



# Papillon House School Newsletter

Autumn Term 2 - Friday 19th December 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It's been a very festive week at Papillon which started with our pupil Christmas meal on Monday. All our children and young people enjoyed a Christmas turkey dinner, Christmas party music and crackers!

It was lovely to welcome all our parents and carers to our Christmas performance of 'Merry Poppins' on Wednesday. Our children and young people performed so well and we are very proud of them all! Thank you to Alex Merrett for organising such a wonderful performance, and to Yara for her imaginative suggestions for the show!

The festivities continued on Thursday with our Christmas fair which was attended by Santa and some other festive friends! Thank you for the donations of cakes that were sent in. We really appreciate all your support with our events, and all monies raised today will go directly to Save the Children UK.

Sadly, we said our farewells to Anil (minibus driver) who leaves us today. We wish him all the very best in his future endeavours. Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and I look forward to welcoming everybody back to school on Monday 5th January.

## Primary Department News

**Caterpillar Class** went to Chessington Garden Centre, where they got to see two reindeer and look at all the Christmas decorations. It was also lovely to see them all exploring the Christmas fair and meeting Father Christmas yesterday. We enjoyed the Christmas show and it was nice to have us all together in the hall. Caterpillar Class have also enjoyed sensory play in science and playing the large drum and symbol in music. Have a wonderful Christmas and we will see you in 2026!

**Meadow Class** have been very busy in the run up to Christmas with the performance of "Merry Poppins", the Christmas fair and Christmas lunch! They have been completing lots of Christmas-based activities in class including wrapping presents for a special person at home as well as cooking gingerbread on Monday. We hope that you all have a lovely Christmas break and we are looking forward to seeing all of the children again in 2026.

**Peacock Class** enjoyed coming in each morning to see what our cheeky class elf has been getting up to! We've really enjoyed listening to 'The Dinosaur who Pooped a...' book series in story time. In cooking, we have loved baking and icing gingerbread men, making Santa hats and chocolate Krispie Christmas wreaths. We had fun at Chessington Garden Centre and we got to see some of Santa's reindeer! We had lots of fun performing our Christmas show and choosing toys at the Christmas fair.



## Reminders & Requests

A reminder to all parents that we return for the Spring Term on **Monday 5th January 2025** at 9.25am.



## Secondary Department News

**Swallowtail Class** made fruit cakes on Monday using flour and a mixture of dried fruits. The class went to The Retro Café in Caterham-on-the-Hill on Tuesday and played with some of the retro games and had a snack in the café. All of Swallowtail Class enjoyed the performance and participated well. In our World Views sessions this week the children learnt about the Three Wise Men, what jobs they did and about the journey to the manger. We had fun at the Christmas fair yesterday—we well done to Aiden for winning the 'Guess the Sweets' competition!

**Monarch Class** loved having their special Christmas lunch on Monday and enjoyed visiting the Christmas Fair and meeting Santa Claus for a special treat! We had lots of fun, participating in a range of festive craft activities, such as making cards and painting 'stained glass windows'. We also had lots of fun baking some yummy treats, including Christmas cupcakes and chocolate Christmas nests. The children also enjoyed the staff pantomime today - their very own version of Snow White and the Seven Teachers, and enjoyed our festive tasting snack activity, trying panettone!

**Admiral Class** have enjoyed a range of Christmas activities from making Christmas decorations to decorating the class tree. It was amazing to see everyone enjoying the Christmas show and taking part. We also had our Christmas fair and enjoyed the festive stalls. One learner from Admiral Class has been doing work experience in a charity shop in Banstead arranging displays and helping the volunteers. This week we went to Walton-on-the-Hill to play tennis and football.

**Emperor Class** have had a fantastic final week of term. We are so proud of the students and how hard they worked to plan, prepare and serve refreshments at the Christmas show. They also worked hard on their enterprise project throughout the term making beautiful items that sold very well. It was lovely seeing our guests admire them all. The Emperor team would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



**Our "Stars" this week are:**

**Caterpillar Class** for "an amazing Christmas week and coping well with all the changes."

**Meadow Class** for "their hard work and efforts this term." They are all superstars!

**Peacock Class** Jamie for "joining in so well during our Christmas show!"

**Swallowtail Class** for "having a great last week and taking part in all the festivities!"

## Photo Gallery



There were no Primary birthdays this week.

## Therapy

Well done Jack for engaging really well in his speech sound session. He was able to drum out all the syllables and practice his sounds. *Jess Mason, Speech and Language Therapist and Monika Persechino, Speech and Language Therapy Assistant.*

Well done to Tiana and Aidan P for guessing the correct Makaton mystery sign of the week this week which was 'coat'. *Jess Mason, Speech and Language Therapist*


## Important Dates

### Diary Dates

Below is a list of events taking place in the Spring Term. Further information will be sent nearer the time. The assembly theme for our first week back is Jigsaw 'Dreams & Goals'.

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday	5th January	9.25am	Start of Spring Term 1
Tuesday	6th January	am	NHS Immunisations Team visiting (Flu catch-up for R-Yr 11)
Tuesday	10th February	All day	Safer Internet Day
Friday	13th February	3pm	End of Spring Term 1
Monday	23rd February	All day	INSET day—school closed for staff training
Tuesday	24th February	All day	INSET day—school closed for staff training
Wednesday	25th February	9.25am	Children return for Spring Term 2—Secondary Pentathlon
Thursday	5th March	All day	World Book Day (mufti day)
Monday	16th March	am	Primary Cinema Trip
Monday	23rd March	am	Secondary Cinema Trip

### Papillon 'Quote of the Week'



***"This Christmas dinner is excellent!" Louis and Archie (Admiral Class) to our kitchen staff.***

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# CHRISTMAS SHOW



# CHRISTMAS FAIR