

# NC News

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The newsletter of  
Normand Croft Community School



Unfortunately, at this time of year there are many bugs going around and this has affected our attendance.

Attendance	4th-8 <sup>th</sup> Dec
C1	93
C2	90
C3	89
C4	89
C5	88
C6	93
Totals	91



If you arrive late for school, once the gate has closed, you will have to take your child's scooter or bike home.

## Religious Education

Last week, we were delighted to welcome Reverend Sam Ryland, who is the Vicar at St Andrew's Church. He came in to talk with the children about the meaning of Christmas. The children got to play a game of 'Pass the Parcel', with each layer revealing another reason you may celebrate throughout the year. The final layer being Christmas paper and the children talked about why Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus.

In autumn 1, as part of our Religious Education, we developed our knowledge about Sikhism and in autumn 2 have been learning about the importance of Christmas to Christians around the world. Children build on their learning year on year, answering questions such as

*What gifts might Christians in my town have given Jesus if he had been born here rather than Bethlehem?*

*Has Christmas lost its true meaning?*

*Is the Christmas story true?*

*Do Christmas celebrations and traditions help Christians understand who Jesus was and why he was born?*

## A Huge Thank You

We would like to say a huge thank you to the Children's Book Project who very kindly sent us a little pop up book hut for the term. The children have loved browsing the books and choosing a favourite to keep. It means that every child at Normand Croft can continue to read for enjoyment and it has promoted lots of excited book talk.



## Phonics Family Workshop Reception Class

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January: 9.10 am

We're teaching every child to read with Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised

A complete SSP validated by the Department for Education



On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January at 9.10am we will have a phonics workshop for Reception Class families. Please come along so we can give you advice on how to support your children with reading.

**Jack and the Beanstalk  
Primary Performance  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December  
11am and 2 pm**

Come along to the best Christmas Panto around! Normand Croft are proud to present 'Jack and the Beanstalk' with a live band and classic songs from the 1980s.

**Our Early Years children will be singing some festive songs at 10.30 on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

## Starting Reception

If your child was born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020, they will be starting reception in primary school from September 2024.

If your child attends our Nursery, we hope that you will choose Normand Croft as your first choice for Reception.

We also welcome applications from families across Hammersmith and Fulham and Kensington and Chelsea. To arrange a visit, please contact the school office on 020 7385 6847.

The application process closes on 15 January 2024. The eAdmission site is open for you to register your details and to make an application for a reception place.  
[https://www.lbhf.gov.uk/sites/default/files/section\\_attachments/2021\\_eadmission\\_application\\_guidance.pdf](https://www.lbhf.gov.uk/sites/default/files/section_attachments/2021_eadmission_application_guidance.pdf)

## Be Safe, Be Kind, Be The Best That You Can Be Early Years and Primary Learning

Early Years children have been continuing to enjoy learning about Winter and have been busy making decorations for their home corner as well as practising songs for their performance on Wednesday. They were also lucky enough to watch a rehearsal of Jack and the Beanstalk yesterday.

This week in Class 2, we read our stories of 'The Tale of Peter Rabbit' to the children in Class One. We got into pairs and after we had read them the stories, we asked them questions about the story. We also finished our history topic on 'Famous Victorians' this week by learning about Isambard Kingdom Brunel and his great achievements as an engineer. We also learnt about the impact this had on the people in Britain at the time and how his inventions have improved our lives today.



This week in Class 3 we have started our science topic on 'Rocks'. explored a range of rocks and grouped them in different ways based on their scientific qualities. We used a range of scientific vocabulary to help support our language.

Class 4 have worked incredibly hard this week, planning and writing another Big Write, combining our understanding of Ancient Egypt and non chronological texts.

In Maths, we have enjoyed exploring geometry, using post it notes to create shapes with the same area and looking at how we can measure unconventional spaces.

On Tuesday morning, we were incredibly lucky to be visited by a real Art Historian from Magic Lantern, who took us on an incredible journey back in time, along the River Nile, past the papyrus reeds to the pyramids of Giza, right into the tombs of both ordinary ancient Egyptians and pharaohs.



Class 5 and 6 thoroughly enjoyed their art history workshop about the Ancient Greeks. They analysed various sculptures (relief and round) and pots as well as paintings and buildings inspired by the time period. It was a lovely opportunity for the children to share how much they have learned already and to gain a greater insight into ancient Greek art and culture.



### Diary Dates Our Shared Value Responsibility and Respect

Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Y5 & Y6 PE
Tue 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Primary Performance: Jack and the Beanstalk 11.00 & 2.00
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>Early years Singing Concert</b> <b>10.30</b> Y 1 & Y2 PE
Thu 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	<b>School finishes at 12.30</b> <b>Wishing you all a very happy and healthy holiday</b>
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	School closed: Inset Day
Tue 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Children return to school <b>Remember to arrive before 8.55!</b>  Y3 & Y4 PE
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Y 1 & Y2 PE
Thu 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>Y5 Swimming</b>
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>Reception family phonics workshop 9.10 am</b> <b>Y4 Swimming</b>

### Family Translators

We value the many languages spoken within our school community. If you would be willing to translate/interpret from time to time, please let Karen or Sandra at the school office know your name and languages you speak..

Thank you for your support.