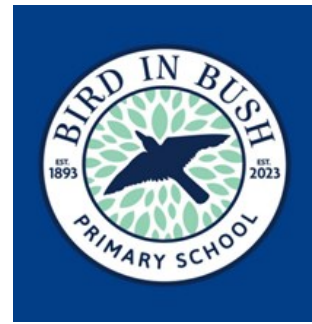




The Bird in Bush School Newsletter

December Three Edition

#exceptionaleveryday



Bird in Bush School gives you 'Wings'!

Next Thursday, sees Bird in Bush School awarding its first 'Wings' to those children specially noticed and applauded by their teachers for being worthy of the highest accolade at our school.

'Wings' badges will be pinned on the sleeve of these children on a special assembly next week which is designed to acknowledge the way these children uphold our school rules and personify our school values of aspiration, courage, dedication, integrity and resilience. As the highest accolade in our school this is a significant achievement... like being knighted or coronated as was the accolade under previous systems of acknowledgment .

The Fair is today!



Please attend.
Please bring some small change to join in the fun.

The Raffle is exceptional this year.

£100 first prize;
£50 Restaurant vouchers;
£30 shopping vouchers
See you there

Key events in week commencing Monday 18th December:

- ◆ Year 5 & 6 pupils in PE kits for the day—no other year groups are required to bring in PE kits next week
- ◆ Wednesday 20th is Year 2 Concert at 9.00 a.m. and Colourful Jumper Day/Christmas Lunch (see p.6)
- ◆ **Thursday 21st is last day at school—collection at 12.00 noon please**

In a quiet, picturesque village, there lived an elderly woman named Evelyn. She was known far and wide for her kindness and her beautiful garden that bloomed with vibrant colours in every season. But Evelyn had a secret that weighed heavily on her heart, a letter she had written decades ago, never sent.

The letter was addressed to her childhood sweetheart, Samuel. They had been inseparable as children, exploring the woods, sharing secrets, and promising each other eternal friendship. As they grew older, their friendship deepened into love, and they dreamed of a future together. Life had other plans for them. Samuel's family moved away when they were teenagers, and their letters gradually stopped.

Evelyn never stopped loving Samuel, but the pain of his absence was too much to bear. She locked her feelings away and decided to move on. She married a kind man named Henry, with whom she had a loving family. But the letter she had written to Samuel still remained hidden.

One afternoon Evelyn sat in her garden, raking leaves and reminiscing about her past, she noticed a tattered corner of the letter peeking out from an old, dusty chest. Her heart ached with the regret of never sending the letter. She decided it was time to finally send her long-lost message.

Evelyn carefully unfolded the letter and read the heartfelt words she had penned so many years ago. Tears welled up in her eyes as she realized that her love for Samuel had never faded. With trembling hands, she addressed an envelope and mailed the letter to the last address she had for him.

Weeks passed, Evelyn anxiously checked her mailbox hoping for a response. One sunny morning, a letter arrived she tore it open, and tears of joy streamed down her face as she read Samuel's words. He hadn't forgotten her either. He had moved far away but had never stopped thinking of her, he'd made a mistake leaving.

As weeks turned into months, Evelyn and Samuel rekindled their friendship through letters. They discovered that they still had a deep connection, and the love they had once shared never truly faded.

One summer day, Samuel arrived in Evelyn's village, and they embraced. It felt as if time had never passed. They spent their days reminiscing, exploring childhood haunts, and falling in love all over again. Evelyn's family welcomed Samuel with open arms.

Evelyn and Samuel spent the rest of their lives together, making up for the lost time. They married, tended to Evelyn's beautiful garden together, and created new memories that surpassed their fondest childhood dreams. Their love story became legendary in the village, a testament to the power of second chances and the enduring nature of true love.

In the end, the forgotten letter had bridged the gap of time and distance, bringing two souls back together. It was a reminder that sometimes, it's never too late to express one's feelings. Love, once found, can be cherished for a lifetime.



**Bird in Bush
Year 6 Pupil,
Erden Augustos
shortlisted from all
the entries nation-
wide for his entry**

Celebrating this Christmas Time

Every fortnight, our children attend an assembly hosted by Spinnaker.

Who are Spinnaker? (<https://www.spinnaker.org.uk/>)

“Since 1986 Spinnaker Schools work has been developing opportunities for children to engage with Christianity. We operate in primary schools in London and the South East delivering Collective Worship and RE lessons.”



In 2024, Spinnaker will be joined in providing assemblies to the children by the outreach team from All Saints Church in Peckham. The school receives lots of support and prayers from many in our local Christian community and at this time of year we wanted to acknowledge all that do for our school.

If any parent/carer should know of other local groups who will come and deliver assemblies or talks with our children—both regularly and on a one off basis then they are asked to put them in touch with Mr Robinson.

Bird in Bush School welcomes everyone to share their faith, passions and stories with us.

Every year we give an early ‘Heads Up’ of future term dates so plans can be made

Please remember no holidays in term times



Prior written approval is needed for any term time absence for a child

Bird in Bush Primary School Term and Holiday dates

Academic year 2024/2025

Autumn term 2024

- Tuesday 3rd September 2024 to Friday 25th October 2024 (39 school days)
Half Term Monday 28th October 2024 to Friday 1st November 2024
- Tuesday 5th November 2024 to Friday 20th December 2024 (33 school days)
Mid-term Inset Day Friday 22nd November 2024

Spring term 2025

- Monday 6th January 2025 to Friday 14th February 2025 (30 school days)
Half Term Monday 17th February 2025 to Friday 21st February 2025
- Monday 24th February 2025 to Friday 4th April 2025 (30 school days)

Summer term 2025

- Tuesday 22nd April 2025 to Friday 23rd May 2025 (24 school days)
Half Term Monday 26th May 2025 to Friday 30th May 2025
- Tuesday 3rd June 2025 to Friday 18th July 2025 (34 school days)

Inset Days: 5 days for staff only



Pupil Leadership Opportunities at Bird in Bush School.

Thank you to these children for
their support in running our
school at this time.



Bird in Bush Primary School

School Prefects 2023-2024

Aaliyah Year 6 Yellowhammer Class	Alejandro Year 6 Swift Class
Amadeus Year 6 Warbler Class	Chelsea Year 6 Yellowhammer Class
Isabelle Year 6 Warbler Class	Israel Year 6 Yellowhammer Class
Leonor Year 6 Warbler Class	Qadir Year 6 Swift Class

Bird in Bush Primary School

School Council 2023-2024

<i>Class</i>	<i>Councillor No.1</i>	<i>Councillor No.2</i>
<i>Year 6 Yellowhammer</i>	Eniola	Tia
<i>Year 6 Warbler</i>	Samih	Neriah
<i>Year 6 Swift</i>	Scarlett	Shayla
<i>Year 5 Oystercatcher</i>	Aliyah	Neriah
<i>Year 5 Redwing</i>	Haider Ali	Kane
<i>Year 5 Sandpiper</i>	Davina	Daniyal
<i>Year 4 Nightingale</i>	Blessing	Ayodele
<i>Year 4 Osprey</i>	Eliora	Daniel
<i>Year 3 Kingfisher</i>	Hope	Trieu Man
<i>Year 3 Lapwing</i>	Eliana	Sajid
<i>Year 2 Goldfinch</i>	Amaiyah	George
<i>Year 2 Harrier</i>	Kairone	Skylen



**Bird in Bush School
presents**

The Nativity

*This is the perfect and
straight-forward telling of the
nativity story - exactly what it
says on the cover!*



Bird in Bush School welcomes parents/ carers, family and friends to share in the joy and celebration of seeing our exceptional children singing and acting on stage.

The school has received exceptional feedback from our parents/carers on the excellent start to their primary school years that is provided at Bird in Bush School. Ms Acquah and the team are an exceptional team and we look forward to younger siblings, children of friends or new children in our community joining Bird in Bush School from 2024 onwards.



We also graduated many children from across Year 4 and Year 5 who have successfully completed their Reading Lab programme and reached expected standards in their Reading. Proud of you, children!

Exceptional thanks for all involved in sharing the joy of seeing our Early Years children on stage this week. Exceptional support received from our families. Thank you. Exceptional thanks to Miss Anderson, for the Nativity back drop as well as to those staff completing all the roles involved in this performance, not least Miss Maribel for always building the stage and putting out and away the chairs. Thank you to all

We have been asked to circulate this reminder to our community

STOP, LOOK,
LISTEN



DISTRACTIONS ON THE ROAD CAN KILL

And finally....Please note
**Our End of Term Celebration Day is
Wednesday 20th December**

• **Colourful Jumper (only*) Day**

* **We wear school uniform other than a
colourful jumper. School trousers/skirts;
school shoes and school shirts. Thank you**

• **Christmas School Lunch**

We request every child joins in the fun of
eating a special lunch together.

No Packed Lunches on this day please

• **Celebration Concert**—led by Year 2s—

9.00 a.m. Rio Hall

All parents/carers and family members
welcome to watch and applaud

**& all before last day of term on Thursday
21st December 8.40 a.m.—12.00 noon**



Bird in Bush Primary School Ofsted statement 2023-2024

Bird in Bush School is Southwark's newest Primary School offer to its local community.

The school is an amalgamation of two Southwark community schools, Camelot Primary School and Cobourg Primary School.

The school is linked to the unique reference number (URN) for Camelot School as it shares the school site for this school but in all other ways it is a new school. The rules on changing the URN are complicated and can be found [here](#).

The Bird in Bush School Community awaits its first Ofsted Inspection at this time, which will inspect the 480 pupils+ and 70 staff+ currently working together to provide an exceptional quality of education at the school.

Historic inspections linked to Camelot School, which ceased to operate as a school from August 2023 but which previously operated from the site can be found [here](#). The inspection report for Cobourg School which closed with effect from August 2023 can be found [here](#).

We request your support in acknowledging that our new school has developed out of a time of significant change as well as one in which striking and appropriate action has been taken to improve the quality of education for all the pupils of Bird in Bush Primary School.

Sharing with all our Ofsted statement that can be found on our school website: <https://birdinbushprimary.co.uk>



CHAMPS – FREE School Holiday Camp We have few spaces left for CHAMPS this year, which will be taking place on 2nd – 5th January 2024.

CHAMPS will be here at Bird in Bush School and is a time for the children to come and expend any remaining energy they have after all the treats they will have had over the Christmas period.

It will be opened to all pupils from Yr 1 to Yr 6. For further information, please visit the school office to sign your children up or make your booking at office@birdinbush.southwark.sch.uk

Be quick though, because once the spaces are gone, that is it!