



A temporary member of the office staff insisted on adding an “Elfie” to today’s newsletter! Follow FOEG on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) to see what else they get up to this week. Then make sure you come along to our Christmas Fair on Friday 1st December for a chance to win this giant elf (and other prizes!).

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

Christmas Performances will take place in the **School Hall starting at 9:15 am**

Nursery	Monday 4 th December (will start at 10.30 am)
Reception	Wednesday 6 th December
Year 1	Tuesday 5 th December
Year 2	Thursday 7 th December
Year 3	Friday 8 th December
Year 5	Monday 4 th December

Two family members for each child are invited to attend (no children on laps). There is no need to book tickets / seats but numbers will be checked at the entrance.

Photography: For the safeguarding of our children, Ewell Grove does not give permission for any photos taken to be uploaded to the internet or used on any social networking sites. Photos / videos must remain for personal use only.

Christmas Charity Collection: At the end of each performance we will be holding a collection to support **Epsom Medical Equipment Fund (EMEF)**.

Drinks: Please **do not** bring any hot drinks with you; including whilst waiting on the playground.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Once again, the Scholastic Book Fair will be visiting Ewell Grove. The fair will be open from 3:15 pm – 3:45 pm in the **Practical Room (in the Early Years and KS1 building)** on **Tuesday 28th, Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th November** for children, parents and carers to browse and buy books. There will be a fantastic range of books available, perfect for Christmas treats. All purchases help earn free books for our school so we look forward to seeing you there!

ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

Reception – visit surreycc.gov.uk/admissions
To access the application form and more information on the application process.
Your online application must be completed by **15th January 2024**.

Nursery – full details of the Ewell Grove offer can be found on our website under “virtual office / admissions” where you will find the [Nursery Application Form](#).
Your application form must be with the School Office by **15th January 2024**.

WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER

Dress Up for Christmas Day - children are welcome to attend school wearing something with a Christmas theme; for example, a Christmas jumper, t-shirt, hairband or socks. Second hand festive clothing will be available to purchase at the school fair.

School Christmas Lunch – if your child wishes to have Christmas Lunch you **must place the order by 1pm on Monday 4th December** using your Accent [login](#) details.

The Blue Runner system is being updated to show the change of menu option on this day. A copy of the Christmas lunch menu is **attached**.

FRIENDS OF EWELL GROVE EVENTS

Thursday 16 th to Monday 27 th November	Santa’s Post Box is open for letters to Santa
Wednesday 29 th November	Non-Uniform Day (for Christmas Fair donations)
Friday 1 st December 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Christmas Fair & Santa’s Grotto
Saturday 9 th December 3:00 pm & 5:00 pm	Christmas Pantomime Aladdin
Saturday 9 th December	Doughies Order Deadline
Thursday 14 th December 7:45 pm Spring Tavern	FOEG Festive Social Attached Flyer
Friday 15 th December 3:15 pm	Doughies Order Collection

FOEG Volunteers Needed

Christmas Fair volunteers - our Christmas Fair still needs more volunteers - especially for the last 30 - 60 minutes. If you would like all our stalls to run, and keep running to the end of the fair, please sign up to help at volunteersignup.org/MPTHW.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Epsom & Ewell Borough Council are hosting a variety of exciting family Christmas activities - many are free so please follow this [link](#) to find out more.

Attached is a fun Christmas Advent Calendar activity from **St Mary’s Ewell** for children to complete in the run up to Christmas.

Epsom & Ewell Foodbank have reached out to let us know the items on their [wish list](#) for this week.

ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-2025

Autumn Term 2024
2nd September to 20th December
Half Term 28th October to 1st November

Spring Term 2025
6th January to 4th April
Half Term 17th to 21st February

Summer Term 2025
22nd April to 22nd July
(children’s last day is Friday 18th July)
Half Term 26th to 30th May

INSET DAYS

2nd September
3rd September
4th November

21st July
22nd July

From Bags to Riches...

A rainy return to school post half term meant our fabulous parent volunteer, Connie, had to brave the showers to collect clothing donations for Bag2School this month. It was worth the effort though as it raised an impressive **£250** for the school. Thank you both to Connie and everyone who donated. Meanwhile congratulations to Benjamin from Kite who won free milkshakes in our online Diwali competition. If you haven't already, please do find us on [Instagram](#) and/or [Facebook](#) for more fun competitions, details on our events and information on how you can support the school. In December you might even spot some "elfies" on there from the cheeky elves that accompanied Santa's postbox...



Some of the fabulous entries to our online Diwali Craft Prize draw. Thank you to Tiny Aura Workshop for the craft video and Mandalina Patisserie for donating the prize.

Next Meeting

**FESTIVE SOCIAL @
THE SPRING TAVERN**
Thursday 14th December
7:45pm
All parents/carers welcome

It's CHRISTMAS! ...Fair

Next Friday (1st December) it is of course the main event of the festive season; our Christmas Fair! Huge thank you to all the parents & staff that have already volunteered to help and the businesses that have offered sponsorship. The fun kicks off from 4pm until 6pm (school pickup is as normal). With the usual BBQ, mulled wine, games, competitions, and possible chance of localised playground snow! Don't forget to check out the craft and face painting in the Early Years building next door to our sold-out Santa Grotto. Refreshments will be able to take card payment but just a reminder that the games, raffle and tombolas will be **CASH ONLY** so please come prepared. As ever all money raised goes directly back to the school, so have fun!

Coming up...

Next Monday (27th Nov) is the **last posting date** for Santa letters. Don't forget your child's full name and class so the elves can ensure replies get home safely.

The deadline to order Doughies pizza and/or cookie making kits for last day of term collection is **Saturday 9th Dec** at <http://doughies.co.uk/products/ewell-grove-kt17>

And finally, there are still some tickets available for our Christmas Pantomime, Aladdin, on **Saturday 9th Dec**. Everyone is welcome so please spread the word to neighbours and friends. For tickets please go to <http://www.pta-events.co.uk/foeg>

WED 29TH NOVEMBER

Next Wednesday is a non-uniform day in return for donations for the Christmas fair. Please ensure all donations are unopened and in date. Thank you!

Reception, Year 1 and 2 are requested to bring in **bottle** donations please.
Nursery, Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 are requested to bring in **chocolate** donations please.

We will also be accepting donations of good quality secondhand festive clothing/xmas jumpers all week. Please leave these outside the office from Monday. Thank you



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