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Dear parents and carers,

The end of term is rapidly approaching and things have been as busy as ever at Torridon. This week, Nursery were treated to an interactive theatre performance, Year 2 had a great time at their Royal Opera House workshops, Year 3 and Year 4 loved their school trips and Year 5 and 6 were very proud to kick off our festive performance assemblies. Our fabulous string ensemble performed brilliantly at Lewisham Shopping Centre this morning and steel pans club are lifting our festive spirits performing at our assembly performances this week.

The children had such fun at the disco last night. Huge thank you to Emma and the wonderful team of PTA volunteers for organising and running the event.

Our festive performances continue next week. We hope you will be able to join us. On Wednesday, children are invited to wear their own clothes or something festive for our Christmas lunch celebration.

Have a lovely weekend

Best wishes

Manda George

Headteacher



## Rights Respecting School



This week during our rights respecting assemblies we have been discussing Human Rights Day. On 10th December 1948, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly. The aim of all human rights is to make people's lives better. We had lots of discussions about article 4 and article 41 that

remind us that human rights are the responsibility of the government who must use their laws to protect the rights of us all.



# Christmas Menu - Festive Feast



We will be having our festive feast on Wednesday 18th December 2024. If your child usually has a packed lunch but would like a school lunch on the 18<sup>th</sup>, please email the school office: [admin@torriondprimary.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@torriondprimary.lewisham.sch.uk)

Children are invited to wear their own clothes on the 18<sup>th</sup>. If they would like to wear something festive, they are very welcome to do so.

## Torrion String Ensemble

Torrion String Ensemble played a lovely concert for members of the public at Lewisham Shopping Centre today. They played wonderfully, and the audience were very pleased. We were joined by Stillness Junior School who sang festive songs and one of their children played with us on the violin.





## Reception – Toy and Book Sale Fundraiser

# Get Ready to Declutter for the Holidays!

We've got exciting news for you! 🎉

Join us for a **Toy and Book Sale Fundraiser** hosted by Reception on **Wednesday, December 18th, 2024!** It's the perfect opportunity to donate toys that are in excellent condition.

### How to Get Involved:

Please bring your donations to any of the Reception class teachers by **Monday, December 16th, 2024.**

Your support will help us to raise funds for experiences that will enrich the children's learning—and remember, the more donations,

the merrier! 😊

Let's work together to make this event a success!



## Resource Base – Sensory Snow



We have been learning all about the Christmas season. For our sensory activity, we made snow using shaving foam and cornflour. The children really enjoyed the texture and the smell of the snow and used plastic strainers to make it snow from above.

## Nursery Performance

This week the children watched the performance 'The Perfect Present.' They had a visit from a magical elf. The children became elves and enjoyed ringing the bells along to 'Jingle Bells' and popping the bubbles.



## Year 2 – Writing

This week, Year 2 have had lots of fun retelling the story of 'The Curious Elephant' and how Elephant got his glorious, long trunk. We discussed the importance of using actions, facial expressions and tone of voice to make our performances amazing! After all that fun, we then began to think of our very own African fables which we will be writing next week.





## Year 3 Visit to the Natural History Museum

On Wednesday, Year 3 children made their way to the Natural History Museum to explore rocks and fossils, as part of our learning in science this term. It was a very exciting and informative day. We saw fascinating igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rocks from all over the world, and all sorts of fossils that were millions of years old! The highlight of the day was the dinosaur exhibition, where we saw a Christmassy dinosaur up close. He was huge and quite terrifying, but we were very brave...



## Year 4 Trip to Greenwich Park and The Maritime Museum

Year 4 children thoroughly enjoyed their trip to the Maritime Museum on Thursday. We felt like intrepid explorers trekking through Greenwich Park (we did a lot of walking!) Our first stop was to look at (and stand on) the Greenwich Meridian line. We have been learning about this important line of longitude in our geography lessons this term. Next, we visited the Polar Worlds exhibition in the Maritime Museum to discover more about the adventures of courageous explorers in these frosty regions. We found some artefacts from Matthew Henson's expedition to the North Pole. We have been learning about his story, as told by Catherine Johnson in 'Race to the Frozen North', in our reading and writing lessons.



Standing on the Greenwich Meridian and taking in the view of London.



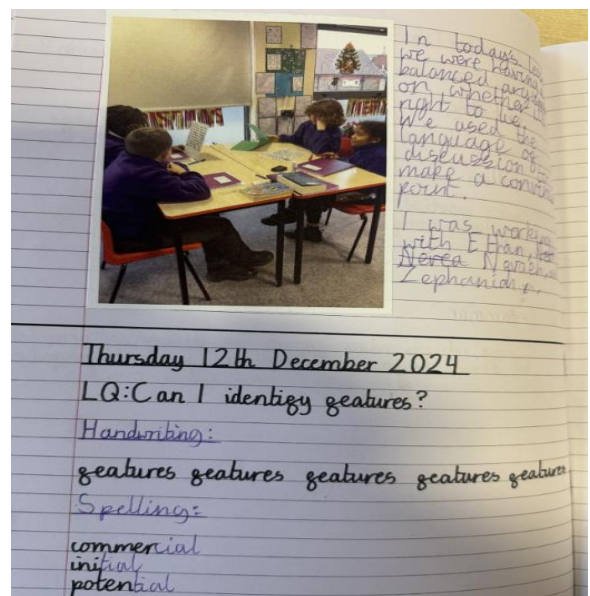
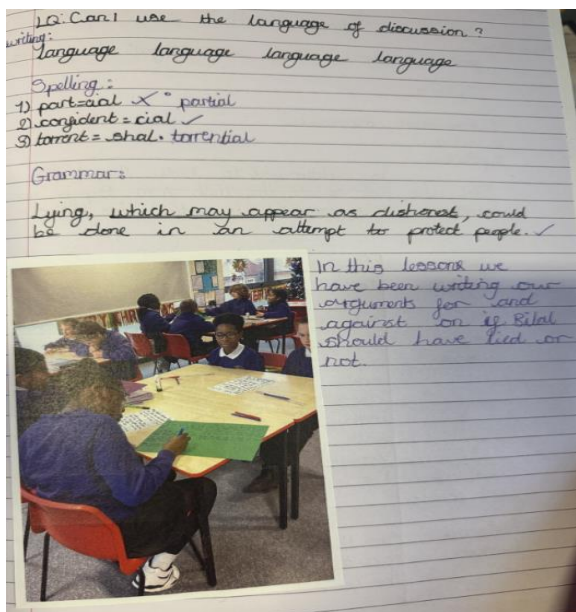
## Year 5 Assembly

Over the last couple of weeks, year 5 have been practising for their Christmas assembly. Their hard work was clear for all to see this morning as they wowed the parents and carers who came to see them perform. From the talented instrumentalists, to the awe-inspiring dancers and the rib-tickling jokes, it was an amazing experience for all who were able to attend.



## Year 6 – Writing

This week, in writing, the children were introduced to their new text type - a balanced argument. They started by exploring a model; they went on to work in groups to look at the use of language, as well as the structural techniques used in such texts. As they prepare to write their own balanced arguments next week, they identified features, stated their purpose and gave some examples.





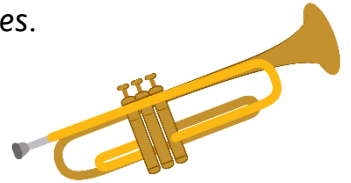
# Trumpet and Brass Lessons

We are planning to start brass lessons on the trumpet this academic year for years 4-6 children. If your child would be interested, please go to the school website's music page and apply for a lesson, choosing "Trumpet".

Applying for a lesson will not guarantee that a lesson will be provided but will allow us to find out if there is enough interest to get a tutor in.

Instrument rental through the school will be available at competitive rates.

Spaces may be available for other instruments soon, so please apply for any of these if you would like your child to go on a waiting list.



<https://www.torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk/curriculum/creative-curriculum/music/>

## Royal Opera House Workshops

Year 2 took part in Create and Sing this week. The online workshops were a taster to introduce a fun musical adventure.. Live from the Opera House, artists from the Royal Opera gave the children an insight into Mozart's The Magic Flute.

The children experienced dramatic singing becoming an opera chorus, discovering the story and characters along the way through staging and movement.



## Dates for Your Diary

Monday 16th December	9.00 Year 1 assembly performance 2.00 Resource Base assembly performance 2.45 Year 2 assembly performance
Tuesday 17th December	Early Years Nativity performance 9.00am OR 2.45pm
Wednesday 18th December	Christmas Lunch (children can wear their own clothes) 3.15pm Reception toy and book sale
Thursday 19th December	9.00 Year 3 performance assembly 2.45 Year 4 performance assembly
Friday 20th December	Last day of the autumn term 2pm finish
<b>Monday 23rd December – Friday 3rd January</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY</b>
Monday 6th January 2025	First day of the spring term
<b>Friday 17th January</b>	<b>INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN</b>
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	Year 2 to the Science Museum
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Year 1 trip to the Royal Observatory
Thursday 30th January	PTA Sponsored Bounce
Week beginning 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Year 6 assessment week
Wednesday 5th February	9am – parent and carer coffee morning with the Mental Health Schools Team
Tuesday 11th February	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 13th and Friday 14th February	Whole school art exhibition <b>PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATES</b>
Friday 14th February	PTA fundraiser (Non-uniform day)
<b>Monday 17th – Friday 21st February</b>	<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b>
Week beginning 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 4 swimming lessons start
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> and Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Book Fair
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Week beginning 10 <sup>th</sup> March	National Science Week
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Yellow class to Mudchute Farm
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Red class to Mudchute Farm
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Blue class to Mudchute Farm
Week beginning 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Assessment week
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Corbett Chase
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent and carer open evenings
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Year 5 and Year 6 tag rugby tournament
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Last day of spring term





## STARS OF THE WEEK



Class	Name	Reason
Nursery FT	Logan	For doing good listening and sitting during carpet times. Well done, Logan! 😊
Nursery AM	Klesti	For playing nicely with his friends and for joining in during story time. Well done, Klesti! 😊
Nursery PM	Ira	For being very helpful during tidy up time and for joining in during carpet time. Well done, Ira! 😊
Blue Class	Azariah	For growing in confidence to speak aloud to the whole class and for always being enthused to learn. Well done, Azariah!
Red Class	Karson	For his name writing and positive attitude to learning. Well done Karson!
Yellow Class	Conan	For working so hard in phonics and always trying his best. Well done!
1M	Rory	For his creative play and problem solving at forest school this week. Keep up the good work, Rory!
1N	Miracle	For her enthusiasm for learning. She has been counting carefully and remembering the spelling of some words. She is also always friendly and welcoming. 😊
1W	Nara	For her enthusiasm and joy learning the words to our performance song. She has learned and memorised the words so well. Well done!
2E	Lisanna	For her effort and focus during our learning this week. She has been producing amazing pieces of writing, using lovely, imaginative expanded noun phrases. Well done! 😊
2S	Ava	For all of her hard work and enthusiasm in all areas of her learning. Well done for being such a wonderful role model to your peers Ava 😊
2SW	Carter	For being so kind and helpful to both his peers and the adults in the classroom! Well done, Carter!
3A	Navpreet	For all your hard work and effort this week, especially during maths. Good work, Navpreet! 😊
3G	Lotta	For always trying her best and reading through her learning to make edits. Keep it up! 😊
3S	Logan	For fantastic behaviour for learning all week. Well done for working so hard, keep it up! 😊
4K	Junior	For his focus and effort in writing this week. Well done for writing a lovely opening paragraph. Keep up the hard work 😊
4L	Ottilie	For her effort and passion in promoting comic club but also for her fantastic support of her partner on our school trip. Well done!
4S	Baybee	For writing superb complex sentences using all the things that we have been learning: adverbs, expanded nouns phrases and subordinating conjunctions. Brilliant effort Baybee, keep it up!
5C	Rashid	For the great effort that he has put into his learning recently. I hope he keeps it up! Well done!
5L	Vega	For always actively participating in lessons and reading aloud during whole class reading. Well done!
5V	Harmony	For always participating in class discussions. Well done Harmony. Keep it up 😊
6A	Azariah	For being an excellent role model for our class, and for his excellent approach towards all his learning. Keep it up!
6L	Joshua	For producing a well-thought-out narrative and always being on task. Well done!
6R	Rashvin	For consistently demonstrating all the core values and achieving a perfect score in his arithmetic assessment. Well done.
RB Blue	Elliot	Well done for trying so hard during assessment week!
RB Green	Joshua	Well done for such a positive week of learning, we are proud of you for becoming more independent when attempting your learning.

## Donations For Inclusion






We are gathering exciting resources to support our attention and listening interventions in the Early Years and KS1. We would therefore be very grateful if you have any of the below items that you could donate:



bubbles	animal noise maker	party blowers
bubble wands	children's musical instruments	noisy putty
bubble machines	light up toys	bouncy putty
touchable bubbles	yo-yos	slime
standard balloons	fidget spinners	magnetic putty
flying rocket balloons	spinning tops	kinetic sand
chattering teeth	mouldable foam soap	squishy or stretchy things
wind-up toys	whistles	small objects that fly
an ocean drum	hand bells	jumping frog
bouncy balls		mini pull and release cars

## Weekly Attendance

Class	Attendance		Class	Attendance		Class	Attendance	
1M	94%		3A	95%		5C	96%	
1N	93%		3G	87%		5L	92%	
1W	96.7%		3S	98%		5V	95%	
2S	96.9%		4K	93%		6A	92%	
2SW	92%		4L	95%		6R	91%	
2E	88%		4S	90%		6L	92%	

Well done to those classes who won the attendance trophies this week. Let's see which classes have the best attendance next week!



# Holiday Club

## Winter CAMP



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Friday 27 December  
Monday 30 December  
Thursday 2 January  
Friday 3 January

**10:00am - 2:00pm**

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Paid places also available (please bring a nut-free packed  
lunch and drink).

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# CHRISTMAS SHOWS

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## Christmas Show



**Wednesday 18th December**

**10.45am The BOB HOPE THEATRE**  
Wythfield Rd, London SE9 5TG

**Tickets £11 per seat**  
Under 1's free on laps

**Book through this link:**  
[www.boppinbunnies.co.uk/shows](http://www.boppinbunnies.co.uk/shows)

Join Anna, Claire and our team of musicians for an exciting interactive Christmas Music Show! Festive outfits welcome so dust off those Christmas jumpers!



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**10 PERFORMANCES ONLY**

**FRI 6 DEC AT 6.30PM**  
**SAT 7/SUN 8 DEC AT 2PM & 3.30PM**  
**FRI 13 DEC AT 6.30PM**  
**SAT 14/SUN 15 DEC AT 2PM & 3.30PM**

Shows last approx 45 mins

**St Bartholomew's Church, Westwood Hill**  
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Original songs arranged by **YUMI MASHIKI**, adapted from Tchaikovsky's ballet score

  
Advance booking online recommended

**BOOK ONLINE** [spontaneousproductions.co.uk/nutcracker](http://spontaneousproductions.co.uk/nutcracker)

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Following last year's hugely successful production of *Jack & the Beanstalk*, Pantomime is back at Catford's Broadway Theatre. Susie McKenna and her award-winning team are working their magic to create this lavish production of *Sleeping Beauty*. Welcome to *Lewishtonia*, where once upon a time, a princess is born. Not invited to the celebration party, wicked fairy Carabosse casts an evil spell which changes the Princess's life forever - but can she take charge of her own destiny and rewrite her story? Packed with fun for all the family, and brought right up to date, Susie has crafted a spellbinding show with colourful characters, knockabout comedy, show-stopping routines, and no shortage of magic and sparkle. The perfect Gothic fairytale with a soulful twist running through the 31 December.

Here's a taster of our wonderful *Sleeping Beauty* at [https://youtu.be/ecXpVUG0L8c?si=4x06WPV6pt\\_naNO9](https://youtu.be/ecXpVUG0L8c?si=4x06WPV6pt_naNO9)

Use the code **SCHOOL** for £10 off Bands A, B, and C on the performances listed below

- 5pm 15th December Sunday
- 2pm 19th December Thursday
- 1pm 20th December Friday
- 6pm 20th December Friday





# Community Christmas Events



## Christmas Opening Hours

We would like to wish all of our lovely customers a Merry Christmas - we hope you all have a relaxing and enjoyable break this festive season!

Please note that any orders needed in time for Christmas - in-store collection only - must be placed by midday on Thursday 19th December. If you need inspiration, or simply want to pick up a book we have in stock, you have until 3pm on Christmas Eve to make someone's Christmas with the gift of a good book!

Here are our opening hours over the Christmas period:

Monday 23rd December - **10am-5pm**

Christmas Eve - **10am - 3pm**

Christmas Day - **CLOSED**

Boxing Day - **CLOSED**

Friday 27th - Saturday 28th December - **10am - 5pm**

Sunday 29th December - **11-4pm**

Monday 30th December - **CLOSED**

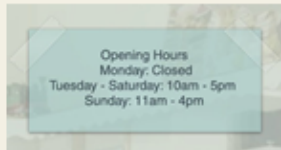
New Year's Eve - **10am - 3pm**

New Year's Day - **CLOSED**

Thursday 2nd January - **CLOSED**

Regular hours will resume on 3rd January 2025.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support, you are keeping us going and we are so grateful to every single one of you. Though we are now open for browsing we are still offering a click and collect service. Please feel free to browse our [online shop](https://www.bookshop.org) or visit our [Bookshop.org](https://www.bookshop.org) site - the new ethical way to shop for books online.



Follow Us!



Come along to Moon Lane Books for our annual Christmas Pop-Up Market - this year runs in collaboration with our wonderful neighbours: Marchetti and Forest Hill Christmas Trees.

Tick off all the names on your Christmas shopping list, pick a tree and enjoy delicious Christmas treats, all in your local area. Here at Moon Lane you can shop our incredible range of books, puzzles and games, before heading upstairs to the pop-up market to select gifts from the collection of stunning handcrafted jewelry, toys, ceramics, and other wonderful pieces from local artists.



## FORSTER MEMORIAL PARK *Christmas* MARKET

**SUNDAY 15th DECEMBER 2024**  
**11:00AM till 4:00PM**

# FREE ENTRY

A CHRISTMAS EVENT TO HELP SUPPORT  
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# Chorister For A Day

## THE CHOIR OF ST GEORGE'S CHAPEL, WINDSOR CASTLE



### Girls and Boys

in Y2-3 are invited to apply to attend one of our

### Chorister for a Day

events to be held on

**Sunday 19 January & Sunday 26 January 2025**

from 12.30pm to 6.30pm at St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, Windsor SL4 1NJ

Advance booking is essential, with priority given to children in Year 3.

Closing date for applications: Sunday 12 January 2025

Please contact Francesca Alden Email [cfad@stgeorges-windsor.org](mailto:cfad@stgeorges-windsor.org)

[www.stgeorges-windsor.org/news/cfad2025](http://www.stgeorges-windsor.org/news/cfad2025)

**Chorister for a Day** is a wonderful opportunity for girls and boys aged 6-8 (Yrs 2-3 at school) and their parents and carers to experience a day as a chorister in our world-famous choir of children and professional adult singers. New choristers typically join the choir at the start of Year 4 and this event is designed to help potential choristership applicants find out more about life as a chorister ahead of auditions in February. The programme of events will include various activities, ending with the Chorister for a Day participants taking part in Choral Evensong with the Choir of St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle.



Choristers at St George's rehearse every weekday morning and sing services on four weekdays and on a Sunday (Saturdays are mostly commitment free). This schedule develops not only their musical talents, but nurtures key skills such as leadership, team work, and time management. The Choristers are educated and board part-time at St George's School on generous scholarships, and limited means-tested bursaries may be available. The choristers all receive singing lessons from one of the UK's finest teachers of young voices, and receive instrumental and theory tuition. More information on all aspects of being a chorister will be available at *Chorister for a Day*.

The Choir was founded in 1348, and, whilst begun as a choir of boys and men, is now a choir of mixed girl and boy choristers and adult lay clerks (both male and female who provide the alto, tenor and bass parts). The choir sings regularly in the presence of His Majesty the King and other members of the Royal family, at annual events such as Garter Day and Easter Sunday Mattins, and at special events. In 2018, this included singing at both Royal Weddings in St George's Chapel: for The Duke and Duchess of Sussex in May, and for HRH Princess Eugenie and Mr Jack Brooksbank in October. In September 2022 the choir sang at the Committal Service for Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in St George's Chapel. The choir released a CD of Christmas music in 2019 on the Hyperion label which was met with critical acclaim, and a new recording with the Band of the Household Cavalry was released in November 2022. The choir has also broadcast on radio, most recently in May 2024 with Choral Evensong (BBC Radio 3).



It is important to note that we are not looking for musical stars at this stage – we are looking for children between the ages of six and eight who have the potential to develop their fledgling musical talent, who would like to consider the opportunity of applying for a choristership, and above all who would enjoy this sort of event.

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