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A PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS



Let us remember Mary this Christmas, and may God bless our mothers.

Let us remember Joseph this Christmas, and may God bless our fathers.

Let us remember Elizabeth, Zechariah and John this Christmas, and may God bless all our relatives.

Let us remember the shepherds this Christmas, and may God bless all those who will be working.

Let us remember the wise men this Christmas, and may God bless all those who will be travelling.

Let us remember **Jesus** this Christmas, and may God bless us all and make us his children.



JOY and HOPE: The children are tearful the adults are tetchy! It has been a very long term, and we are all (children, staff and parents) looking forward to a well-deserved rest.

This week we have been thinking about bringing Joy to the lives of those around us, as we celebrate the third week of Advent. In this world, where the news from across the world can be so devastatingly sad it is easy to fall into despair at humanity!

However, Christmas is a time of HOPE. Hope for peace across the world, hope for our loved ones and hope for a life without suffering. Jesus brought us that HOPE when he was born in a stable.

It is easy to lose hope. That is why we must hold onto the small things in life that bring us Joy. The joy our children bring (even when they are not being perfect little angels), the joy of a smile or a kind word.

We talked to the children about the small things that we can do to bring Joy to the lives of others, so let us bring HOPE to those we meet this Christmas by sharing a little JOY.

We keep in our prayers those people across the World who have been affected by recent and longer term acts of aggression. We pray for peace in our world.

THANK YOU: I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff for all their hard work this term. We are so lucky to have such dedicated staff who work tirelessly, not only to provide the children with a first-rate education but to care for them and make sure they feel safe and happy.

I would like to thank the parents/carers for your support of the children and our school. This was particularly evident in the number of people who have attended the recent events in the school. I know it is not easy to take time from work so we really do appreciate your efforts.

Lastly I would like to thank the FRIENDS OF THE VISITATION (FOTV) for everything they have done this term, for the children. They have organised a very successful 'Winter's Ball'. They provided jingle bells and popcorn for every child in the school on Christmas Jumper day. They have also organised countless refreshments for parents, including mulled wine and mince pies after the Carol Service. **THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR EVERYTHING YOU DO!**

My thoughts and prayers go with you for a peaceful and safe Christmas.

We have so much to be thankful for in being part of this wonderful community.

JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE



Last Thursday the whole of year 6 joined the other Catholic schools in the Ealing Deanery at Westminster Cathedral. We were there to celebrate Mass, to mark the end of the Jubilee Year of HOPE. It was wonderful to see so many children celebrating their faith together.



EPIPHANY: We have been invited to join other local Catholic schools in **PROCESSION OF THE KINGS** on Sunday 11th January 2026.

The procession will meet at 12.30pm for a 1.00pm start, at the concourse outside Christ the Saviour Primary School in Ealing Broadway. All children are to be accompanied by their parents or guardians but there will be members of staff who will be joining you for the procession.

We will be following the RED King so you are asked to wear RED if possible. We have oversized T-Shirts for children who do not have RED clothing/coats.

CHRISTMAS NATIVITY

Well done to the Early Years and KS1 classes who performed the most beautiful plays over the last two weeks. The children sang like angels and acted like professionals. We can really see the impact of our focus on Oracy during our teaching. The children are speaking loudly and clearly. We could hear every word. Well done to the staff for all their hard work with preparing the children and to the parents for helping the children to learn their lines. The nativity plays particularly, bring a Christmas feel to the school.





You can see more photos and videos on the website in class pages.



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

We had a fabulous day last Friday when we celebrated Christmas Jumper Day with a special Christmas Lunch. Thank you to the Kitchen staff who cooked a fabulous meal and made the day very special with Christmas Crackers. Every child received a tub of popcorn to eat while they watched a Christmas Movie and a jingle bell to help Santa find his way. Thank you to the FOTV for providing the popcorn and the bells.



CAROL CONCERTS

There is nothing like a Carol Service to bring the spirit of Christmas to the fore front of our minds. This year we began with the **Joint Cardinal Wiseman / Our Lady of the Visitation Carol concert** performed by the Choirs of Cardinal Wiseman High School and Our Lady of the Visitation Primary School. A member of the audience wrote on Facebook;

"I attended the Carol Service at Our Lady of the Visitation, celebrated by the children from the Visitation School plus the Cardinal Wiseman Choir – they were fabulous, absolutely fabulous! Thank you teachers for all the hard work – coaching and the students for this wonderful singing."

Thank you to everyone who attended. It was a beautiful service.



Our celebrations culminated with the **Junior Carol Service** where the children created the Nativity scene through readings and song. This year the children surpassed themselves with their singing, narration and performance. This is always such a special event for the school and one that brings real JOY into our lives. The Church was packed – standing room only. Thank you to everyone who attended. We have had fabulous feedback with members of the community who attended for the first time this year saying they did not know what they had been missing!

I would like to thank the children who made us so proud on the day. Their performance and behaviour was impeccable. I am eternally grateful to the staff who work so hard and all the staff who worked with them. I know how much hard work and effort goes into these productions.

I would like to thank Peter for playing the organ at all our Church services and Mrs Wildman who has led the choir and the singing. This has continued to make a massive difference to our performances.

My final thanks goes to the parents who support the school so well. Especially the members of the FOTV who served us with mulled wine, mince pies and hot chocolate. It was a very fitting end to the day.







Dates for Spring Term 2026

Monday 5 th January	First Day of Spring Term
Tuesday 6 th January	Epiphany Mass – 9.30am
Sunday 11 th January	Procession of the Kings – 12.30pm for a 1.00pm start
Friday 16 th January	School Photographer – Individual photos
Thursday 22 nd January	St Vincent Pallotti Mass – 9.30am
Friday 23 rd January	School Photographer – Class photos
Wednesday 28 th January	Year 4 Viking Workshop
Friday 30 th January	FoTV Bingo Night – 7.00pm
Monday 2 nd February	Candlemas Mass – 9.30am
Tuesday 3 rd February	Choir performing at Young Voices Concert, Wembley Arena
Friday 6 th February	Year 2 Florence Nightingale Workshop
Tuesday 10 th February	Reception & Year 6 Height and Weight Checks
Thursday 12 th February	Parental Consultations – school closes at 2.00pm
Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th February	Half Term
Wednesday 11 th March	Year 6 Palaeoquest Workshop – date TBC
Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th March	Scholastic Book Fair after school in the library
Tuesday 17 th March	St Patrick's Day Mass – 9.30am
Friday 20 th March	Year 3 Kew Gardens trip
Friday 20 th March	FoTV Infant Mardi Gras Ball – 5.00pm-6.30pm
Friday 20 th March	FoTV Junior Mardi Gras Ball – 7.00pm-8.30pm
Tuesday 24 th March	Year 1 Greenford Quay trip
Wednesday 25 th March	Year 5 Tower of London trip
Thursday 26 th March	Infant Holy Week Liturgy – 9.30am
Thursday 26 th March	Junior Holy Week Liturgy – 10.00am
Thursday 26 th March	Last day of term for Afternoon Nursery
Friday 27 th March	Last day of term – school closes at 1.30pm

**dates are subject to change*

Come and join children and their families from Ealing schools

on

Sunday 11th January 2026



FOR THE

PROCESSION OF THE THREE KINGS

12.30: Meet at Christ the Saviour Church (W5 2XA)

2.30: End with a short service at Ealing Abbey (W5 2DY)

Enquiries at: orszakealing@gmail.com

For further information visit: www.orszak.org

to learn about the processions in Poland and around the world.



General Support & Advice While School is Closed

Ealing Family Information Service

For information, support or advice over the summer you can contact Ealing Family Information Service. They can direct you to activities, support and signpost you to what you and your family need while school is closed. You can search the Ealing Families Directory here: [Ealing Families Directory](#) | [Family Information Service](#).



Guide to Family Support Services

An electronic guide to key services, groups and organisations that may be useful for families living in the London Borough of Ealing. Click here to access the guide or use the QR code: [Ealing Families Directory](#) | [Guide to Family Support Services \(2025 Edition\)](#)

Ealing Community Hubs

If you need help to use or access any Ealing Council Service you can visit one of the Community Hubs. There are 7 Community Hubs, you can find the full list along with opening times here: [Visit us](#) | [Visit us](#) | [Ealing Council](#). Please check Christmas opening times before you visit.

Community Support Directory

The community support directory Voluntary and community organisations provide a wide variety of support across the borough. Find out what is available near you. Go to www.dosomethinggood.org.uk/directory For further advice call 020 8825 7170.

Ealing Advice Service

Free advice service offering information and guidance on social welfare issues including benefits, landlords and tenancies, homelessness, debt management, employment, family and immigration, legal services. **When phone lines are closed for Christmas you can search online.**

020 8579 8429 (option 1)

0300 012 5464 (Mon-Fri, 10am to 4pm)

www.ealingadvice.org

Financial Support and Advice

The **Ealing Cost of Living Online Hub** has up to date information on support from Ealing Council, the government and trusted third parties.

www.ealing.gov.uk/costofliving

If you need to speak to someone urgently, please call the contact centre on 020 8825 7170.

The **Local Welfare Assistance Team** offer help to those experiencing a financial crisis. Visit the website to find out about any financial support you may be able to claim and the criteria for this help.

020 8825 6237 (Mon-Fri, 9am to 5pm)

localwelfareassistance@ealing.gov.uk

www.ealing.gov.uk/housingv (then click on 'Benefits and financial support')

Winter Help

A round up of winter services, help and support available across the borough for residents. Including staying warm, help with energy bills, warm spaces and things to do with kids.

[Winter help](#) | [Winter help](#) | [Ealing Council](#)

Support with Housing

If you are a council tenant you can visit your local **Housing Hub**. Find the full list here. [Housing hubs](#) | [Housing hubs](#) | [Ealing Council](#). For non-council tenants your first point of contact should be your landlord.

Ealing Housing Demand Service provides information on all housing issues and access to other services, emergency accommodation and help if you think you may be losing your home.

020 8825 8888 (Mon-Fri, 9am to 5pm). Housing Demand will be closed 25th December to 31st December.

Shelter Housing can give advice and specialist support to help those at risk of homelessness.

Under 25: 020 3393 0923 & Over 25: 0344 515 1540 (Mon-Fri, 9.30am to 5pm)

londonservices@shelter.org.uk

www.shelter.org.uk

Food Support

Ealing Foodbank has locations in Greenford, Hanwell, Acton, Northolt, and Southall and work on a referral and voucher system. You can find the Christmas opening times for the Foodbank here:

[Christmas 2025 Opening Hours - Ealing Foodbank](#)

The Ealing Food Partnership has produced a food map of nutritious, free or inexpensive food throughout the borough. You can access it here: [Project: Ealing Food](#) | [Ealing Food Partnership - Community Maps](#).

Health and Wellbeing Support

Urgent Mental Health Support

24 hours a days, 7 days a week 24/7 crisis line for people of all ages - children, young people and adults. The lines are free to call and can provide advice to those in a crisis. These crisis lines are supported by trained mental health advisors 365 days a year.

Ealing, Hounslow and Hammersmith & Fulham 0800 328 4444

Best For You exists to make it easier to find the support you need. It includes information about mental health, digital tools for anyone in the UK, and personalised mental health services for young people in North West London.

[Best For You NHS](#)

Circle Café

In the moment mental health support for children and young people. Circle is a hub space and café that offers support for young people in Ealing who are at, or near crisis point with their mental health. Contact by phone or email or drop in during opening hours.

Circleteam@HFEHMind.org.uk

0203 475 0060

[Circle - Hammersmith, Fulham, Ealing and Hounslow Mind](#)

We are open 365 days a year: Mon-Fri 14:00-22:00 / Drop in 14:30-18:00 / Appointments 18:00-21:00.

Weekends and Holidays 12:00-20:00 / Drop in 12:30-16:00 / Appointments 16:00-19:00

Kooth is a free, safe and anonymous online mental wellbeing community including live chat with the team, discussion boards, magazine with helpful articles and a daily journal a magazine

[Home - Kooth](#)

Young Minds useful guides and information for parents on supporting their child or young persons mental health and a parents helpline.

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/>

[0808 802 5544](tel:08088025544) Monday - Friday 9:30am - 4:00pm.

Ealing Safe Space is a local hub for anyone who feels they are nearing crisis point, including carers.

Friendly staff will listen and help you get the support you need. **Drop in** to the Safe Space between **2pm-10pm, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.** (Last Drop-in by 9:30pm). **Phone line** is open from **2pm to 10pm.**

Safe Space Ealing, The Lido Centre, 63 Mattock Lane, W13 9LA

0207 471 0583

Childline Free, confidential counselling and advice service for children and young people by phone or web chat.

0800 1111

www.childline.org.uk

Samaritans

24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Call 116 123 (Free from any phone)

www.samaritans.org

Shout

For immediate support text SHOUT to 85258 to chat to a trained and supervised volunteer. Free, confidential and available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

www.giveusashout.org

NHS Health Services

For medical help that is NOT a 999 emergency call the NHS 111 team free of charge 24 hours a day, seven days a week - dial 111.

It is important that families register with a GP and a dentist and for parents / carers to take responsibility for ensuring they take their children to a GP when necessary and to a dentist regularly and when advised. Search for your nearest dentist, GP, hospital, optician, pharmacy, mental health services and more. www.nhs.uk/service-search

Support for Families with children with Special Needs and Disabilities

Ealing Local Offer offers information, advice and guidance on Special Educational Needs and / or Disability (SEND) services and support within the London Borough of Ealing.

localoffer@ealing.gov.uk

www.ealinglocaloffer.org.uk

Mencap Parent Support Team offers free emotional and practical support for Ealing parents and carers of individuals with Learning Disabilities and/or Additional Needs.

parentsupport@ealingmencap.org.uk

Ealing Contact support families of children with additional needs and / or a disability.

0808 808 3555 (National number)

ealing@contact.org.uk

www.contact.org.uk

Challenging Behaviour Foundation Information, email network and family support phone line for families caring for a child or adult with a severe learning disability whose behaviour is challenging.

0300 666 0126

support@theCBF.org.uk

www.challengingbehaviour.org.uk

Support to stay safe and happy

Parenting Support

Family Lives offers a free and confidential helpline service offering emotional support, information, advice and guidance on any aspect of parenting and family life by phone, email or online chat. Family Lives also offers a range of parenting programmes.

0808 800 2222 (freephone) (Mon-Fri, 9am to 9pm, weekends 10am to 3pm)

0744 144 4125 (WhatsApp Messaging, Mon-Fri, 9am to 9pm)

askus@familylives.org.uk

www.familylives.org.uk

Keeping Safe Online

Children may spend more time than usual online during the holidays. Get advice and support to help them stay safe here: [Staying safe online in the summer holidays - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

Ealing Children's Integrated Response Service (ECIRS) If you have a concern about the safety or welfare of a child or young person you can contact ECIRS. You can get in touch yourself or ask a professional that is working with you to make a referral or call the service on your behalf.

020 8825 8000 (Mon-Fri, 9am to 5pm or 24 hours for urgent situations)

ECIRS will be closed on 25th, 26th Dec and 1st January but urgent matter will be dealt with by the Emergency Duty Team.

ecirs@ealing.gov.uk

If a child is at risk and immediate help is needed call the Police on 999.

Things to do with kids

[10 FREE things to do in London at Christmas with kids \(2025\)](#)

[20 awesome things to do in London with kids in December 2025](#)

[Where can kids eat free or cheap this Christmas? | CAP UK](#)