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A WINTER FAIR MEMORIES! A















WINTER FAIR RAFFLE



AMAZING PRIZES TO BE WON!

Kindle Fire 7, 16GB

Big Penny Social, Yard Sale Pizza, Clapton Craft vouchers

£150 Merlin Entertainments voucher sponsored by The Stow Brothers 1 x Free Term at ShowKids Theatre School

Tree Amigos 6ft Christmas tree voucher

Front Row Music ukulele and guitar lessons

2 x Waterstones kids' book bundles

Siobhan Watt Notepads

Annie Montgomery Christmas Card Set

Charlotte Tilbury Make-Up Set





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DATES FOR DIARIES W.B.15.12.2025

Monday 15th December 4KB & 4LT British Museum Trip

Tuesday 16th December Class Parties - Y2, 4 & 6

Wednesday 17th December Class Parties - Nursery, Rec, Y1, 3 & 5

Y2 Great Fire of London workshop

BigFoot Elf Performance (Early Years)

Friday 19th December Last day of term

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

A HUGE THANK YOU!

Thank you to all those who attended the Winter Fair last Saturday, and an even bigger thank you to the huge team of volunteers who made the day possible. Led by Bisi and Vic, FOTW Co-Chairs, the day was a fantastic success. To each and every one of you who played a part, whether big or small, in making The Winns Winter Fair a success, you are truly amazing! Your support participation underline the strong sense of community that defines The Winns Primary School. Well done everyone!

YEAR 3 SOHO THEATRE VISIT

Year 3 attended Showstopper at The Soho theatre in Walthamstow this week, a festive improvisation show where the children guide the cast through the plot. The children had a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon out of school watching the performance. Thank you to all the parent volunteers who supported the trip!









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CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

Well done to all our KS1 & 2 children who have performed for parents and families this week. Every concert was unique and seeing the children on stage, beaming with pride as they sing, act and recite was very special - we hope you all enjoyed them as much as we did in school.

Thank you as always for your support in attending the concerts. Seeing all of you in the audience is what makes it so special for the children. Another big thank you goes to all of the adults in school who have helped prepare the children for their concerts.











FESTIVE TRIP TO LLOYD PARK

Year 2 enjoyed a morning winter walk through Lloyd Park this week to compliment their Writing unit 'The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse'. The children used their senses to describe the setting - listening to bird song, feeling the prickly trees at Tree Amigos and looking at the seasonal changes in our local park. This will inspire our setting descriptions inspired by the book later this week! After walking through the trees, 2CS treated the Tree Amigos team to 'Holly Jolly Christmas' as a thank you!











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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!

LOOK TO THE FUTURE NOW...

In the New Year, we'll be sharing our fundraising priorities for Friends of the Winns for 2026. Keep an eye on your Winns Weekly to find out more about the exciting opportunities and initiatives ahead - and how we can continue coming together as a parent/carer community to support our school.



▲ WINTER FAIR SHOUT OUTS - PART ONE OF TWO!

Thank you all, Friends of the Winns communityit's hard to do justice to the care, time, support
and effort our community put in to make the
Winter Fair a great success, and yet we are going
to do our very best over this issue and the next to
thank as many people as we can who helped
make the Winter Fair what it was.

We're also aware that many of our volunteers pivoted between sessions and stalls, thank you for your flex! You may only clock your name against one of the activities listed over the next couple of weeks and yet, we know you worked across many others. From the FOTW 25-27 committee, the warmest of thanks to:

Team Grotto

And what an incredible grotto it was! Built across the art room and outdoor quiet area, it became a magical Lapland escape full of brilliant detail. A huge thank you to the grotto team for months of planning, designing and bringing it all to life. Powered by our amazing volunteers: Becky, Matt, Nancy, Chris, Kamie, Jono, Andrew, John, Jonathan, Garry, Jess, Thom, Mike and Danny.

Santa's Grotto was kindly **sponsored by The Stow Brothers**. Santa and Elf costumes were generously sourced and provided by **Stephanie and Martin at Costume Store Ltd**.



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Team Grotto - pictures continued







Team Street Food

Our amazing street food crew kept everyone warm and well-fed, working across the main kitchen and the DT kitchen in Green Hall. They served hundreds of portions of freshly cooked favourites - including Sabhi's famous samosas, spring rolls and bhajis - plus hot dogs, nachos, vegan sausage rolls and homemade soup. Thank you for keeping us going! Huge thanks as well to everyone who donated soup. Powered by volunteers: Sabhi, Lewys, Fedi, Emma, Laura, Ali, Janqui, John and Hannah.





Over in the covered walkway by the reception playground, Team Bar set up a twinkly little stand serving everything from soft drinks to festive mulled wine. Thank you for keeping the holiday spirit flowing and keeping us all hydrated! The bar was kindly sponsored by Central Estate Agents. Powered by volunteers: James, Liam, Alex, Adam, Jack, Sanjiv and Martin.





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Team Preloved

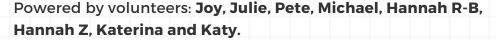
In the library we had Team Preloved, with rails of **great-quality second-hand uniform and**Christmas jumpers for families to pick up at low cost - a brilliant sustainable way to help with rising uniform costs. Thank you, Team Preloved! Set-up happened on the Friday before the fair, as well as running the stall on the day. Powered by volunteers: Lucy, Myfanwy, Mim, Ness, Katie, Ana, Ekaterina, Sophie, Mary-Ann, Kristen.





Team Cafe Tokeley

Cafe Tokeley took over the reception teatime room - and what a cosy home they made it! Joy and Julie's coffee morning was a total hit, serving homemade and shop-bought bakes, crisps, hot drinks and the ever-popular 50p hot chocolate (whipped cream and Oreos for the win). Thank you, Team Café, for keeping everyone happy and warm! Huge thanks to everyone who donated baked goods, and to Tesco on Forest Road for supporting the free-from treats through their community fund.









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Team Surprise Someone Special

This lovely stall made a brilliant return for its second year! Inspired by a Winns parent, Surprise Someone Special gives children the chance to pick a thoughtful gift on a budget - and in secret. The music room was transformed into a magical mini shop just for kids, complete with personal gift wrapping and tags. Such a gorgeous idea, beautifully brought to life. Powered by volunteers: Eleanor, Martina, Tamsin and Matthew.









BEE CALM Room and relaxed early opening for SEND families

The Bee Calm room was once again a huge hit. Miss Julie's quiet room became a peaceful, cosy space with crafts, fairy lights, bean bags, gentle music and even a virtual fireplace. FOTW also funded new fidget toys for children to enjoy on the day and beyond.

We also ran a quiet opening from 11.30am12pm for SEND families, with priority access
to the grotto until 12.30pm. Both the Bee
Calm room and the early opening were
created in consultation with our SEND parent
community and the school's wellbeing,
inclusion and SENDCO leads. Thank you for
helping make the fair accessible to everyone.

Powered by volunteers: Julie, Marta, Becky, Sue, Shelby, Toby and Rhian.

Look out for next week's issue as the volunteer shoutouts continue!







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▲ THE EARLY COUNT - HOW THINGS ARE LOOKING! ▲

This year we also counted tokens from each stall to give teams a clearer picture of what their efforts generated.

These figures don't include fair expenses or the generous sponsorship from local businesses, but so far our cash and card income sits at £5,200 - amazing!

And remember, this doesn't include the raffle, which is a huge part of our Winter Fair fundraising. There's still time to enter (details below!). Last year's raffle raised over £1.8k, and it would be brilliant if we could match or even beat that. Tickets start from just 20p.

We'll share the final Winter Fair total - including the raffle - in next week's Winns Weekly!







Christmas Cards - Update

Huge apologies for the delay getting your Christmas card orders out this year. We've had a few hiccups (mostly courier-related!) but we've now been told there's still one final box on its way. If your order hasn't arrived yet, please contact the company directly with your order number and they'll sort it quickly for you:

Art Projects for Schools (APFS)

info@apfs.org.uk

**** 01227 262417

We're really sorry for the inconvenience — APFS will be able to resolve any outstanding issues much faster than if we handled them at school.

Team Lost Property Update

A huge thank you to volunteer **Julia**, who washed and rescued lots of unlabelled and unclaimed uniform ahead of the Winter Fair – many of which became part of our Team Preloved stall on the day.

Next Friday after school, all remaining lost property (including jackets and water bottles) will be brought out into the school playground for collection.

At the end of term, any unclaimed items will be donated to Team Preloved and local charities.









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WINTER FAIR RAFFLE!

Don't miss out - not long now before the winners are drawn tomorrow, Saturday 13th December! Each year, the Winter Fair raffle plays a huge part in our fundraising, with tickets starting from just 20p.

Prizes already include a Kindle Fire tablet, a free term of ShowKids drama classes, a £20 Clapton Craft voucher, a £25 Big Penny Social voucher, a £25 Yardsale voucher, two lovely Waterstones kids' book bundles, Front Row ukulele and guitar lessons for a term, a beautiful Tree Amigos festive wreath kindly donated by a Winns parent, and our £150 Merlin Entertainments star prize kindly sponsored by The Stow Brothers.

The prize list will continue to grow, and we'll keep you updated. Winners will be notified on Saturday 13th December, with prizes ready to collect from the school office from Tuesday 15th December until the last day of term, Friday 19th December. Any uncollected prizes will automatically go into the prize ballot for the Summer Fair.

To enter the Raffle, go here

NEW YEAR, NEW BANNER!

We were delighted to unveil the new FOTW banner at last Friday's pre-Winter Fair token sale. It will now feature at all FOTW outdoor events, helping the Winns community spot where our events and check-ins are happening. Huge thanks to Ness for the brilliant design!

A big **shoutout to George for being a fantastic compère** on the megaphone pre-fair ticket sales **reached nearly £500!**







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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DECEMBER:

13th Winter fair raffle drawn, winners notified by email 16th-19th Raffle prizes available to collect via the main office at school, during school hours. prizes not collected before 3.30pm







