



Friday 12th December 2025

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Dear Parents/Carers,

School Council meal survey

Thank you very much to the children (and parents) who have responded to our school meal survey. The school council will be analysing the results of the survey and will be seeking to have a meeting with our cook Fatma and her Caterlink Manager. They will discuss the findings of the survey and see if they can achieve their objectives which are to make the menu and meal choices more attractive to the great majority of children in the school. The school council will report back to classes and to parents about the outcomes and actions taken during the course of the first half of the spring term.

Christmas Show tickets

SOLD OUT! All show tickets have been booked. If you are no longer able to come please release the ticket back to the website for any who have been unable to book or share it within your class group for families who still need a ticket. Thank you.

BOOK YOUR TICKETS

The Muppet Christmas Carol

**TICKETS LIMITED
2 PER FAMILY**
FIRST COME FIRST SERVED

BOOK HERE
[HTTPS://WWW.TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/GILLESPIE-PRIMARY-SCHOOL/E-ZKYOQE](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/gillespie-primary-school/e-zkyoqe)

**TUESDAY
16 DECEMBER
10AM OR 2PM**

Full dress rehearsal for Christmas Show will be **Monday 15th December**. All children to have their costumes in a bag on Monday to stay at school for Tuesday.

Attendance and Punctuality Matters

Class	Attendance WB 08/12/25
Reception	92.67%
Year 1	91%
Year 2	97.33%
Year 3	95.33%
Year 4	95%
Year 5	100%!
Year 6	86.67%
Total	94%



**Attendance Cup
Winner
WB 08/12/2025
Year 5!**

Important dates	
16th December	10am & 2pm Christmas Shows 3:45pm FoG Christmas Fayre
17th December	PM Class Christmas parties & special guest...
18th December	Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas dinner
19th December	Last day of term. School closes 1pm
Monday 5th January	INSET Day (school closed)
Tuesday 6th January	First day of spring term for pupils

Yours sincerely,
Mark Owen,
Headteacher



Year 4 Bake Sale - Thanks and congrats

Last Friday saw another sterling effort from our fantastic parents - this time Year 4 stepped up to the plate and put on a cracking bake sale. After a flurry of activity around the stall we wanted to say a huge thank you and congratulations to Alison Stokes and her willing parent team on **raising £323 for the school**. Great work Year 4!

Where do the donations go?

FoG are happy to share with families that we have just agreed to support the school to replenish the musical equipment that is central to our notorious Strings Music programme **to the amount of £2500**.

From **8 new violins and a tonne of accompanying education books**, **crucial repairs to the existing instruments** and some **extra kit for the Strings tutor** to be able to keep delivering fantastic music education to our children, this is a great example of exactly why we work so hard to support the school. Thank you to all who dedicate their time, effort and donations to Gillespie Primary. It really does make a huge difference!



Gillespie Carol Singing Saturday 13th December 6-8pm

Despite Arsenal's refusal to take our scheduling requests into consideration, we are happy to announce that Carol Singing for Gillespie will once again be taking place, this time at a later time of 6pm.

The meeting point will be outside the school at 5.45, with the aim to kick off (no pun) at 6pm near the corner of Gillespie Road and St. Thomas's Road. Bring banners, outfits, voices, instruments, candles and scarves to welcome the Arsenal fans and raise some funds for the school!!!



School partnership with HotBlack Desiato

Since the Spring Term, Gillespie Primary has been in a formal partnership with the local Estate agent HotBlack Desiato. This sponsorship (to the amount of £500.00 a month for 12 months) has provided a fantastic boost to the existing FoG offer. If that wasn't enough, they have also committed to making a donation of 10% of any fees generated via Gillespie Primary School straight back to FoG, so please spread the word!

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The North London property experts
And proud sponsors of Gillespie School's Summer Fair

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Ways to Support Friends of Gillespie and the school community

- Financial donations:** A monthly direct debit donation of any amount you choose can be set up [here](#) in less than 5 mins, or you can use this QR code to access the site.
- Item donations:** Speak to your class rep about delivering the items, or simply drop them in the front office for a FoG member to come and collect them. Easy!
- Time donations:** If you would like to help out in this way then please do get in touch with your class rep or a FoG Committee member - we will certainly have something for you to do!

