

Wix's Lane, Clapham Common North Side, London SW4 0AJ

12 December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers.

What an absolute joy it has been to welcome parents, family members and friends into school this week for Years 5 & 6 and Years 1 & 2 end of term music performances. The pupils shone with confidence and enthusiasm, and it meant so much to see so many of you there to support them. We are looking forward to the Year 3 & 4 performance next week and of course the Reception Nativity.

On Wednesday evening we held a phonics workshop for parents in the EYFS and Year 1. We truly appreciate your attendance and do hope that you found it informative. Please be assured that we are here to help, so don't hesitate to ask for advice if you would find it helpful.

As we head into the final days of term, a gentle reminder that we finish next Friday. The English Stream will close at 1.45pm, while the Bilingual Stream will finish at the usual time of 3.15pm.

There will be no newsletter next week, so I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families a warm and wonderful Christmas, and a very Happy New Year. I have valued all your support and challenge this term. You are such an important part of our school community.

With my very best wishes,

Séana Henry

Headteacher

Important dates:

Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch – Thursday 18 December Last day of Autumn Term 2 - Both Streams - Friday 19 December. English stream finishes at 1.45pm. Bilingual stream finishes at 3.15pm.

Full term dates for both streams are available on our website.

Important information:

- Please ensure your child has suitable clothing in school. We have PE and play outside in all weathers.
- Please remember that we are a **Nut Free School**.
- Our <u>communication table</u> should help with any queries you have.

Wandsworth Family Information Service has many resources available to help **support families with children and young people with SEND.** To find out more, please <u>visit their website</u>.

Excellent Learners

Congratulations to this week's Excellent Learners.

Class	Pupil
RM	Olly
RB	Elias
Y1	Margarita
1B	French Week
Y2	Lucia
2B	French Week
Y3	Francis
3B	French Week
Y4	Alice
4B	Zara
Y5	Caterina
5B	Mason
Y6	Azael
6B	French Week

Care Values

Congratulations to this week's CARE Value Stars.

Class	Pupil
RM	Appolline
RB	Sophia
Y1	Chloe.T
1B	French Week
Y2	Mia
2B	French Week
Y3	Leila
3B	French Week
Y4	Michal
4B	Camille
Y5	Skylar
5B	Jackson
Y6	Anna
6B	French Week

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Our Week – Early Years and Key Stage 1

There have been lots of exciting things happening in the **Nursery** this week for Christmas. The pupils have really enjoyed using the home corner for their roleplay and have been using lots of storytelling, from being "elves and reindeers" to hosting Santa for a Christmas meal. They have been applying their learning in Maths by making Christmas tree decorations with repeating AB and ABC patterns. It was also very sweet to see the pupils step in to help with sweeping up the leaves in the outdoor area, using the balance boards as their 'brooms'.

This week in **Reception**, the pupils have been putting the final touches on their Nativity. They can't wait to show their adults next week!

In **RB** this week, the pupils learned about the number zero in maths, and how if we add it or subtract if from a given number, the number doesn't change as zero means there is nothing there. The pupils were given caterpillar recipes and had to follow it with fruit to make their caterpillars, but they couldn't add a marshmallow as it was 0 on the recipe. They were allowed to eat the fruit though!













Year 1 have had a wonderful week, with the highlight being their Christmas concert. The pupils really enjoyed performing and singing all the songs they've been learning this term, along with Christmas favourites like "Jingle Bells" and "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer." They performed brilliantly, and the concert was a great success – a joyful time for everyone involved.

This week in **Year 2**, the pupils have been exploring the topic of length and learning how to measure using centimetres (cm) and metres (m). They are discovering when it is best to use each unit and practising their measuring skills with rulers and metre sticks. We look forward to seeing their confidence grow as they compare, estimate, and measure throughout the week!

Sport News

Our Year 1 and Year 2 pupils put on a fantastic dance showcase last week! Year 1 wowed the audience with their energetic superhero performance, complete with powerful poses and big smiles, while Year 2 impressed everyone with their lively country line dance.

Parents were warmly invited to watch the performances and then join their children on the dance floor for some fun of their own. It was wonderful to see families dancing together and enjoying the moment. A great time was had by all!





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Our Week - Key Stage 2

Year 3 have had a fabulous week! A particular highlight was their Roman Day! The pupils loved dressing up as Romans and completing lots of Roman activities such as learning a song about Roman Numerals, creating their own Roman mosaic art and even tasting a Roman feast!







Year 4 have been putting the final touches to their concert, which takes place next Monday, we hope to see you there! In Science, the pupils explored how different materials transition from solids to liquids and then gases. They were fascinated by the extreme temperatures at which materials melt. It was wonderful to see their excitement and curiosity shine through. In Maths, they've continued practising their multiplication and division skills, working hard to achieve excellent results in our multiplication check later this year.

4B has been diving into the world of persuasive writing! The pupils explored a range of persuasive devices, including emotive language, rhetorical questions, strong opinions, and powerful facts, and discussed how writers use these tools to influence their audience. The pupils have been applying these techniques in their own writing as they prepare letters aimed at persuading the mayor to release the Iron Man from the deep, cavernous pit where he is trapped. Their creativity and persuasive flair have been fantastic to see, and they're excited to continue developing these skills in the weeks ahead!

Year 5 tapped into their creativity by bringing History to life through drama. As part of their exploration of Ancient Greece and its lasting influence on our society, pupils focused on the impact of Greek art particularly theatre. The class split into two theatre troupes and performed the well-known myths Medusa and Perseus and Midas and the Golden Touch. They explored key dramatic techniques such as staging, performing in a chorus, and using exaggerated body language and facial expressions to keep their audience engaged. Pupils demonstrated excellent displays of emotion throughout their performances, and their comedic timing brought plenty of laughter.

5B built on last term's unit on space during a fascinating visit from the 'wonderdome', a mobile planetarium. The pupils were given the chance to imagine travelling to the furthest reaches of the universe. This also served as inspiration for their English writing, where they are hoping to persuade readers to take a trip to the moon!

Year 6 have been tasked with planning a party! In computing, Pupils used their knowledge of spreadsheets and formulae to create a plan showing how they would spend their budget on food, drink and decorations.

Free Wellbeing Webinars

The SWLSTG Education Wellbeing Service offers lunchtime and evening parent webinars across the year to help support your child's wellbeing and mental health. Their topics for the New Year include Feeding and its Difficulties in the Early Years, Managing Big Feelings in Small People, Promoting Sibling Harmony, Supporting Siblings of Children with SEND, and Supporting Common Child Worries Around Exams. You can sign up to any of their free webinars here: <u>Early Years</u> or <u>Primary Years</u>