

# Bond Primary

# School

## Newsletter - 13th December 2024

### WHOLE SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

It's been another fantastic week here at Bond! We are firmly in the Christmas spirit now that Santa has been to Bond & as we head into our final week, everyone is looking forward to their Christmas Party next week. The children enjoyed watching the KS1 dress rehearsal yesterday (parents you will love it!) & our mini Christmas 'Bonderland' was a roaring success yesterday evening, raising £500 towards trips & experiences for the children. The children were also treated to a Christmas Lunch yesterday & seeing everyone in their Christmas Jumpers was a real treat - the photo below made us smile!

Thank you all for your support- we couldn't do it without you!

I have received lovely feedback from our families about the events we have put on - thank you & have a restful weekend.



### UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 17th December  
Key stage 1 Christmas performance @9:15

Wednesday 18th December  
Key Stage 2 Christmas Concert@ 2pm  
Reception trip to Polka theatre

Thursday 19th December  
Class Christmas parties

Friday 20th December  
Last day of school—close at 1:30pm

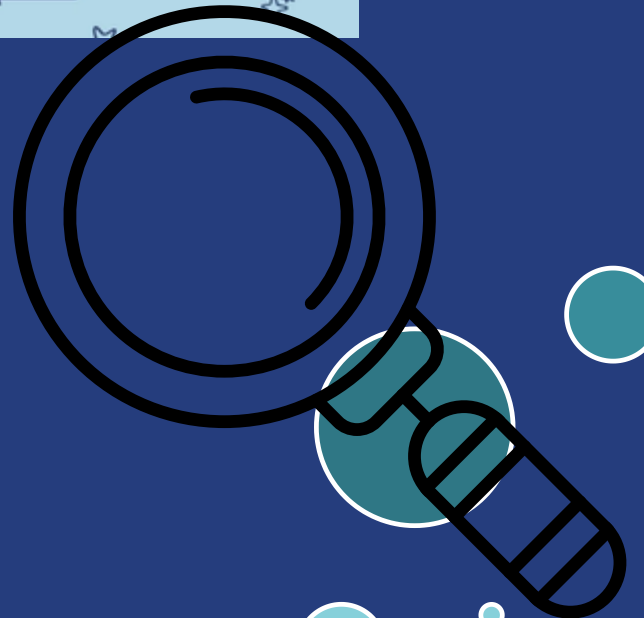
Spring Term 2025  
6th January Children return to school after the  
Christmas Break

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We are looking for volunteers to assist with classroom activities and special events. If you're interested in helping out, please let me know. Your involvement is greatly appreciated!

# Got what it takes to be a Spy?

Have a go at the GCHQ Christmas  
Challenge...!



# Spotlight on.... P4C (Years 5/6)



Year 6 and Ms. William's English group have been enjoying their P4C lessons on a Friday. P4C, or Philosophy for Children, is a fantastic way to help build a class community, develop critical and creative thinking, oracy and well-being. During these sessions we discuss THE BIG QUESTIONS in life. We think deeply about the world and our lives and discuss our ideas. There are no wrong or right answers. Children develop skills in expressing their opinions, debating big issues and understanding other people's points of view.

In one of our first sessions, we discussed what makes us us. The teacher records the children's ideas as we debate the question. We turned our ideas into some abstract artwork.

# This week's Art Award goes to....

**Abdullah,  
Lotus Class**

*For your focus and joy when creating something - well done!*

*Miss Rae*

**Self Portrait Work**



**Sculpture based on  
Keith Haring**





# Attendance Matters!

We are weeks before the end of term. School continues to monitor attendance and punctuality to the last day. Children should be ready to line up to go to class with their teacher at 8:50 (Reception – Year 6) Please be on time for school. Late arrivals to school will be monitored.

## CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Please do not request any time off school leading up to this time as it will be unauthorised and you could face a fine.

We will also be monitoring children who do not return to school on time after the Christmas Break. Parents should be aiming for their children to have 96%attendance.

## ILLNESS

If your child has been sick with vomiting and/or diarrhoea, please keep them off school until they are symptom free for a minimum of 48hrs after the last episode. This is to prevent the bug spreading throughout the school. Please do not send your child to school before this time.

## ABSENCES

Please continue to report all absences to school daily. You can do so by leaving a message on the absence line 0208 648 8757 or via email [bondprimary@bond.merton.sch.uk](mailto:bondprimary@bond.merton.sch.uk). Please clearly state the name of the child and class and leave full details for the absence eg vomiting, headache. Absences will be followed up if we do not hear from you and will be recorded as unauthorised if we have no response or the reason for absence is not satisfactory.

# This week's Attendance Stars



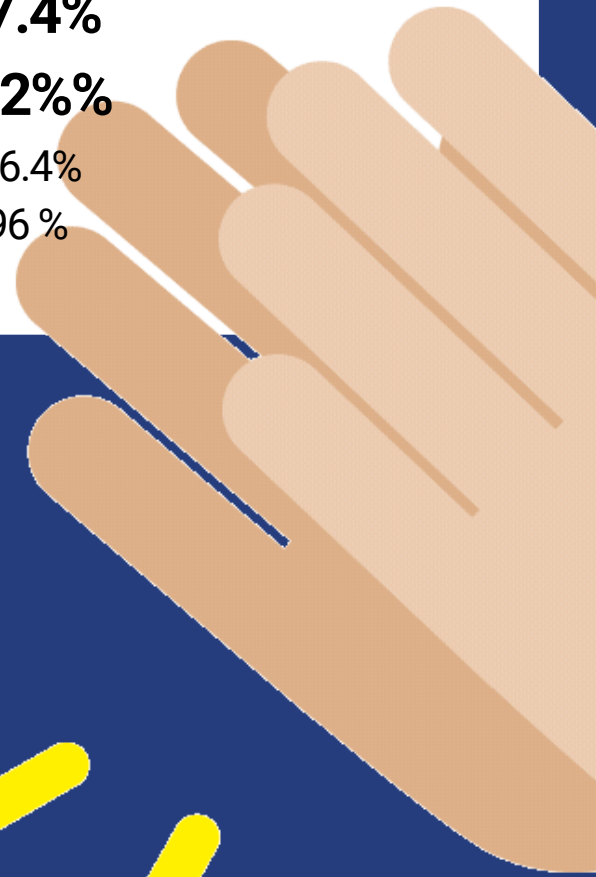
**Classes with the highest attendance this week:**

**KS1 - Poppy Class 97.4%**

**KS2 - Lotus Class 99.2%%**

Whole School attendance - 96.4%

Our whole school target is 96 %



**REMEMBER!** →

Email:

[bondprimary@bond.merton.sch.uk](mailto:bondprimary@bond.merton.sch.uk)

If you are experiencing any difficulty getting your child to school, please contact our parent support worker Miss Waysay.

Last day of term Friday 20th December  
at 1:30pm



# THE CHOIR OF ST GEORGE'S CHAPEL, WINDSOR CASTLE



## Girls and Boys in Y2-3 are invited to apply to attend one of our **Chorister for a Day**

events to be held on

**Sunday 19 January & Sunday 26 January 2025**

from 12.30pm to 6.30pm at St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, Windsor SL4 1NJ

Advance booking is essential, with priority given to children in Year 3.

Closing date for applications: Sunday 12 January 2025

Please contact Francesca Alden Email [cfad@stgeorges-windsor.org](mailto:cfad@stgeorges-windsor.org)

[www.stgeorges-windsor.org/news/cfad2025](http://www.stgeorges-windsor.org/news/cfad2025)

**Chorister for a Day** is a wonderful opportunity for girls and boys aged 6-8 (Yrs 2-3 at school) and their parents and carers to experience a day as a chorister in our world-famous choir of children and professional adult singers. New choristers typically join the choir at the start of Year 4 and this event is designed to help potential choristership applicants find out more about life as a chorister ahead of auditions in February. The programme of events will include various activities, ending with the Chorister for a Day participants taking part in Choral Evensong with the Choir of St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle.



Choristers at St George's rehearse every weekday morning and sing services on four weekdays and on a Sunday (Saturdays are mostly commitment free). This schedule develops not only their musical talents, but nurtures key skills such as leadership, team work, and time management. The Choristers are educated and board part-time at St George's School on generous scholarships, and limited means-tested bursaries may be available. The choristers all receive singing lessons from one of the UK's finest teachers of young voices, and receive instrumental and theory tuition. More information on all aspects of being a chorister will be available at *Chorister for a Day*.

The Choir was founded in 1348, and, whilst begun as a choir of boys and men, is now a choir of mixed girl and boy choristers and adult lay clerks (both male and female who provide the alto, tenor and bass parts). The choir sings regularly in the presence of His Majesty the King and other members of the Royal family, at annual events such as Garter Day and Easter Sunday Mattins, and at special events. In 2018, this included singing at both Royal Weddings in St George's Chapel: for The Duke and Duchess of Sussex in May, and for HRH Princess Eugenie and Mr Jack Brooksbank in October. In September 2022 the choir sang at the Committal Service for Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in St George's Chapel. The choir released a CD of Christmas music in 2019 on the Hyperion label which was met with critical acclaim, and a new recording with the Band of the Household Cavalry was released in November 2022. The choir has also broadcast on radio, most recently in May 2024 with Choral Evensong (BBC Radio 3).



It is important to note that we are not looking for musical stars at this stage – we are looking for children between the ages of six and eight who have the potential to develop their fledgling musical talent, who would like to consider the opportunity of applying for a choristership, and above all who would enjoy this sort of event.

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