reminders...

Please ensure your child is in full school uniform for the start of the Spring Term

End of the autumn term.  
Thursday 21st December 2pm

**Winter Break**  
Mon 25th December 2023-  
Friday 5th January 2024

Friends and Family  
Continues every  
Wednesday  
From January

**15th January 2024**  
**Deadline for Reception**  
**Applications**

**First day back is Mon**  
**8th January 2024**

**Spring Half Term**  
**Mon 12th February-**  
**Friday 16th February**

Reception Class trip to  
Little Angel Theatre  
25th January