



## OFSTED REPORT

Today, we received the Ofsted report for Hitherfield's inspection (8th and 9th October). You should have received an email earlier today with more details and the report attached. If you did not receive that email, please contact the main school office [admin@hitherfield.co.uk](mailto:admin@hitherfield.co.uk).

As a team of staff and governors, we feel it is a pleasing reflection of the school that we all know and love.

The first six lines sum up Hitherfield well:

**Hitherfield Primary School is a welcoming, inclusive environment where pupils are safe and happy.**

**Parents and carers are overwhelmingly positive about the school. Leaders make significant efforts to work with the community. Staff are nurturing and build positive relationships by getting to know pupils and their families well. As a result, pupils thrive.**

**The school has high expectations of pupils' achievement. Classrooms are calm and purposeful places to learn. Pupils rise to these high expectations and achieve well.**

It is also pleasing to read that the inspectors highlight the curriculum, reading and SEND as strengths of the school, amongst many other positive comments.



### Remembrance Sunday



Hitherfield will once again be laying a wreath at the Streatham War memorial Remembrance Sunday service. If you would like to join us, the service is on Sunday 10th November (this Sunday) and starts at 10:30am. Two children will be laying the wreath on behalf of the staff, governors and families.

### Dates for the Diary

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Remembrance Sunday** - Join us at the Streatham War Memorial from 10:30am

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November** **National Anti-Bullying Week**

**As part of Anti Bullying Week - All children can wear odd socks on Tuesday 12th November to mark the week.**

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November**  
1 Sunbird A Walk in London

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November**  
**THE BIG GIG**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November**  
1 Dugong A Walk in London

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November**  
1 Cobra A Walk in London

### **No Vaping**

Vaping is not permitted on the school site. Lambeth does not permit vaping or smoking on any of its sites.

### Thursday Morning Guardian Gardening

Hello all adults. Just a reminder that Jessi runs gardening after drop off on Thursday mornings for the adults. There are still a few interesting things growing that you can smell and maybe taste. This half term we will be building planters out of pallets, put some composting ideas into action, in December you can learn about pruning the apple trees and on the last Thursday before the holidays we will forage the evergreen foliage so the kids can make winter wreaths.

Sessions run 9:00-9:30 and you can drop in any or all of the weeks.



## GOOD NEWS CARDS

Congratulations to these children who have really impressed their Teachers this week.

1 COBRA	1 DUGONG	1 SUNBIRD
Alfie and Kaliyah	Isla and Storm	Tasneem and Matteo
2 MANATEE	2 MONGOOSE	2 HUMMINGBIRD
Phoebe and Sophia	Meliz, Kelani and Nia-Marie	Arthur, Lilah and Arabella
3 JAGUAR	3 MACAW	3 ANACONDA
Stella and Roberto	Jacob and Adam	Michelle and Damani, Joshua and Scarlett
4 HIPPOPOTAMUS	4 FLAMINGO	4 CHEETAH
Beatrice and Matteo	Esme and Nicholas	Hassan, Maria, Marwa & Jackson
5 KINGFISHER	5 HEDGEHOG	5 OTTER
Aiyana and Arlo	Theo and JoJo	Isaac & Maryam
6 ORCA	6 PUFFIN	6 WOLVERINE
Tyrese and Iris	Za'Leeyah and Amelia	Jazeeb and Micha Y

### Music Concert Dates Years 3 & 4

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November - LMS Music Concert 3  
Jaguar & 4 Flamingo 2:45pm – 3:15pm

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December - LMS Music Concert 4  
Cheetah & 4 Hippo 11:15am – 12pm

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December - LMS Music Concert 3  
Anaconda & 3 Macaw 2:45pm – 3:15pm

**Parents and Carers are welcome to come and watch.**



### Apply for a Reception primary school place for 2025-26

If your child was born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021, you must apply for a primary or infant school place for September 2025.

You will need to apply online. The deadline for applications is midnight on Wednesday 15 January 2025.

<https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions-and-appeals/primary-school-admissions/apply-primary-school-place-2025-26>

[https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2024-08/102834\\_PrimarySchool\\_AdmissionBrochure\\_2025-26\\_acc.pdf](https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2024-08/102834_PrimarySchool_AdmissionBrochure_2025-26_acc.pdf)



## GOOD NEWS!!

Your IQ Templates have been sent off and the company are busy scanning order forms that we will hand in class so that you can order your gifts online

Thank you



## ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2024

# CHOOSE

# RESPECT

#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> to  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November

Odd  
Day



Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November



ANTI-BULLYING  
ALLIANCE



NOVEMBER 2024

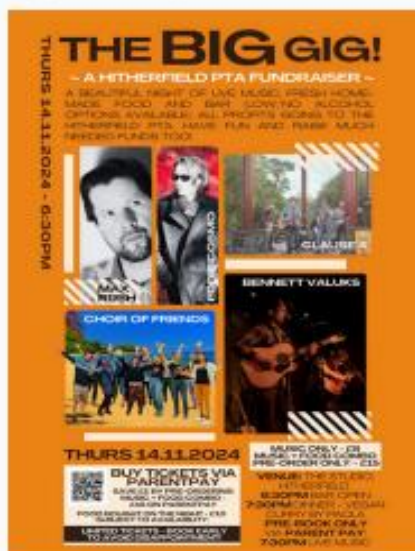
## HITHERFIELD PTA UPDATES

### Welcome Back

The PTA would like to welcome you back and we hope that everyone managed to have a relaxing and restful half-term. This term is going to be jam packed with various events, most of which are well under way being organised as we speak. We will need all hands on deck to make these events a success and this is where you come in. If you can volunteer, even as little as an hour, it will be extremely helpful. We have put together a spreadsheet where you can add your name to slots that you would like to support us on at the Christmas Fair. Unless we have enough volunteers, we will not be able to run as many activities as we would like, so please do sign up if you can.

<https://volunteersignup.org/LC4RE>

### Upcoming Events



Tickets for the Big Gig and the Christmas Wreath-Making Workshop are available to buy on ParentPay. All the performers and organisers of these events have volunteered their time for free, so all proceeds will go to the PTA. Don't miss out, grab a mate or a date and book your tickets now!

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please email us at [hitherfieldpta@gmail.com](mailto:hitherfieldpta@gmail.com)



### Meet the PTA



Sebastian Day  
Committee Member

Hi, I'm Sebastian, my partner is Meriel, and our daughter Tabitha is in Year 1 Cobra class. You may know us from the Candy Floss stall at the 2024 Summer Fair! I was part of the PTA last year and it has been a pleasure to volunteer some of my time to the benefit of the school. I work full time as an architect which can have demanding hours and this makes it difficult for me to assist hands on at weekday school events. I have instead supported in the background, helping to organise Christmas tree orders and sales, prospecting for donations, and other administrative tasks.





THURS 14.11.2024 - 6:30PM

## THE BIG GIG!

~ A HITHERFIELD PTA FUNDRAISER ~

A BEAUTIFUL NIGHT OF LIVE MUSIC, FRESH HOME-MADE FOOD AND BAR (LOW/NO ALCOHOL OPTIONS AVAILABLE). ALL PROFITS GOING TO THE HITHERFIELD PTA. HAVE FUN AND RAISE MUCH NEEDED FUNDS TOO!



MAX  
RUSH



EDIE COSMO



CLAUSE 4



CHOIR OF FRIENDS



BENNETT VALUKS

**CUT-OFF FOR FOOD COMBO  
TICKETS - TUES 12TH NOV, 5PM**  
NO CUT-OFF FOR MUSIC ONLY TICKETS  
(SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY - CAPACITY 100)

THURS 14.11.2024



**BUY TICKETS VIA  
PARENTPAY**

SAVE ££ BY PRE-ORDERING  
MUSIC + FOOD COMBO -  
£15 ON PARENTPAY

FOOD BOUGHT ON THE NIGHT - £10  
(SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY)

**LIMITED TICKETS - BOOK EARLY  
TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!**

MUSIC ONLY - £8  
MUSIC + FOOD COMBO  
(PRE-ORDER ONLY) - £15

**VENUE: THE STUDIO,  
HITHERFIELD**

**6:30PM BAR OPEN**  
**7:30PM DINNER - VEGAN**  
**CURRY BY PAOLA**  
**PRE-BOOK ONLY**  
**VIA PARENT PAY!**  
**7:30PM LIVE MUSIC**





# LOVE TO SING?

WHY NOT JOIN

## HITHERFIELD'S CHOIR OF FRIENDS!

FOR PARENTS AND CARERS OF HITHERFIELD

- NO CHOIR EXPERIENCE NEEDED -
- ALL SONGS LEARNT BY EAR (NO SHEET MUSIC) -
- SING FOLK, POP, ROUNDS AND SHANTIES -
- AUDIO LEARNING TRACKS PROVIDED -
- A GREAT WAY TO MEET OTHER HITHERFIELD PARENTS/CARERS -
- FUN, RELAXED AND INCLUSIVE -
- BABIES/TODDLERS WELCOME -

**SPRING TERM STARTS 20TH JAN**

**NOT SURE IF ITS FOR YOU?  
TRY A DROP IN SESSION!**

**EVERY MONDAY 9:15AM TO 10:15AM  
IN THE DOWNSTAIRS HALL**

**£70 PER 10-WEEK TERM**

FREE PLACES AVAILABLE TO  
THOSE ELIGIBLE FOR PUPIL PREMIUM

Email choir leader Ian Bennett  
if you'd like a place or free taster session:  
[ibmuso@gmail.com](mailto:ibmuso@gmail.com)







## Brixton Hill Music Centre

**Learn Any Mainstream  
Instrument**  
All skill levels  
weekdays  
& Saturdays.

Drums, Bass, Keyboard, Guitar.  
Strings, Wind, Brass, Vocals



Scan to join a group.

Interested in lessons?



Scan to learn an instrument.









2024 Hitherfield PTA discounted  
*Mistletoe & Pine*  
**Christmas Trees**

- Premium Grade 'non-drop' Nordmann Fir Trees
- **Special Hitherfield Prices (discounted from 2023!)**  
*(savings up to 22% vs direct from M&P)*
- **Flexible collection** between Friday 29th November and Friday 13th December, inc. Saturday mornings

Approximate sizes:

• 3ft - £28 £44.99	• 6ft - £55 £69.99
• 4ft - £34 £49.99	• 7ft - £65 £89.99
• 5ft - £45 £59.99	• 8ft - £77 £99.99

**Hitherfield Staff** - to place your order please scan the QR code to the right to pay and complete the order form. Please email **[hitherfieldchristmas@gmail.com](mailto:hitherfieldchristmas@gmail.com)** to confirm you've paid. Many thanks!



**Order Form**



**All Parents** - please complete the order form and make payment through ParentPay. Many thanks!





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# HITHERFIELD HERALD

[www.hitherfield.co.uk](http://www.hitherfield.co.uk)



HITHERFIELD PTA INVITE YOU  
TO OUR

## *Christmas* **FAIR**

**FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2024**  
**3.15PM - 5.30PM**

**JOIN US FOR DELICIOUS FESTIVE FOOD  
AND DRINKS, SANTA'S GROTTTO, RAFFLE,  
GAMES, CAKES, FACEPAINTING, ARTS &  
CRAFTS, TOMBOLA, LIVE MUSIC AND SO  
MUCH MORE.  
EVERYONE WELCOME!**







# WARM-UP FRIDAYS ARE BACK!



**25th October**

Join us this coming Friday in the main playground, from 3.15pm for hot chocolate, tea, coffee and delicious treats!

Please bring your own mug if you can. We accept cash or card. All funds raised go towards the PTA.





## SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2025/2026

### Autumn 2025

Inset  
Inset  
Children Start  
End of Term

### Term One

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025

38 Teaching Days

Children start  
End of Term

### Term Two

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

35 Teaching Days

### Spring 2026

Inset  
Children start  
End of term

### Term Three

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026

29 Teaching Days

Children Start  
End of term

### Term Four

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026

25 Teaching Days

### Summer 2026

Inset  
Children start  
Bank Holiday  
End of term

### Term Five

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2026  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026

28 Teaching Days

Children start  
End of term  
Inset

### Term Six

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026

35 Teaching Days

Total Teaching Days 190

### Bank and public holidays

- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Day
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> December – Boxing Day
- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> January – New Year Bank Holiday
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Good Friday
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Monday
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May – May Day Bank Holiday
- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Spring Bank Holiday
- Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August – Summer Bank Holiday



Join trained florist Emily Andrews as she shows you how to make your very own Christmas wreath. You will be provided with a fir and moss wreath, to which you can add foliage, dried fruits, glitter, baubles and feathers to get into the festive spirit. You can be as creative as you like! The mulled wine may help too. The price includes supporting our school gardener with wreath-making classes for the pupils, mulled wine & mince pies! All funds raised go to the PTA.

December

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Start 7 PM



PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL

Spaces are very limited, book your spot on ParentPay now!







## Measles is circulating



- Measles is extremely infectious and can be serious
- Make sure your children get two MMR vaccines on time; the first at 1 year of age and the second from 1 and half years (18 months) of age
- If you or your children missed these vaccines, it's not too late. Ask for the free vaccine from your family doctor (GP) if you or your children aren't up to date
- If you have symptoms of measles, stay at home and phone your GP or NHS 111 for advice. **STAY AWAY** from GP surgeries and A&E departments – you could spread the illness to others
- Symptoms include high fever; sore red, watery eyes; coughing; aching and feeling generally unwell; a blotchy red brown rash, which usually appears after the first symptoms
- Go to [nhs.uk](https://www.nhs.uk) for more measles information

### Symptoms

Rash



Temperature



Runny Nose



Red Eyes



Cough



## Measles: How to Stay Safe



The best protection is 2 doses of the safe, effective MMR vaccine at 1 year of age, the second from 1 and half years (18 months) of age



If you have not had two doses, you can get them free from your GP surgery



Know the symptoms!  
Keep people with symptoms away from others



Call ahead before going to A&E or your GP



### Symptoms

Rash



Temperature



Runny Nose



Red Eyes



Cough



Lambeth Parent and Carer Panel  
Survey - Streatham and Norwood  
Better Start Area 2024





## Keep up to date with all that's happening in Streatham and Norwood Better Start Area

giving  
your child  
a better  
start

Lambeth's Family Hub Network

Lambeth's Start for Life offer

  
Lambeth

Scan this QR code to view  
our 'Padlet', where you  
can find the latest  
information about our  
Children's Centres and  
other services:



### Find out about:

- Activity sessions
- Information, support and advice
- Parenting courses
- Health and wellbeing
- Training and employment
- Local activities for you and your family





**Pregnant? New baby?  
Fancy a chat & some fresh air? Got a  
question about feeding your baby?**



**Join our free BfN Brockwell Park walking group:  
Meet other families, enjoy a light lunch & talk  
to Peer Supporters about feeding your baby!**



**Thursdays 11am-12:15pm  
Monthly (summer break in August)  
Places are FREE but limited**

Register at <https://bit.ly/bfnlambethwalkinggroup>  
or scan the QR code:







## Live in Lambeth?

**New baby? Pregnant?  
Got a question about  
feeding your baby?**

**Join us at a Peer Support group  
& meet other new mums!**



### **Monday 10am-12pm**

Gracefield Gardens Health Centre  
2-8 Gracefield Gardens, SW16 2ST

### **Tuesday 10am-12pm**

St. Stephen's Children's Centre  
Meadow Place, SW8 1XY

### **Wednesday 12:30pm-2:30pm**

Liz Atkinson's Children's Centre  
9 Mostyn Road, SW9 6PH

### **Thursday 10am-12pm**

Benton's Lane Children's Centre  
Norwood, SE27 9UD

### **Friday 10am-12pm**

Jubilee Children's Centre  
Tulse Hill, SW2 2JE

### **Friday 12.30-2:30pm**

Clapham Triangle Children's Centre  
SW4 7JQ



**Groups finish promptly, please arrive 30min before  
closing to allow enough time to support you :-)**

**For more info, email:**

[bfnlambeth@breastfeedingnetwork.org.uk](mailto:bfnlambeth@breastfeedingnetwork.org.uk)

**Lambeth's Family Hub Network**

**Lambeth's Start for Life offer**







## Lambeth Children's Centres – A Better Start



Better Start Worker

Salary: Scale SO2 – points 27 to 29 (£40005 to £41286 per annum)

Position type: Full-time (Mon-Fri 8.30am to 4.30pm) – All year-round

To start: As soon as possible

Lambeth Better Start Workers play a key role in providing early help and support to young children and their families in Lambeth.

In this role, you will hold a caseload of families and will work alongside them using the Family Partnership Model (FPM), you will also be responsible for the direct delivery of parenting programmes together with other Better Start colleagues.

We can offer:

- a supportive leadership team within the Streatham/Norwood area working alongside a committed team
- an opportunity to be creative and inspire others
- commitment to supporting your professional development

You will have:

- experience of working with children under five and their families to provide early help and support
- experience of delivering structured evidence based parenting programmes.
- experience of tracking and maintaining high quality accurate casework on EISI systems.
- a friendly, calm and supportive approach
- excellent oral and written communication skills
- worked as part of a supportive, flexible and busy team and willing to take on new responsibilities and challenges.
- Good at problem-solving, have a "can-do" attitude, and work well under pressure.
- enthusiasm for continuing your own professional development

To obtain a recruitment pack please download a pack on [www.hitherfield.co.uk](http://www.hitherfield.co.uk) or contact Tammy Wallace on 020 8769 8428, or email [recruitment@hitherfield.co.uk](mailto:recruitment@hitherfield.co.uk)

We look forward to receiving your application. Please note we cannot accept CV's.

**Closing Date: Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

**Interviews: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024**

Please email completed applications to [recruitment@hitherfield.co.uk](mailto:recruitment@hitherfield.co.uk)

Tammy Wallace, Hitherfield Primary School, Hitherfield Road, London SW16 2JQ

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Successful candidates will be asked to apply for an Enhanced Disclosure from the Disclosure Baring Service. Lambeth aims for quality services and equal opportunities for all