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Nell Gwynn Nursery School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

On behalf of the team, an enormous thank you for your generous donations in regards to flour, oil, butter, eggs etc. We now have enough ingredients for the activities we have in mind.

Please see below for a reminder of upcoming dates for your diaries. We appreciate that there may be families who prefer their child/children doesn't participate in Christmas activities and events. Please let us know, so that we can offer alternatives to what is outlined below:

A reminder of dates for diaries:

Our Christmas tree will be going up in the hall this coming Wednesday (3rd December) and children will be invited to decorate the tree.

Wednesday 10th December: Christmas Jumper Day to raise money for 'Save the Children UK'. We will be wearing festive jumpers and donating what can we can afford (£1 is the suggested amount). Please see the posters that are displayed. We have chosen Wednesday 10th December, so that all children can participate if they wish to.

Friday 12th December: Peckham Library will visit to read stories to children in attendance on Fridays. This will be their last visit of the term.

Tuesday 16th December: Christmas lunch
Wednesday 17th December: Christmas parties and visits from Santa
Thursday 18th December: Christmas lunch

The Christmas lunch menu has been displayed in different areas of the nursery for you to view. Ruth will cater for any allergies or dietary requirements. Party food will be served during the Christmas parties and children who usually stay for lunch on Wednesday will have a lighter lunch that day. Santa will be visiting the children during the parties and will have a gift for each child.

Friday 19th December: **Last day of term** where **all children** to be collected by **12pm latest**. We will remind parents/carers during the last week of this finishing time.

Christmas Holiday: Monday 22nd December 2025 – Monday 5th January 2026 (INSET)

School resumes on Tuesday 6th January 2026 where normal timings apply.

Educational Visits to Staffordshire Street

On Wednesday 19th November, a small group of children, accompanied by staff and parents/carers visited Staffordshire Street to participate in natural dyeing. The artist leading the session helped children to learn about natural dyes and their properties, through hands on exploration with paper and wax, as well as pieces of fabric. This Wednesday (3rd December), another small group of children will be visiting Staffordshire Street to engage with block printing. We are hoping to invite in artists from Staffordshire Street in the new year, so that children can engage in creative experiences within the setting.

We are currently engaging with a two year project named 'SPACE To Flourish in Early Childhood' which is being delivered by Early Education and fully supported by Mercers' Company. This project is focused on promoting and supporting creativity within our setting and compliments other enrichment opportunities we are currently undertaking. We believe in the importance of children of all ages and abilities accessing a creative curriculum and we acknowledge the benefits of children engaging with small tools and materials in an open-ended way. The creative processes rather than the end result are what we focus on, so that children can happily and freely explore and experiment, acquiring techniques and building their expertise.

Thank you once again for your interest and engagement this term. We are excited by the progress children have been making and we look forward to the Spring Term with anticipation.

On behalf of all of the staff at Nell Gwynn, we hope you and your family have an enjoyable holiday over the Christmas period and we wish you well for the beginning of 2026!

Warm regards,

Pippa Baker
Head of School and SENCo