



Monday 15th December 2025

Dear Families,

It's the most WONDERFUL time of the year!

FOSS SURPRISE- a special Christmas visitor

We were all very excited last week, as we welcomed two special visitors to school. The children delighted in the misdemeanours of both Father Christmas and the Grinch – quite a pair!

A big **thank you** again to FOSS for making sure that Father Christmas had everything that he needed during his visit with us. The children enjoyed their bookmarks.



A HUGE well done to Mrs Bull, Miss Searle, our Head Boy/Girl team and all of the children and staff in Year One for their performance in a 'Cosmopolitan Christmas' last Friday. A truly wonderful tour around Europe, as we learnt about the different celebrations and traditions.



The 'Great' Singlegate Choir have been very busy over the past few weeks, as they have delighted families with their Christmas songs.

Residents at Woodlands centre happily joined in with a rendition of our Christmas Alphabet! A special THANK YOU to Mrs Inwards for the continued additional support provided each week.



THANK YOU to Kerry and our BeFed Differently team, as they provided us all with an incredibly delicious Christmas meal last week. We left with very full tummies and happy faces!



We are pleased to invite local families to access the **Wilson Wellbeing Centre Food Bank**, which is open to anyone in need within the Merton borough. **No ID is required**, and families are welcome to collect a **food parcel once every fortnight**.

Location:

Wilson Wellbeing Centre
The Wilson Hospital
Cranmer Road
Mitcham
CR4 4TP

Opening Times:

- Monday – Thursday: 10:00 – 16:30
- Friday: 09:30 – 16:30



Getting there:

The centre is a short walk from Mitcham town centre. Nearby bus routes typically include services via London Road and Western Road, providing easy access for local families. On-site and nearby street parking is also available.

Well done to our Transport for London Explorer Ambassadors (TEA's) for their success in the recent Scavenger Hunt competition. Designed to get children actively travelling to school, whilst taking notice of what is around them, they were thrilled to have so many interesting and 'different' findings shared on the Google Classroom. A special well done to our selected winners – Stanamira, Madvii, Yusuf and Raveen.



Well done to our Year Five and Six children who took part in the Federated football competition on Friday. The children worked incredibly hard and showed great skill in each of the heats.



Attending school every day is essential. Any absence is a missed opportunity for learning. Our attendance target this year is **96%** Let's work together to make this happen!

Class	Overall Weekly %
Paddington AM	77%
Paddington PM	67%
Paddington Full Time	92%
Archway	88%
Bank	96%
Angel	93%
Oval	99%
Knightsbridge	98%
Borough	96%
Monument	74%
Victoria	95%
Pimlico	96%
Wimbledon	96%
Balham	95%
Southwark	94%
Kennington	92%
Piccadilly	86%
Euston	90%
Edgware	94%
Temple	83%
Barbican	99%
Westminster	95%
Embankment	89%
Colliers Wood	95%



Year Five Yannis recently took part in a sponsored swimming competition to support his club. He swam 40 laps (1000 metres) in just under 30 minutes. Well done, Yannis!



Huge congratulations to all of the Federated gymnasts across all three schools, who took part in the most recent events. These events were 'The Festive Competition' and the 'IDTA Acro Examinations.' Over a hundred children performed for families and friends at the competition, showing their skills on floor and on vault. This was an individual competition, with gymnasts competing to place on both apparatus combined.

The Acro Examinations saw 90 entries, including individual, duets and a team routine. The results are yet to be shared officially, however we have been advised that every gymnast scored over 80%! The highest scoring exam session we have had so far in the many years we have been entering. Some of our development and squad gymnasts scoring well into the 90's. What a fantastic testament to their hard work, determination, dedication and extra practice. The gymnastics team is utterly thrilled and very proud of themselves. Well done everyone!

Mrs Bull and Mrs Hart



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