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# SANTAS WANTED



# Make the Ho Ho Ho Happen!

Do you want to be Santa, one of his Elves or Mrs Claus **for 1 hour** at the Winns Winter Fair? •

Saturday 6 December, 12 – 3pm

All applicants welcome, outfits provided. Please get in touch: fotwchair@gmail.com



# WINTER FAIR RAFFLE



### AMAZING PRIZES TO BE WON!

Kindle Fire 7, 16GB

Big Penny Social, £25 voucher
Yard Sale Pizza, £25 voucher
Clapton Craft, £20 voucher
1 x Free Term at ShowKids Theatre School
Tree Amigos 6ft Christmas tree voucher
Ren Skincare Set
Cybi Tea Towel
Le Délice gift voucher
Siobhan Watt Notepads
Annie Montgomery Christmas Card Set

























# WINNS WEEKLY





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## DATES FOR DIARIES W.B.1.12.2025

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December Christmas Concerts begin (please see

Bulletin or website calendar for full list

of performances)

Reception 2026 Parent Tour (9:30am)

Friday 5th December 4EB British Museum Trip

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December Winter Fair

Please remember to subscribe to our online calendar so that you receive automatic updates into your own calendar.

## OH YES THEY DID! YEAR 4, 5, AND 6 HIT THE PANTO!

A massive cheer and a few dozen "It's behind you!"s echoed through the Hackney Empire this week as Years 4, 5, and 6 enjoyed the sensational Pantomime performance Cinderella!

Our pupils were fantastic audience members, booing the ugly stepsisters and cheering for the Fairy Godmother with impressive volume. From the sparkling costumes to the dazzling dance routines (and a few excellent slapstick jokes), the trip was a real pre-Christmas treat. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces and hear the children singing along. A big thank you to all the staff and parent helpers who made the trip such a magical success!









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#### **Y6 RESIDENTIAL VISIT**

Year 6 recently traded their exercise booksfor wellies and spent a brilliant week down on the beautiful coast of Pembrokeshire at Treginnis Farm, managed by the Farms for City Children charity.

The residential was a huge success, with everyone getting stuck into the demanding (but rewarding!) schedule of farm life. Our pupils learned what it takes to be a farmer, tackling everything from feeding hungry pigs and milking the goats to keeping the donkey field clean and collecting fresh eggs for breakfast.

It's safe to say they returned home tired, a little muddy, but buzzing with stories of coastal walks, teamwork, and life on the farm. What a memorable experience!



#### **Y6 ICE SKATING & COOKING**

While one group of Year 6 was busy milking goats in Pembrokeshire, the other group of pupils had their own fantastic adventure closer to home!

The week kicked off with a brilliant trip to the local ice rink. After some initial wobbles and plenty of laughter, everyone was gliding confidently across the ice—a few potential Olympians may have been spotted!

Back at school, the fun continued in the kitchen with some enjoyable cooking sessions. The pupils showed off their culinary skills, producing some delicious treats that were shared (and quickly eaten!) by the class. It proves you can have an amazing time whether you are on the farm or having fun with friends right here in the city!















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### FRIENDS OF THE WINNS NEWS

#### **WE'RE ALL FRIENDS OF THE WINNS**

As a parent/carer to a child or children who attend the Winns, you are already a Friend of the Winns. The Friends of the Winns is a **registered charity which organises opportunities to connect, share ideas, volunteer** and support the school through fundraising, wellbeing and social activities.

#### Did you know?

As we appeal for your kind support, donations and volunteering time, did you know that as a registered charity, if the company you work for offers paid time off for volunteering leave, this can be used to help with Friends of the Winns events!

#### FLASHBACK FRIDAY

How your time, skills and donations support the school

Before the renovation, the library was a functional but tired space. Thanks to the combined vision of the school's senior leadership team and Friends of the Winns, it's now a beautiful, inspiring place for our children to enjoy.

FOTW contributed £8,200 towards the project across two phases (Easter 2023 and September 2024).

Parents and carers from across the school also offered their time and skills - from project management and architectural support, to being onsite for deliveries and even putting up wallpaper.







lead for the Winter Fair, created the **stunning**jungle-forest artwork that now covers the
library windows.

Because **so many families volunteered** their expertise and time for free, we were able to **deliver far more** than the original budget allowed.

If you'd like to learn more about the project, here's a link to the original WW feature.

Major fundraising events like the Winter Fair make projects like the library renovation possible. We're so excited to host this brilliant day for kids and carers - not only does it help fund renovations, enrichment and kit across the school, it brings our whole community together.

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## FRIENDS OF THE WINNS NEWS

INTER FAIR VOLUNTEERS - FINAL CALL FOR SIGN UP!



love your support!

At the moment, we have **X volunteers signed up** and are looking for **Y more** to help make the day a success.

Thanks to those of you who have signed up already – please hold the date and the time slot(s) you indicated, and we'll confirm stalls and roles with you early next week.

Scan the volunteer QR code on the right or use the link here.





#### **TONATIONS DAY!**

Thank you to everyone for your generosity today - it was a special day in the school as kids and carers, TAs, staff and teachers brought in and helped manage the donations. In lieu of a money donation for non-uniform, Friends of the Winns asked for a contribution instead towards one of its many stalls at the Winter Fair - thank you!

We'll continue accepting donations in the first week of December, so if your child missed non-uniform day due to the Treginnis trip or illness, there's still plenty of time to donate.



Huge thanks to our donations sorting team Ana, Mary Ann, Liz, Dee, Miranda!

#### Second Donations Drop-Off - (1st-5th Dec.)

School Uniform & Christmas Jumpers

Please drop washed, good-quality second-hand
uniform and Christmas jumpers at the school office
by Friday morning, 5th Dec. Team Preloved will sort
and prepare them for the fair.

#### **▲ Festive Decorations Stall**

We're excited to introduce a new Festive Decorations stall, run by Frances and Karen. If you have preloved or new/unused decorations you won't be using this year, please bring them to the school office 1st-5th December.

Café Tokeley - Home Baking Donations
We'd love nut-free home-baked or shop-bought
goods on Friday 5th or Fair Day (Saturday 6th),
labelled with allergens. Your donations help us keep
prices low and inclusive, with all proceeds supporting
Friends of The Winns.

#### Soup Donations

December. Thank you!

Team Street Food would love homemade soup donations (each serving 10-12 people). If you can contribute, please let us know via fotwchair@gmail.com. Soups must be nut-free and pork-free and brought in on the day – Saturday 6th



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## FRIENDS OF THE WINNS NEWS

#### WINTER FAIR RAFFLE!

Please find the Winns Winter Fair raffle link here

Each year the total raised from the Winter fair is hugely supported by what we raised from our raffle. **Tickets start from 20p.** 

Prizes already include: a kindle fire tablet, a free term of Show kids drama classes, £20 Clapton craft voucher, £25 Big Penny Social voucher and £25 Yard sale voucher.

The prize list will **grow throughout the raffle period**, and we'll keep you updated with new additions each week. The raffle will be **drawn on Saturday 13th December**, and prizes can be collected from the school office by the last day of term, **Friday 19th December**.

#### RAFFLE PRIZES

If you, or you know someone that could **donate a prize**, **vouchers or an experienc**e towards the raffle, please get in touch at **fotwchair@gmail.com**or contact your year reps.

The FOTW raffle is only a success because of your kind donations, asking around and connecting the dots between who you know and how they can help.

# 2ND WAVE DONATIONS SUPPORT

With the next round of donations arriving

1st-5th December, we'd love extra hands for sorting. We especially need volunteers on:

- Thursday 4th December, 12-3pm
- Friday 5th December, 9am-3pm

#### WRAPPER'S DELIGHT

Can you spare an hour (or more!) to **help wrap 500+ gifts** for Santa's Grotto and the Someone Special stall? Join us for craft, chat, and wrapping - whether you're a whizz with tape or just enthusiastic!

Tuesday 2nd December, 7-10pm Dog & Duck Pub, 222 Chingford Road, E17 5AL

#### **HOW TO SIGN UP**

Your class reps have shared links to the WhatsApp groups: "Wrappers Delight FOTW" and "Donation Sorting Volunteers." If you're able to help, please join either group - or both!











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### FRIENDS OF THE WINNS NEWS

#### **IT'S BLACK FRIDAY!**

Did you know that shopping through easyfundraising.com can raise funds for Friends of the Winns - at no extra cost to you?

It's really easy to install and use, completely safe, and it even gives you a gentle popup reminder to activate it when you're shopping online - unintrusive, so you won't miss a thing. Every purchase you make through Easyfundraising - whether it's gifts, groceries, or holidays - helps raise money for our school.

If you haven't tried it yet, see here for the 'How to' guide.

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### **DECEMBER:**

1st-5<sup>th</sup> Donations accepted for Preloved uniform and Xmas decorations stand

**2**<sup>nd</sup> **Present wrapping** evening for the Winter Fair, 7-10pm **Duck and Dog pub**, 222 Chingford road, E17 5AL

**4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Donations helpers** needed

**5**<sup>th</sup> **Baking donations** accepted

6<sup>th</sup> Winter Fair 12-3pm (baking donations and soup donations accepted on the day too)

13th Winter Fair raffle draw

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