



Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Holidays!

On behalf of the staff and governors at Hampden Gurney School, I would like to wish all pupils and parents a very happy and holy Christmas and every blessing for the New Year.

Christmas is a time for us to slow down and reflect on what is important to us, what we are thankful for, and what we have achieved together as a whole school community.

Service, Faith, Thankfulness and Pride are words that spring to my mind when I reflect on the resolute past, courage in the present and hope for the future.

Service: the Bible teaches that **serving God** and others is not about doing great things but about doing small things with great love. We can **serve God** and others daily by being kind to our neighbours, volunteering our time to help others, and giving to those in need. This true spirit of serving tangibly embraced within our school community on a daily basis through the tirelessly work of the staff, parents and governors. Together, we share a collective vision to shape the brightest future for all of our children.

Faith: through our faith, we foster 'a place where every child can flourish', creating an environment that nurtures children's spirituality and education, and a curriculum that enriches deep thinking opportunities and holistic growth.

Thankfulness: for all that we receive, the gifts and blessing from God, the kindness shown by others and the gift of generosity and support in our daily lives.

Pride: our immense pride and astonishment of what our pupils can and have achieved. These achievements that we can share and celebrate publicly but also those more private small steps forward which mean every bit as much and take just as much effort and determination.

Thank you to Pupils, Staff and Parents

I would like to thank all our wonderful children for their outstanding achievements and hard-work throughout this year and for being such great ambassadors for Hampden Gurney. It has been a privilege and pleasure to observe our children thriving each day – learning new concepts and skills – and contributing to the school's incredible journey which they should be so proud of.

I am sure that you would also like to join me in thanking all of our fantastic staff team for their continued professionalism and commitment to care and provide the very best education for each and every child in the school community.

Finally, I would like to thank our fantastically supportive parents and carers. The school's partnership with our parent community forms the cornerstone of our success and an invaluable source of resource and comradeship we so value and appreciate.

Dates for your dairy Please click here to see our [Events](#) page on the school website for upcoming dates.

See you for the beginning of the new term:

Tuesday 7 January, 2025

Christmas Reflection

We end our phenomenal year with deep reflection on the magnitude of Christ's birth. Let us remind ourselves that Christmas is a time where we can find the spirit of human kindness alive and well. Let us embrace this by ensuring that we enjoy ourselves safely but also thinking of the less fortunate than ourselves. The true joy of Christmas is the love of Christ, shared with family and friends. May you find His peace, love and joy in the coming New Year. We look forward to seeing all our children return refreshed and eager to learn in the new calendar year.

Merry Christmas to you all and our very best wishes for the festive period.

Yours sincerely,

Evelyn Chua



Singing for the Edgware Rd Christmas Lights switch on



Our festive-filled Honky Tonky Donkey!



Ho ho ho - When Sasha Flew up the Chimney!



Singing for the London Diocese Board for Schools



England's 10 best primary schools in 2024 have been crowned by the Times

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The *Times* has revealed its pick of the top 10 primary schools in [England](#), based on the percentage of pupils who achieved their expected grade in the 2023 SATs tests. It looked at average SATs scores in English, grammar, and maths, and then created an overall average to find the school's position. Two thirds of the highest performers were in the south of England, mostly dominated by London institutions.

So, without further ado, these are England's top 10 primary schools right now, according to the times. Top 10 primary schools in England 2024, according to the *Times*

1. Hampden Gurney CofE Primary School, Westminster
2. Lowbrook Academy, Maidenhead
3. St Stephen's RC Primary School, East Ham
4. St Andrew's RC Primary School, Streatham
5. Judith Kerr Primary School, Southwark
6. St Ives Primary and Nursery School, St Ives
7. The Russell School, Hertfordshire
8. Carlton Junior and Infant School, Dewsbury
9. Hartwell Primary School, Hartwell
10. South Farnham School, Farnham