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## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy and successful term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the whole Macaulay community for their continued support.

My sincere thanks go to our dedicated staff team for their hard work, care and commitment to the children throughout the term. I am also very grateful to our PTA for their fantastic support, particularly for funding the new playground markings, which the children are thoroughly enjoying. Thank you as well to all the families who support our school events, your involvement has made these opportunities possible. Thank you to Mr Esteban for all his help at the events – doing it so willingly and always with a smile!

A special thank you goes to our wonderful choir and Mrs Lee for singing at Clapham Tube Station. They brought smiles to many faces and truly brightened the morning with some Christmas cheer. It was such a memorable experience.

Early Years and KS1 delighted us with their joyful nativity performance, Innkeeper's Breakfast. The children retold the Christmas story with confidence and enthusiasm. This showcased the hard work of both pupils and staff – thank you to Year 1 for leading.

I would also like to praise our Year 4 pupils and Mr Ledger for leading such a beautiful Christmas service, reminding us all of the true meaning of Christmas. Their confidence, thoughtfulness and singing made it a very special occasion.

Wishing all our pupils, families and staff a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday 6th January 2026.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Susan Eade

## Reception Place Application Deadline!



**If your child was born between September 2021 and August 2022, the deadline to apply for a Reception 2026 place is midnight on Thursday, 15 January 2026.**

We are pleased that so many families have visited Macaulay. They always comment on the positive atmosphere and the children's exceptional learning behaviour. This is such a credit to the children and staff.

## Winter Fair 2025



**We are delighted to share that the PTA-led Christmas Fair 2025 raised £1,300 for the school. A huge thank you to everyone involved in making it such a success.**

## SCHOOL VALUES

Our School Value next term is;

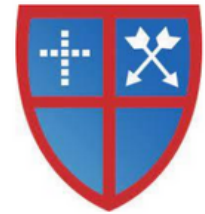
# Thankfulness

As we celebrate the joy of Christmas, we are reminded of God's enduring love and goodness shown to us through the birth of Jesus. This season invites us to pause, give thanks and reflect on the kindness, generosity and hope that Christmas brings.

**"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever."**

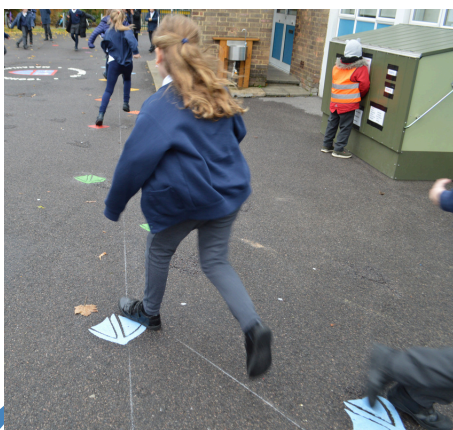
— Psalm 118:1

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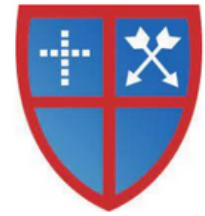


## THE NEW PLAYGROUND MARKINGS

Our new playground markings have been a big hit with the children! They have been used enthusiastically during PE lessons and been thoroughly enjoyed at playtimes and lunchtimes, encouraging active and imaginative play .



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## HTC EXPERIENCE CHRISTMAS



As part of their learning, the children attended the HTC Experience, which brought the Christmas story to life through interactive experiences, helping them to understand its message and significance.



## THE CHOIR SPREADS FESTIVE CHEER



The school choir delighted everyone at Clapham Common with their Christmas songs. They sang with confidence and enthusiasm, showcasing their hard work and talent

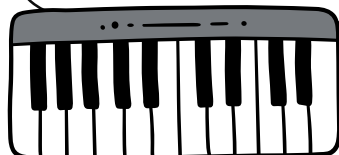


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## SCHOOL CLUBS & MUSIC LESSONS AT MACAULAY PUPIL VOICE

**Piano Lesson - Na'imah, Yr 4**  
It's fun you get to learn music. At the end of the lesson you can make your own type of music and show it to the class at the end of the lesson



**Arty Party - Camilla, Yr2**  
I love Arty Party because I get to eat my snack before I do art and the teachers are very nice. I'm very happy with all of the artwork I do



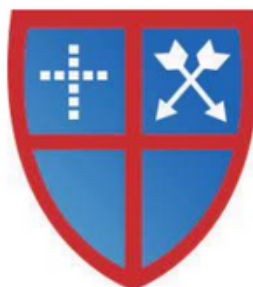
**Football - Sophie, Yr 6**  
I like that there are teams so that you get to play a game as well as do the normal training



**Gymnastics - Alina, Yr 1**  
I like it because I like how I do warm ups and exercise.



**Handicrafts - Ava, Yr 6**  
I like handicrafts as it not like other clubs, it takes place in a space that is calm and quiet and it feels relaxing when you are doing it. I really enjoy handicrafts.



**Skateboarding - Kalani, Yr 6**  
I like that you can learn tricks and that once you do it a few times you realise that it is another healthy mode of transport.

**Skateboarding - Shakim, Yr 2**  
I love that I learn more skills each time, I get better each time!



**Multiskills - Joah, Yr 3**  
It's great, I love this club. I like this game called Camouflage. I didn't know how to play it first, now I do. I'm sad the club is not back until January.



### Spring Term Clubs - Book Now!

Clubs run from **12 Jan-23 Mar 2026** and include creative, STEM, sport and lunchtime activities. Places are limited and filled on a first-come, first-served basis, so book early via School Gateway or club providers.

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## CHRISTMAS AT MACAULAY PTA WREATH MAKING



**A big thank you to the PTA for organising our wreath-making activity. The finished wreaths looked fantastic and it was a lovely way to celebrate the season together.**

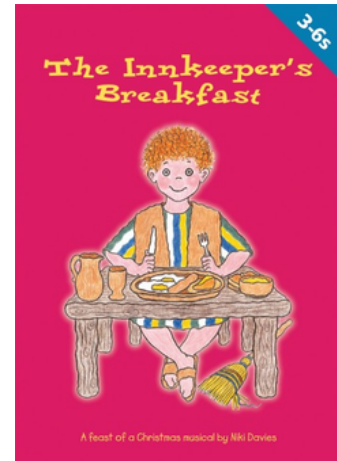


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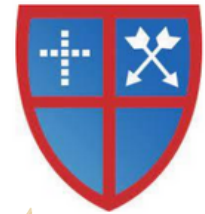
CHRISTMAS AT MACAULAY  
EYFS NATIVITY



**The Innkeepers' Breakfast Nativity was a special morning for our school community. Year 1 retold the Christmas story, supported by joyful songs from EYFS and Year 2. We are very proud of all the children involved.**



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## CHRISTMAS AT MACAULAY EYFS & KSI



Bethlehem paintings



Retelling the Christmas Story



A visit from Santa

The Children in EYFS and KSI have been busy with Christmas activities this term, it has been wonderful to see the joy in their faces as they join in all of the Christmas fun.



Showing off our dance skills at the Christmas party.



Christmas Tree decorating



Macaulay Christmas Elves hard at work !



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LAMBETH WINTER EVENTS



# HAF WINTER

Lambeth's Holiday Activities & Food

Lambeth Council's HAF programme promises to be packed full of exciting activities for children and young people during the winter from 22 December to 2 January.

Search and book activities on offer!



[lambeth.gov.uk/haf](https://lambeth.gov.uk/haf)

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## EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Macaulay students Jude and Tariq in Year 5 have both been selected for the Clapham Rangers UIOs on merit, recognising their accomplished football skills and positive attitude. We are very proud to see them representing the school.

