



Holmewood Nursery School and Tree House Children's Centre

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Dear Parents and Carers

We hope you all had a wonderful half term break. As we settle back into routines here are some reminders and updates:

If your child is starting Reception in September 2026, we hope that you are now completing the online application form and any supplementary application forms should they be required. The deadline for applications Thursday 15th January 2026

We will shortly launch our **Annual Christmas Raffle Appeal** for support and donations. We welcome everyone's help with this major school fundraising event.

- Can you ask friends, families, businesses etc for contributions which we can use as prizes?
- Quality gifts – toiletries, unwanted presents etc.
- Donations to make an attractive 1st prize Christmas hamper
- Or 2nd prize box of wines
- Gift vouchers donating: restaurant meals, days-out and experiences, shopping etc.

Any gifts or items that you think would make good prizes are needed - Please bring donations into the office as soon as you can. We also have official school letters in the office for you to give to present when asking for donations from suppliers and businesses.

Everyone should have received an invitation and an email with instructions on how to access the Parent Share section of **Evidence me**. If you have any questions about this, please talk to your child's key person in the first instance.

Although the weather is damp and becoming chillier, we will continue to ensure that your children enjoy plenty of outdoor activities at nursery so please make sure your child is dressed comfortably for the wet or cold weather. Waterproof over trousers and wellies are available or children can bring their own. All clothing should be clearly labelled with your child's name to avoid loss. Please check your child has a spare set of clothing, including socks.

We will be holding two parent workshops, one on **early literacy, Wednesday 12th November** and the other on **early maths, Thursday 27th November**. These will start looking at how children learn and how you can support this. We will also have our next **Wriggle Rhyme and Story Time on Wednesday 19th November**, all parents and children welcome. The session starts at 8:50 in the hall and you then take your children to their class.

Next are some reminders followed by all the dates to remember!



Reminders

Primary School Admissions

If your child was born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022, you must apply online for a primary or infant school place for September 2026. The deadline for on-time applications is midnight on Thursday 15th January 2026: <https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions-and-appeals/primary-school-admissions/apply-primary-school-place-2026-27>

Cameras and Mobile Phones

We operate a no cameras/mobile phones policy. We ask that you do not use your mobile phones or cameras anywhere on the school/children's centre premises. If you need to make an urgent call, we ask that you kindly make the call outside of the school's main security gates.

Road and Gate Safety

Please keep our children safe by closing all gates even if someone is coming up behind you as they may leave it open.

Children should not operate the gate. Please do not let your children climb on the gate to press the button as they may fall and injure themselves. For safeguarding, please can you announce yourself to the office so that we know who it is.

School Fund

Our school fund is running out. It is an important voluntary donation that we use to enrich the provision for your children. We use it to buy daily fruit, improve the library and organise special events such as visits by authors and a Christmas production. We suggest £1.00 per week for part time children and £2.00 for full time children. Please remember how important your weekly donations are.

Tree House Children's Centre.

The children's centre offers a variety of activities to support families and parenting in our community and you are always welcome to visit the centre or ask in the office for a copy of the latest timetable

Your views are important to us so do share them using our ideas and suggestion box outside the office; by email admin@holmewoodnurseryschool.org.uk, or by leaving a message with the office. Listening to the views of children, parents, carers and other users helps us maintain high quality provision which not only meets national early years requirements, but is responsive to our community.

We do have a complaints procedure in place and full details are published on our website, but it is our priority to ensure that we respond to your questions and deal with any concerns quickly and effectively.

Thank you
With best wishes
The Holmewood Team



Dates for your diary

- Wednesday 12th November Supporting Early Literacy Workshop for parents 8:45am
- Wednesday 19th November Wriggle, Rhyme and Story Time – 8:45am in the hall
All parents and children welcome - Enjoy the group session, take your child to class and then return for a coffee and chat with other parents
- Thursday 27th November Early Maths Workshop for parents 8:45am
- Wednesday 10th December Two morning productions of "The Clumsiest Christmas Elf".
If your child does not attend on a Thursday morning, you will be invited to attend with your child (further details nearer the date)
- Thursday 11th December **Christmas Jumper Day** – raising funds for Save the Children
- Tuesday 16th Dec Children will put on a short performance of **Christmas songs at 2:30pm, followed by the Christmas Raffle.**
- Thursday 18th December **Last afterschool club session**
- Friday 19th December Last day for all. All children finish at 12:30
- Monday 22nd Dec to Friday 2nd Jan - Christmas Holiday**
- Wednesday 7th January 2026 First Day back for children