



Dallington CE Primary School

...be an example to the believers with your words, your actions, your love, your faith and our pure life. (1 Timothy 4:12)

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Welcome back

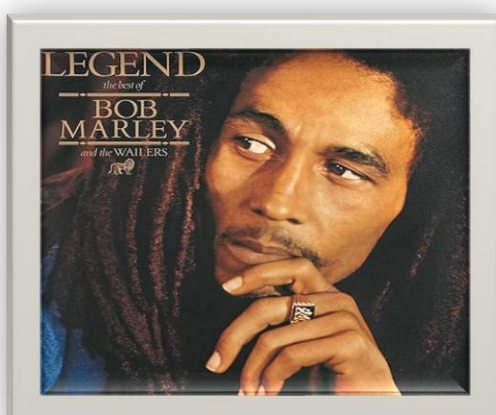
Happy New Year to all our families – may 2025 be a year of happiness, love and prosperity!

This is a short but busy term. We have already had visitors in and sent children out (on trips ...obviously!) The end of term 2 was a little rushed following our closure but I just wanted to share that we raised over £400 from the Nativity collection – this money was split between the church - St Giles and the Trussell Trust – so a massive thank you to everyone for your support – this money will make a big difference to both recipients.

Class brochures should have already been received - these outline what your child(ren) will be learning this term. If you are able to help – hear readers, support in class please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

On the subject of reading we have uploaded our second set of 'stories' to Facebook. Mr Kirk is sharing a couple of poems that we hope the children will enjoy. I cannot keep repeating myself but reading is a life skill and we hope that these videos – although the children are not reading – they are still being exposed to new literature and vocabulary. His choice of Spike Milligan's wonderful poem of 'On the Ning Nang Nong' will certainly introduce some new vocabulary!

Our year 5/6 children are learning new vocabulary through music. They are part of an 80th celebration of Bob Marley and his music. They are learning a short medley of his songs that they will perform alongside multiple schools from across the world!



Upcoming events

January

17th Big Dance rehearsals

21st Stay and play 9am

24th Bobbi (dog) in

W/b 27th Dallington – parental lunches

28th Stay and play 9am

February

w/b 3rd Woods – parental lunches

6th Bob Marley singalong 3pm – Brightling

11th Stay and play 9am

14th Bobbi (dog) in

Last day of term 3

24th Start of term 4

26th Opera at Glyndebourne

27th Coffee Afternoon CLASS

March

w/b 3rd Bodle – parental lunches

7th open afternoon 2:30pm

w/b 10th Brightling parental lunches

12th Big Dance – Brightling

w/b 17th Neurodiversity

20th Little Sing – yr 2

21st Comic relief

4th April – Easter egg hunt

Last day of term 4

Our wonderful older children have also just been to the Amex to update their training for Well Being Warriors. This is an initiative that has been running for a year now. The children learn best from their peers, so we have the year 5/6 work with the rest of the school on mental health - how they can manage their emotions and feel more positive about themselves. Last year was very successful and I know this year is going to be bigger and better!

Collective Worship

On Tuesday 28th January you are invited to join us for Collective worship at St Giles. You can join the worship and then stay for a cup of tea and a cake. The service is always lovely and I am sure the cake will be just as nice!



PINS

We held another successful coffee morning on Tuesday 14th January. We continue to work as a school on training staff, adjusting our approaches and ensuring all children have the opportunity to flourish. If you have any questions about this or any of the support we offer please do not hesitate to speak to me.

Stay and play

One of my favourite activities – we offer the parents of Dallington class the opportunity to come in and learn alongside their child. These sessions are designed to show what your child is learning, how as a school we teach EYFS and for you to spend some time with your child in their environment. Dates are in the green bar.

Lunches

Also in the green bar are the dates for when you are invited in to have lunch with us! This is your opportunity to come in and see how lunch times work at Dallington. If your memories of school meals are cold gravy and custard so lumpy it could fill potholes then this is an ideal opportunity for you. There will be a separate letter sent out with the menu, you will need to book in advance as these sessions are very popular.

Naughty elf

Last week – as part of our writing week- we realised we had a naughty elf in the school. He had been left behind by Father Christmas and was stranded at Dallington School. He wrote messages on the windows, built an igloo and got up to all sorts of mischief. We believe that the head Elf – Snowball – has arranged for him to be collected as this week we have had no disruptions. The children's work was lovely and they were captivated by this very naughty elf!

Young at Heart

We have already started our visits to Young at Heart. Woods Corner visited this wonderful establishment on Tuesday. The children had a great time making paper aeroplanes, reading and playing alongside the members. These visits are so important and provide amazing opportunities to both the children and club members.

