OPCH Federation Newsletter

December 2025

FESTIVE FUN AT CHRISTMAS TIME

This year, both schools celebrated the festive season in style. At Children's House, our friends put on an amazing performance of the Snowman by Raymond Briggs. There were snowmen and snow flakes, a sniff-snaff Santa and a team of reindeer and elves, ready to help deliver presents to children all around the world. We were treated to some excellent acting, dancing and singing, including the parents who displayed their best dance moves. A big thank you to the staff for transforming the nursery into a winter wonderland and for all their hard work in preparing the performance.
Our two-year olds also got to join in the fun, performing their very own Christmas show, full of songs such as Jingle Bells, Father Christmas, We Wish you a Merry Christmas and Twinkle Twinkle Little Star. It was wonderful seeing the children and their parents singing together.

Meanwhile at Old Palace, the Christmas festival assembly was performed by Year 1 on 17th December In preparation the children visited Bow Church lo learn more about how Christian's celebrate Christmas and the story of Jesus' birth. On the day, they delivered a fantastic performance of the Nativity. Their acting and singing were amazing and the narrators did an incredible job explaining the events. For the encore the children shared an enthusiastic performance of the Christmas Number 1 'XMAS' complete with dance moves. It was great that so many parents were able to attend and share this special performance.

Following the show it was time for Christmas dinner at Old Palace. The children tucked into roast turkey, stuffing, roast potatoes and of course—Brussel sprouts! The kitchen staff went above and beyond, working extra hours to make sure everything was perfect—please join us in thanking them for all their extra effort—it is much appreciated! The dining hall, was adorned with beautifully decorations made by the children, adding to the Christmas spirit.

IMPORTANT DATES

SPRING 1 HALF TERM
Return to school Tuesday 6th January 2026
Children's House return Wednesday 7th 2026
School finishes Friday 12th February 2026
Return to school Monday 23rd February 2026

END of SPRING HALF TERM
School finishes Friday 27th March 2026
Return to school Monday 13th April 2026
Please visit our school website for a full list of term dates

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The Christmas sprit did not end there. On Thursday, Old Palace held its Christmas parties for the children and parents. Reception held their party in the top hall and had a very special visitor—Santa! The children took part in games and give a special performance of 'Little Donkey' and 'Santa Claus is Coming to Town'. For the older children, parties took place in the classroom, where the children tucked into the food donated by parents and the school and played games such as musical statues and pass the parcel. Meanwhile in the dining hall we hosted the Parents' Party. There was an abundance of food and festive cheer, as well as some competitiveness as the mums and dads battled at musical chairs. Despite the wet weather, we had a great turn out, so a big thank you to all those who came, as well as to those who donated food and to our Parent Councilors who arranged the event.
Friday was party day at Children's House! Santa returned to Bromley by Bow to deliver presents to the children and much fun was had, eating, singing and dancing

We wish those celebrating, a very merry Christmas!
Clips of the school performances can be found Here

PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT

COFFEE MORNINGS & WORKSHOPS

Board Games

On Thursday 6th November, we hosted a Board Games Coffee Morning, providing parents with a fun and relaxed opportunity to socialise, while boosting their confidence in speaking English. Attendees enjoyed games such as Ludo and Snakes and Ladders, while taking the time to connect with others in the community.

Tower Hamlets Early Help Hub

On 13th November, Molika Hudiova, Early Help Partner Coordinator for Tower Hamlets, joined our coffee morning to share information about the **Family Hub.** This is a network of services designed to support families with babies, children, and young people up to the age of 19 (or 25 for those with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. It connects families with a wide range of local services, including healthcare providers, charities, schools, and community groups. These services offer support with baby feeding, emotional wellbeing, domestic abuse, and SEND-related needs. If you would like any support, you can contact the **Tower Hamlets Early Help Hub** at earlyhelp@towerhamlets.gov.uk or call 020 7364 5006

Dads' Coffee Morning

On Thursday 20th November we held a fathers' coffee morning. The event got very competitive as the dads played a range of board games, some for the first time. The dads are now looking forward to playing board games with their children at home. Thank you to everyone who took part.

Wellbeing with Holly (our creative therapist)

On Thursday 27th November , Holly shared the importance of expressing feelings and how to support children to express and manage them at home. We explored strategies using a 'Regulate, Relate and Reason' approach and discussed the importance of boundaries to support children to manage their emotions. Slides are available and can be requested by emailing the admin address. Sadly, Holly left the school at the end of term, but we look forward to welcoming a new therapist in January.

African families

On 4th December we held a coffee morning for the African Families. Thank you to those mums who attended. It was a great session where forthcoming school workshops and trips could be discussed.

Cost of Living

On 11th December, the coffee morning focused on the cost of living. We discussed how small changes can help save money, such as:

- Ensuring appliances are switched off when not in use
- Using the most economical settings on washing machines
- Timing laundry to avoid high-tariff energy periods

The second half of the session was used to make Christmas cards (another money saving tip) Home made cards can be used to celebrate festivals throughout the year and increase engagement with family and loved ones.
If you are struggling financially and need advice or support, please contact Mina Chowdhury at the Bromley by Bow Centre**:** Mina.chowdhury@bbbc.org.uk

Parent Governors

This half term we recruited Parent Governors now that one governing body oversees both Children's House and Old Palace. At Children's House there was one nominee, **Arvind Sharma,** who was duly appointed.

At Old Palace, we received seven nominations for the two vacancies. The nominees were invited to a special coffee morning so they could introduce themselves, talk about why they had put themselves forward and share what skills and experiences they could bring to the school. An election was then held on 12 November, when **Nazma Ali** and **Noorjahan Begum** were elected**.** Our new Parent Governors will attend their first full governing body meeting in January.

Parenting Programme

Forida delivered a three week parenting course which explored themes such as boundaries, routines and managing negative behaviour. Thank you to the parents who came along and were willing to share their experiences, ideas and top tips on parenthood. This course will be repeated in the spring term. If any parents would like advice, guidance or support please speak to Shelly or Forida.

Idea store ESOL Class

Jonathan Farningham, from the Idea Store, delivered the 'Family Introduction to ESOL' course to help develop confidence when speaking English in daily life. Participants got the chance to practice their writing skills, including improving their grammar and spelling and also attended a trip to explore London, using English along the way. Classes take place every Thursday from 13:30 to 15:30 at Old Palace. If you are interested in taking part, please speak to Shelly/Forida

Wellbeing Group Update

There has been a change to the schedule for our Wellbeing Group. The group will now run on a three-week rotation:

Week 1: Walking Group
Week 2: Mums' Badminton
Week 3: Dads' Badminton

The aim of the Wellbeing Group is to improve fitness and wellbeing while helping to bring our community together.
Please speak to Shelly/Forida for more information.

Children's House Coffee Afternoons

Forida has been hosting a Coffee Afternoon at Children's House every Thursday from 2.30-3.15. The sessions have covered a range of topics designed to help parents with supporting learning at home. Some of the themes covered, have included painting, art and creativity in play and using the local area to support work on Maths and shape.
If you have not already attended, please come along next half term. Children's House parents are also very welcome to attend the coffee mornings and workshops held at Old Palace

Dates for your dairy

Accident Reporting Workshop
Thursday 8th January, 9-10am Dining Hall

Free School Meal applications
Thursday 15th January, 9-10am Community Room

New Year New You
Thursday 22nd January 9-10am Community Room

ONLINE SAFETY

With the school break approaching, children often spend more time online and using devices. This is a good opportunity to review parental controls, particularly if your child has received a new device. Parental controls can help manage screen time, restrict inappropriate content and control online communication.

It is also important to talk regularly with children about what they do online and to monitor their online activity. Children should not use the internet or any device without adult supervision. This includes game consoles which connect to the internet

Please be especially cautious with YouTube Shorts and similar short-form videos. These play continuously, meaning new content appears automatically. This can expose children to inappropriate material, make it hard for them to stop watching, and may impact mental wellbeing and sleep, particularly if used for prolonged periods. It is recommended that 2-5 year olds have no more than 1 hour of screen time per day. For 6-12 year olds, this increases to no more than two hours.

Parents are reminded to check age restrictions on all apps, games and platforms their child uses. Helpful guidance on age suitability and online risks can be found at www.net-aware.org.uk

By staying involved and setting clear boundaries, we can help keep children safe online and support their mental health and wellbeing during the break.

Keeping Children Safe Online Workshop

On Wednesday 3rd December, Nazia Ahmed, Parental Engagement Practitioner, delivered a workshop focused on *Keeping Children Safe Online*.
The session aimed to support parents in recognising and understanding the potential risks children may face when navigating the internet. Topics covered included exposure to inappropriate content, cyberbullying, online grooming, screen addiction, gaming with strangers, and the influence of online personalities. Parents were also signposted to helpful websites for further advice and support, including **NSPCC** and **Internet Matters**.

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/
https://www.internetmatters.org/

Remember that the ICT Technician at Old Palace, Abdullahi Makoka, is available to offer support with parental settings. Please contact the office to request an appointment.

Vaccination and Catch-up Programme

This year, flu rates are highest among school-aged children, with those under 5 experiencing some of the highest hospitalisation rates. As we reach the height of flu season, the school aged immunisation provider **(Vaccination UK)** will be holding community clinics for any children who may have missed their flu vaccinations. One of the clinics will be held at the East London Mosque where they will be providing **gelatine-free flu** vaccinations.

Missed vaccinations

If your child has missed the school session and you would like to attend a clinic, please either call **0203 343 2400,** email **appointments@v-uk.co.uk** or visit Gough Walk GP Practice 21 Newby Place E14 0EY

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

National Anti-Bullying Week, took place during the week beginning 10th November. The theme was **"Power of Good."** The week began with **Odd Socks Day**, when the children were encouraged to wear odd socks to celebrate individuality and what makes us all unique.

Throughout the week, children across the school took part in a range of activities to help them understand what bullying is, how to respond to it, and how kindness and positive choices can make a difference. KS1 children enjoyed themed stories and activities, while KS2 children explored real-life scenarios and discussed acceptable and unacceptable behaviour. In addition the children took part in competitions, with KS1 children designing their own pair of odd socks and KS2 pupils designing a poster to promote anti bullying using the theme 'Power of Good'.

We also held a workshop for parents, to share the work we do to prevent bullying and how any allegations of bullying are investigated. We also shared changes to the DfE guidance which now includes use of discriminatory language, for example derogatory terms associated with race, disability and sexuality, as a form of bullying. Slides from the meeting are available on the Old Palace website.

Early Words Together Programme

We have recently completed another cohort of our fantastic Early Words Together six-week programme. Early Words Together supports young children's communication and language development by helping families build simple, everyday strategies they can use at home.

Through practical activities, stories, songs and play-based ideas, parents and carers learn how to encourage talking, listening and new vocabulary in a fun and meaningful way. The programme also gives families the opportunity to share ideas, grow in confidence, and strengthen the important link between home and school learning.

Throughout the six weeks, families worked alongside their child while focusing on three key storybooks, they also took part in two trips, extending their learning beyond the classroom. Week 6 is always a special celebration session, where we recognise the time, effort and commitment families have shown across the programme.

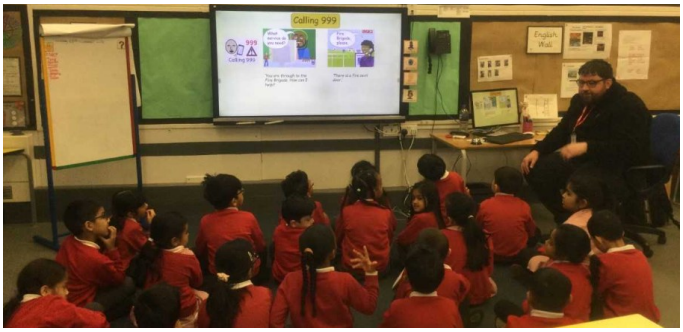
At this session all the participants were presented with a certificate to recognize and celebrate their achievements. A huge thank you to our Literacy Champions who help deliver the programme. We look forward to more parents joining us to complete the course next term.

TUESDAY CLUB NIGHT

This half term, we launched our free Tuesday Club night. This gave the children the chance to join one of over 20 clubs taking place across the school. These ranged from cookery to model making, and Maths games to sewing. As we received such great feedback from the children and their parents, we would like to offer the clubs again in Spring 2. A huge thank you to the staff at Old Palace for giving their time freely, so that the clubs could take place.

FIRE SAFETY WORKSHOPS

Earlier this term, Years 2 and 5 took part in a fire safety workshop led by the London Fire Brigade. During their visit, firefighters taught the children how to prevent fires, spot dangers early, and respond safely in an emergency. The session was informative and engaging, covering important topics such as planning an escape route, switching off electrical devices at night, and identifying potential hazards at home. The children also learned about the dangers of electricity and how quickly fires can spread. Fun, fire-themed activities and personal stories from the trainers made the workshop memorable, and the pupils now feel more confident and prepared to act safely if they ever encounter a fire.



STAR CITIZENS - AUTUMN B 2025

We would like to congratulate the following pupils for achieving the Star Citizen award this term. Well Done and keep up the good work.

Reception:	**RK Elyza** & **RN Ayeza**
Year 1:	**1B Najah** & **1C Sarah**
Year 2:	**2S Ishaq** & **2T Adeeba**
Year 3:	**3E Hazira** & **3H Ruqaiya**
Year 4:	**4M Zunairah** & **4O Sofia**
Year 5:	**5A Inaaya** & **5H Aribah**
Year 6:	**6D Ibrahim** & **6K Maisha**

ART AT CHILDREN'S HOUSE

Following our visit to the Tate, we've been exploring how artists use colour, shape and line to express big ideas in simple, exciting ways. The children have loved looking closely at famous artworks and then using the same techniques to create their own bold, confident pieces.

"Shape Pictures" and 'The Snail'

Inspired by Henri Matisse and his vibrant cut-outs, the children explored how he ripped and cut coloured paper to create pictures using shapes. They experimented with tearing and cutting paper into a variety of pieces, then carefully arranged and glued them into their own "shape pictures." Many children were especially fascinated by The Snail collage, and used it as a starting point to create their own versions.

As part of this, the children also collaborated on a large-scale collage indoors and outside in the garden, contributing their own shapes to a shared artwork just like a mini gallery installation!

Art by Mondrian

We also explored the work of Piet Mondrian, focusing on his famous abstract paintings such as Composition with Yellow, Blue and Red. Together, the children spotted the squares, rectangles and straight lines, noticing how Mondrian used black lines to create a grid of blocks and then filled some spaces with bright primary colours.

We were blown away by the children's creativity

DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY: MECHANISMS

During our Autumn Design and Technology Day, the whole school focused on learning about mechanisms. The children explored different types of mechanisms and learned how they work and why they are used in everyday objects. As part of our curriculum, the children researched, designed, made and evaluated their own mechanical toys using tech card. This helped them to understand both simple and more complex mechanisms, such as levers, linkages, cams, pulleys, wheels and axles.

Each year group completed a different project. Year 1 made a card with moving linkages. Year 2 designed and built a toy car using wheels and axles. Year 3 created a spinning toy, also using wheels and axles. Year 4 made their own fairground ride. Year 5 designed a space-themed toy, and Year 6 created a moving crabs. Once their projects were finished, the children evaluated their work and thought about how they could improve their designs next time. Everyone really enjoyed the day, as it gave pupils the chance to be creative, use tools and materials safely, and develop a better understanding of how mechanisms work.

CHILDREN IN NEED

On Friday 14th November, we proudly took part in Children in Need, raising money to help make a life-changing difference for disadvantaged children and young people across the UK. This year's theme focused on "making life lighter" and encouraged everyone to "Challenge Yourself to 25," highlighting the importance of positive relationships and strong support systems for young people. To support this cause, staff and pupils were invited to wear something spotty to school and donate £1. In addition, we sold a wide range of Children in Need merchandise, including Pudsey soft toys, water bottles and even Pudsey ears, all of which were extremely popular. The children also took part in a 'Design a Pudsey' competition, which produced several fantastic and creative entries — well done to everyone who entered.

Thanks to the incredible generosity and enthusiasm of our school community, we raised a grand total of £538, exceeding last year's amount. A huge thank you to everyone who supported us and helped make this year's Children in Need event such a success.

IDEA STORE: WINTER CHALLENGE

Do you need some good books to snuggle down with now that the weather is getting cold> We have books for everyone, whether you like adventure stories about friends or enjoy learning about new things that interest you.

Join our winter reading challenge! If you read 4 books in between 28th November and 4th January we will reward you with a certificate and a small gift.

Click HERE for more information

OLD PALACE 2026 CALENDARS

When making their calendars this year, the children used a variety of different printing techniques. In Reception, the children used shapes to create different patterns and effects. Children in KS1, built on this to explore different textures and effects using leaf printing. In Year 3, the children made calligraphy printing blocks using a range of different collage materials, such as cotton wool, lolly sticks and bubble wrap. The children in Year 4, used printing blocks made from foam boards. In Year 5, the children used mono printing. And finally in year 6, the children did lino cutting to make printing blocks. The children should be very proud of their creations which will help to brighten up 2026.

Originality

Core Value Award : December 2024

The value for the month of December was "**ORIGINALTY**". The following children were nominated for demonstrating their originality:

Reception: Yanal & **Amani**
Year 1: Rayyan & **Aisha**
Year 2: Matin & **Maymuna**
Year 3: Ayaan & **Mahrin**
Year 4: Aran & **Abdullah**
Year 5: Hamza & **Ayaan**
Year 6: Halima & **Ayra**

GIRLS' FOOTBALL TOUNAMENT

Our UKS2 Girls Football Team has been attending a weekly evening football tournament at Marner Primary School for the last five weeks. During this time, they proudly participated in matches, learned new football skills, and worked together as a team. They had the chance to meet children from new schools, make new friends, and learn about different team tactics. Throughout the five weeks, the girls had a lot of fun, showed great sportsmanship, and created many happy memories.

DIWALI FESTIVAL ASSEMBLY

This term Year 2 performed the school's Diwali Festival Assembly. Earlier in the term, they visited a local temple, where they admired the colourful decorations, explored how people pray and learned about the important role temples play in daily life.
Following their visit, Year 2 performed a wonderful Diwali Festival Assembly, bringing the story of Rama and Sita to life. They showed Rama's bravery, Sita's kindness, and Hanuman's help in the rescue, helping everyone understand the story and its message. The children also shared how Hindus celebrate Diwali with lights, decorations, sweets, and family gatherings. The assembly was full of energy and creativity, and it was lovely to see the children confidently sharing what they had learned from both their temple trip and classroom work, celebrating this special festival with the whole school.

ADVENT CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLY

Year 3 & 4 got to take part in a special assembly delivered by Bow Church. The assembly was both informative and fun. The children particularly enjoyed joining in with a playful song, as well as finding out more about the events of the nativity. A big thank you to Bow Church for sharing their performance with us

NURSERY VISIT THE IDEA STORE

On Wednesday 12th November, a group of parents and children visited the Idea Store in Chrisp Street. It was a lovely opportunity for families to explore the space together and find out more about what the Idea Store can offer to support learning and enjoyment at home.

During the visit, parents had the chance to register for a library card, speak to staff, and learn about the wide range of services available, including children's books, family events, and free activities. Families spent time browsing the shelves and choosing from a selection of books they could borrow to take home, encouraging children's love of stories and early reading.

A special highlight was a storytelling session led by the staff from the Idea store. The children listened excitedly while the staff shared stories and led singing activities

This visit was a great opportunity to help parents feel confident using local services and to discover all the enjoyable activities the Idea Store provides for young children and families, including Art, Lego and Coding clubs and interactive i-play sessions.
Why not pay them a visit this holiday time...

LBTH BOOK AWARDS

Year 6 pupils, who took part in our Book Club, were recently invited to the annual Tower Hamlets Book Awards ceremony. On this occasion, we met authors of the novels we had read, some of whom even signed our newly bought books! We enjoyed watching dramatic performances of scenes from a few stories and had fun testing our knowledge during the award's quiz. It was an exciting morning and we look forward to reading ore adventures by these inspirational authors.

RECEPTION VISIT THE DISCOVERY CENTRE

This half term, our Reception children explored superheroes, focusing on both fictional characters and real-life heroes. We visited The Children's Discover Story Centre in Stratford, where the inspiring environment encouraged the children to create their own stories. During the interactive story session, they showed great engagement, listening carefully and sharing their ideas.
The children also explored the wonderful interactive story play area filled with stories, rockets, spaceships, boats, slides and sensory play that sparked curiosity and creativity.

The children thoroughly enjoyed exploring both the indoor and outdoor garden areas, discovering new things and enjoying the time with their friends.
It was an amazing experience for the children and we are incredibly proud of how confidently and joyfully the children embraced every activity, a wonderful day of learning and adventure!

YEAR 6 VISIT NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

Year 6 visited the Natural History Museum this term. The children explored a range of galleries, including reptiles, mammals and insects and even got to stand beneath the skeleton of an enormous blue whale. Later they attended a workshop where they learnt about the theory of evolution and how and why animals adapt to their environments over time. They got to hold and explore some artefacts and also got to see a giant statue of Charles Dawrin, who they had been learning about in their Science lessons. It was a very informative day.

YEAR 1 VISIT RAGGED SCHOOL MUSEUM

To support their learning about schools in the past, Year 1 had a fantastic trip to the Ragged School Museum near Mile End. They took part in a Victorian school lesson, sat at wooden desks, used slate boards, and explored old artefacts and a Victorian classroom. Back at school, the learning continued with our 'toy museum', where parents and children brought in toys. The children had lots of fun and learned about how things have changed over time. Thank you to all the parents who came.

NURSERY VISIT THE TATE MODERN

Our friends explored the galleries at the Tate Modern. We spent time closely observing the artwork and sharing what we could see. We realised many of us saw different things in paintings and art and shared this with each other. We then went on an art hunt to look for specific artwork from our booklet. We searched for and found Matisse's 'The Snail', we sat and drew our own interpretation of his work focusing on the shapes and patterns we could see. We had lots of fun looking at the galleries, sculptures and paintings which helped us to create our own art back at school.

YEARS 4 & 5 VISIT THE SCIENCE MUSEUM

This half term year 4 enjoyed an exciting visit to the Science Museum as part of their Topic on Electricity and Sound. The children explored a variety of interactive exhibits that helped bring their learning to life. They were excited to try activities which helped them to understand how sound travels. They also got to feel static electricity , as well as to learn about how appliances which are powered by electricity have changed over the years

Year 5 have been learning about Space this half term. Ordinarily they would have visited the Royal Observatory in Greenwich, but as this is currently closed, they visited the Science Museum instead. Here they explored the space exhibition and discovered new and exciting facts about space and forces. They also took part in an exciting workshop called Mission to Space, where they participated in a range of activities which helped to deepen their understanding of our solar system and space travel.

YEAR 3 VISIT GUNNERSBURY PARK MUSEUM

This half term the year 3 children went to Gunnersbury Park Museum to learn more about the Stone Age and prehistoric Britain. They had a workshop which linked to what the children had already learned in school about prehistoric animals, different historical ages, and how shelters have changed over time. They explored primary and secondary sources, including looking at a mammoth tooth, stone axes, arrowheads, and other ancient tools. During the visit, the they pretended to be members of a Stone Age tribe and showed their survival skills by building shelters, hunting for boars, and learning how to construct a house using wattle and daub. The children particularly enjoyed the hands-on activities, which brought their history learning to life.

NURSERY VISIT THE YOUNG V&A MUSEUM

On Wednesday 26th November, a group of children visited the Young V&A in Bethnal Green. The children were excited to arrive and explore the museum's three main galleries: Play, Imagine and Design

In the Play Gallery, children enjoyed discovering displays at their level, exploring different colours, textures and shapes. They were especially engaged in the construction area, where they had lots of fun building with foam blocks and watching the large marble run in action. The children also enjoyed exploring some of the museum's best known features, including the dolls' house collection.

Everyone had a wonderful time, and we were pleased to hear that many parents said they would love to visit again as a family.

Year 2 VISIT THE TOWER OF LONDON

This half term, Year 2 have been learning about the Stuart period, including events like the Gunpowder Plot and the Great Fire of London. To help them understand more, they visited the Tower of London. They were able to see the famous Bloody Tower, where Guy Fawkes was kept, the White Tower, and the Jewel House, which holds the Crown Jewels. The children also took part in a workshop called 'Fire, Fire!', where actors showed what happened during the Great Fire of London. They really enjoyed the trip which helped them to remember a lot about the history they have been studying

SANTA DASH

Santa Dash took place on Friday 5th December providing an exciting opportunity for our KS2 children to burn off some extra energy, get fit and most importantly, have fun! Throughout the day, pupils dashed as fast as they could, collecting presents for Santa, scoring points for themselves, and also collectively for their class. It was great to see so many children taking part in their correct PE kit, including festive Santa Hats! The children enjoyed participating in the poster competition, which involved designing a new sport, a medal or promoting the importance of being active. The event helped the children to understand the necessity of staying fit, which makes us stronger, boosts our mood and increases energy levels. Remember to keep active over the holiday period—take a walk, play a sport or check out some of the 10 minute games Here

LIGHT AND DARK

At Children's House the children have been exploring light and dark. Indoors, dark spaces were created using tents and cosy corners, where the children used torches to investigate how light changes the environment. They enjoyed sharing books and stories together in these spaces, developing their confidence and enjoyment of sharing books and stories. The children also created their own black and white paintings, exploring how different shades can show light and dark in simple, creative ways.

Be Bright. Be Seen.
On these dark nights remember to wear reflectors or fluorescent gear to make sure that you and your child can easily be seen by drivers and cyclists.

YEAR 5 & 6 SATURDAY CLUB

This term, in collaboration with ***We Are Bow***, we launched our Saturday Club—an exciting programme designed to support children in developing their fitness, confidence, and teamwork skills. The sessions encourage children to be active, social, and creative rather than spend their weekends sitting at home on screens.

Over the past few weeks, pupils enjoyed a variety of activities, including noughts and crosses, energetic team-building games, football, and basketball. These activities helped children strengthen communication and cooperation, boost their physical fitness, and build new friendships. From sports challenges to collaborative tasks, there was something for everyone to enjoy.
The final session of the term took place on Saturday 20th December, when the children received awards linked to the school's core values and medals celebrating their attendance. Given its success we are delighted to announce that the club will continue next term.
Thank you to all the families who signed up and took part in our Saturday Club, as well as to the volunteers and staff, without whose time and commitment the club would not be possible.

100% Attendance Award Autumn Term 2025-26
(2nd September to 17th December 2025)

Congratulations to the following children for achieving 100% attendance at Old Palace for the Autumn Term

Reception: Izhaan, Safa, Amina , Sarah & Eesa.
Year 1: Alinam Sarah, Melissa, Adedoyin, Arham, Nahyaan, Hamza, Ahnaf & Luke.
Year 2: Melissa, Sunnah, Javid, Nyomi, Maidah, Alyassa, Maryam, Raasiqul, Ahnaf & Khadijah.
Year 3: Yasmin, Ahil, Rima, Mabruk, Adam, Fatiha, Mahrin, Ayman, Liyana, Anjola, Nuwairah, Sara, Yusuf, Arhab & Ruqaiya.
Year 4: Nafeesm Sureya, Safiyah, Alizah, Eduard, Zunairah, Aleena, Safa, Alina, Ali, Arian, Rayyan, Umayma, Yahya, Taslim, Charis & Emre.
Year 5: Deyana, Madiha, Arithik, Hamza, Rayan, Humaira, Sairah,, Rayyan, Mahmud, Tanzeela, Khadijah & Aleshah.
Year 6: Imran, Abul, Safiyyah, Zakariya, Iqra, Hasan, Munim, Ahyan, Faiha, Halima, Sameeha, Rahim, Emily, Nazir, Ayaan & Sameeha.