



Well done to 6PM for sharing their knowledge about Climate Change during their class assembly. 😊



Year 4 had an enjoyable trip to watch the LSO perform at the Barbican Centre. Children were in awe of the harpist and particularly enjoyed the orchestra's rendition of the Star Wars theme. All staff commented positively on the behaviour of the children especially when travelling on the new escalators at Liverpool Street station. In the words of one Teaching Assistant, "It was an absolute pleasure to spend the day with such well-behaved and sensible children."

Diary Dates

06/12/22 Friends of RVPS after school Yr. 1 & 2 Christmas Party

08.12.22 Yr. 6 trip to The National Gallery

Christmas Concerts

8/12 Yr 2

9/12 Yr 6

12/12 Yr 4

13/12 Yr 1

14/12 Yr 3

15/12 Yr 5

16/12 EYFS (N & R) 9.30am/1.45pm



Concerts will start at 9.30am and last approximately 20 minutes. Bring your singing voice.

19.12.22 Christmas Lunch/ Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas lunch is on Monday 19th December when children can wear a Christmas jumper - no financial contribution is necessary.

School Council

The school council will launch their first themed day menu on Thursday 12th January 2023. Before then, School Councillors will conduct a ballot as to the most popular choices culminating in the most popular red, blue and green choices being on offer that day.

Nursery

Mrs Taylor returns from maternity leave on Thursday 15th December. She met some of the parents and the children last Wednesday. Mrs Taylor will teach in the Nursery every Thursday and Friday

BBC Children in Need

A big thank you to all who contributed towards the £291.41.



Friends of Rainham Village

The members will hold their first event for a long time so if possible, please support the Christmas Party they are holding for Yr.1 and Yr.2. Letters went out on Friday.

Havering's Christmas Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme 2022

The Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) is a funded initiative that provides fun activity and food provision for children aged 4-16 (reception to year 11) who are eligible for **BENEFIT RELATED Free School Meals** during the Easter, Summer and Christmas Holidays.

The programme is designed to support families on a lower income, or children who are considered to be vulnerable. Children who attend a HAF club will have access to a full range of activities and will receive a healthy nutritious meal. School holidays can be a pressure point for some families due to increased costs and reduced incomes. This is where the HAF programme can help support those families and children to access local fun healthy activities and food during the school holiday periods. This not only provides the opportunity for children to enjoy the activities on offer and be fed with a nutritious meal it also helps supports families financially during this period.

In addition to children who are eligible for **benefits-related** free school meals, consideration will also be given to those children who are considered to be vulnerable, or would benefit particularly, by individual schools. For example: Has an EHC plan (Education Health and Care plan), Refugee or Significant other SEND needs

To have access to the funded sessions you **MUST** be eligible for **benefit related** free school meals (BRFSM) and have made an application through Havering, regardless of your child's age as not all children in KS1 are eligible even though they receive a meal at school usually. The link to Free School Meals application is [here](#). A referral can also be made via your school and/ other services if you do not met the benefit related free school meals criteria. You will be given a **unique voucher code** via your referrer to access booking your funded place on a HAF programme (BRFSM eligibility do not need a code to book. Eligibility checks will be completed to confirm funded place post programme booking registration with HAF providers). Every eligible child can access **up to 16 hours** of funded activities this Christmas Holiday!

For more information or to view and book the funded places available this Christmas please visit our webpage where all the Christmas HAF programmes and activities are listed www.havering.gov.uk/HAF
You can also follow us via our Facebook page @HAFHavering for updates.

Changes to Havering term dates

The dates for school holidays for the 2023-2024 academic year have changed. When we break up for Christmas and the week of the February half term have both moved. Please see the new term dates on the school website by scrolling to the end of this academic year. Below this, you will see the new 2023-2024 term dates calendar and letter from Havering explaining why the dates have been moved.

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