



ELLEN WILKINSON PRIMARY SCHOOL

DECEMBER 2024 EVENTS NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we have so many events planned in December, we thought it may be easier to put all of the event information in one place. Dates and times are below and further details and information follow this.



Date	Event	Year Groups	Times
Monday 2nd	Reception & KS1 Discos <i>(no photo event)</i>	Reception, 1 & 2	3.45 - 4.45 (Reception) 5.00 - 6.00 (Years 1 & 2)
Tuesday 3rd	Nursery Nativity <i>(photo event)</i>	Nursery	Gates open - 10.35 & Starts - 10.45 (Nursery AM) Gates open - 2:20 & Starts - 2:30 (Nursery PM)
Thursday 5th	Reception Nativities <i>(photo event)</i>	Reception	Gates open - 10.35 & Starts - 10.45 (Guppy 1) Gates open - 2:20 & Starts - 2:30 (Guppy 2)
Friday 6th	Non uniform day	All	Bring a donation for the tombola (see below)
Monday 9th	KS2 Discos <i>(no photo event)</i>	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	3.45 - 5.00 (Years 3 & 4) 5.15 - 6.30 (Years 5 & 6)
During 9th - 13th	Santa Visit - Class <i>(photo event)</i>	All	Throughout the school day
During 9th - 13th	Christmas gifts go on sale to pupils	All	In school, at break time - from £2.
Wednesday 11th	Christmas dinner & winter jumper day	Reception to year 6	During the school day £1 donation for Save the Children
Monday 16th	Winter Fair	All	3.30 - 4.30 pm
Thursday 19th	Last day of nursery	Nursery	Normal finish times
Friday 20th	Last day - EARLY FINISH	Reception to Year 6	1 pm finish for children.



With so much going on it would be wonderful if parents and carers could help with some aspects!

Discos - please collect your child on time. Our staff do not get paid for any of these events; they are all done voluntarily and through kindness, and without this they would not take place. Please show appreciation by collecting your child on time.

Friday 6th December - send your child to school in non-uniform with a donation for our winter fair tombola (teddies, unused toiletries, unused gifts or gift sets).

Monday 16th December - could you help run one of our stalls at the Winter Fair? If so please speak to any member of staff at the school gates.



Christmas Cards

We are happy for children to bring in Christmas Cards for their friends which they can post in our school post box for delivery, from Monday 2nd of December. However, can you please make sure that when they are addressing the envelopes they put the child's name and class clearly on the front as it helps our year 6 'posties' make sure they get to the correct person! Thank you.

Christmas Dinner & Winter Jumper Day

Christmas dinner will be served on Wednesday 11th and all children will also be given crackers (including if they are packed lunch). We are also continuing with our tradition of winter jumper day, where children can wear a festive jumper rather than school colours on this day. **We use this to raise money for Save the Children and so encourage a £1 donation, where possible, towards this worthwhile cause.**



Christmas Discos

Dates and times

Monday 2nd December: 3.45 - 4.45 (Reception) & 5.00 - 6.00 (Years 1 & 2)

Monday 9th December: 3.45 - 5.00 (Years 3 & 4) & 5.15 - 6.30 (Years 5 & 6)

Location and access to the site

- All discos will be held in the hall and will be supervised by school staff.
- Parents access the site via the Mitchell Walk gate (at the back of the school)
- Children need to line up with their adult by the hall doors and show their token to gain entry.
- Collection will be from the same place as drop off.



Admission Cost

We will have two different types of disco admission this year, available to buy now on Parentmail.

Entry Ticket Only - Option 1 - £2.50: Disco entry only

Bundle Ticket (Entry + Drink + Snack + 5 Glowbands) - Option 2 - £5.00: Disco entry plus a drink, packet of crisps and a set of 5 glow bands !

- Based on the option you purchase, your child will be given either a blue or yellow token.
- Tokens for the disco will be given to the children on the day of the disco so they do not get lost.
- Please ensure your child brings the token with them to the disco to gain entry.

Please note that there will no longer be the option to purchase additional drinks, crisps or glow bands on the night. Therefore, the children do not need to bring any additional money.

Further information

- **All children must be collected from school at 3.15pm as usual. Children who are not collected will not be allowed to attend the event and admission money will be refunded.**
- **ALL** children including Year 6 must be collected at the end of the disco.
- Please collect your child promptly as we have only 15 minutes each night's events.
- We strongly suggest that as your child enters the hall that you take their coat away with you and bring it back when you collect them (this way they don't get muddled with someone else's)
- Sorry no parents can attend the discos. There is nowhere for Parents to stay onsite whilst the Disco takes place - we suggest you leave the site once you have dropped off your child and return at the appropriate collection time (with their coat of course!).
- If your child is not in school or is sent home from school **ON THE DAY OF THE DISCO** - they will be unable to attend the Disco (even if they feel better later on during the day)
- Discos are **NO PHOTOGRAPHY** events (this includes mobile phones).
- This is a non-uniform event. Party / Disco Clothes encouraged!
- There will be flashing lights and fairly loud music so please bear this in mind when booking if your child is sensitive to this.



Nativities

Details of all the nativities are below and we ask you to attend the performance for your child's class only due to the restriction on numbers at each performance. If there is a problem with this, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Please note that there is a maximum number of 3 adults per child.

These are photo events but please keep these for your family use and do not place any images or footage on social media.

All performances will be held in the Hall and access to this will be via the Mitchell Walk gate (back of the school). Sorry no access via the main office.

Times	Tuesday 3rd December	Thursday 5th December
Gates open at 10.35pm Performance starts at 10.45pm	Nursery AM	Guppy 1
Gates open at 2:20pm Performance starts at 2:30pm	Nursery PM	Guppy 2

We will have our charity bucket for donations at all performances with all proceeds going to Richard's House Children's Hospice in Beckton. Please note we are only able to accept cash donations.

Santa Visit

What?

All children will get to say "hello" to Santa with their class.

Who, When and Where?

- Every class.
- Week beginning 9th December.
- Santa has graciously agreed to take some time to visit our children here at EWPS so they will visit him during the school day.



Cost?

- £0 to say hello to Santa.
- Parents may choose to purchase a framed class photo (13x18cm) with Santa for £2.

How?

- A Google form will be sent out at the end of this week to gain interest. Please also complete this if you would like to purchase a framed class photo. You can purchase a photo via the shop in Parentmail as from this Friday too.
- If you do not wish your child to participate or you do not wish for them to appear in the class photo please use the same form to tell us.

Winter Fair - Monday 16th December (3.30pm - 4.30pm)

What?

There will be lots of fun things to do. Stalls will include: tombola, various food & drink, arts and crafts, games and lots more to celebrate the holidays!

Why?

We are currently raising funds for school resources.



Who, When and Where?

- Open to EWPS families
- Monday 16th December 3.30 - 4.30 pm
- Hall, covered walkway and the studio
- Please note the only access gate open will be Mitchell Walk (back of the school)
- Children must be collected by an adult as normal at the end of the school day - year 6 parents we will contact you separately.
- Any child not collected will not be able to access the event.
- Once released from the class door, children are then under the supervision of the collecting adult, as all school staff will be involved in the event.

Cost

- No entry fee.
- Stalls and activities have a small charge. Food and drinks prices will vary.
- Please note **cash only** for stalls please, as we have no capacity for card payments for so many activities.

How to help?

We need donations of the following items:

1. **Teddies and cuddly toys - in good condition.**
2. **Unused toiletries**
3. **Unused gifts or gift sets.**

Please bear in mind that we cannot accept any items that include Lithium-ion batteries following recent Fire Brigade Service advice

Donations accepted from 25th November to Thursday 12th December