

Father Christmas flew in with two of his elves and landed on the roof of Hitherfield for his annual Christmas visit. The children were incredibly excited, and adults too!



I would like to wish everyone a happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year.

Thank you to our wonderful PTA who have organised the Christmas Fair and the Warm-up Fridays this term, as well as Father Christmas and the Christmas Tree sales. You really are a wonderful group of people and the school thanks you so much. I know that the PTA are always looking for more help, so can I encourage more parents/grandparents to offer their support by contacting them directly by email: hitherfieldpta@gmail.com

A big thank you to Jade for coordinating the Family2Family collection and distribution. This year your kind donations have helped make 50 families' holiday a better one.

Finally, thank you to the children, staff and families for making this term another good one for our friendly and successful community school.

Best wishes and I look forward to welcoming all of the children back to school on Tuesday 6th January 2026.

Chris Ashley-Jones
Executive Headteacher



Dates for the Diary

Monday 5th January – Inset Day

Tuesday 6th January
Children return to school

Friday 9th January – 6 Orca and 6 Puffin
trip to Horniman Museum

Thursday 22nd January – 6 Wolverine trip
to Horniman Museum

Tragic Events

Like all of us I am sure you were saddened to see the events that unfolded at Bondi Beach, Australia last weekend. Our hearts go out to the families concerned and to the whole Jewish community across the world. There is no place for hate crimes anywhere. WE are always here to offer support to any families impacted by this or any other tragedy. Please do get in touch.

GOOD NEWS CARDS

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

1 COBRA	1 DUGONG	1 SUNBIRD
Romilly and Phoebe	Rebekah and Ellis	Ezekiel and Luna
2 MANATEE	2 MONGOOSE	2 HUMMINGBIRD
Kevin, Tasneem & Yannis	Lara, Louis and Sebastian	Esme, Kaliyah and Nour
3 JAGUAR	3 MACAW	3 ANACONDA
Meliz and Gus	Whole Class	Blake, Adriel and Vincenzo
4 HIPPOPOTAMUS	4 FLAMINGO	4 CHEETAH
To be announced next time	Clara and Joshua	Iason and Ariadne
5 KINGFISHER	5 HEDGEHOG	5 OTTER
Albie and Ellis	Nicholas & Eleanor	Riccardo and Luisa
6 ORCA	6 PUFFIN	6 WOLVERINE
Dorry and Gilbert	Reece and Ali	Cami and Matilda

Reception Admissions - 2026-2027

If your child was born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022, you must apply for a primary or infant school place for September 2026.

Apply on time and apply online! The deadline for applications is midnight on Thursday 15 January 2026.

<https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions-and-appeals/primary-school-admissions/apply-primary-school-place-2026-27>

The Breakfast and Afterschool Club Team would like to thank all the parents/carers for their kindness and generosity in providing us with such a wonderful Christmas present.

We hope you have a lovely festive season and a happy new year!







Hitherfield Children's Centre

Streatham & Norwood Better Start

Knit & Play



This course offers learners the opportunity to learn and develop basic knitting skills and create your very own crafts, while your children play alongside you.

No skills required. Absolute beginners welcome!

Tuesdays 9:30am - 11:00am
13th January - 10th February 2026
& 24th February - 24th March 2026

Hitherfield Children's Centre,
Hitherfield Road, SW16 2LW

Please call 020 8835 9569 to book your place.

Scan this code to register to Lambeth Better Start Children's Centres





PTA Christmas Fair Update

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers, parents, older siblings, teachers and staff, who helped make the Christmas Fair such a success. It was a fantastic day, and we loved seeing so many families join in the festivities. We're grateful for your generosity and ongoing support.

**We can now announce that all together
we raised a total of £7524.95!**

This includes Christmas trees £1186
Estate Agents advertising boards £1125
IQ Cards £510
Warm-Up Fridays £516.07
Christmas Raffle £1641.10
Christmas Fair £2546.78



Lambeth Autism Advisory Service Parent Workshop – How To Write A Social Story

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Topic: How To Write A Social Story

When: Monday 11th January

Time: 10:00am – 11:30am

Where: Reay Primary School, Hackford Road, London, SW9 0EN

With: Kasia Leszkiewicz from the Lambeth Autism Advisory Service

The workshop will cover the following areas:

- What are social Stories?
- Why are they useful for autistic people?
- How do you write a social story?
- How to use a social story effectively.
- Having a go yourselves.

• **Sign-up details on the next page.**

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Lambeth Autism Advisory Service Sign-up For Our Parent Workshop

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Scan the QR Code

Or Click
Here

- You can use the above links to sign-up for all our Parent workshops.
- If you have any questions, please email Noel Gardner on ngardner@lambeth.gov.uk

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Lambeth's Holiday Activities & Food

Dear Parent/Carer

I'm delighted to let you know that this winter Lambeth Council will be hosting our Holiday Activities and Food Programme.

We are partnering with local holiday club providers across the borough to provide an exciting programme of meals and activities for children and young people in our local communities. Free places are available for children between the ages of 4 and 16 years, who are eligible for benefits-related school meals.

The programme will run from **22 December to 2 January** and is designed to give local families on benefits-related free school meals access to free, healthy food and fun activities over the winter holidays. Each programme will provide:

- Free, healthy, and tasty food
- Fun physical activity sessions
- A wide range of other activities to suit different ages and personalities
- Opportunities to learn more about food and nutrition for children and families

You will be able to book up to 5 sessions per eligible child on our Eequ booking system from 17 November at 4pm.

To find out more scan the QR code or visit the web address below. I hope your family can take full advantage of the winter programme.

If you'd like to learn more about what Lambeth Council has on offer to support with the increased cost of living, such as food vouchers, free childcare and access to pre-loved school uniform, visit www.lambeth.gov.uk/costofliving.

Yours faithfully,

Councillor Ben Kind – Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Education



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lambeth.gov.uk/haf



BREAKFAST AND AFTERSCHOOL CLUB WORKERS REQUIRED TO JOIN OUR SUCCESSFUL TEAM

We would like to appoint Breakfast and Afterschool Club Worker

Scale 2 point 3 – 4 (£30,225- £30,654) **FTE**

22.5 hours per week (Mornings 7.30 to 9am – Afternoons 3pm to 6pm)

Term time only (including 'school closure' days). This is a 'split shift' position but we will also consider applicants looking to work 5 mornings (7.5 hours) OR 5 afternoons (15 hours) per week.

Hitherfield is a popular, happy and diverse school. Every child matters at Hitherfield School and this is demonstrated in all that we do.

We are looking for individuals who are caring, reliable and have the ability to make sure that our club activities are fun and engaging for children!

You will:

- Enjoy working with children and interact in a happy and positive manner around the school.
- Be a team player by working with your colleagues and supporting children.
- Be proactive, energetic and efficient and flexible
- Show initiative and be able to work efficiently on your own
- the ability to deliver a range of play opportunities for children
- a commitment to being reliable, punctual and organised;
- a collaborative approach; demonstrating that you are a 'team player' through working with your colleagues and supporting Hitherfield's values.

We can offer:

- An attractive salary
- Final salary pension scheme,
- Training and development opportunities,
- A very friendly and supportive staff team.
- Happy and enthusiastic children

To obtain a recruitment pack please download a pack on www.hitherfield.co.uk

Closing Date: 12th January 2026 at 9am
Interviews w/c 17th January 2026

Please email applications to recruitment@hitherfield.co.uk
Tammy Wallace, Hitherfield Primary School, Leigham Vale, London SW16 2JQ

Lambeth Council is committed to safer recruitment
Successful candidates will be asked to apply for an Enhanced Disclosure from the Criminal Records Bureau. Further information about the disclosure can be found at www.crb.gov.uk and in the recruitment pack. www.lambeth.gov.uk. Lambeth aims for quality services and equal opportunities for all.



LOVE TO SING?

WHY NOT JOIN THE HITHERFIELD PARENTS' CHOIR!

FOR PARENTS AND CARERS OF HITHERFIELD

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

AUTUMN TERM STARTS 12TH JAN

NOT SURE IF ITS FOR YOU? COME FOR A FREE TASTER!

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

£80 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