

# PRINCE OF WALES PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter 6<sup>Th</sup> December 2024

Dear Parents/Carers, Governors and Friends,

### **PoW Christmas Card**

Thanks to the magnificent effort of our children followed by some difficult decision making, the festive outfits for Values Ambassadors' Christmas card have been chosen. Turn to page 7 for the final result.

### **Competition Winners**

Children from our Year 1&2 and Year 3&4 teams burst into my office to share their excitement at having won the Spelling Bee for their age groups. They couldn't wait to tell their parents either as you can see on page 4. Our children were well prepared at school and at home and did themselves proud. With thanks to all the adults that supported our children in their preparations.

### <u>December – New Value</u>

This month we are introducing to our Values Ambassador, Angelica, who Embodies the value of APPRECIATION.

### **Cardless Christmas Donations**

In the spirit of our school value of Sustainability and Stewardship, we continue with our initiative to reduce to amount of Christmas cards given out by children and staff and instead to donate to a worthy cause. This year, we are looking closer to home to support a range of school initiatives and for this we aim to raise funds for our weekly board games and also to support wet break and lunch time activities. Please consider what you might have spent on cards and make a donation towards Boardgames on Parent Pay instead. Many thanks.

Parent Questionnaire follow up - The school makes me aware what my child will learn during the year

At the start of each term, all year groups share the curriculum map with their parents/carers that contains an overview of all the learning that is planned. We encourage for these be used in conversations at home between adults and children. In addition, the curriculum content of all subject can be found here: <a href="Our Curriculum | Prince of Wales Primary School">Our Curriculum | Prince of Wales Primary School</a>. Under separate links you can also find out all the additional learning opportunities that are on offer including climate action, outdoor learning, enrichment, gardening and boardgames.

### **Doubles Day**

Can your child explain why *today* is **DOUBLES DAY**? Apparently, something to do with the date 6/12/24. For this day only, Times Tables Rock Stars has organised a special one-off event. <u>Times Tables Rock Stars: Play</u>



### The ETSP A huge thank you to all our incredible pupils and teachers, who worked so hard to prepare and compete in this year's challenging ETSP Spelling Bee 2024! Prince of Wales Primary School Capel Manor Primary School Carterhatch Infants Primary School St Andrew's Enfield CE Primary School St Andrew's Southgate CE Primary School Chase Side Primary School De Bohun Primary School Enfield Heights Academy St John's CE Primary School St Michael's CE Primary School Hadley Wood Primary School Suffolks Primary School Keys Meadow Primary School Kingfisher Hall Primary Academy Worcesters Primary School

And a special well done to our ETSP Spelling Bee 2024 Winners...

Year 1&2
Prince of Wales
Primary School

Year 3&4
Prince of Wales
Primary School

Year 5&6 St Michael's

Doubles Day

Mr Jan M Bless Headteacher

> 100% 96% 90% 80% 70% 60% 50%

## Attendance for week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024

Birch 89% Oak 90%	1G 91.4%	2F 93.6%	3F 89.6%	4A 91.3%	5G 90.4%	6C 98.5%
	1S 89.6%	2G 90.8%	3H 93.6%	4H 95.6%	5S 89.2%	6D 93.1%
	1T 96.4%	2M 96.4%	3W 91.2%	4L 94.5%	5T 94.6%	6F 90.4%

SCHOOL YEAR 2024/2025 – upcoming dates					
DATE	YEAR	EVENT CALENDAR!			
9.12.24 10.12.24 11.12.24	All	Year 3 am / Year 2 pm Year 6 am / Year 5 pm Year 4 pm			
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> December	All	Times Tables Rock Stars DOUBLES day			
10.12.24 & 11.12.24	Y1	Y1 Nativity am (instead of PoW Café)			
Thu 12 <sup>th</sup> December	various	Rock Steady Concert			
Tue 17 <sup>th</sup> December	All	Class Christmas Parties & surprise Santa visits			
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> December		Christmas Dinner + Christmas Jumper Day Talent Show			
Thu 19 <sup>th</sup> December	By invitation	End of term certificates			
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> December	All	Carols around the Tree ½ day			
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	All	Inset Day – school closed			
Tue 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	All	Start of Spring Term 2025			
Tue 14 <sup>th</sup> January	JL Team	Junior Leadership Team visiting Parliament			

### **Board Games 2024/2025**

In the next two terms, we will be inviting parents to participate in a Friday board games session with their child. Look out for further communications with the exact date and time.

 Spring 1
 Spring 2
 Summer 1

 Week 4 - Year 2
 Week 4 - Year 5
 Week 3 - Year 1

 Week 5 - Year 3
 Week 5 - Year 6
 Week 4 - Year 4

# School Term and Holiday Dates Academic Year 2024-25







Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November Inset Day 3 – school closed

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December Last day of Autumn term – school closes at 1.30pm

Spring Term 2025

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January Inset Day 4— school closed
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January School reopens to pupils
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February Last day of half term
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February School reopens to pupils
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April Last day of Spring term — school closes at 1.30pm

Summer Term 2025

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April School reopens to pupils

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May School closed — Bank Holiday

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May Last day of half term

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June Inset Day 5— school closed

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June School reopens to pupils

Tue 22<sup>nd</sup> July Last day of the school year – school closes at 1.30pm



### In November we introduce Angelica, our Values Ambassador for APPRECIATION

## These pupils received a certificate this week:

Emre 1G, Huseyin 1S, Antea 1T, Jonas 2F, Klea 2G, Ka'vell 2M, Harper 3F, Ashleigh 3H, Sahra 3W, Elif 4A, Simal 4H, Angelo 4L, Elisiana 5G, Nur 5S, Aaliyah 5T, Lillie-Mae 6C, An'niya 6D & Mazie 6F











Outstanding UPSTANDER behaviour



























## Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – Allstars Gym Festival

This week children from Year 1 and 2 took part in the Allstars Gym Festival which was held at Southbury Leisure Center.

They had been practicing for this festival during lunchtimes at school. Their dedication and practice ensured that they performed really well and they should be proud of their performances.

The children had to perform a floor routine for judges. Their routines included forward rolls, pencil rolls and bunny hops. They also had to demonstrate how to walk along a bench and jump off it using the correct techniques.

Although they did not win the trophy, they were excellent ambassadors for the school and they received special medals for their efforts. Well done everybody!

Mr Ferns and Mrs Fromet



## December Family Home Learning Project







Our school value for the month of December is Appreciation, and, this month we are introducing our LEARNERS character Angelica! Tell the people you live with at home how Angelica became this month's Value Ambassador.



This month, we invite you to work with the people at home to appreciate something new, like a new hobby, a place, different music genres or some new books. The choice is yours.

As always, you can present your project however you like. Get creative and work together with your family or a friend! Here are a few ideas. Please take some photographs to share.

- Write a daily gratitude list of three things you appreciate and are thankful for each day.
- Design a poster promoting why it is important to appreciate new ideas, places, hobbies or books.
- Take photographs and make an album of things, people and places you appreciate.
- Plant some bulbs and appreciate them growing in the spring.

Projects are due by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January and we can't wait to see what you come up with.





## Wonderful Board Game

Sophie in 3H celebrated her 8<sup>th</sup> birthday this week and her mum asked what she could get the children as a gift. Mr Halley suggested maybe a wet play game.

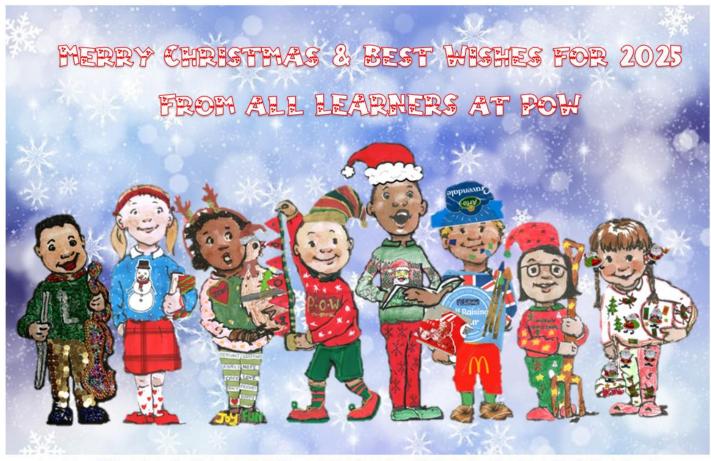
On Wednesday, Sophie brought in the game. She made the game with her mum and her dad with the playing pieces 3D printed. The game cards link to our school LEARNERS values.

What a great gift, combining two unique aspects of our school – weekly boardgames *and* our school values!

Sophie and her friends demonstrated the game in Mr Bless' office. The game will be available to play during wet play breaks in 3H and also during the Friday board games sessions.

### School policy regarding birthday treats

Due to children and staff allergies as well as to promote healthy foods, we suggest that a donation of a book or board game is made to the class.



Lenny by Laura 2G, Erin by Angelica-Rose 6C, Angelica by Mila 1G, Rahaan by Anela 4A, Noah by Yasmin 5G, Ethan by Alannah Birch, Reyha by Eylem 3H, Sonia by Emima Nursery

# Music Genre of the Month



At Prince of Wales, during our Singing Assemblies we are listening to a range of different musical genres.

During the Month of December, we focus on CHRISTIMS music.









In previous months, we covered:

# September Pop October Mobility November Motoun

Listen to any of the previous Genres with your child and discuss songs that you like — do any hold memories for you?









## Singing Together



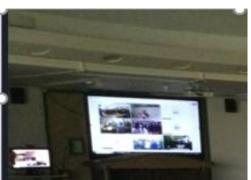
Today we joined lots of School's in Enfield to sing together online. We sang 'Don't Stop' by Fleetwood Mac.

The song focuses on thinking positively, moving forwards to meet new challenges, and not dwelling on the past. How can we embrace each day and use our time productively?

The chorus is;



Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, but today is a gift, that's why it's called the present



Sing the song to your family





### Year 4 Recorder Concert

During this term, year 4 have had a lot of fun learning to play the recorder. Over the weeks, the children learnt how to play some notes and applied everything they learnt to their performance when they played some pieces for their parents/carers in our concert!



'My favourite song was Hot Cross Buns because I liked the rhythm' — Teagan, 4L 'In today's concert, we were able to show off our talents. Our songs included Hot Cross Buns and Wet and Windy. Everyone was amazing and I'm sure all parents and carers were proud!' — Anela, 4A

'I en joyed seeing parents watch us and performing in front of them' — Taigh, 4L

'We all played the recorders and it sounded really nice. I got to see my mum and it was the best! — Maria, 4H

'The concert was good because I got to see my parents and perform all of the tunes we learnt.'

— Ali, 4H

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December

# Year 6 visit to The Museum of London Docklands



Docklands at war exhibit

After an utterly inspiring workshop learning about Connie, a local world war survivor who lived to 101, year 6 explored

# The Museum of London Docklands

to help enhance their knowledge, empathy and experiences of life during the war.

The entire year group were a credit to our school and have come away from the trip with a thirst for knowledge for this topic.

A huge thank you to all of our wonderful parent helpers also!

The Year 6 team















### **6D Quote**

- "It was really inspirational and quite emotional to experience the Anderson shelter"-Valentina 6D
- "We got to travel through the replica streets of London as if we were actually living during the war"-Gabi 6D

### **6C Quote**

- "I really enjoyed seeing what life was like during the war in London" -Nisa 6C
  - "I got to see a lot of things like machines and weapons that were used during this time period" -Justin 6C

#### **6F Ouotes**

"I really enjoyed seeing the artifacts of WW2" -

#### Muhammad 6F

 "I loved the air raid shelter as it was fun learning about how they were used during the Blitz" - Zeynep 6F



## Card less Christmas at POW

Supporting sustainability

This year Prince of Wales is continuing to support sustainability by going 'card less' for Christmas.

Instead of sending a Christmas card, please make a donation to POW for new board games.



Find out more about the benefits of the POW board games initiative:

Weekly Board Games | Prince of Wales Primary School - Enfield







Thank you for your support



## WALTER CHIEFE CLUB

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## PRINCE OF WALES AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

- Includes a snack
- Cooking Club
- Homework help
- Emergency Childcare







### Open until 6pm!

Located at:

Prince of Wales Primary School Salisbury Road Enfield EN3 6HG

admin@walkerchildrensclub.com www.walkerchildrensclub.co.uk 07561 810 910



# WALTER CHIDERES CLUB play learn grow

## **EMERGENCY CHILDCARE AFTER SCHOOL**

Walker Children's Club at Prince of Wales School is there to help when you have last minute, urgent childcare needs after school.

Registering your children through our website is free, you only pay if you need us to collect your children.

Once registered, you can call or message us if you have an emergency and cannot collect your child on time.

Walker Children's Club is here to support the families of the Prince of Wales School.

Register now as you never know when you will need us! Pop in for a chat and we can help with registration.

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Is your child starting Reception in September 2025?

In Enfield, we have designed a programme to support you and your child to be ready for this important milestone.



RISING TO RECEPTION

Are you worried about your child's development and readiness for school?

Is your child known to the preschool speech and language therapy team in Enfield?

ls your child's birthday between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021?



Please sign up for Rising to Reception events to receive invitations via text or email. Invitations will come

directly to your device for each session.









ECASS Occupational Therapist to explore how you can support your child to develop their skills and independence. To discuss the transition and typical expectations in Reception.

2nd May 0:00-11:30am Bayare

**Enfield Communication Advisory Support Service** This session will raise awareness of support available to your child through ECASS.



Enfield Educational Psychology Service They will share tips and strategies to help you to prepare you and your child for the changes ahead. This session has been planned to consider both child and parent emotional wellbeing.

11th June 10:00-11:30am

Early Years Speech and Language Therapists to discuss and explore supporting your child with talking, listening and making friends.

19th June 12:30-2:00pm

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3rd July 10:00-11:30am

**Meet some of our fabulous school staff** Meet a teacher from a local school, in Enfield, who will talk to you about your child's first year at school.

In July, Rising to Reception will conclude with a parent and family picnic with the ECASS team. Details to follow in the Summer Term!





### **Timetable of Events**



8th November 10:00-11:30am 12:30-2:00pm Enfield Admission team to inform and provide tips for applying for a place in Reception for 2025.

10:00-11:30am

Our Voice Team A Parent/Carer forum providing strategies to support children with various disabilities in preparing for school.

Special Educational Needs (SEN) Team and School SENCos to talk to you about EHCPs, the role of the school SENCos and other important things to know if your

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7th February 10:00-11:30am

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27th February 10:00-11:30am

**Enfield National Autistic Society** A Parent/Carer forum sharing their personal experience of helping their children when starting school and their journey so far.

14th March 10:00-11:30am

**Enfield Advisory Service for Autism** discussing support for parents and addressing questions about Autism, while exploring transitions.



