GLEBE

GLEBE PARENT NEWSLETTER

I hope you have all had a good week.

Another extremely busy and very Christmassy week here at Glebe.

I suggest you get settled with a mince pie and a hot chocolate as, at 32 pages, this week's edition of the newsletter is a bumper one!

We've done so much this week that there are a record number of highlights.

I promise next week's edition will be shorter.

FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2023

Weekly Attendance %

4JL	100
5G	100
6K	99.1
3ME	98.8
2S	98.3
2P	97.5
6L	97.2
RG	96.2
3V	95.8
3R	95.8
5V	95.7
4J	95.3
6A	95.1
2M	94.4
5I	94.2
RB	93.3
4W	93.1
1L	92.1
RP	91.5
1C	86.6
1A	79.9

Whole School

94.6%

HIGHLIGHTS

St. Giles Visits

On Tuesday we had our visit to St. Giles Church. As is now tradition, years 1 and 2 went down first, meeting years 3 and 4 on the way back and finally years 5 and 6.

Each group sang a range of Christmas hymns and carols as well as representatives from each class reading either a poem, a prayer or factual piece they had written about how Christmas is celebrated around the world.

As ever, the children walked so sensibly to and from the church and sang and read brilliantly. Thank you to the staff and parent volunteers who accompanied the classes and thank you to Linda, the Church Warden and Stephanie, the Church Administrator for having us.

HIGHLIGHTS

A Special Visitor

We were delighted to welcome a very special visitor to Glebe on Tuesday afternoon.

Father Christmas and his elf, who bore a striking resemblance to Ms Varney, came bearing gifts for each class.

The children were very excited and although some mistakenly thought it was Mr Young - reasons for this varied widely, from they could see bits of brown beard to his fat belly being too high (?!) .

I am sure each class will enjoy the gifts they received and they were all very grateful and polite to our special visitor.

HIGHLIGHTS

Christmas Fayre

Excitement was at fever pitch on Wednesday morning for our Christmas Fayre.
Every class had put so much thought and effort into their stall – there was so much to see, do and buy.

A huge thank you to the staff who helped the children to put the stalls together and for those parent helpers who volunteered their services on the day – we really couldn't do it without your support.

We raised a total of **£1,646.96** with **5V** coming out on top as the highest earning stall with **£141**.

A large proportion of the money raised will be going towards the Year 6 fundraising efforts for their post SATs trips and excursions.

Thank you all for your generosity.

HIGHLIGHTS

Reading Explorers' Library Trip

On a rather wet and miserable Wednesday, a small group visited the library for their last trip of the year. The activity was to make a Christmas card with a light up Rudolph nose.The cards were a lot of fun; everyone had some tricky moments with the copper tape, though, as it is quite fragile and sticky, but we had the all the lights working eventually. Miss Quirk, Mrs Sheldon and Miss Joyce definitely had their circuit building skills put to the test but the children all showed determination, perseverance and patience which was worth it as the final cards were all amazing.
Some of the children, that had brought library cards with them, were also able to take out a book to borrow over the holiday with books on sharks and dragons particularly popular.

On a sadder note, we had to say goodbye to Michelle who runs the sessions at the library as she is moving to Charville Library in the new year. She has been brilliant with the thought and variety of activities that have been provided over the last few years to many children at Glebe. Everyone at Glebe wish her every success in the future. We would also like to thank the library for their generous Christmas tree decorations that they have donated for children from the group to decorate.

HIGHLIGHTS

Ranger Stu Visits Year 5

On Thursday 14th December, Year 5 brought their geography topic to an end by inviting some rainforest animals in. Leia and Isaac are going to tell us more...

Have you ever imagined meeting a tarantula face to face? Well, on Thursday 14th December 2023, it actually happened. Ranger Stu came to Glebe and brought with him the hairy, venomous creature (whose name was Coconut). She lives on the forest floor layer. We also were introduced to a scorpion, who glowed under a special, ultra-violet light. Its name was Mrs Stingy! We met Bubbles the Tenrec, a snake, a bearded dragon and so many more. Ranger Stu made it so much fun with all of the animals. It was very interactive and enjoyable.
By Leia

Yesterday, a man name Ranger Stu came to Glebe School. He came to us with loads of species of animals. Some of the animals included a tortoise, which I got to hold. Next up, he brought in a type of python; it was called a boa constrictor, which was held by four kids in my class. They also brought a bearded dragon, which acted a bit like a dilophosaurus. Next up were the mini-beasts. The first mini-beast he brought out was a tarantula. After that, there was a baby scorpion. Lastly, there were different mammals such as a tenrec, which looked like a hedgehog but was more closely related to an elephant. And he brought an armadillo.
By Isaac

HIGHLIGHTS

Year 6 Crime & Punishment Workshop

On Thursday, Year 6 enjoyed their Crime and Punishment Day.

We met Luke or Mr Executioner as he was known. It was fun to dress up and learn outside the classroom. We looked at many artefacts such as: a flail, an axe, some chains and a gossip's bridle.

We were split into groups and acted out different crimes and punishment scenes including gossiping and witchcraft. After lunch, we had a debate about whether we should bring back Capital Punishment.

Crime and Punishment Day was very fun and educational.
Mia C

Luke the Executioner led us through the day. He showed us artefacts from the Tudor and other time periods. We were able to hold them and use them for our drama activities.

During the drama activities, we acted out different scenerios of crme including theft, gossiping, drinking alcohol, witchcraft and selling rotten food.

In conclusion, Crime and Punishment Day was a fun experience to share with my friends and classmates. It was also a fun way to learn and I think it's safe to say, we learnt a lot.
Mia V

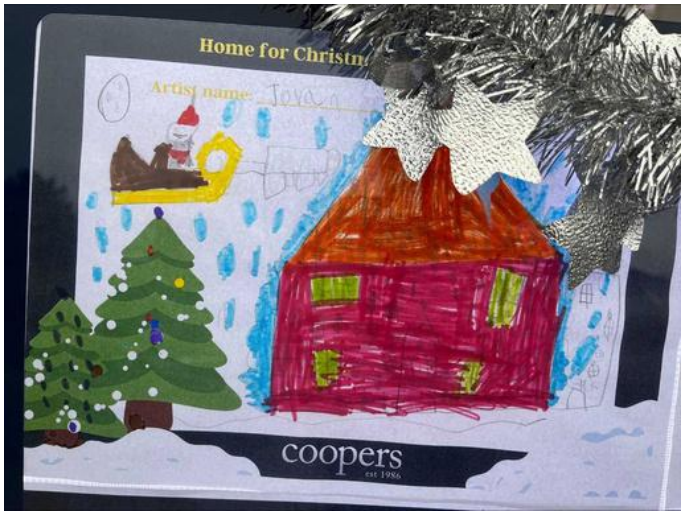
MR DWYER'S SPORTS NEWS

Last Friday, Mr Young and I took 8 of the A team to a 6 a side tournament at Goals which was hosted by QPR. We were drawn in the group against Sacred Heart, Cherry Lane and Uxbridge District winners, St Bernadette's. The boys topped the group on 7 points with a 1-1 draw, 3-0 win and a 4-0 win respectively. We were on to the 1/4 finals where we comfortably beat Coteford 3-0 and progressed to the semis, where we faced Newnham. Newnham took an early 2-0 lead before the boys pulled it back to 2-2 but unfortunately it just wasn't our day, with Newnham scoring a third in the final minute of the game.

The boys (and coaches) were devastated but managed to dust themselves down and win the third place playoff vs Oakwood 5-0. Well done to: Kaito, Harry C, Harry J, Ethan, Bobby, Georgie, Elliot and Kayden.

GLEBE IN THE COMMUNITY

If you have a chance to go past Coopers, the Estate Agents, you will see Christmas pictures on display drawn by children from Glebe. The pictures drawn by Year 2 are up at the moment and other year groups will be rotated throughout the next couple of weeks.



REMEMBER

Key Information & Dates

Thursday 21st December - Term ends - school day finishes 1 hour early

Please note: There is no training day after Christmas. The spring term starts on Monday 8th January 2024

Spring Term - 2024

Key Dates

Thursday 25th January - 3ME Class Assembly at 9.15am – parking for parents attending on the playground from 9.05am (not before for health and safety reasons)

Tuesday 6th February - Parent Consultation Evening: 4pm - 7pm

Thursday 8th February - 3V Class Assembly at 9.15am – parking for parents attending on the playground from 9.05am (not before for health and safety reasons)
- Parent Consultation Evening: 4.30pm - 7.30pm

Half Term: Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February

Monday 19th February - Training Day: School closed to all pupils

Tuesday 20th February - Children return to school

Thursday 29th February - 3V Class Assembly at 9.15am – parking for parents attending on the playground from 9.05am (not before for health and safety reasons)

Advanced Notice:
The next four pages outline the closure of Harvil Road for HS2 works. Although the road itself is a distance from Glebe, its closure does cause congestion on the main rounds around Ickenham. Please leave more time for travel in the new year.

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Notification

Notice of Harvil Road closure

December 2023 | **www.hs2.org.uk**

High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain.

You can sign up for regular updates in your local area at hs2inhillingdon.co.uk.

Our Community Engagement team is available to answer your questions about the project and the works in Hillingdon and Northolt. Our team would like to invite you to:

- **Visit the HS2 & SCSJV Information Hub**
  Our Community Information Hub is open for drop-ins every Monday and Wednesday from 2pm to 4pm.
  You can find us in the portacabin on the right of the West Ruislip Portal entrance on Ickenham Road.
- **Book a virtual one to one appointment**
  at Communities@scsrailways.co.uk.

What we are doing

From 8 to 28 January 2024, we will be carrying out utility works and construction activities to build and finalise the connection sections for the Harvil Road realignment.

The construction activities that need to be completed during the closure include:

- Highway & drainage construction
- Resurfacing, white lining and installation of street furniture
- Earthworks & fencing installation

To carry out the works safely, we will need a road closure from the 8 to 28 January 2024 between Certas bellmouth and the Dogs Trust for 24 hours a day for the three week period.

Please see the following pages for more information about the works we will be carrying out and a map showing the location of the road closure and the diversion route.

For diversion route and closure video please scan the QR code below.

If you have a question about HS2 or our works, please contact our HS2 Helpdesk team on 08081 434 434
or email hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk

Duration of works

From 8 to 28 January2024

Between 8am and 6pm Monday to Sunday

What to expect

Road closure and temporary traffic signage

The closure will remain in place until works are completed

Operatives in the work area, as well as barriers and plant vehicles to construct the new road

What we will do

Maintain access to your property at all times

Clearly sign post the diversion route

Keep disruption to a minimum

Provide updates at **HS2inHillingdon.co.uk**

Notice of Harvil Road closure

www.hs2.org.uk

Notification

How this work might affect you

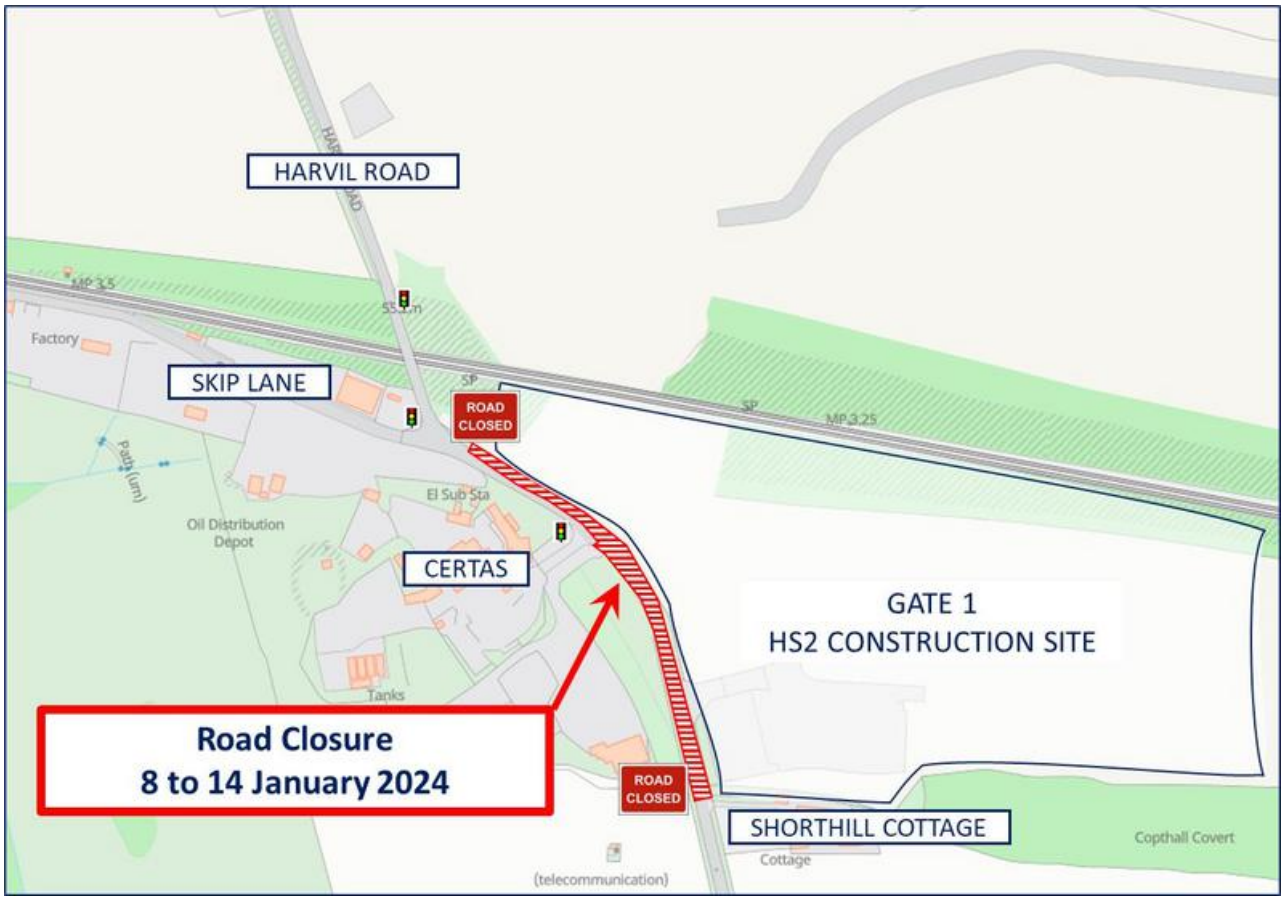
During the road closure, local access to residential and commercial properties (including the Dogs Trust) will be maintained, however, there will be no through access for emergency services.

A clearly signed diversion will be in place via Moorhall Road / A412 / A40.

These works will be carried out in two phases:

• **Phase 1 – from 8 to 14 January 2024**
Road closure between Certas bellmouth and Shorthill Cottage
• **Phase 1 – From 15 to 28 January**
Road closure between the Dogs Trust and network bridge north of Skip Lane.
We would like to apologise in advance for any disruption or inconvenience the road closure may cause. Every effort is being taken to ensure that these works are carried out in the least impactful way.
We expect to have completed the realignment of Harvil Road by the end of January.

Phase 1 - Location of road closure



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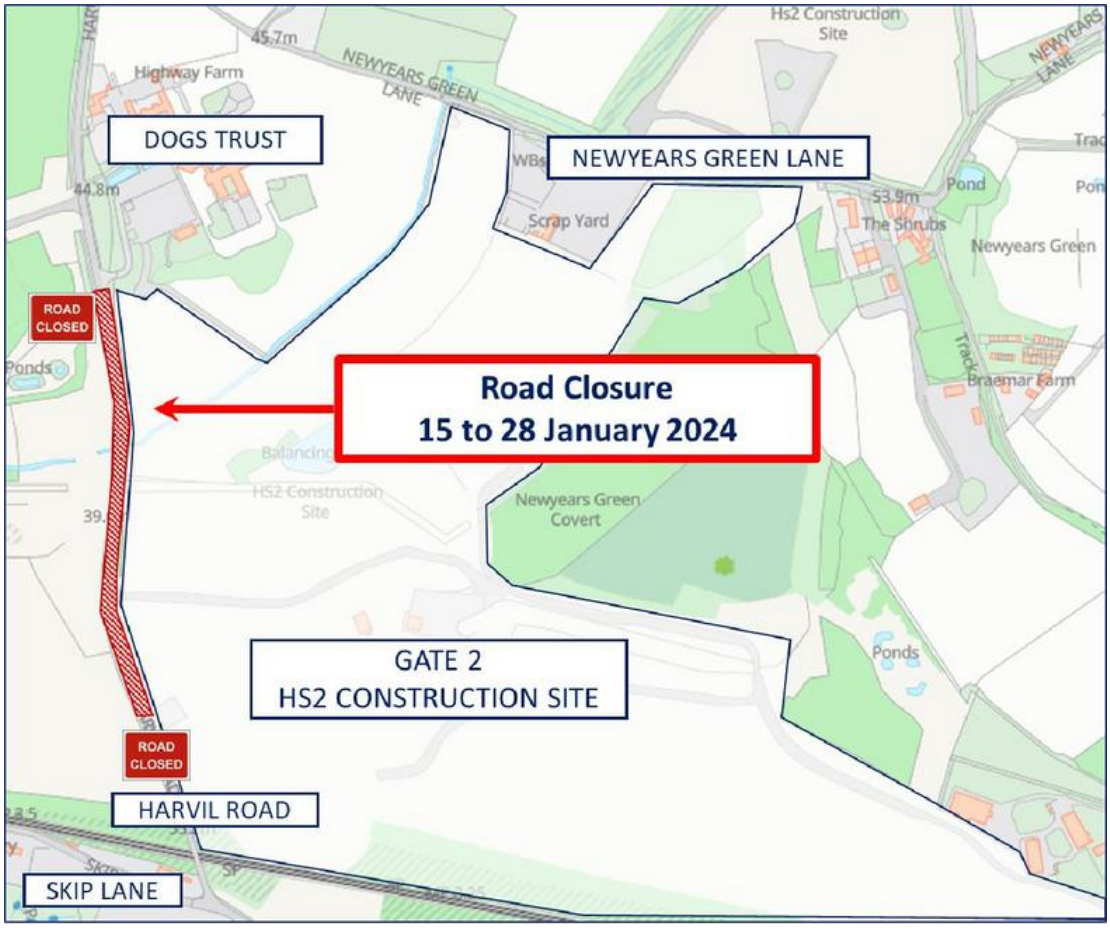
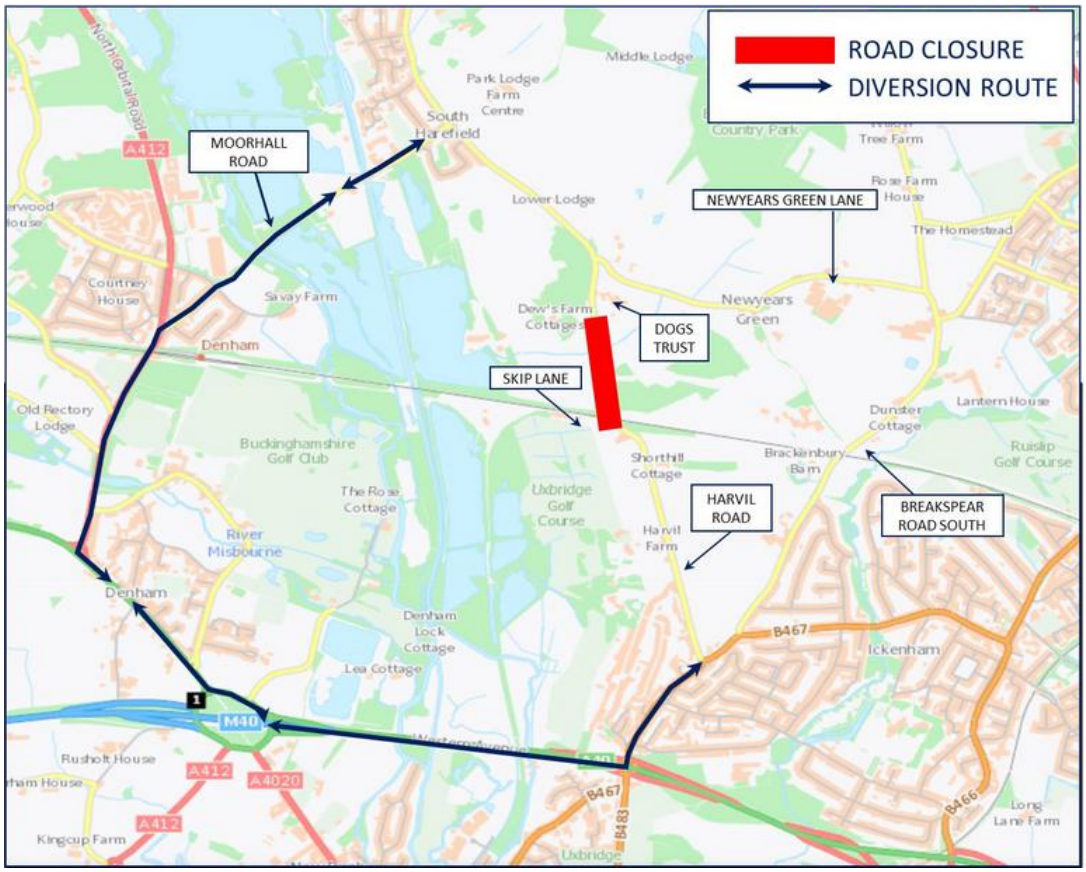
Phase 2 - Location of road closure



Location of diversion route



Keeping you informed

We are committed to keeping you informed about work on HS2. This includes ensuring you know what to expect and when to expect it, as well as how we can help.

Residents' Charter and Commissioner

The Residents' Charter is our promise to communicate as clearly as we possibly can with people who live along or near the HS2 route.
www. go v. uk/go ve rnme nt /publica t io ns/hs2-residents-charter
We also have an independent Residents' Commissioner whose job is to make sure we keep to the promises we make in the Charter and to keep it under constant review. Find reports at:
www.gov.uk/government/collections/hs2-ltd-residents-commissioner
You can contact the Commissioner at:
residentscommissioner@hs2.org.uk

Construction Commissioner

The Construction Commissioner's role is to mediate and monitor the way in which HS2 Ltd manages
and responds to construction complaints. You can contact the Construction Commissioner by emailing:
complaints@hs2-cc.org.uk

Property and compensation

You can find out all about HS2 and properties along the line of route by visiting:
www.gov.uk/government/collections/hs2-property
Find out if you're eligible for compensation at:
www.gov.uk/claim-compensation-if-affected-by-hs2

Holding us to account

If you are unhappy for any reason you can make a complaint by contacting our HS2 Helpdesk team. For more details on our complaints process, please visit our website:
www.hs2.org.uk/how-to-complain

Contact Us

Contact our HS2 Helpdesk team all day, every day of the year on:

Freephone **08081 434 434**

Minicom **08081 456 472**

Email **hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk**

Write to:

FREEPOST
HS2 Community Engagement

www.hs2.org.uk
Website

To keep up to date with what is happening in your local area, visit:
www.hs2inyourarea.co.uk

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Rolls of Paper

Nursery and Reception are asking any parents who may have unwanted, unused rolls of wallpaper or who may work for companies who have rolls of paper to donate them to our Early Years department.

We use it to cover the tables so the children can develop their make-marking and writing skills within the classroom.

Any donations gratefully received.

UPDATES

This week's winners are

doodlemaths

EdShed

Spelling Shed

3ME 6L

Doodle Maths

3ME 5V

UPDATES

Winter HAF Programme

Don't forget the London Borough of Hillingdon's HAF (holiday activities and food) winter programme will be delivered from Tuesday 2nd to Friday 5th January 2024.

The programme is open to school-aged children (reception to year 11) who receive benefits-related free school meals.

Winter HAF programme - Hillingdon Council

Save the Children Fundraiser

Save the Children

Thank you to everyone who came to support the fundraiser in aid of Save the Children. There was an excellent turn out and so many attractions and treats to buy. I am delighted to report that **£1,926.70** was raised which will be sent to Save the Children to support their work with the children who have been caught up in the conflict in Gaza.

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12 Tips for an autism-friendly Christmas

Christmas can be a magical time, but if someone in your family is on the spectrum, there's extra pressure to get it right. These simple pointers may help:

1. Have a designated place to relax and retreat, especially if you plan to have a houseful of guests. You could even label it as a 'quiet room'.
2. Be clear about when friends, family or neighbours may visit. Write up a schedule and stick it on the fridge or somewhere it is easily accessible.
3. Use advent calendars to your advantage – a countdown can be really beneficial to make people aware of upcoming events.
4. Some families opt for a one-day Christmas, when decorations and lights are put up and taken down in the same day.
5. Alternatively, how about decorating a designated 'Christmas room' to limit the impact of changes to other rooms in the house.
6. Look at the world through the eyes of your loved one – what aspects of Christmas do they enjoy? There are no rules – Christmas can be whatever works for you and your family.

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7 Have some Christmas-free time away from the festivities – this can be helpful to reduce anxiety. A quiet stroll in the park or feeding the ducks could help, if this is what you normally do to relax.

8 Father Christmas can cause anxiety. Prepare your loved one by showing them pictures, or perhaps Father Christmas could drop off presents at a family member's house instead.

9 Find out about local events, such as autism-friendly grottos and pantomimes. Decide which events your loved one would enjoy and book in advance.

10 Christmas dinners can be individual, so stick to what you know will be popular. Who says it has to be roast turkey?

11 On Christmas Day, try and keep to a routine that suits your family. If you need to make changes, then prepare in advance, using photos or social stories to explain what is happening.

12 Christmas is about enjoying yourself. It's your time, too, so always ask for help from family and friends if you need it.

Wishing you a very merry Christmas and happy New Year!

Autism Together's children and families service offers parenting courses, social groups, activities for little ones and support groups for families.

And we do so much more!
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www.autismfamily.co.uk | T: 0151 334 7510
enquiries@autismtogether.co.uk

It's Christmas Time!

A Parent's Guide to Social Media

A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures

A Parent's Guide to Gaming

A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming

scan the QR code with your phone's camera to see the guides on our website

A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming

A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers

A Parent's Guide to Fake News

A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings

It's always best to be prepared

Many parents may be planning to give electronic gadgets to their children this festive period.

Our guide is designed to help parents take a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games.

Scan the QR code to find out more.

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

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TO PLAY A CHARACTER OF 9 YEARS OLD & FROM THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND

Min age 9 years old. No previous acting experience is required, but please note we will also be looking at professional actors for this role.
If you are successful in gaining the role, you will be paid.

TO APPLY:

Please can a parent/guardian email us at **bunnycasting@shaheenbaigcasting.com** it must include the below info:

FULL NAME

THEIR AGE, DOB & WHERE THEY ARE BASED

A RECENT PHOTOGRAPH

A SHORT DOWNLOADABLE VIDEO OF THEM TELLING US A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THEMSELVES - PERHAPS A FAVOURITE MEMORY, THEIR FAVOURITE INTERESTS, A FUNNY STORY!

Please submit as soon as you are able and no later than 26th January 2024
Please note a parent/guardian must confirm in the email that they were present for the recording and give their consent to the application.

Please note those represented by agents to use the normal channels for submissions.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST
PLEASE SHARE THIS FLYER IF YOU THINK IT MIGHT BE OF INTEREST

Parent/ Guardians - please contact us if you have any questions about the process or if anything is unclear.

Shaheen Baig Casting have a history of casting people with no prior experience
You can find more derails here: www.shaheenbaigcasting.com

We are committed to inclusive, diverse casting. For every role, please submit qualified performers without regard to age, ethnicity, mental or physical disability, race, ancestry, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression or any other basis protected by law unless otherwise specifically indicated.

Hillingdon foodbank

Christmas Hampers

Items needed for our hampers:

Rice
Tinned tomatoes
Jam/spreads
Tinned Fruit/Vegetables
Long life Milk
Juice
Tinned Meat
Biscuits
Soup

Tea/Coffee
Minced Pies
Tinned Spaghetti
Christmas sweets
Toys
Books
Socks
Pasta sauces
Tinned/mashed potatoes

Thank you for you support!

Hillingdon foodbank
30 Oxford Road, Uxbridge
New Denham, UB9 4DQ
07859 710747

MAYOR OF LONDON

Date: December 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

As the end of term approaches, I wanted to write to you to let you know how successful our Universal Free School Meals programme has been. I'm pleased to say I've now provided more than 10 million free lunches to primary school pupils in state-funded schools across our city since September. As part of our emergency intervention to help with the cost of living crisis, I'll continue to fund millions more free school meals until at least the end of this academic year, ensuring children don't go hungry and saving families hundreds of pounds.

I'm doing this because I know many parents and carers are desperately struggling with the cost of living right now. As someone who received free school meals myself growing up, I know they can be a lifeline to people who are finding it hard to make ends meet and that they can also help children concentrate in the classroom and reach their full potential.

As Mayor of London, I also fundamentally believe that feeding our children shouldn't be an optional luxury but should rank as one of our society's top priorities. Making sure our children are properly fed and healthy is vital to building a better London for everyone – a city that is fairer, safer, more inclusive and more prosperous for all.

I've been deeply touched by the heartfelt messages I've received from both parents and pupils, who've told me what these free school meals mean to them. I know times are still tough for many families across London, so I sincerely hope this programme will continue to make a meaningful difference to you and your children, particularly as the days get colder and energy bills remain high.

Even though your child is receiving their free school meals automatically, it is still vitally important – if you have not already done so – to complete your school or borough's registration form in case your child is eligible for extra funding for their school, worth over £1,300 per year, plus any wider benefits for your family. For more information about this and anything else about the scheme, please visit our online hub: https://www.london.gov.uk/free-school-meals.

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Families having difficulties with their financial situation can also access advice and support by visiting my cost of living hub here: https://www.london.gov.uk/programmes-strategies/communities-and-social-justice/help-cost-living.

I wish your family a happy and healthy winter break, and I hope your children are looking forward to their school meals when they return in the New Year.

Yours sincerely,

Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London

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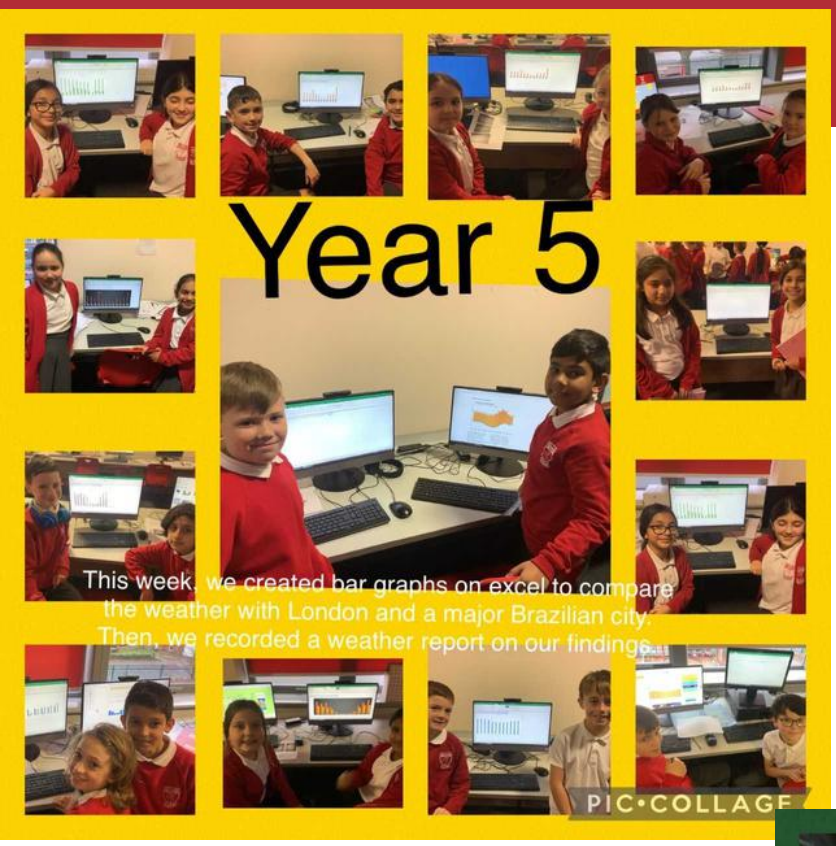

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Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs Penney