



January Headlines

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! Happy New year and I hope you all had a happy holiday. The days are already becoming slightly longer and the bright, crisp weather is great for getting out and about in (as long as you wrap up warm!).

We enjoyed a full festive season at school with multiple concerts and performances for families to enjoy. From Nursery onwards the standard was exceptionally high and the Christmas spirit was evident for all to enjoy.

We raised a total of £5,600 at our two big Christmas concerts which will be shared between EducAid and the North London Hospice. Thank you for your support and generosity and thank you to everyone who performed and made the events possible. On the last day of term, the staff performed a wonderful fun pantomime for whole school. I would like to give my admiration and thanks to them all for truly going 'above and beyond' for our children.

Laura Butterfield 1952 – 2025



I am sorry to inform parents that following a long illness Mrs Laura Butterfield, Chair of Governors at Coldfall from 1991 to 2021, passed away during the Christmas holidays. Laura was a champion for Coldfall and supported Mrs Davies to help transform Coldfall into the highly regarded institution it is today.

Over my time at Coldfall, she provided encouragement, perspective and offered her time freely – all to my own and the school's considerable benefit. She was kind, principled, forthright and an active member of her local community as well as a purveyor of excellent bakes, often delivered at the optimum moment. We are fortunate to have benefited from her significant contribution to the school over many years.

We are organising a donation to London's Air Ambulance in Laura's memory instead of flowers as requested by her family. If you wish to make a donation, you may do so by clicking [here](#). Thank you for your support.

Value of the Month—Empathy



Empathy is:

- Thinking about how people are feeling.
- Considering the feelings of other before you act/react.
- Putting yourself in someone else's shoes and consider how they are feeling and thinking.
- Being aware of how we might impact the feelings of others.

I feel like empathy is a skill you can grow by 'slowing down' your emotions and responses to others. Another way is by talking through and taking responsibility for our actions. This is where the restorative justice approach we use in school can have benefits by encouraging children to think of the impact of their actions on others.

School Uniform

Thank you for your responses to the school uniform survey. We will update with a summary of the key points in the next headlines.

In the meantime we politely request that parents provide their children with wellies and suitable outdoor clothing for the time of year (all clearly labelled please).

In addition please ensure your child is wearing appropriate school uniform i.e. Logo school jumpers or fleeces. Available [here](#).

If children are wearing non- logo jumpers, please ensure that these are not branded sports items (Adidas, Nike etc) and are Royal Blue only. Supermarkets such as [ASDA](#) have these readily available.

With best wishes,

**Ewan Marshall
Head Teacher**

Assemblies

Friday 16th January - Goldfinch
Friday 23rd January - Flamingo
Friday 30th January - Hummingbird
Friday 6th February - Swan
Friday 13th February - Swift

Diary Dates

Book Looks:

Year 1 – 5th February
Year 2 – Friday 30th January
Year 3 – Monday 9th February
Year 4 – Tuesday 10th February
Year 5 – Wednesday 11th February
Year 6 – Thursday 12th February
Reception - Friday 6th March

Racial Equity Group meeting - 13th January at 6.30pm on Zoom

Year 6 Parents SATS meeting 30th January 2.45pm Lower Hall.

Valentines Disco Friday 13th February

World Book Day Friday 6th March

Parents Evenings 11th and 12th March
Year 6 Samba Competition 24th March 3pm

OPAL Corner

Please read the letter from Mr Marshall attached explaining changes to KS1 and KS2 lunchtimes for this term.

Please ensure your child wears suitably warm and waterproof clothing and has a pair of labelled wellies in school so that they can access the entire playground. **Wellies = Freedom!**

OPAL January Homework: Draw or photograph signs of winter found on a walk, such as frost patterns or bare tree silhouettes. Send your photograph or drawing to your class teacher.



Children have been enjoying the wintery weather and the opportunities it brings during OPAL play time.



ECO NEWS – JANUARY 2026

Reducing waste at school and at home

Did you know that food waste is a major contributor to climate change? Reducing food waste is one of our best climate solutions - so we are working on this at school. We would like to encourage you to reduce waste at home too. Putting the right things in the right bin is a great place to start – **recycling, food waste or general rubbish.**

TIN FOIL and PLASTIC FOOD CONTAINERS should be washed and RECYCLED.

CRISP PACKETS, PLASTIC WRAPPERS and PLASTIC FILM go in the BIN.

RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch – 23-25 January

We are taking part in the RSPB's **Big Schools' Birdwatch** again this year and the children are getting really good at identifying different birds! The data we gather will help this charity understand how bird populations in the UK are doing so they can help species that are in trouble.

You can get involved at home too – sign up to do the **Big Garden Birdwatch** via the link below, and spend a relaxing hour (with or without the kids) any time from 23-25 January watching the birds in your garden, balcony or local park, and contribute to the world's biggest garden wildlife survey!

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch>

Make an apple bird feeder!

Nursery are making bird feeders to help the birds on our Nature Trail, who have less food to eat in the winter. If you'd like to make one at home, follow this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vp130hte27A>

Travel News – School Street and Road Safety

Our **Junior Travel Ambassadors (JTAs)** have been monitoring the impact of the new School Street, introduced by Haringey on December 1st around our Everington Road gate. **Thank you** for the adjustments you have made when dropping off and collecting your children.

The aim of the School Street is to make it safer for children walking to and from school, and to encourage active travel to school.

It is still very important for the children to cross School Streets safely, as these are still roads that some cars can drive on. Please remind your children of this, and hold younger children's hands when crossing – including on pedestrian crossings. Thank you!

