

# TPS Newsletter

## Friday 28th November



### Attendance

This week we have seen an attendance rate of **91.8%** - we have had a high level of sickness at school this week.

The top 3 attendance this week:

 **Year 1 Enterprise = 97.2%**

Year 2 Endeavour = 96.2%

Y5 Mir = 95.5%

### Ms Wilson's Message

Dear Tooting families,  
At the end of another week, before the beginning of the countdown to CHRISTMAS and the festive season, I am pleased to share a new feature to the newsletter. You will now receive regular updates from the governors - Please see the first of these below.  
Have a great weekend!

### Collection reminder

School finishes at 3:15pm. We understand that delays can happen; however, we kindly ask that you call the office if you are running late



### Key Dates

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December** - KS2 TPS Choir performing at the Christmas lights switch on at St Nicholas Church 4pm

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December** - Parents evening 1pm-6pm

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December** - Winter Performance Y4 & Y6 at Graveney School - doors open at 10:15am

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December** - Y3 Strings concert 11 - 11:20am

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December** - Y4 Strings Concert and Ensemble Strings Concert 2:15 - 2:35pm

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December** - Winter Performance Y3 & Y5 at Graveney School - doors open at 10:15am

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December** - Reception, Y1 & Y2 Winter Show, bottom hall 2pm

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December** - Reception, Y1 & Y2 Winter Show, bottom hall 9:30am

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January** - INSET DAY

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January** - Children return back to school

## CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY!

THURSDAY 11<sup>TH</sup>  
DECEMBER

COME TO  
SCHOOL IN YOUR  
FESTIVE JUMPER!



 Save the Children

Christmas  
Jumper  
Day 

# GOVERNORS' MEETING UPDATE

Curriculum Committee – 26th November 2025

The governors plan to share a short update after each meeting so parents and carers know what is being discussed. We also have some new governors, so the website will be updated soon and we'll share a "who's who" in an upcoming newsletter.

There are two committees – Curriculum and Safeguarding & Wellbeing – as well as the Full Governing Body, and each meets once a term.

This week, the Curriculum Committee met.

Here is a summary:

- Committee roles: Chris Griffin was elected Chair, and Sophie Bancroft was elected Vice-Chair of the Curriculum Committee.
- SEN Base update: Ms Stewart reported that there are now three smaller base classes on the ground floor, which improves access to shared spaces and resources. Three new teachers have joined, including a deputy head of base and a lead base teacher. This allows Ms Stewart to focus more on whole-school SEN provision, as highlighted in the recent Ofsted review.
- Afterschool clubs: Governors discussed club availability, the need for fresh options, and access for SEN Base pupils. Sophie Bancroft will look at what other schools offer and gather feedback from parents.
- Policy updates: The committee reviewed the Teaching & Learning (including Assessment and Marking), Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), Parent Code of Conduct, and SEN policies. The school website will be updated with these policies shortly.
- AI, smartphones and technology: The committee discussed how AI can support staff workload and how technology is used for teaching and homework. The school is working with other schools to share good practice, and this will stay on the agenda.
- Governor visibility: Governors agreed to be more visible, including adding biographies and photos to the school website.

# CHRISTMAS AT ST NICHOLAS

## CHRISTMAS IN THE YARD

**THURSDAY 4TH DECEMBER 4-7pm**

Step into Christmas in the Yard complete with Christmas fair, Nativity photo booth with real donkeys, live music and performances from local schools.

Market stalls will be selling Christmas gifts and decorations including jewellery, art, candles, cakes, children's toys and more.

At 4:30pm join the countdown for the switch on of the Tooting Christmas Tree lights.



ST. NICHOLAS  
TOOTING

# HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK

## Y3 Geography Walk

On Thursday 20th November, Jupiter and Viking class enjoyed a walk around Tooting in relation to our Geography topic. We explored our local area using maps and discussed what our journey around Tooting would look like before we would make our way back to school. During our walk, we annotated the physical and human features that we saw around our local area. The children identified that Tooting Market is a human feature as it was made by humans whereas Tooting Bec Common is a physical feature because it was created by nature. We discussed why certain features are located where they are, like shops being near houses so people can buy things easily. We also used geographical vocabulary like residential, commercial, and recreational to describe land use. This activity helped us understand that certain features are placed in specific locations for special reasons



Year 6 were very excited to meet AFC Wimbledon players Riley Harbottle and Joe McDonnell last week.

AFC Wimbledon delivered a short workshop on resilience before a Q and A session where the children could ask questions to both Riley and Joe. Each child was gifted a matchday programme which the players and Haydon the womble signed!



### PSQM Press Release

#### School Awarded Primary Science Quality Mark

Tooting Primary School is proud to announce that it is one of 310 schools that has been awarded the Primary Science Quality Mark (PSQM), a nationally recognised accreditation that celebrates a commitment to developing excellence in science leadership, curriculum design, teaching and learning.

Led by the University of Hertfordshire, for over a decade the Primary Science Quality Mark (PSQM) has been setting children on a path to a life filled with exciting possibilities and opportunities, by giving them access to a strong foundation in quality primary science education. Over 5,800 Quality Marks have now been awarded, impacting on the learning of over 1,000,000 children.

PSQM is a comprehensive, year-long professional development programme that equips primary science subject leaders with the knowledge, capability and support needed to raise the quality and profile of science across the whole school. At the heart of the programme is a structured development cycle that embeds critical reflection and promotes a culture of continuous improvement. Helen Sizer, PSQM Director said: 'By achieving The Primary Science Quality Mark, a school has shown commitment to raising the profile and quality of science education through the development of effective science leadership, visionary curriculum design and excellent teaching practice which is positively impacting on children's learning across the school. Such success is only possible through the collective effort of the whole school community, and all those involved should be incredibly proud of this achievement and the positive difference this is making to children's learning and understanding of the world around them.'

Sign of the week



Celebrate

# What's the scoop in Early Years?

So much fun has been happening in Reception.

Here's a sprinkle of our magical moments!



Traditional Dancing



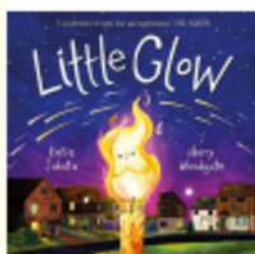
Tooting Common



Restaurant fun



We went on a light hunt as part of our book, Little Glow



Wand Making

## WHAT'S THE SCOOP IN THE DISCOVERY ZONE



### Little Explorers



This week in LEX, we have been busy exploring the life cycle of a butterfly. The children enjoyed learning about each stage and took great care in creating their own versions of the life cycle, using craft materials to show their understanding. In English, we continued our work on Handa's Surprise. The children have begun creating their own versions of the story, and this week we focused on deciding which animals Handa meets along her journey. The children came up with some imaginative ideas.

Well done to everyone for another fantastic week of learning!

### Voyager



This week in Voyager we have been enjoying exploring our English book 'The Colour Monster' in more depth. We have been matching the different emotions to the co-ordinating colours from the book using visuals and coloured items and placing them in cups with different coloured monsters on the front. This activity allowed us to practise our following instructions and turn taking skills.

### Galaxy



Children in Galaxy Class have been starting each morning with an exciting "finger brain gym" routine — and they are loving it. The short, energetic activity involves fun finger movements, coordination challenges, and simple hand exercises designed to wake up both sides of the brain.

Teachers say the routine helps pupils focus, improves fine motor skills, and prepares them for the day's learning. Many children have reported feeling "ready to learn" and more confident in tasks such as writing, drawing, and problem-solving after completing the exercises.

The activity has quickly become a favourite part of the day in Galaxy Class, setting a positive and productive tone for learning.

# Star of the Week!

| Name      | Class                   | Reason                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| Eddie     | <b>Little Explorers</b> | For showing resilience this week, both inside and outside of the classroom. Eddie has also gained a lot of confidence and is beginning to express his dislikes and likes.                                                                                                                              |
| Calyx     | <b>Voyager</b>          | For following instructions well and engaging in the class Art activity with great enthusiasm, producing prolific amounts of beautiful colourful drawings. Well done Calyx, our artist in the making!                                                                                                   |
| Kian      | <b>Galaxy</b>           | We are delighted to celebrate Kian Fowler as our Star of the Week! Kian has shown remarkable improvement across all areas of the curriculum, demonstrating hard work, determination, and a positive attitude toward learning. His enthusiasm in class and growing confidence have truly stood out.     |
| Wynter    | <b>Apollo</b>           | Wynter tries her best in all areas! She shows great listening to others and takes turns and shares kindly. Wynter walks into school ready to start her day and shows curiosity towards all areas of her learning. Well done Wynter!                                                                    |
| Cassim    | <b>Mercury</b>          | Cassim has made excellent progress this week! He has worked in a team to finish puzzles and has been so helpful during tidy up time. Cassim has shown respect towards his friends and teachers. Keep up the good work!                                                                                 |
| Charlotte | <b>Atlantis</b>         | I am so proud of Charlotte's continuing resilience and determination in her work - she has been trying particularly hard to be independent in her writing and it has been wonderful to see her progress. Well done, Charlotte!                                                                         |
| Lyra      | <b>Enterprise</b>       | Lyra has had a brilliant week! She always enters the classroom with a smiley, positive attitude and is keen to share her funny stories with the class. Lyra has been working extremely hard with her writing this week, producing beautiful sentences about the seasons. Well done, Lyra!              |
| Rosalba   | <b>Endeavour</b>        | Rosalba for always being a kind and supportive peer to your classmates. Your positivity helps create a welcoming and encouraging classroom for everyone. Well done Rosalba!                                                                                                                            |
| Andrei    | <b>Gemini</b>           | This week, Andrei has truly shone! He has put exceptional effort into all of his learning, showing great determination and a growing sense of independence. His resilience has been especially impressive — no matter the challenge, Andrei kept trying, stayed focused, and never gave up. Well done! |

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| Name   | Class          | Reason                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| Beni   | <b>Viking</b>  | Beni has taken responsibility over his learning and made positive choices this week. He has shown creativity when rehearsing for upcoming performances and has been a role-model to his peers.                                                                                                                                                   |
| Zak    | <b>Jupiter</b> | Zak has been working very hard this week during all lessons. He is very focused, always following instructions and has been doing very well during our rehearsals. Besides learning his own lines, Zak helps other children remember their lines too while also suggesting new, creative ideas to make our play more interesting! Well done Zak! |
| Aahil  | <b>Mariner</b> | Aahil has shown some fabulous writing skills this week as he has made use of some really interesting expanded noun phrases that painted a really vivid picture of a dragon through his words. Well done Aahil, I can't wait to read your next piece!                                                                                             |
| Adam   | <b>Pioneer</b> | This week we have a Star writer! Adam has tried really hard to follow the structure of the modelled examples to write contrasting character descriptions about his very own dragons. Keep it up!                                                                                                                                                 |
| Krish  | <b>Mir</b>     | It has been wonderful to see Krish's confidence grow recently, and to hear him sharing his ideas during group tasks and class discussions. Well done for continuing to take such care in your work and showing real pride in your learning                                                                                                       |
| Bea    | <b>Selene</b>  | For your continued engagement in class discussions and avoiding distractions to complete your work to a good standard consistently.                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Addie  | <b>Juno</b>    | Addie has shown such resilience this week. We have been so impressed with her perseverance, even when things felt tricky. What a star you are, Addie!                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Dhreya | <b>Ariel</b>   | Dhreya is this week's star of the week for the dedication she is showing to her learning. She has been focused in class, pushed herself onto challenges and asked for help when struggling. Also, Dhreya has been attending both morning and after school boosters! Well done Dhreya I am so proud of you.                                       |



## WHAT'S ON [at] TOOTING LIBRARY

# DECEMBER

THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER [at] 4.30PM  
TEEN READING GROUP

MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER [at] 4PM  
MEET THE AUTHOR MOLLY ARBUTHNOTT

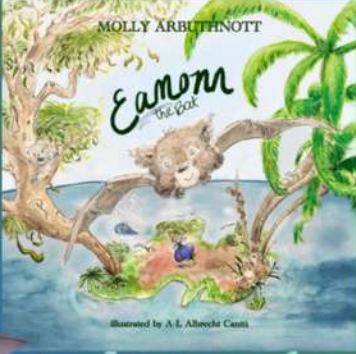
THURSDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER [at] 4PM  
CHRISTMAS CRAFTS

SUNDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER [at] 2PM  
POKEMON CLUB

SATURDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER [at] 2PM  
CHRISTMAS STORIES & CRAFTS

MONDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> & TUESDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER [at] 10AM  
FESTIVE BABY RHYME TIME

LIBRARY CLOSED 24<sup>TH</sup>, 25<sup>TH</sup> & 26<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER  
31<sup>ST</sup> DEC & 1<sup>ST</sup> JAN 2026



MOLLY ARBUTHNOTT

*Eamonn the Bat*

Illustrated by A.L. Allreeda Cassi

## Come & meet EAMONN THE BAT

WHEN HE FLIES INTO TOOTING LIBRARY WITH THE AUTHOR MOLLY ARBUTHNOTT

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| <b>WIMBLEDON HUB</b><br><br><b>WEDNESDAYS</b><br>6pm - 7pm<br>Wimbledon High School,<br>Mansel Road, SW19 4AB         | <b>LAMBETH HUB</b><br><br><b>TUESDAYS</b><br>5pm - 6pm<br>Black Prince,<br>Beaufoy Walk, SE11 6AA               | <b>MERTHAM HUB</b><br><b>WEDNESDAYS</b><br><b>Age 5-11 6-6.45pm</b><br><b>Age 12+ 6.45-7.45pm</b><br>Limetree Primary School<br>Battlebridge Lane, Mersham<br>RH11 3DS |
| <b>SUTTON HUB</b><br><br><b>WEDNESDAYS</b><br>4pm - 5pm<br>The Change Foundation,<br>Plough Lane, SM6 8JQ             | <b>GIRLS ONLY HUB</b><br><br>Venue & time TBC -<br>please contact Caroline<br>Robinson for more info            | <b>WORCESTER PARK &amp; EPSOM HUB</b><br><br><b>THURSDAYS</b><br>6pm - 7pm<br>Blenheim High School<br>Longmead Rd, Epsom<br>KT19 9BH                                   |
| <b>WANDSWORTH HUB</b><br><br><b>MONDAYS</b><br>5pm - 6pm<br>Ernest Bevin Academy<br>Beechcroft Rd, London<br>SW17 7DF | <b>ROWLEDGE HUB</b><br><br><b>THURSDAYS</b><br>6pm - 7.30pm<br>Weydon School<br>Weydon Lane, Farnham<br>GU9 8UG | <b>VALLEY END HUB</b><br><br><b>SUNDAYS</b><br>10.30am - 12.30pm<br>Eastwood Leisure Centre<br>Albert Drive, Sheerwater,<br>Woking GU21 5RF                            |

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# TPA Newsletter

28 November 2025

Raising money to help fund school trips, sports & playground equipment and so much more!

## AUTUMN TERM CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### DECEMBER

WEDS 7-9.30pm | Lower Hall

**03** WREATH  
MAKING

FRI 3.15-5pm | School

**05** JINGLE  
MINGLE



## Why you won't want to miss the Jingle Mingle next week!

The Jingle Mingle is one of the TPA's biggest fundraisers of the year. Not only is it a fantastic afternoon of festive fun, it also helps us raise the vital funds that support school trips, sports activities and so much more. Your attendance truly makes a difference!

## Last chance to sign- up for wreath making

TODAY is the last chance to secure your spot at the Christmas Wreath Workshop on Wednesday 3 December from 7-9.30pm. For just £40, you'll create your own beautiful festive wreath to hang on your front door. Please email [tpa@tootingprimary.org](mailto:tpa@tootingprimary.org) to secure your spot.

## Grab your headphones & get dancing

Join us for a festive Silent Disco open to both children and adults at the Jingle Mingle! For just £3, enjoy a 20-minute session of dancing fun at 3.40pm, 4.10pm or 4.40pm, with two music channels to choose from so you can pick your favourite vibe. Purchase tickets from the school office at drop-off and pick-up on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday - grab your friends, pick a session, and get ready to dance!

## There's still time to pass on your pre-loved Xmas jumpers!

Give your outgrown Christmas jumpers a new lease of life! Please drop them at the school office before 5 December so we can sell them at the Jingle Mingle.

## Calling all festive bakers

We need your help next week to stock the Jingle Mingle with delicious festive treats! Mince pies, sausage rolls, cupcakes, biscuits - anything homemade and tasty is hugely appreciated. Please remember: we are a nut-free school, which includes coconut and sesame, and all tins or containers must be clearly labelled with the ingredients. Thank you for baking and supporting the TPA!

## Support the TPA while you shop!

If you're picking up Black Friday bargains, don't forget to use Easyfundraising. It's an easy way to raise free funds for the TPA at all major retailers. Simply download the Easyfundraising app, select 'Tooting Primary School - London', and retailers will donate every time you shop - at no extra cost to you!

# Term Dates

Friday 19th December – Last day of term, **early finish, 2pm**

## Spring Term 2026

Monday 5th January, 2026 – Inset day (no children in school)

Friday 13th February, 2026–Inset day (no children in school)

TUESDAY 6th JANUARY – CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL

Thursday 12th February – last day, break up for Half Term

Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February – Half Term Holiday

MONDAY 23rd February – CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL

Friday 27th March– Last day of term, **early finish, 2pm**

## Summer Term 2026

Monday 13th April – CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL (NO INSET DAY)

Monday 4th May – Bank holiday (no children in school)

Friday 22nd May – last day, break up for Half Term

Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May – Half Term Holiday

Monday 1st June – CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL

Friday 17th July – last day of term, **early finish 2pm**

Monday 20th July – Inset Day (no children in school)



# Dates for Diary

TPA Wreath making 7-9:30pm - **3<sup>rd</sup> December**

St. Nicholas' Church Light Switch on with KS2 Choir - **4<sup>th</sup> December**

TPA Jingle Mingle - **5<sup>th</sup> December**

KS2 Performance at Graveney Y4 & Y6 - **9<sup>th</sup> December**

Y3 & Y4 Violin/Cello End of Term Performance - **10<sup>th</sup> December**

KS2 Performance at Graveney Y3 & Y5 - **12<sup>th</sup> December**

Reception, Y1 & Y2 Winter Show 2pm - **15<sup>th</sup> December**

Reception, Y1 & y2 Winter Show 9:30am - **16<sup>th</sup> December**

Last Day of Term, early finish 2pm - **19<sup>th</sup> December**

INSET DAY - **5<sup>th</sup> January**

Back to School - **6<sup>th</sup> January**