

THIS WEEK'S NEWS

- Parent Governor Election Results
- THANK YOU!

- Y4/5/6 - Pantomime Visit

- Key Dates for Spring 2025
- PTA Fundraising Update

Edmund Waller WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Oh Yes They Did!

Years 4, 5 & 6 were out this week topping up the 'festive cheer' tanks with a visit to Catford Broadway's pantomime. The children and staff had an amazing time at the theatre's production of Sleeping Beauty, which was notable not only for upholding many of the season's traditions but also bringing a much needed dose of diversity - challenging stereotypes of gender and ethnicity. There were also, of course, a fair few laughs just for the adults too!

We have plans for all children to attend a theatre performance by the end of the year. These experiences, which some of us take for granted, are all part of building up what is known in education as the children's 'cultural capital'. This is made up by the acquisition of experiences and knowledge that is largely based around being a part of the community - not necessarily covered in the academic curriculum.

We are hoping to make the visit to the pantomime - a uniquely British experience - a regular fixture on the Edmund Waller calendar. Certainly, the feedback from the children and staff who attended yesterday, was overwhelmingly positive. Don't forget you can still contribute to the visit, via ParentPay.

Thanks to the staff for making this happen, with a special mention to Ms Verney (Y4) for organising such a successful visit.

Parent Governor - Election Update

We wanted to announce the result of the recent Parent Governor elections. Before we do so, we need to thank the four brave parents who put their names forward for the role. This is always a challenge as the concept of being 'voted for' can make people quite anxious. We have also heard from other schools about the difficulty in finding one (let alone four!) people willing to put themselves forwards. This apathy can often be reflected in the number of votes cast in any election of this sort. Not you lot though, with over 150 people taking the time to make their choice known. Thanks to all of you who did so. We are therefore delighted to be able to inform you that your new representative as Parent Governor, is Kemi Fowosere. A key member of the school community and mother to Tayo in Year 4 & Tosin in Year 6. We know she will be a valuable member of the Governing Body and look forward to working with her.

Dates for Next Term

It's the time of resolutions and this year, we are trying to be super organised. We know that for busy families, having dates and times for key events at school as early as possible, is a real help when it comes to being able to support their children and the school. As part of this, the second page of this week's newsletter has as many key dates for Spring 25 as we could muster.

Trending? Not Us!

As the year draws to a close, we wanted to send out hugs and huzzahs for all the love and support we receive from the community. If you read/watch the news, you will know this is not an easy time for schools to operate in - falling roll locally and ever decreasing budgets nationally could make for a very muted school experience. We are incredibly proud that we are bucking the trend of low admissions and we have worked incredibly hard to ensure the money we get matches the ambitions we have for the school and your children. None of this could be done without your support. Thanks, it means a lot. Have a great break.

PTA Power

Man alive, you guys & girls (and anyone not playing the binary game) are the best. The incredible PTA wanted us to let you know that, with your support, they have raised an eye-watering **£11,250**, since September. They are staggered. We are staggered. Expect updates next term as to where & how this money is going to be used to make the children's school experience even richer and more immersive.

TERM DATES 2024/25

Fri 20th Dec - LAST DAY OF TERM
= 2pm CLOSE

SPRING TERM 1

Monday 6th Jan - School Reopens
17th - 21st Feb - HALF TERM (+ EWrap Playscheme)

2024/25 Term Dates



Nursery Festive Singalong



Spring 2025 - Key Dates

Year Group Assem- bly	Date (Friday)
Year 6	17th January
Year 5	24th January
Year 4	31st January
HALF	TERM
Year 3	21st March
Year 2	28th March
Year 1	4th April
Reception	<i>Summer Term (date tbc)</i>

All year group assemblies take place on a Friday, @2:45pm, in Rosen Hall.

Other Key Dates:

Parent Teacher Meetings

3:50 - 7:00pm - Tues 11th & Weds 12th Feb

World Book Week:

w.b. 3rd March

World Book Day - Thurs 6th March

Year 5 Swimming Starts

w.b. 24th March