

# Academy Newsletter

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023  
Autumn Term  
Issue: 13



We have been exceptionally busy with our Christmas events this week!

Upper Key Stage 2 provided us with a thoroughly entertaining version of the Nativity – Angels Up High. The acting and singing was fantastic and worthy of a west-end show.

Giving Key Stage 2 a run for their money was the Key Stage 1 production of Bethlehem's Buzzing on Thursday. Parents gave such high praise of the children; of whom we are very proud.

Today Year 3 and 4 led on a carol service outside the gym. Both these classes sang with such passion and enthusiasm and certainly put us into the Christmas spirit.

I would like to say a big thank you to all the adults involved in making these events happen, and also to the parent/carers who were able to attend and give their support.

Next week, it will be the turn of the EYFS and Nursery children to present their Nativity. We look forward to seeing some of you there.

Have a lovely weekend.



**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

**School closes at 2pm**

## School Dinners

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023**

Please note that when the children return to school on the 3rd January, the menu choices will be:

**Sausages**  
**Quorn sausages**  
**Jackets with a choice of toppings**

This is in place of the usual roast chicken/vegan sausage roll option. The rest of the week will follow Thursday and Friday of week 4 as usual.

Thank you for your understanding.



## Winter HAF Club

Is your child in receipt of benefit related Free School Meals (FSM) or living in Bromley as a refugee?

Bromley is offering a Winter HAF (Holiday Activities and Food) programme, offering free holiday club places, including activities and healthy meals. The programme will run from 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023 – 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024. Examples of the activities on offer include film-making, bush craft activities, creative fun, tennis, football, trips out to pantomime shows, and much more!

If you think you are eligible go to: [Holiday activities and food programme – London Borough of Bromley](#)

If you have any questions, please contact the Bromley HAF Team via [HolidayActivitiesandFood@bromley.gov.uk](mailto:HolidayActivitiesandFood@bromley.gov.uk).

**Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme**

## Attendance

EYFS	92.17
Year 1	98.67
Year 2	94
Year 3	93.55
Year 4	88.75
Year 5	90.48
Year 6	92.59
Whole School	91.27

The winning class this week was **Year 1** gaining 2 stars in the space race for having the highest attendance. No other class gained 1 Star for achieving over 97%.



## VIRTUES AWARD – VIRTUES TO LIVE BY



*"You should give what you have decided to give, not grudgingly or because you are made to, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7*

EYFS	Lukas
Year 1	Lotanna
Year 2	Maria
Year 3	Ama
Year 4	Sara
Year 5	Nathan
Year 6	Annabel

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Musa – Year 4  
 Harper – Year 4  
 Stefan – Year 1  
 Joey – Year 6  
 Lyla – Year 4  
 Oliver – Year 4  
 Arthur – Year 1  
 Maxwell - Year 1  
 Eren – Year 1  
 Zahav – Year 6  
 Kristiana – Year 2



# ATTENDANCE Matters

Nursery Star of the Week

**Gwayham**



## Christmas Parties

On Monday afternoon, we will be having our class Christmas parties.

The children can wear their party clothes on this day, however please make sure this is suitable clothing for school and the current weather.

We ask that each child brings in a small packed lunch/tupperware box with a few treats for them to eat at their party. For example: a packet of crisps and a small cake. Please remember we are a nut free school.

There is no donation required for the children to wear their party clothes on Monday.

## Christmas Dates

### Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Class Christmas Parties (suitable party clothes and extra snack)

### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023

EYFS Nativity at 9:45pm – Families and friends welcome

**SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 2PM**

**\*NO STARS\***

## Early Years Foundation Stage Admissions

If you were unable to make our Open Morning dates please contact the Academy Office, 01689 828208, for information and to make an alternative appointment to visit us.

Online applications for Bromley residents for places in September 2024, are available at <http://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>.

Applications can be made from **1 September 2023**.

The closing date for applications for places in September 2024 is **Monday 15 January 2024**.

National offer day - **Tuesday 16 April 2024**.

Children will be admitted to our Reception Class in line with our Admissions Policy. Up to 30 pupils are admitted each year via the London Borough of Bromley Co-ordinated Admissions Process. This process ensures that all children have equal and fair access to a school place without reference to ability, aptitude, or additional educational need (including SEND).

A Supplementary Information Form should be completed and returned to the Academy with the appropriate documentation at the same time an application is made to Bromley.

## Mayor of Greenwich

Chloe and Jessica attended the Lights of Love service at the Greenwich and Bexley Hospice. The Mayor of Greenwich said a few words and then sat with them for a mince pie and mulled wine.



Christmas Fair and Enterprise Sale



### Christmas Dinner



### KS1 Nativity



## Nativity



### Upper KS2 Nativity



### Mini – Olympics

Children taking part in this term's after-school Mini-Olympics club were rewarded in front of a whole school assembly recently, when they were presented with special awards in the form of certificates and medals. Places are already on offer to existing participants to sign up for reduced fees for next term before it is opened up to everyone in January.



Girls Football Match – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023

**Girls Football Match Report**  
**St Philomena's Catholic Primary School v St Peter and St Paul Catholic Primary School**  
**By Mr. Rowe**  
**PE Lead**

One week later, and our second visit to St Philomena's to take on their girls' team. For many of our players this was the first time they had played a competitive match so we knew this might be an uphill struggle and so it proved. Their team was very experienced with several players who play in club teams but our girls kept their heads up and battled on to the final whistle. Although we lost 6-1 - we had an excellent second half, I think we lost 2-1 in the second half, made several driving runs into their half and covered the back to stop their assaults far more effectively. Our players were brave, ran hard for each other and enjoyed their experience. I'm confident that with this positive attitude and a little more training they're going to go from strength to strength – we're proud of you girls, great effort!

The Team (in alphabetical order):

- Arabella
- Chloe
- Freya (goal scorer)
- Maddison
- Poppy
- Zara



### Year 4 and below drop off procedure

It has come to my attention that some of our younger children from Year 4 and below are being dropped at the school gate in the morning and are not being supervised in the playground before being collected by their class teacher.

School drop off arrangements were communicated to you all at the start of the year. Please see the information below:

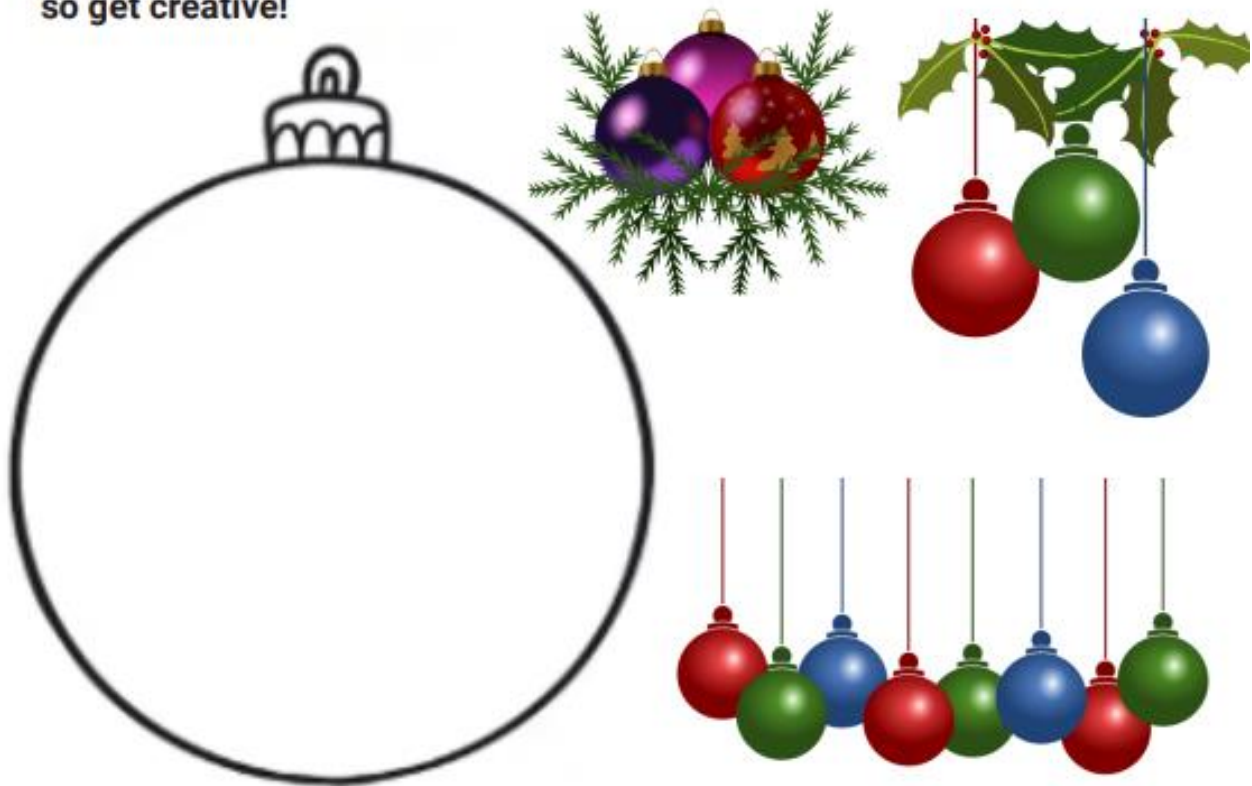
'Drop off in the morning will be in the playground. The gates will be open from 8:25am and will close at 8:55am and again at 2:55pm to 3:25pm, giving you time to walk round to the playground for your child's collection/dismissal time. **Please note that your child needs to be supervised by an adult until their teacher collects them from the playground (with the exception of Year 5 and 6 who have permission between home and school to travel independently).** '

Please note, we do not have staff on duty at this time and therefore if pupils are not being supervised sufficiently this may become a safety concern. Please also make sure that whilst you are waiting with your child, you have sight of them and can see that they are behaving responsibly.

# DESIGN A BAUBLE

## DECEMBER'S ART CHALLENGE

Your challenge is to design a bauble to hang on the Christmas tree. You can use anything you like to create your design, paint, pencils, coloured paper, pastels or perhaps even create a 3-D design using papier mache, fabric or an old sock!? It's up to you, so get creative!



Hand in your creation to **Mrs Lee**  
by **Monday 18th December** for a chance to win an  
amazing arts and crafts prize!

Look out for the new monthly art competition in the newsletter  
at the beginning of every month.

## Autumn Term

Amendments are highlighted and Cancellations are in red.

Please note the lists of dates below are subject to change and we encourage you to look each week for any changes.

Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Class Christmas Parties
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	EYFS Nativity at 9:45pm - Parents/Carers welcome
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Finish at 2pm – No Twilight or Evening Stars

## Spring Term

Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Epiphany Mass Led by Year 4 – 10:45am – Parent/Carers welcome
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Gymnastics Make - Up session for (missed 8 <sup>th</sup> December)
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	9:30am Vision/Height/Weight EYFS and Year 6
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	After School Clubs start
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Year 6 Library Trip (more information to follow)
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Year 5 Library Trip (more information to follow)
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Year 6 Our Lady of the Crays
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2024	Year 4 Library Trip (more information to follow)
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Year 3 Library Trip (more information to follow)
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Young Voices (more information to follow)
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Year 5 Visit to Tate Modern (more information to follow)
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Year 2 Library Trip (more information to follow)
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Parent Consultation (more information to follow)
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Parent Consultation (more information to follow)
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Year 3 Church Visit
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Half Term break begins – Stars 4:30pm finish
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Back to School
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Year 1 Library Visit (more information to follow)
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2024	Year 2 Bright Sparks Concert (more information to follow)
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	World Book Day
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Year 1 Church Visit
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2024	Easter Mass
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Eggsibition entries in (more information to follow)
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Easter Passion – Year 4 (more information to follow)
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	School Closes at 2pm – No Twilight or Evening Stars



## BARRACUDAS EARLY BOOKING OFFER

**BOOK NOW!**

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY CHILDCARE EXCLUSIVE SCHOOL DISCOUNT!**

USE CODE: **SCHOOL10**  
For an EXTRA £10 off a week!

**EARLY BOOKING OFFER**  
Save up to £89 a week!  
Low deposit!  
Just £10 per day or £25 a week per child

Visit [barracudas.co.uk](http://barracudas.co.uk)  
or call 01480 467 567

**EARLY BOOKING OFFER**

We've launched at our lowest rates. You can save up to £89 a week if you book now with our Early Booking offer and your exclusive code!

On top of that, you can also secure your booking with our reduced deposit rates. Perfect to ease your finances in the run up to Christmas. You can confirm your booking for just £10 a day or £25 a week (standard deposit rates are £15 a day and £50 a week).

**LOW DEPOSIT OFFER ENDS 31ST DECEMBER, 2023**  
**EARLY BIRD RATES END 31ST JANUARY, 2024**

## CHRISTMAS FUN AT WALNUTS LEISURE CENTRE

### CHRISTMAS SOFT PLAY PARTY

Date: Friday 22nd December 2023  
Time: 4.30pm-6.30pm  
Price: £13.00  
Age range: 2-11 years

Includes a meal (pizza and wedges), party games, activities, arts & crafts and fun giveaways

### BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Date: Saturday 23rd December 2023  
Time: 9.30am-12.30pm  
Price: £13 per child  
Age range: 2-11 years

Includes a visit to Santa in our Grotto, Mini English breakfast, party games, activities and arts & crafts.

Failure to add the child on when booking will result in possibly losing your space as limited spaces available. Parents to supervise and remain in soft play area.




**21ST & 22ND DEC 23**  
**3RD, 4TH & 5TH JAN 24**

**SEASONAL SPORTS & DANCE**

## SPORTACUS FESTIVE CAMPS

**EXTENDED DAYS AVAILABLE**

**FOR CHILDREN AGED 4-12**

**WWW.SPORTACUS.CO.UK**  
**INFO@SPORTACUS.CO.UK**  
**07897932884**

**Ofsted Registered**



**5-12 years**

## SCHOOL'S OUT HOLIDAY CAMPS

**from £17**

**Christmas Camps at Walnuts Leisure Centre**

Wednesday 20th - Friday 22nd December  
8.30am - 5.30pm (half day available)

Scan me to book




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