



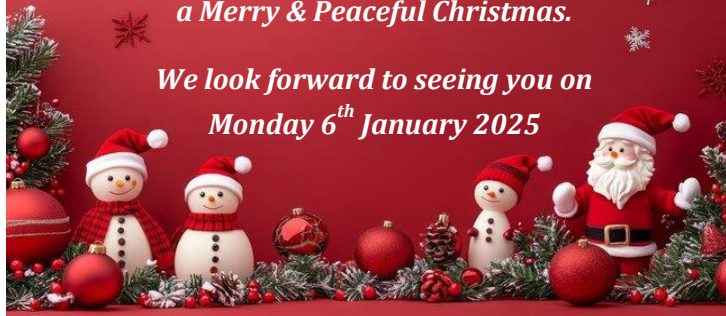
### CLASS CHRISTMAS TREE COMPETITION



The winners of this year's 'best decorated Christmas tree' were Badger for EYFS, Otter for KS1, Wren for Years 3/4 and Kite for Years 5/6.

*Wishing all our families  
a Merry & Peaceful Christmas.*

*We look forward to seeing you on  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025*



Congratulations and thank you to the Friends of Ewell Grove (FOEG) for raising **£9,520** this term.

Thank you for supporting all the FOEG events, particularly the Christmas Fair, making this remarkable achievement possible.

### FESTIVE SINGERS AT PRIORY CARE HOME



This week the Festive Singers performed beautifully for some of the residents of Priory Court Care Home. The residents smiled, sang, danced and clapped along during our performance and all of the children were exceptional roles models for Ewell Grove.

### CHARITY CHRISTMAS SINGING

Thank you for joining us at the recent performances and singing on the playground this morning.

We can now reveal the total amount raised in support of the Epsom Medical Equipment Fund (EMEF) is **£642.02**. This donation will make a huge difference to our local hospital.

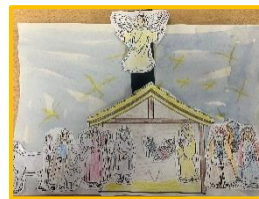
### SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Thank you to everyone who came and supported the Scholastic Book Fair this term. We earned the equivalent of **£862** in books for our class libraries.

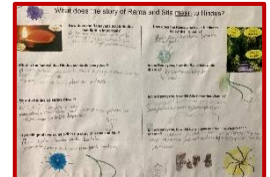
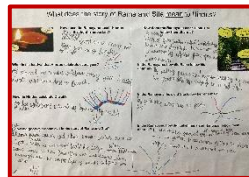
### YEAR GROUP MEETINGS

A ParentMail has gone out today with the dates of the Year Group Meetings which will be held in the Spring Term. These will be held online and in-person.

### SUBJECT OF THE WEEK - RE



Key Stage 1 have been exploring Christianity. They have used their Nativities to support learning about the Christmas Story. The children have been creating art to represent their knowledge. In Year 4 the children have deepened their understanding by looking at the New Testament and how the birth of Jesus impacts Christians.



Year 3 have continued their learning on Hinduism and explored the different influential figures.

### SUPPORT OVER THE FESTIVE SEASON

We have received a useful document from Mindworks Surrey detailing a range of resources that some parents may find useful. Please see **attached**.

### ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

**Reception** – visit [surreycc.gov.uk/admissions](http://surreycc.gov.uk/admissions) to access the application form and more information on the application process. Your online application must be completed by **15<sup>th</sup> January 2025**.

**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 **15<sup>th</sup> January 2025**.

### Open School for Prospective Parents Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January

Please note that this is adults only; no children or babies.  
For further information and details on how to book please follow the [link](#) to our website.



### ATTENDANCE POLICY

A reminder to all parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), then the following will apply:

1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3-year period since 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
2. If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
3. If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, per parent/carer per child, in the Magistrates Court under s444 Education Act 1996.

Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the Headteacher.

If you wish to submit an application for Leave of Absence, you will need to complete a [Leave of Absence Form](#) available on our website or from the School Office.

## That's a (Christmas) Wrap!

There is only one appropriate way we can start this final newsletter of the term, and that is with a huge **THANK YOU!** We were blown away by the efforts put in by **families** and **staff** to make our Christmas events successful this year. So, thank you to everyone who donated, barbecued, ran stalls, updated games, swept halls, hung decorations, ran around Ewell with our giant elf, canvassed businesses, helped Santa get his letters, and of course those who contributed to our fundraising by attending the events too! We could not do it without each and every one of you, and we are so grateful for all the support.

The **pupils** who helped with our fair also deserve special thanks: Year 6s who ran glitter tattoos and games stalls; school council, whose feedback helped us decide which games to run this year; the enterprising children who made things to sell; and all the children that helped setup and clear up – picking up litter, sorting sweets, putting labels on cups, wiping tables, and a myriad of other jobs. You were all a huge credit to the school.

The Christmas Fair, Raffle, and Santa's Grotto raised **£3,900** altogether, taking our term total to a phenomenal **£9,520!** Your amazing efforts have meant we have been able to buy the school **new speakers**, a **set of iPads** & associated software, and of course the school **Christmas tree**. We hope you also had fun along the way, playing our games, making wreaths, quizzing, and writing to Father Christmas!

Have a lovely Christmas break  
– see you in 2025 for more fun!



**NEXT FOEG MEETING**  
**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025**



*A selection of photos from FOEG's festive events, including Letters to Santa, Wreath-Making, and the Christmas Fair. Thank you to all our volunteers!*

## Coming Up Next Term...

There are lots of exciting plans already in the pipeline for next term, including old favourites such as our secondhand book swap, school discos, and Spring Rainbow Hamper Raffle. Plus, by popular demand, a second chance to become Ewell Grove quiz champions!

Also, don't forget **8<sup>th</sup> January** is the order deadline for **Nearly New Uniform** requests via [tinyurl.com/EwellGroveUniformJan2025](https://tinyurl.com/EwellGroveUniformJan2025) (full details sent on ParentMail earlier this week).



## LAST MINUTE CHRISTMAS SHOPPING?

If you are doing any last-minute online shopping (we all know what it's like!), please do remember that if you sign up to EasyFundraising and choose Ewell Grove as your cause then the school will get a donation for every purchase you make!  
[easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ewellgrove/](https://easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ewellgrove/)



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