



# HSW News

## From the Head's Study...

Dear Everyone,

It was super to see so many families at our annual Christmas Carol Service on Tuesday night. It was such a joyous evening of singing and it really kick-started our festive celebrations. My thanks to Tim Spoerer and Ria Blees for arranging the evening, and especially to the children for their brilliant performances as instrumentalists and singers. I could not have felt more proud. A shout out too to Liz Murphy and her kind fellow helpers on the PTA for hosting us so well and for the particularly delicious mulled-wine and mince pies!

Well, we have reached the finish line for another term, and what a busy few months it has been. This will be my third Christmas at HSW and I can safely say that, despite the cold weather, the transport challenges, the coughs and colds, the frosty mornings and the dark evenings, we have seen and experienced more most positive energy and momentum around this place than at any other time since I joined in 2021. We are truly on a roll now, and my thanks go out to everyone in our community for your continued commitment and belief in what we do and what our unique school stands for. What a special place this is. May I wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours,



**Andrew Hammond**  
Headmaster

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Thurs 14th Dec -  
Last Day of Term  
Finish at 12pm**

**Mon 8th Jan 2024 -  
Inset Day**

**Tues 9th Jan -  
First Day of Term for all  
students**



# This week at HSW...



Last Friday, HSW held our very first Christmas Variety Show! It is set to become a fixed feature in our annual calendar as all the students, staff and audience had a great time. Songs were sung, instruments were played, scenes were performed, years 5&6 dropped a rap and even the staff band had a go at putting on a show. The pictures only show a snippet of the festive fun..



We can't wait to see you all for more concerts and shows in 2024!

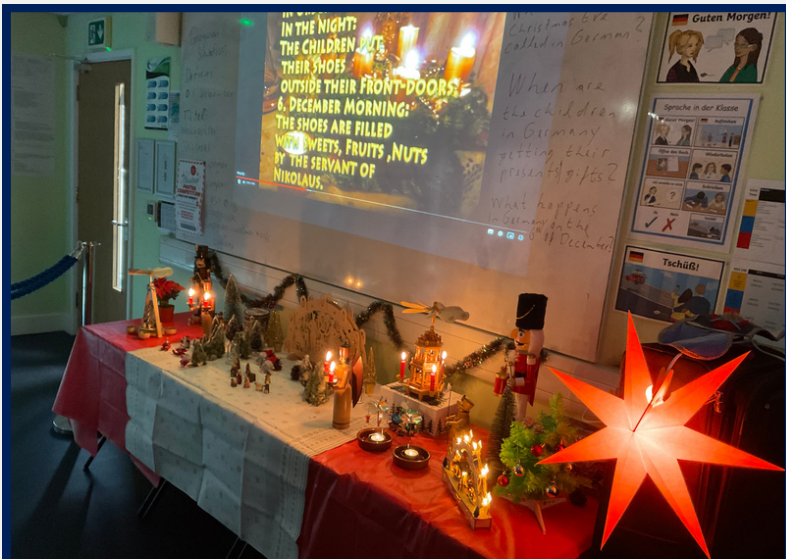
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KS2 enjoyed their annual festive panto trip on Tuesday ("Oh no they didn't!"). They saw Cinderella at the New Wimbledon Theatre and Emile and Michael even got to go on stage.



The holidays may be fast approaching, but year 11 are still working hard in history, giving a presentation on Japan.



On Monday the Junior School enjoyed a Christmas assembly, focusing on German traditions introduced by Herr Diesel. At the end all students got a little bit to take with them, from Nikolaus Tag. Everyone enjoyed the presentation about Christmas and other festivals during their German lesson.

# This week at HSW...



On Tuesday evening, our Carol Service was held at Emmanuel Church. The choir weren't the only attendees in full voice, as everyone present was able to sing along to carols and Christmas songs. Our HSW instrumentalists accompanied the carols with great confidence and the entire evening was beautiful.



# This week at HSW...



The last day of term is here and students from all year groups received Academic Achievement and Effort awards for each subject this morning.



Don't forget to book swimming and sports!



## Swim Sessions with Ms Romi

Over the Christmas break, Ms Romi will be holding 3 swim sessions for confident swimmers from HSW.

<b>Who</b>	Year 7+	<b>Sessions run by ASA Level 2, NPLQ trained and monofin trained teacher</b>
<b>Where</b>	JAGS Sports Club, North Dulwich, SE24 9JN	
<b>When</b>	Friday 22nd Dec, Friday 29th Dec, Friday 5th Jan	
<b>Timings</b>	Session: 8.15-9.15am Meet time: 8am (to allow for changing etc)	

**Please Note:**

- Students need to be able to swim 25m independently.
- This is not a set course, and therefore you can book as many of the sessions as suits.
- The focus of the sessions will be looking at swimming technique and building strength and cardio-vascular endurance through games and fun activities.

**Pricing:** This is dependent on the amount of students who sign up, but each session will cost a maximum of £30.

**You will need to bring:** Swimwear, goggles, towels, wash bag

**Getting there:**  
Closest train station: North Dulwich  
Closest bus routes: 37, 42 and P4  
Free car park on site



**Kick boards, bouys, flippers and monofins will be provided but feel free to bring your own!**



## MULTI-ACTIVITY SPORTS CAMP

Running at HSW during the Christmas Break

<b>What</b>	Daily sports camp for girls and boys in Years 3-8
<b>Where</b>	Hall School, sports hall and playground, rain or shine!
<b>When</b>	Mon 18th Dec - Fri 22nd Dec
<b>Timings</b>	8.30am-3.00pm



**Further Information**

All children will have the opportunity to participate in a number of sporting activities each day with a variety of sessions being offered across the week including: football, cricket, basketball, dodgeball and many more games.

**Pricing**  
£60 per day  
£275 for the whole week



**Friends and family from other schools are more than welcome to join the fun!**

**For further information and to register interest, please contact Mr Mackintosh on danmaccfc818@hotmail.co.uk or 07931 178 878**

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The last day of term before Christmas would not be complete without hot chocolate and gingerbread decorating!



Please note..



## Social Media

The HSW social media sites are buzzing with activity as pictures and videos are being posted a few times each week. The students in the posts are based on the permissions you gave us - if you would like to edit these, please do get in touch with Mrs Bles on [vrx@hsw.co.uk](mailto:vrx@hsw.co.uk) to let her know your preferences.

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LinkedIn: [Hall School Wimbledon](https://www.linkedin.com/company/hall-school-wimbledon)

*We will see you all on Tuesday 9th January 2024*



Reindeer by Katja, Year 7

*Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous new year!*