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Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to our last newsletter for November. It is hard to believe we are heading into December next week.

We have had lots of trips taking place again this week. I was absolutely delighted to receive some feedback from a member of the public who was on the bus with some of our children. She took the time to email and let me know how sensible, quiet and polite the children had been. It made me incredibly proud to know what fantastic ambassadors for the school our children can be.

The children in years 1 to 6 had the chance to visit the Christmas Tree festival at St Andrew's Church and our wonderful string ensemble performed some festive tunes for the visitors. Thank you to Vivian, Chris and Sam for making this such a wonderful experience for the children. There is still time for you to visit if you have not already done so. Look out for details later in the newsletter.

Finally, I hope you had the opportunity to visit the artisan craft market this afternoon. There was an amazing array of crafts and delicious treats on display. We are so grateful to Sarah Hanks for organising the event and huge thanks to all the vendors who came.

I hope you will be able to join us for our next coffee morning with the Mental Health Schools Team. The session is taking place on Thursday morning after drop off and the team will be discussing challenging behaviour and providing some helpful strategies you can use at home.

Whatever you are up to this weekend, I hope you have a lovely time.

Very best wishes,

Manda George  
Headteacher



## String Ensemble at St Andrew's Church

String ensemble played today to parents, carers and year 4 children. They all played really well, and the audience were really impressed. Well done to all of our amazing string ensemble members.

### Music Christmas Concert – Date Change

The Music Christmas Concert is now on the **9th of December** at 3:30.pm It will take place in the early years hall.



Sting Ensemble, Guitar Ensemble, Steel Pans Club and some other instrumental groups and soloists will be performing.

We hope to see you there.

## School Disco!



Calling all Torridon pupils - grab your glad rags and gear up to cut loose on the dance floor. You're officially on the guest list for CLUB TORRIDON! Entry includes a packet of crisps for each child and unlimited squash and water. Children in Years 3-6 can purchase additional treats from the KS2 Tuck Shop.

Entry £3 - [pay online](#) or by cash or card on the gate

Learn more about the disco and how you can get involved at <https://www.friendsoftorridon.org/disco-2025>.

	4:00 - 5:00	5:30 - 6:30
Early Years Hall	Nursery & Reception	Years 1 & 2
Year 5 Hall	Years 3 & 4	Years 5 & 6
Year 3/4 Hall	Parents' Café	

# Coffee Morning for Parents and Carers

## Supporting Challenging Behaviour with the school's Mental Health Support Team (MHST)

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December, 9am – 10am



The MHST will explore common **behavioural difficulties** that children experience.

They will explore **the difference between typical behaviours** and **ones that challenge**, **what behaviour may be communicating**, and they will discuss **key strategies to increase positive behaviour**.

## Festive Lunch Menu



Christmas lunch is taking place on the 17<sup>th</sup> of December. If you usually have packed lunch but would to sample the festive lunch menu, please email

[admin@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk)

# Newspaper and Magazine Donations

If you have any unwanted newspapers or magazines this week, we would very much welcome your donations for art therapy. Donations can either be brought to the inclusion office or the school office.

Many thanks,

Sai



## Nursery – Hibernation

This week, nursery have been learning about hibernation. It is when some animals go to sleep for a long time in the winter because there is not much food for them to eat. We have used our senses to explore the types of grains and natural materials that animals might keep with them whilst they hibernate. We have been working on growing our hand muscles by weaving colourful hedgehog spines. In maths, we have been working on subitising numbers to 3, that is when you can see how many there are without counting.



## Reception – Trip to the Cinema



Reception had a fantastic time watching Stickman at the cinema.

We are so proud of how the children behaved during our trip!



## Resource Base – St Andrew's Church Trip

This week, we enjoyed our wonderful trips to St. Andrew's Church to see the beautifully decorated Christmas trees. We were amazed by the creativity on display – each tree had its own unique theme and charm. As we wandered through the displays, one ornament caught our eye: the “6, 7” ornament on one of the trees. We also saw the tree decorated by messages from children at Torridon Primary School.



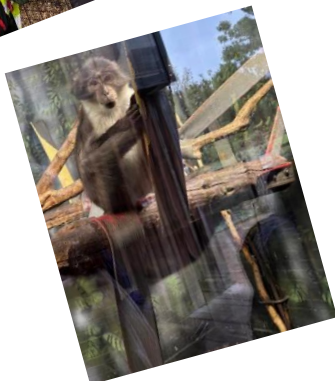
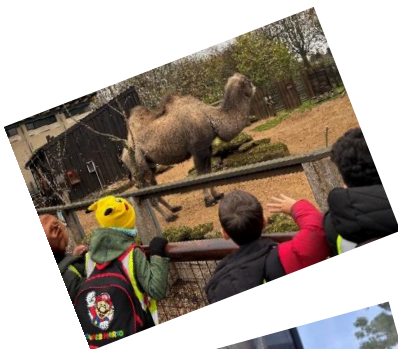
## Year 1 – Gymnastics

In Year 1, we have been developing our ability to move around a space with creativity and control. We have been exploring a range of shapes such as 'tuck', 'star' and 'straight' shapes. As we continue to learn the different ways we can shape our bodies in gymnastics, we will learn how to balance and travel along apparatus and learn how to link our techniques into a sequence like real gymnasts!



## Year 2 – London Zoo Trip

As part of our African Adventure topic, we visited London Zoo to see some of the amazing African animals we've been learning about. From playful meerkats to majestic lions, we really enjoyed seeing the creatures up close. It was a fun and educational experience that brought our topic to life!!



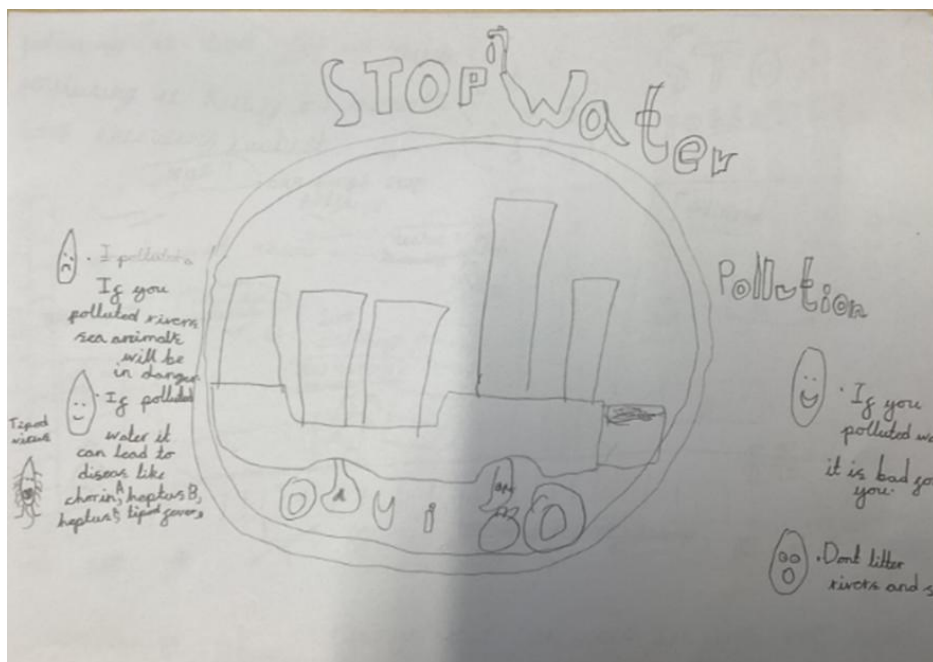
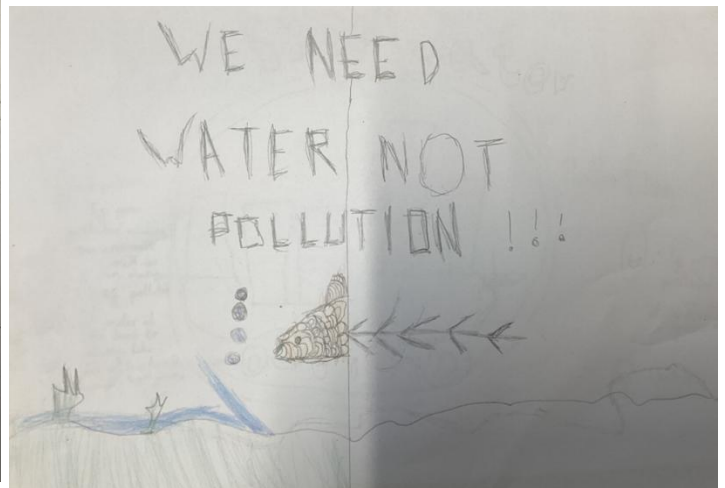
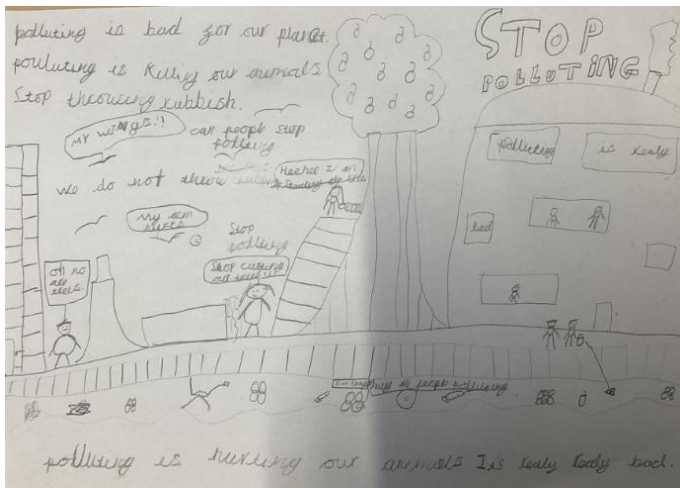
# Year 3 – Geography

## Year 3 Makes A Splash Learning about River Pollution!

This term, Year 3 have been diving deep into river pollution. We've explored how litter, chemicals, and even tiny microplastics can harm rivers and the wildlife that depends on them.

One big discovery? Pollution in rivers doesn't just stay there—it can travel to oceans and affect animals all over the world! Year 3 is determined to make a difference, and their enthusiasm is inspiring.

So, if your child reminds you to recycle or pick up litter, give them a cheer—they're helping to keep our rivers sparkling and full of life! 💧 🌱



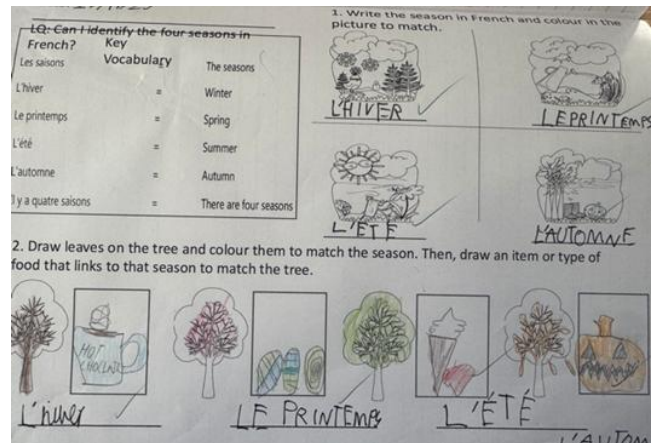
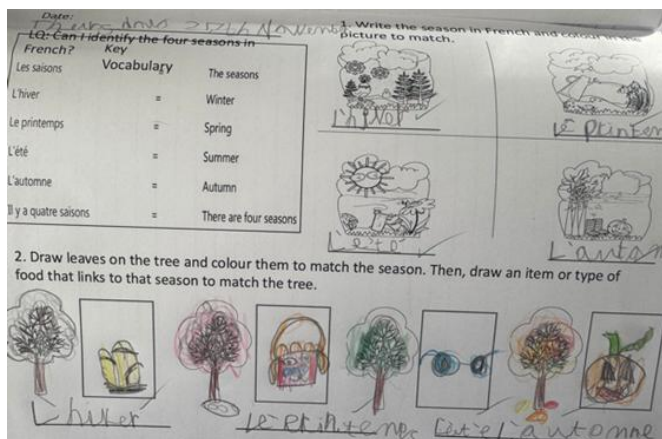
## Year 4 – French

This week in Year 4, we started our new topic on *Seasons*. In our first lesson, we identified the four seasons in French and learned some key vocabulary, such as:

- *Les saisons* = the seasons
- *L'hiver* = winter
- *Le printemps* = spring

We wrote the names of the seasons in French and coloured a picture to match each one. Then, we drew leaves on the trees and coloured them according to the season. Finally, we added an item or type of food that links to that season.

It was exciting to learn new words for the seasons, and we're looking forward to later in the unit when we discuss our favourite season!



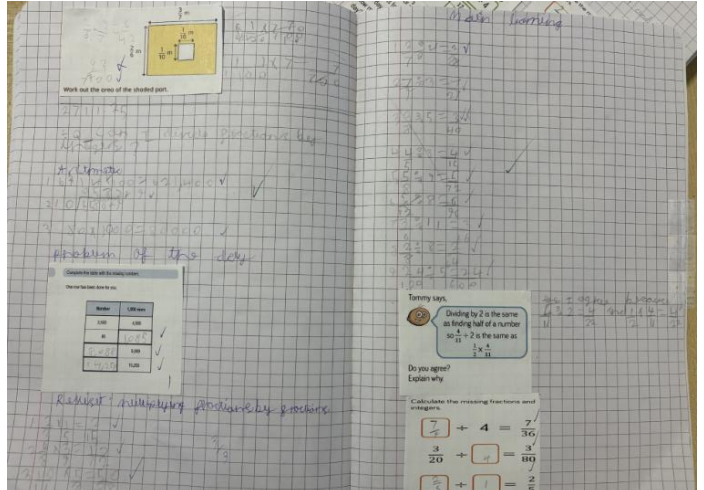
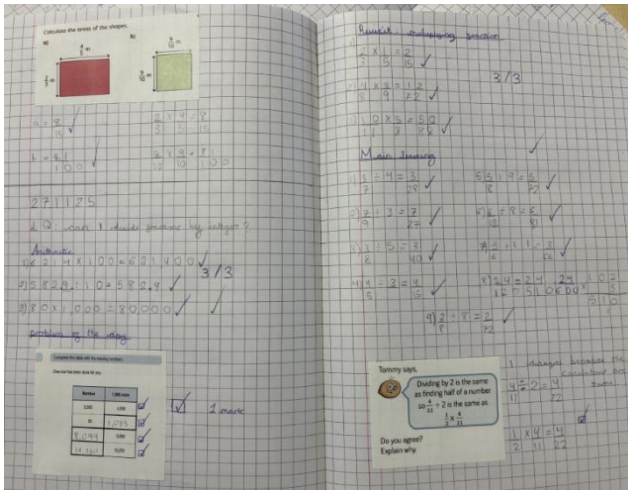
## Year 5 – Visit to St Andrew's Church

This week, year 5 took a walk down to St. Andrew's Church to look at the wide variety of interestingly decorated Christmas trees put on display by different members of the community. We were all excited to see our Christmas tree decorated with our stars of hope on display. Our very own Georgina, and her family, also displayed their Christmas tree. Also, year 5 would like to issue a massive thank you to Tom, Darryl and Tatiana for all their help in getting the tree up to the church, setting it up and decorating it.



# Year 6 – Maths

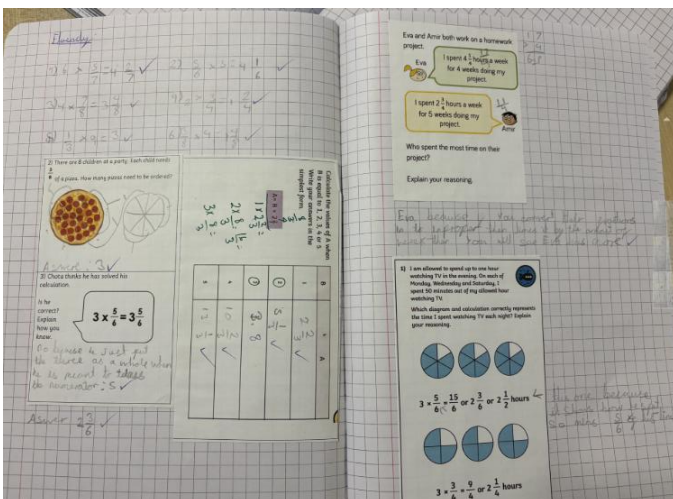
This week, Year 6 have been diving deep into fractions! They've been working hard on multiplying and dividing fractions and exploring how to simplify answers. In addition, they have been learning how to convert improper fractions into mixed numbers—a key step in understanding fraction relationships and tackling the calculations with more efficiency.



## Multiplying Fractions and Mixed Numbers by Integers

YEAR 6 – NUMBER – FRACTIONS

$$\frac{3}{5} \times 4$$



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# Forest School News

It has been another eventful week in our woodland.

Nursery have been learning about hibernation, so we created homes for the bears to settle down for their winter sleep.



Year 3 has been busy learning about erosion.

3S worked as a team to create the biggest river forest school has ever seen, implementing streams, estuaries and waterfalls. They watched as the flowing water manipulated the mud to create a constant flow.



A group of children spent the whole session creating a beautiful den for the animals.



# Poem by Holly (3G)

## A POEM ABOUT POLLUTION IN THE WORLD

Pollution is bad. Pollution is terrible.  
It's wrecking our planet, becoming unbearable.  
Animals sick. Animals hurt.  
People should be more alert.  
Recycle your rubbish in the bin.  
We need to make sure we throw it all in.  
Animals happy. No more pollution.  
Our planet is saved, by this solution!




By Holly 3G



Holly feels so passionate about looking after our planet that she was inspired to write this thought-provoking poem.

Well done Holly for sharing your message in such a powerful way!

## Weekly Attendance

Class	Attendance		Class	Attendance		Class	Attendance	
1M	92%		3A	96%		5A	99%	
1N	95%		3G	92%		5C	92%	
1W	90%		3S	89%		5V	97%	
2E	96%		4C	94%		6L	93%	
2S	94%		4K	98%		6LG	94%	
2SW	95%		4S	98.2%		6R	95%	

Well done to those classes achieving our school target of 97% or more!

# Football League Update

After the exhilarating start of the girls' football season, the boys' teams kicked off their campaign last Saturday. As there were so many boys who attended the trials this year, we made the decision to include two teams into the league. One team into the year 6 league – including year 5 & 6 boys – and another into the year 5 league which included year 3, 4 & 5 boys. Both teams played incredibly well on their opening day and secured their first points of the season with some outstanding results.



The year 6 team played their first match against Horniman and although chances came for either team, it ended as a 1-0 loss. Levi made some fantastic saves in goal whilst Michael, Ashton, Malleek and Liam were incredibly brave in defence with some incredible tackles, interceptions and clearances. Tommy controlled the game in centre midfield and Max, Yacine and Jeraiah worked tirelessly on the wings supporting the attack and defence. Whilst Masih and Dejahn found the space to create scoring opportunities; they were unlucky not to get the ball across the line. As well as the team defended, nerves may have got the better of them as their opposition found enough space to

score the only goal of the game.

Their second game was far more challenging, but the boys found the confidence to stop John Ball at every opportunity. Levi made countless saves to deny their talented attacker, and their goalkeeper was just as consistent stopping us from winning the game with a barrage of saves. A great game all round and the year 6 team earned their first point of the season with a 0-0 draw.

The year 5 team seemed more excited than nervous against last year's champions – Edmund Waller. It took just 15 seconds for them to score their first goal of the season; a well worked break-away goal fell to Kylan who smashed it into the back of the net! After that goal seemingly rattled their opponents – the game became more intense. Luca made some match-winning saves while Bobby, Arlo and Malachi were solid in defence. Kylan, Milo, Mekai, Moursine and Jah'Shawny were quick footed in midfield and on the wings, creating scoring opportunities every time they pushed forward whilst Matthew was outstanding in attack. Mekai scored an amazing free kick to double their lead before half time. In the second half, the Torridon boys continued to play with passion and although they didn't score any more – they didn't concede either. An amazing 2-0 win to start their season.



They continued with their successful start as they went on to beat Horniman 3-0 in their second match. Mekai on the scoresheet again as well as Matthew scoring his first and second goals of the season; one of which was another free kick! Great energy from the team and a well-deserved win. Overall, an amazing start from both teams; one conceding just a single goal and earning a draw against a top side, and the other remains undefeated and yet to concede a single goal. Well done to both boys' teams! As the girl's fixtures were postponed last week due to adverse weather conditions, the boys' teams will be back in action this weekend. Good luck in your second round of matches!

# Dates for your diary

w/b 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Whole school assessment week
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Year 5 and 6 sitting volleyball tournament
	Year 6 road safety workshop
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Nursery library visit
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	9am Coffee Morning with the Mental Health Schools Team – challenging behaviours
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE</b> Music concert
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	PTA School Disco
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Festive assembly performances
	9.00 Year 1 2.45 Year 2
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Festive assembly performances
	9.00 Year 5 2.45 Year 6
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00 or 2.30
	Reception nativity performance
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00 Nursery – festive songs
	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Festive assembly performances
	9.00 Year 3 2.45 Year 4
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term (2pm finish)
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY</b>
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	First day of spring term





## STARS OF THE WEEK



Class	Name	Reason
Nursery FT	Jaquan	For his concentration on our learning and remembering facts about hibernation.
Nursery PT	Prince	For improving his confidence at school and learning to use his voice.
Blue Class	Theodore	For being a consistent role model for the class, always trying his best and being such a helpful classmate. Well done, Theodore! 😊
Red Class	Suwethaa	For being a good role model. She is always doing the right thing. She is very helpful and kind to her friends. Well done, Suwethaa! 😊
Yellow Class	Iris	For always being kind to others and always making the right choices. Well done!
1M	Melvin	For being an absolute star. We have loved having him in 1M and will miss him dearly. Best of luck in your new school! 😊
1N	Matthias	For being so focused on his learning! He has done fantastic maths, as usual and this week, he did a great job with his writing as well. Keep it up! 😊
1W	Mark	For his participation in lessons. He is always enthusiastic about sharing his ideas, and he is learning steadily how to express his thoughts more clearly. Well done, Mark!
2E	The Whole Class	For their amazing behaviour on our school trip to London Zoo. The children represented Torridon wonderfully and we were all very impressed! Well done Year 2! 😊
2S		
2SW		
3A	Cameron	For always trying his best in lessons. Even when the learning is challenging, Cameron applies his previous learning and shows resilience.
3G	Zico	For being a positive role model in 3G and for consistently being kind and respectful to everyone. Keep it up, Zico! 😊
3S	Carter	For always being a kind and helpful member of our class. Thank you 😊
4C	Drew	For embodying the school's values and for having an eagerness towards his learning, which has been amazing to see. Keep up the good work Drew 😊
4K	Whole class	For demonstrating outstanding behaviour, teamwork, and progress during the two weeks of swimming lessons. Well done for showing respect on the bus and whilst walking on the streets. You should all be very proud 😊
4S	Isaac	For working really hard to consistently join his handwriting and for learning all of his times tables up to 12x12. Keep up the great effort, Isaac! 😊
5A	Gracie-May	For being an excellent role model for the class and school community. She takes pride in her learning and consistently displays our core values. Keep it up!
5C	Jude	For his brilliant attitude towards his maths learning this week. Keep it up!
5V	Phaedra	For using high quality vocabulary to produce a well written and engaging narrative. Great Job!
6L	Yasmine	For her hard work and determination in maths – her confidence has grown! She also consistently demonstrates excellence when presenting all learning. Well done!
6LG	Kyzah	For trying hard with his handwriting in year 6 and for also answering an excellent reasoning question in maths this week. Well done!
6R	Hanna	For consistently demonstrating excellence across the curriculum and always showing integrity. Well done.
Resource Base	Douglas	For his enthusiasm and engagement in all interventions while in the base. Keep in up Douglas!

# Great British Bake Off

Have YOU got what it takes to be the next Star Baker?

Love Productions are looking for a new batch of bakers for the next series of The Great British Bake Off and they want to hear from you!

If you or someone you know is a talented home baker, then apply

now at [www.applyforbakeoff.co.uk](http://www.applyforbakeoff.co.uk) or email on

[applyforbakeoff@loveproductions.co.uk](mailto:applyforbakeoff@loveproductions.co.uk) or call 0117 456 8530 for an application form.

Closing date for applications is 1pm on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2025.

A promotional image for The Great British Bake Off. It features two bakers, a woman on the left and a man on the right, both smiling and holding cakes. The woman is wearing a yellow and purple patterned shirt and purple-rimmed glasses, holding a pink cake decorated with red icing and cherries. The man is wearing a light blue shirt, holding a white cake with yellow and purple icing decorations. The background is a light orange color with a large red banner at the top that says 'COULD YOU BE THE NEXT STAR BAKER?'. Above the banner is a logo that says 'THE GREAT BRITISH BAKE OFF'. At the bottom, there is a red button with the text 'WWW.APPLYFORBAKEOFF.CO.UK' and two lines of text: 'APPLICATIONS CLOSE ON MONDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2025 AT 1PM.' and 'MORE INFO: APPLYFORBAKEOFF@LOVEPRODUCTIONS.CO.UK'. The entire image is framed by a black border.

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# Drawing Competition

**Task:** Draw your favourite Christmas or winter scene!

**Examples:** You could draw Father Christmas, a snowman, a snowy landscape, the nativity scene, a snowflake, a reindeer, a robin or even a polar bear (anything Christmas/winter/snow related - see ideas overleaf). Students of all ages welcome to take part.

**Prizes:** We will award the following prizes to winning students to purchase learning resources for their classroom:

**1st prize:** £500 Amazon voucher

**2nd prize:** £250 Amazon voucher

**3rd prize:** Five \* £50 Amazon vouchers



**Instructions:** Competition entries are to be submitted digitally via our website: [www.hansonbox.org](http://www.hansonbox.org) (click the "Competitions" link at the top and follow submission instructions). Or scan the QR code above.

The competition **closes** on December 18th, 2025.

Winners will be **announced** on December 23rd, 2025.

We hope that your students enjoy this competition.



**Good Luck!**



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# CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 6th December

1 – 4pm

Festive Wreath Making |  
Food | Market Stalls |  
Grotto | Craft Activities  
+ Performances

**FREE  
ENTRY**

**Goldsmiths Community Centre**  
**Castillon Rd, SE6 1QD**



**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*

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

**St Andrew's Church  
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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**