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Dear parents and carers,

This week has been anti-bullying week and the children have been learning how to use their 'Power for Good' to speak out, support others, and build a world where kindness wins. The school council worked with their classes to review our anti-bullying policy and have come up with some excellent suggestions for ways to ensure we are all keeping ourselves safe and happy at school, at home and when we are online. They are redrafting our current policy and we will share it with you as soon as it is complete.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our donation for the Jamaican Hurricane appeal. Huge thanks to Craige Young who gave up his valuable time to transport the items to the donation collection point this afternoon.

Thank you for your generous donations for the BBC Children in Need campaign. We are still counting cash donations but I feel sure we will have beaten last years total. If you have not had the chance to donate, you can still do so online by clicking here:

[Donate to BBC Children in Need](#)

Monday is the day that children will be having individual, class and sibling photographs taken. Please make sure they are looking lovely and smart in their school uniform.

Don't forget next Friday is our INSET Day and school will be closed to children.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Manda George
Headteacher



Job Vacancy

We are looking to recruit a committed and motivated admin officer to join our wonderful office team. We welcome applications from experienced school admin officers and candidates from a corporate background with transferable skills which could be utilised in an educational setting

All documents, including application forms can be found on our website:

<https://www.torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk/contact/vacancies/>

Completed applications should be returned to

recruitment@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk

Tel: 020 8697 2762

E mail: recruitment@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk

Website: www.torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk

Coffee for Compost



Allotment Club have been very busy collecting leaves from around our school site. We are hoping to turn the leaf mulch into compost and are looking for an ongoing donation of USED COFFEE GROUNDS!



If you are a coffee drinker we would love to make use of your coffee grounds as part of our composting project.

Please bring any used grounds to Kelley on the RECEPTION GATE or hand into the school office.

This will be an ongoing system that we are creating so keep the coffee grounds coming!!



Nursery spaces

Torridon Nursery has places available!

If you would like to apply for your child to start Nursery at Torridon in this academic year, please get in touch via email or phone. We also welcome you to pop into our school office for an application form.



Festive Lunch Menu



Christmas lunch is taking place on the 17th of December. If you usually have packed lunch but would to sample the festive lunch menu, please email admin@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk

We have just got the menu through and are getting very excited!

Spring Bulb competetion

Thank you to everyone who has bought Spring bulbs from our lucky dip this year-we have raised an amazing amount of £173; these funds will be spent on our continuous development of our Forest School and Allotment area.

Remember, when your flower blooms in the Spring take a photo of it and email

forestschooll@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk






To enter our Spring bulb competition!



We have also been busy planting 1200 Spring bulbs all around school and look forward to seeing the beautiful blooms early next year!



Weekly Attendance

Class	Attendance		Class	Attendance		Class	Attendance	
1M	97.7%		3A	95%		5A	96.7%	
1N	95%		3G	94.8%		5C	93%	
1W	93.8%		3S	94%		5V	99%	
2E	98.9%		4C	95%		6L	95%	
2S	96.7%		4K	100%		6LG	97.7%	
2SW	97.6%		4S	95%		6R	96%	

Well done to all the classes with over 97% attendance this week

Allotment and Forest School Clubs

It has been another busy week in our woodland. The children have embraced the ethos of anti-bullying week.

Nursery shared the story of 'The brave little owl' and used natural resources to make their own owl.



Reception planted some Poppy seeds in remembrance of the brave soldiers of wars around the world.



Year 3 created a kindness tree in Forest School. We used the beginning of our sessions to reflect on acts of kindness, and the children wrote a message on a leaf to display.



WHY DO I NEED DIFFERENT CLOTHING FOR OPAL PLAY?

1 Waterproof coat

With my waterproof coat on, I can access and enjoy all the great outdoors has to offer. I can play outside and return, warm and dry, to my classroom afterwards. I always leave my coat in my bag as I know the weather can change very quickly and I might even need my coat for Outdoor PE.



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Wellies

When I have my welly boots on, I can access all of the areas outside. I can dig in the mud pit, jump in puddles and explore in the nature area.



3 Trainers

When I have my trainers on, I can play football on the field with my friends, I can climb on the bird's nest and play on the bars. Leather trainers are my favourite as they stop the water getting to my feet. I need to change my shoes even on PE days so that I don't walk mud inside my classroom after I've played on the field.

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Waterproof Trousers

When I wear my waterproof trousers, I don't have to worry about my school clothes getting dirty when I'm lifting tyres and pallets while I'm making my den. It means I can play in the water area without getting wet.



5 Spare Clothes

When I have spare clothes in my bag just incase, I know that if I do get a bit carried away outside and forget to manage my mess, I can quickly get changed and be clean and dry ready to go back to my classroom. It doesn't matter if these aren't my school uniform, I just like to be prepared - just incase!

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Nursery – Lost and Found

This week in nursery, we have been very busy learning about friendship, the south pole and positional language. We have been reading the story Lost & Found which is about an unlikely friendship between a boy and a penguin.

We sailed to the bottom of the world to explore penguin habitats and played ice fishing in slime... it felt like jelly! We also sang Wind the Bobbin Up and the Hokey Cokey to think more about positional language.



Wind the Bobbin Up

Wind the bobbin up,
Wind the bobbin up,
Pull, pull, clap, clap, clap.
Wind it back again,
Wind it back again,
Pull, pull, clap, clap, clap.

Point to the ceiling,
Point to the floor,
Point to the window,
Point to the door.
Clap your hands together, one, two, three,
Put your hands upon your knee.

Reception – Maths

This week Reception explored Kandinsky's pictures in Maths.

It contains different 2D shapes.

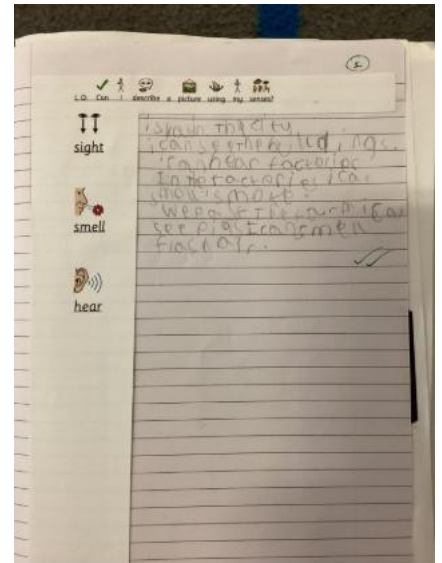
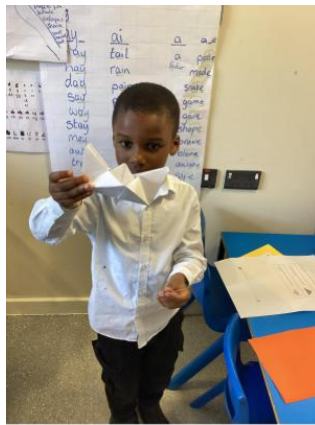


The children looked around the school environment for shapes, and they used shapes to create their own shape picture.



Resource Base

This week, we've been inspired by *A River* by Marc Martin to spark our imaginations! Using our senses, we described what it might feel like to float gently down the river — hearing birds, smelling rain, and seeing bustling cities and peaceful forests along the way. The story helped us picture all the wonderful places a river can take us. Next, we'll imagine our own journeys — where would our boats travel to on the river?



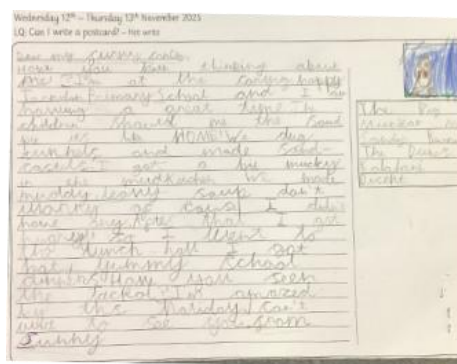
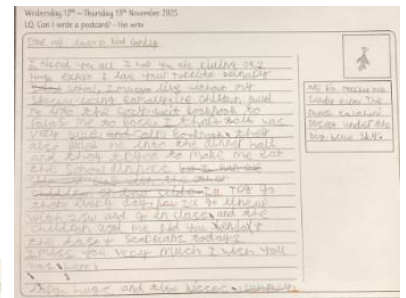
Year 1 - Investigates: How Far Can We jump?

This week, Year One carried out a fun science investigation inspired by an amazing fact: frogs can jump up to 20 times their body length! We wanted to see how far we could jump in comparison. Using cones to measure distances, the children tested their jumps and compared results—lots of excitement and great measuring skills in action!



Year 2 African Adventure

This half term in Year 2, we have begun our exciting new topic – African Adventure! We started by reading the story *Meerkat Mail*, which follows the adventures of a curious meerkat named Sunny. Sunny even decided to go on a very special holiday – all the way to Torridon Primary School! He loved playing in the sandpit, cooking in the mud kitchen, relaxing in the book nook, and he even tried our school lunches. Sunny was so excited that he wrote a postcard to his meerkat family, and the children had great fun imagining what he might say as they created their own postcards to share his exciting news.



Year 3 Rocks!

Year 3 have been finding out all about different types of rocks and their properties. We learned about how they were formed and what they might be used for.

Sedimentary rocks are formed when small pieces of rocks, dust, shells and sand are cemented together.



Igneous rocks are formed by magma or lava as it cools down and becomes a solid.



Metamorphic rocks are formed by intense heat and pressure underground.

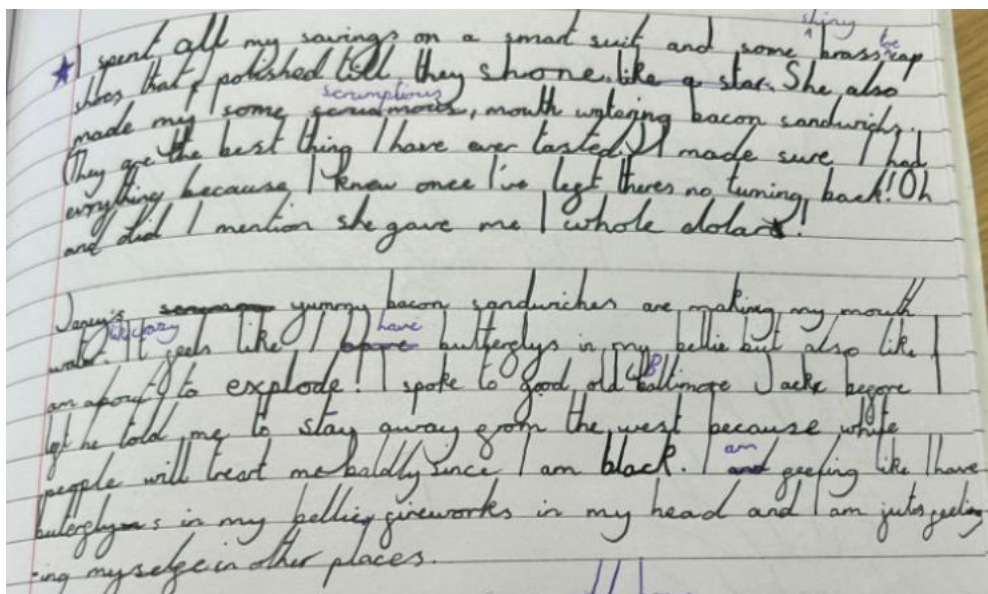
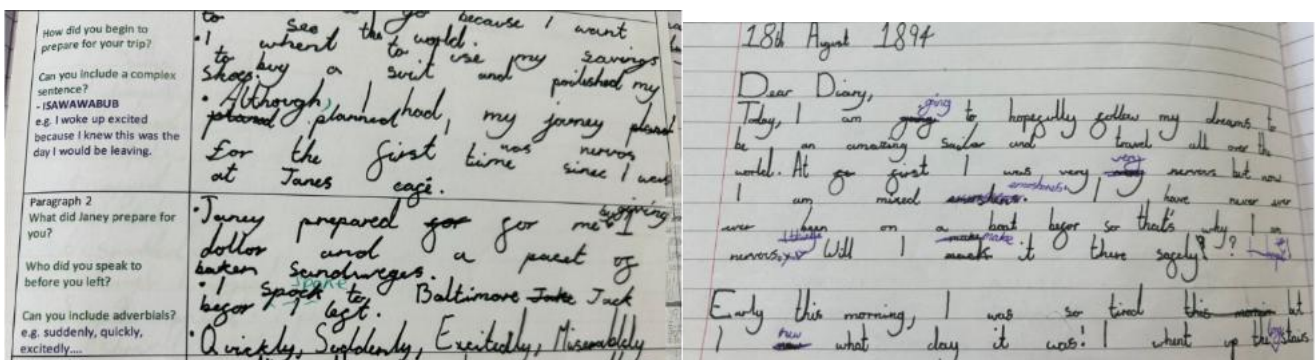


"The rock was very hard and very cold. I wasn't expecting it to be cold!" Milo
 "I could tell that the rock was sedimentary because I could see the layers." Didi
 "I liked finding out about how the rocks were made out of lava." Elyne.

Year 4 Diary writing

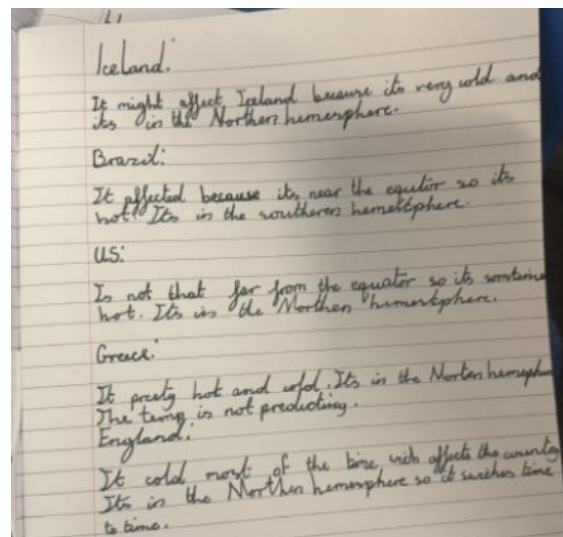
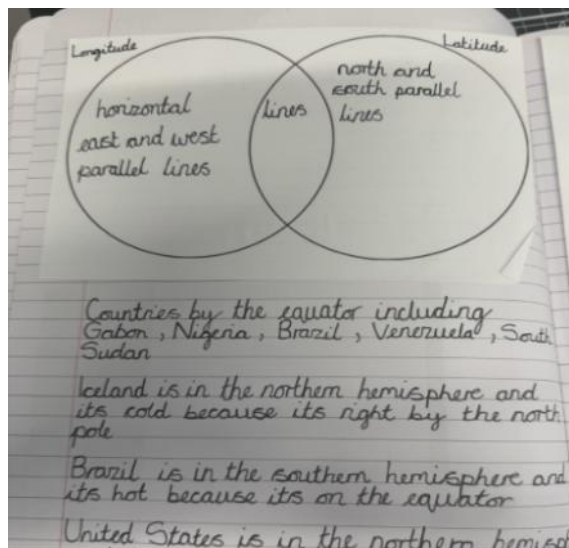
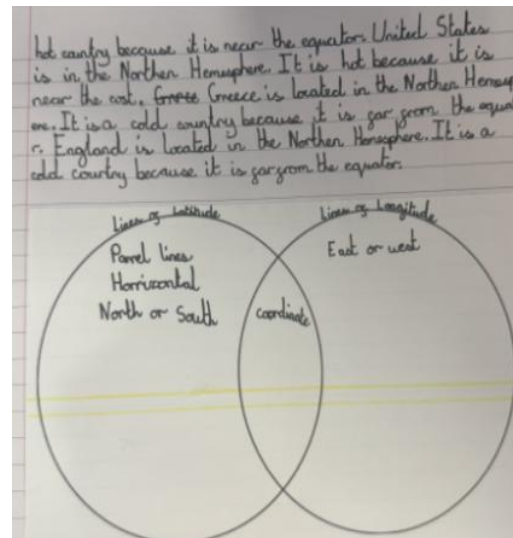
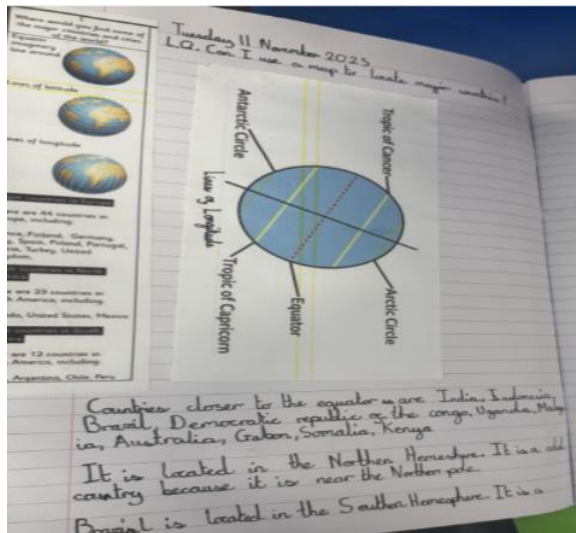
This week in Year 4, we have been diving into the exciting world of diary writing! Our focus has been on creating high-quality diary entries that really capture thoughts and feelings. Using the inspiring text *Race to the Frozen North*, we stepped into the shoes of Matthew Henson, the famous Arctic explorer. Writing in the first person helped us bring his incredible journey to life.

Before writing, we carefully planned our ideas, thinking about what Henson might have seen, felt, and experienced during his expedition. These plans were helpful when it came to producing our final diary entries. The written outcomes are fantastic! We are so proud of the effort and creativity shown by everyone in Year 4.



Year 5 – Geography Spotlight

This week, Year 5 explored the fascinating relationship between geography and climate. Using world maps, the students located various countries and examined their positions using longitude and latitude. They discussed how proximity to the equator influences temperature and weather patterns, discovering why tropical regions tend to be hot and humid while areas farther away experience cooler climates. It was an exciting way to connect map skills with real-world environmental understanding!

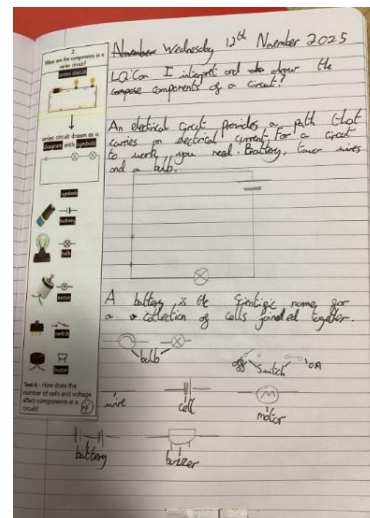
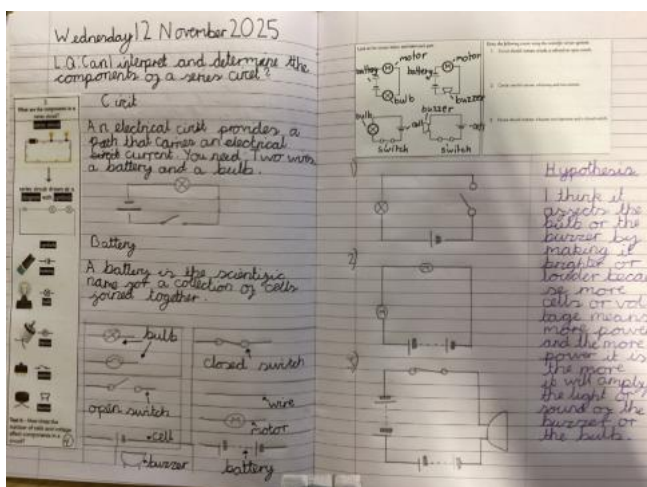


Year 6 - Science

This week in science, the children have been investigating the components that make up a **series circuit**. They learned how each part—such as batteries, bulbs, switches, and wires—works together to allow electricity to flow.

The class also explored the **symbols used to represent these components** and practiced drawing them accurately. Using these symbols, the children created clear diagrams of different circuits, showing how electrical energy moves through a series connection.

It's been a fantastic opportunity for them to combine practical understanding with scientific representation, and they are now well on their way to becoming confident circuit designers!



Year 5 and 6 girls' football tournament



Last Friday, 16 girls from year 5 & 6 represented Torridon in the Lewisham Games girls' football tournament at St. Dunstan's Jubilee Ground. Split into two teams, each group of girls played five matches against other schools in Lewisham. Using the skills they have been practicing in the Monday training sessions last term, both teams played excellent football against some challenging opposition. They experienced an array of results including coming from a goal down to draw a match, losing by slim margins against experienced teams, and winning matches without conceding.

They scored amazing goals, made some outstanding saves and played with respect throughout. By the end, they finished 3rd and 4th in their respective groups, just missing out on semi-final spots. They worked well in their teams, and the experience will certainly benefit towards their journey as a Saturday League team. Well done to both of our girls' teams!



Saturday League – Girls' team



On Saturday, our Torridon girls' football team played their first two matches of the season. It was a challenging day for the team as they had to first overcome the nerves of playing competitive matches for the first time in front of a cheering crowd. After just one training session on Friday, the girls first focus was understanding their positions and roles on the pitch. It was amazing to see how quickly they adapted to this first challenge as they worked incredibly well both defending and attacking against their first opponents – Horniman. Amariah made some outstanding saves in goal, whilst Yasmine, Melanie, Madison and Otilie were amazing in defence. They produced excellent tackles and did not allow the Horniman attackers many opportunities to score. Maya, Ameliia, Ivanka and Natalie produced some creative runs up and down the wing, travelling with the ball and tackling their opposing wingers. Lola and Maria secured the centre of the midfield and linked our defence with our attack, whilst Alyssa (our first ever year 4 team member) and Libby worked tirelessly as our attackers and nearly put us ahead on a few occasions.



Overall, the Torridon girls dominated that first game but were incredibly unlucky as in the last few seconds of the match, a long ball went through our defence and a lone Horniman attacker had the time to score the only goal of the game. A 1-0 loss in our first match, but an incredible game to set the tone for the rest of the season. Their second game, against Gordonbrock, was a different challenge altogether. They came second in the league last season and produced a 5-1 win against the team they played before our game.

They are an experienced side with some academy players – but that wasn't enough to stop our girls from playing with passion and determination. A controversial decision from the referee awarded them with a penalty in the first half, but as good as their shot was – Libby in goal made history as the first goalkeeper to save a penalty! In fact, she went on to make countless saves throughout the match. As Gordonbrock kept pressing, our team went into defensive mode and, although our defence remained solid throughout – one goal did manage to slip into the net. Another close game, and another 1-0 loss – but these results are not a true reflection of just how amazing our girls played on their first day at Blackheath.



There are plenty more games to go and it won't be long before they earn their first points of the season. Well done to all the girls who played on Saturday! Thank you to all the families that stayed to support the team and thank you to Taliya and Alaia for coming to watch the children play with an amazing home-made 'Go Team Torridon' banner! Next week, both our year 5 boys' team and our year 6 boys' team will play their first matches of their campaign. Good luck to the boys

Dates for Your Diary

Monday 17 th November	Individual and class photographs Yar 5 and 6 basketball tournament (TBC)
Tuesday 18 th November	Year 3 to the Natural History Museum
Thursday 20 th November	PTA fundraiser – Non uniform day
Friday 21st November	INSET DAY
Monday 24 th November	Reception cinema visit
Thursday 27 th November	Reception to Year 6 height and weight screening
Friday 28 th November	Artisan Craft Market – 3-5pm
w/b 1 st December	Whole school assessment week
Thursday 4 th December	9am Coffee Morning with the Mental Health Schools Team – challenging behaviours
Wednesday 10 th December	Music concert
Thursday 11 th December	PTA School Disco
Friday 12 th December	Festive assembly performances 9.00 Year 1 2.45 Year 2
Monday 15 th December	Festive assembly performances 9.00 Year 5 2.45 Year 6
Tuesday 16 th December	9.00 or 2.30 Reception nativity performance
Wednesday 17 th December	9.00 Nursery – festive songs Christmas Lunch
Thursday 18 th December	Festive assembly performances 9.00 Year 3 2.45 Year 4
Friday 19 th December	Last day of term (2pm finish)
Monday 22nd December – Friday 2nd January	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
Monday 5 th January 2026	First day of spring term





STARS OF THE WEEK



Class	Name	Reason
Nursery FT	Troy	For going above and beyond when you are singing and at tidy-up time! Keep up the enthusiasm 😊
Nursery PT	Ivy-Rae	For trying new things and having resilience to keep improving her balance on the swing 😊
Blue Class	Maisie	For always trying her best and having such an enthusiastic attitude towards learning. Keep it up, Maisie!
Red Class	Safa	For fantastic oral blending during phonics. She is kind and is very helpful. Well done, Safa! 😊
Yellow Class	Sofia	For always having a positive attitude to learning and always trying her best! Well done!
1M	Thomas	For his fantastic effort in our writing lessons and for creating a wonderfully detailed retelling of Little Turtle and the Changing Sea. Keep up the great work, Thomas! 😊
1N	Daya	For her fantastic listening and positive attitude to learning. She always follows the class rules and sets a good example to others. Keep up the great work! 😊
1W	Yonathan	For his effort in writing. He is beginning to think carefully about the sounds needed for his spelling, and it has been great to see how focused he is becoming. Keep it up!
2E	Yusuf	For working so well in his group during our PE lesson. Well done for taking turns, sharing equipment and enjoying yourself! 😊
2S	Frankie	For her fantastic maths learning! Well done for accurately solving a range of missing number problems and independently selecting the correct method for each. Keep up the amazing learning Frankie 😊
2SW	Milan	For her amazing presentation in her writing this week! It has been lovely to see her try her best to include her neat joins which makes her presentation impressive. Keep it up Milan 😊
3A	Niara	For her improvement in attention during lessons and participating in classroom discussions. We are so proud of Niara's increased focus while learning – well done.
3G	Eve	For always focusing on her learning and for trying her best to include a range of conjunctions in her writing. Keep it up 😊
3S	Gerald	For an amazing attitude towards his maths learning. Well done Gerald, keep it up! 😊
4C	Hazel	For your outstanding effort and creativity in writing. I was really impressed by your use of the "show, not tell technique" to express Matthew Henson's feelings. Well done 😊
4K	Imaan	For making some thoughtful contributions during class discussions. Well done for maintaining focus in writing lessons this week. Keep it up!
4S	Manasseh	For being an excellent ambassador for the school for the whole 2 weeks of swimming. You are always polite, sensible and helpful. You have put 100% effort into every learning opportunity this term. Well done! 😊
5A	Joshua	For displaying the core values of respect and excellence. He's always polite to adults and peers, and he takes pride in his presentation. Keep it up.
5C	Maimouna	For using the key features of a travel brochure to write her persuasive writing this week. Keep it up!
5V	Masih	
6L	Sasha	For consistently demonstrating a passion for learning, you always present it to a high standard, and you have made excellent progress in all areas. Well done and keep it up!
6LG	Melanie	For improving her handwriting in year 6. You have tried hard, and your handwriting is now clear and neat. Well done!
6R	Krishigaa	For being an excellent role model to others and always making the right choices in class. Well done!
Resource Base	Kenny	For his valued and thoughtful contributions to our discussions about kindness.



St Andrew's Catford Christmas Tree Festival

24th - 29th November FREE ADMISSION

10am - 5pm | Special event timings below

All events in St Andrew's Church unless otherwise stated

Monday	5pm	Carols and Blessing of the trees
Wednesday	2pm 6-8pm	Sandhurst Steel Pan Band Evening Christmas Tree viewing with refreshments
Thursday	9:30am 10am	Morning Prayer Singalong Sally
Friday	10am	Torridon String Ensemble
Saturday	All day 1pm	Christmas Fair - <i>St Andrew's Hall & Corbett Library</i> - stalls, activities and festive refreshments - visit from Mother Christmas (11am-3pm) Bromley Concert Band - Sing-along carols for all the family
Sunday	10am	Service in Church

**St Andrew's Church
Sandhurst Rd
Catford
SE6 1XD**

Carols and
concerts
throughout
the week

Mulled wine,
mince pies,
festive activities
and stalls in the
Church Hall and
Corbett Library on
Saturday 29th

TORRIDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

★ **CHRISTMAS**
ARTISAN CRAFT
MARKET

FRIDAY 28TH
NOVEMBER

🕒 **3-5PM**

**VENDORS
WANTED!**

Join us for a festive
afternoon and showcase
your handmade gifts,
crafts, and seasonal treats.

STALL ENQUIRIES:
torridonmarket25@gmail.com

Christmas trees

— AT ABBOTSHALL

Abbotshall HLC, Abbotshall Rd, SE6 1TE

All profits go towards keeping Abbotshall HLC open.
Support your local community by ordering your beautiful, locally grown Nordman fir Christmas tree from Abbotshall – grown just 30 miles away.

SPECIAL OFFERS

Get £5 off as a thank you for ordering online.

Order online at
abbotshallhlc.org.uk/christmas-trees

Early Bird Discount

Order now until the 20th of November
for another £5 off your tree!

COLLECTION & DELIVERY

Trees are available from Sunday 30th November.
Pick it up at the Christmas fair, or choose another convenient collection date.

Prefer delivery?

We'll bring your tree to your door for a small fee
(available within 1 mile of Abbotshall HLC).

Mental Elf

Festive 5k Fun Run

South East
London
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11am Sunday 30 November
Crystal Palace Park

Everyone can take part – it's all about the fun!

- Don't miss the pre-run warm up with PureGym Sydenham
- National Trust family day pass for every entry
- Raffle - prizes include designer handbags and restaurant vouchers

Sign up today:

selmind.org.uk/mental-elf

All funds raised directly support local people with mental health problems and dementia.

**Prize
for best
dressed elf!**
**Medal for
all runners**



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Classes for disabled children & young people

Saturdays

Laban Building
Creekside
SE8 3DZ

A fun and creative weekly class, for young dancers with cognitive and/or physical disabilities, or who identify as neurodivergent.

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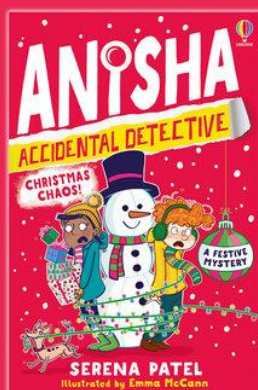


SERENA PATEL

for festive crafts and Christmas fun!

MOON LANE BOOKS

Saturday 22nd November 2:30pm



Suitable for children age 7+

