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NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM MR KILBRIDE

Well it really has been a lovely week where children around school have had real opportunities to shine and share their confidence through performance. In amongst all of the great things going on for productions, classes continue to work hard and some children have produced fantastic work this week, as the Special Mention certificates show.

Five great bands kicked off the week in style on Monday for the Rocksteady concert. There were super performances with really great progress evident. There were some fine vocal performances particularly this time, which was lovely to see.

On Tuesday, Y3 and 4 spent the whole day rehearsing and performing up at St. Mary's Church. They read and sung beautifully and their adapted version of 12 Days of Christmas will live long in the memory! Our special thanks go to Father Dane for allowing us to perform in the lovely setting of St. Mary's Church.

We enjoyed a lovely Christmas lunch on Wednesday in the hall with festive music playing, special table cloths laid, a lovely roast dinner and a festive biscuit for dessert! Then at the end of lunch play, everyone gathered round to raise three cheers of thank you to all of the lunch and kitchen staff who work hard and help the children all through the year.

Y5 and 6 stepped up next on Thursday to entertain their family and friends with a terrific performance of Bah Humbug – an adaptation of Charles Dickens' Christmas Carol story.

Next week promises to bring more busy and exciting events to round off the term – including, amongst others, our KS1 performances, a Girls Football match at The Brent, shopping in the Secrets Room and, of course, a very special visit from Father Christmas!

Christmas Lunch

The children and staff enjoyed a lovely Christmas Lunch together on Wednesday. Our Reception children even made some very festive crowns to wear for this special event! We also took the opportunity to join in a shared thank you to all of our Midday Meal Supervisors for their efforts in looking after the children across the year.



Rocksteady Concert

Well done to all of our bands who performed at Monday's Rocksteady concert. They all played with such enthusiasm and there is real progress to be seen (and heard!) for those who have now been playing for some time. If your child is interested in joining from January, please contact us.



In our classes this week

- Reception – made playdough
- Year 1 – learned about repeated patterns
- Year 2 – researched London landmarks
- Year 3 – have been exploring forces with magnets
- Year 4 – have learned what happens when you multiply by zero
- Year 5 – learned about the phases of the moon
- Year 6 – learned about the life of Anne Frank



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Yr3/4 Concert and Yr5/6 Production

A huge WELL DONE to all of our KS2 children on their fantastic efforts this week with their Christmas performances – the Yr3/4 concert at St Mary’s and the Yr5/6 production of “Bah, Humbug!”. We are incredibly proud of all our children who took part and thank our families for being such good audiences. Photos to follow...

New dropping off procedure from January 2026

We want to alter the dropping off procedure in the morning to ensure that children are only moving one way - **IN** - through the gate. In recent times, with younger children bringing scooters and bags, forest school kit and water bottles, some children have parked their scooters and then gone back outside the gate to collect their other items from their parents/carers. This has made it harder to monitor safeguarding in the morning with children passing two ways through the gate.

From January 6th, we would like the following to happen in situations where the child cannot manage all their items in one single trip:

- Outside the school gate, parents/carers take responsibility for the bike/scooter - children carry all other belongings.
- Parents/carers come in through the gate to park the bike/scooter.
- Children come in through the gate and head straight round to class/cloakroom.
- Parents leave back through the main gate.

In all other circumstances, please continue to drop your children at the school gate, as usual.

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This week we have been busy elves making sure everything is ready for Father Christmas’s visit next week. We appreciate that parents may have felt a little harassed this year as we moved to online consent forms but it is important that Santa gets everything right so thank you for bearing with us - excitingly we are hoping to move fully online next year to make this much easier.



Tuesday 16th December - Secrets Room

The children will be able to browse through the “Secrets Room” to buy presents for their family. Samples of the presents will be on display ranging from £1- £3 per gift. The presents come ready wrapped and the children are then helped to write their own labels. To ensure a wide choice of presents we have had to limit the purchase of presents to a maximum of 3 per child, £9 maximum to be brought into school. **If you wish your child/ren to visit the “Secrets Room” please enclose some money in an envelope clearly marked with your child’s name, year, and who they are buying for – to be brought to school with the children on Tuesday 16th December. Please also bring a named carrier bag so that the presents are easier for the children to carry home.**

HOUSE POINTS

	This Week	Term Total	Top Scorers this week
BEECH	122	1283	Jessica B; Emily S
CHESTNUT	121	1540	Oscar F; Henry F
OAK	129	1708	Sazin K; Oliver M
ASH	133	1774	Ayyub L; Lennie J



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One day bookings available at FOSC After School Club from January!

We are pleased to let you know that following discussions with FOSC, our After-School Club provider, from January 2026 places can be booked for just one day a week rather than the current minimum of two days. FOSC have asked us to pass on the following information:

In the first instance, this booking should be for the same day each week. However, we do understand that some parents/carers work unusual hours or shift patterns and may require flexible booking. We are happy to review each case based on its needs and will do our best to accommodate these requirements so please contact us to discuss. All bookings need to be made by the end of Thursday of the preceding week.

Please note that while the After School Club needs to be booked in advance, we are also aware that unforeseen circumstances can arise. In case of a genuine emergency, we will always try to assist with cover. (We will need to have a completed registration form.)

More information about FOSC – including how to register for first-timers and contact details – is available on our website at <https://www.high-firs.kent.sch.uk/bcasc> and the FOSC website at <https://www.footscrayoutofschool.com/>



Well done, Squirrels & Beavers!

Well done to our children who are members of Squirrels and Beavers at Elim Christian Centre who are taking part in a special project as part of their Community Badge. As part of this badge, the children have been encouraged to talk with friends, neighbours and family members to gather donations for the local Food Bank. During their session on Tuesday 16th December, a Food Bank representative will visit to thank the children and explain how their contributions help families in need. If you would like to make a donation please let us know and we will pass on contact details (please don't bring in to school!)



Special Mentions

Well done to all of our children who received a Special Mention and certificate from their teacher today –

- Hunter A – a huge improvement in his letter formation
- Erin A – trying exceptionally hard in phonics
- Noah M – trying hard in all his learning
- Arthur H – showing a huge improvement in his handwriting since the start of Year 1
- Frankie B – his fantastic skills in basketball
- Hajarah G – her excellent effort in writing & great progress
- Year 3 – their outstanding carol concert performances
- Year 4 – their amazing concerts on Tuesday – Miss Allin is so proud of you!
- Luca C – fantastic work on adding fractions and mixed numbers
- Millie B – her perseverance and hard work in Maths
- Josue – the effort he has put in this week to his handwriting and spelling
- Ellie R – consistently being her best in everything she does



Register Rabbit

Congratulations to this week's Key Stage winners of Register Rabbit for their excellent attendance:



YEAR 2

YEAR 4

Our class attendance this week was:

Year 4 99.3%

Year 2 99.3%

Year 6 97.8%

Year 5 96.3%

Year 3 95.6%

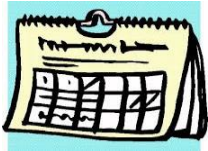
Year R 94.8%

Year 1 90.7%



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INSET DAYS

5/1/2026

22/5/2026

Coming up next week...

No clubs this week except FOSC Breakfast Club & After School Club.

Monday 15th December

Father Christmas visiting
KS1 and Reception Nativity performance at 2.15pm (ticket holders only)

Tuesday 16th December

FHF Secrets Room – instructions above
KS1 and Reception Nativity performance at 2.15pm (ticket holders only)

Thursday 18th December

Frognaal House visit (Yr3/4 group)
Girls Football Match at The Brent

Friday 19th December

Golden Tea for Termly Certificate of Achievement winners
No Park & Stride in the afternoon



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