



crease awareness of HCL amongst their parents and pupils, and through the new branding to build stronger communication channels with schools and parents. In addition to the new branding, they have relaunched their website. The website aims to provide news, resources and easy access to their food ordering systems. Further details can be found on our website [food and drink](#) tab.

### Learning Bus Project

We are pleased to update you with progress made on our bus. The project team through Rainbow Services have now completed the tables that will be used in the learning area. These will be installed in the New Year. We would like to thank Matt who kindly provided his van to collect these from the center on our behalf.

We would like to thank PSV Glass and Glazing who have attended to replace a cracked window.

We have also received a donation of 4 sleepers needed to stabilise the suspension from The Marquis of Granby which we are very grateful for.

### Breakfast Club

Our breakfast club has proved very successful. We are now at our capacity and will unfortunately be turning people away from January 2024. We no longer have sufficient funding to provide three members of staff each day for the demand. It is therefore important to inform the school that if places are not required so they can be allocated to those in need of this service.

## **SCHOOL EVENTS**

### Christmas Events

We would like to thank Mr & Mrs Wainwright for their kind donation of two Christmas trees to the school. One has been decorated and is in the main playground, with the other in our hall lobby.



We have had lots of Christmas events already taken place over the past two weeks. The Friends gave the children the opportunity to purchase a surprise gift for family members. This has raised £251.80 towards their fundraising.

We held a lovely Christmas activity afternoon on Friday 1 December where children worked together in their Houses creating cards and Christmas decorations. Please see our [latest news](#) item for further information.



Our Y1 and 2 performances were fantastic. They performed to a full house on both occasions and were wonderful. They have all worked extremely hard learning their lines and songs. Thank you to all the staff that were involved with these productions.

We collected donations on both occasions with half going to the school for covering the cost of licensing for these and the excess will go towards replacing worn costumes for future events and the other half to one lucky person in the audience. We raised a total of £203.31 as our raffle winners (Mr Snowdon and Ms McGrath) kindly donated their winnings back to the school. Thank you to everyone who supported these events.

We have also held our Key Stage Two carol concert. This was a lovely evening with the children all in fine voice and sang a variety of carols / songs and shared their learning of Spanish and Sign Language.

The Friends held tombola stalls and provided a raffle and raised £1311.93 towards their fundraising. Raffle winners were:

1st: Jan Daniels    2nd: Steve Sandland    3rd: Ms Davies    4th: Connor Kerr    5th: Susan Y1

Thank you to everyone involved in the preparation and for joining us at this event.

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### Pantomime

The children enjoyed their visit to Harlow Playhouse to see Beauty and the Beast on Friday afternoon. Mrs Richards was star of the show!



### Rocksteady Concert

Children had the opportunity to show their talents to parents on Monday at their concert. It was a brilliant show with great performances. Thank you to Joe for leading this. He will be leaving our school for ventures new so we wish him well for the future. We will be welcoming Daniel who will be leading the bands from January 2024.

### EYFS Performance

Another brilliant performance. We were very proud of all of them for learning their lines and all the songs along with sign language in such a short period of time. Thank you for the EYFS team for pulling it all together.

Donations were collected at this performance which raised £80 with half of the proceeds being raffled to one lucky member of the audience. Congratulations went to Mrs Potirniche.



### Christmas Dinner

We served our Christmas dinner yesterday with children seated in their Houses to enable siblings to sit together. The tables were decorated and every child was given a cracker that had been donated by The Moorhen. Staff were waiters and waitresses and served all the children participating rather than collect their dinner choice from the counter. We would like to thank the HCL catering team for a lovely roast dinner and a great selection of desserts and every-

one else involved making this a special occasion.

### Visit to St Nicholas' School

Some of our children were invited to St Nicholas' School to join in with their Christmas festivities and have Christmas lunch with them. They took part in a range of activities with inflatables and Christmas art before having their lunch. This was then followed by a visit from Santa and they came home with a gift. We would like to thank the school for our invite and making this a lovely experience for the children. They all had great fun.



## **REMINDERS**

### Free Taster Drum Lessons!



Do you have a child who loves music and wants to learn a new instrument? If so, we have an exciting opportunity for them!

On Thursday 18th January, our drum tutor will be offering free taster drum lessons for students in Years 2 to 6. The lessons will last 15 minutes, and they'll learn how to play and read a simple drum beat, and learn to play a simple song. No previous experience is required, there's no need to commit to ongoing lessons, and all the equipment needed will be provided.

If your child enjoys their taster lesson and wants to continue in the new year, just get in touch and they will be added to the timetable. Lessons cost £12 for 20 minutes, with 10 lessons taking place each term.

If you want your child to be involved, please contact Matt at [mcdrumtuition@gmail.com](mailto:mcdrumtuition@gmail.com) by Friday 12th January with the following information:

- Parent Name
- Child's Name
- Year group

Spaces are limited, so please book early to avoid disappointment!

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### Updated School Policies

The following policies have been ratified this term and can be found on our school [website](#):

Supporting pupils with medical condition  
Child Protection Policy  
Uniform Policy  
First Aid Policy  
TMAT Parents Code of Conduct  
TMAT Lettings Policy  
TMAT Admission Policy 2025-26

### Tesco Stronger Starts

We are still collecting tokens as part of the Tesco Stronger Starts scheme until 14 January 2024. This will go towards our Learning bus project. Tokens can be collected at Church Langley and Edinburgh Way by placing in their boxes for our school. Please support this cause and share with family and friends.

### Friends School Lottery



Our Friends Association run a school lottery and they are on track to raise £894.40 this year from this event. Details of how to take part can be found [here](#).

### Lost Property

Teachers are unable to look for lost items, but you are welcome to pop into school morning or evening to search our lost property which is located in the hall lobby. Any items which are named will be returned to pupils as they are found. Any items that are left at the end of this term will be disposed of.

### Easyfundraising

Help us raise funds each time you shop online. Sign up to easyfundraising and see your favourite brands donate to our cause whenever you shop with them. This applies to a variety of shops, holiday companies, insurance companies and High Street stores. For more information and to sign up—click [here](#)

This could also be shared with friends and family.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Date	Event
18 December 2023	Music concert for pupils attending individual sessions (14:00)
19 December 2023	Class parties (13:00)
20 December 2023	Last day of term (School finishes at <b>13:30</b> )
<b>January 2024</b>	
4 & 5 January	Inset Days—school closed to pupils
8 January 2024	Pupils' return to school
9 January 2024	Piano tuition starts
15 January 2024	Phonics workshops (8:50 am and 2:45 pm) for EYFS & Year 1 parents After-school clubs start

KEEP CLEAR

**NO WAITING!  
NO PARKING!  
NO EXCUSE!**

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YELLOW LINES ARE THERE FOR A REASON  
PLEASE PARK IN A SAFE AND LEGAL MANNER**



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