



Newsletter
Friday 5th December
2025



To Parents and Carers,

Another fantastic week here at Pelham with all children busy practicing for the winter performances. Please see the poster below for locations and times of the performances. We hope to see you all there.

I would like to say a really big thank you to all the parents and friends that have been helping this week with the Winter Fair and giving up their time. If it wasn't for helpers and volunteers we wouldn't be able to put on events like the winter fair. THANK YOU.

The Raffle will be drawn by the PSFA and our school office will contact you early next week to collect your prizes.

Raffle Prizes

- A voucher for Kassiope Cove
- £10 gift voucher for Sainsburys
- £18 voucher for Ruby Lox Hair Salon
- A free golf lesson at Chelsfield Lakes
- 2 Tickets for The Cloud Cable Car in Greenwich
- A voucher for a free family stay and play at Enchanted Woods
- A hospitality package for Erith and Belvedere Football club worth £120
- A hamper

Important Reminder: Coats

Now the weather is getting colder we are encouraging everyone to wear their coats outside, please ensure children have coats in school.

School Uniform

All children must come to school wearing the correct school uniform including shoes. We would like to reinforce that the school uniform is not optional, it is an important part of our school standards and it must be worn correctly each day.

If a child arrives at school wearing an incorrect uniform, they will be provided with a clean spare uniform and a phone call home will be made to notify parents. If a child refuses the offer of the correct uniform or you do not wish for them to wear it, we will expect one of the following.

- For you to come to the school office with the correct uniform (if you have it at home)
- For you to collect your child, purchase the correct uniform and return your child wearing the uniform.

Please note if your child does not return to school this will be an unauthorised absence. If you need support with school uniform please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Key Dates for a Busy Half Term

This is going to be a **busy half term**, so please keep a close eye on the school calendar and the dates below.

- 11th December is Christmas jumper day and Christmas Dinner day
- 15th December Years 1 and 2 performance starting at 2.30
- 16th December Years 3 and 4 performance starting at 2.30
- 17th December Years 5 and 6 performance starting at 2.30
- 18th December EYFS nativity in school starting at 9.30 (2 tickets per family only)
- 18th December Christmas Pantomime in school for all children
- 19th December Last Day of Term - School finishes at 1pm

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to a fantastic second half of the autumn term!

Kind Regards,
Miss Took

Term Dates



Monday 8th December 2025	Tuesday 9th December 2025	Wednesday 10th December 2025	Thursday 11th December 2025	Friday 12th December 2025
	PSFA Elfridges Sale Dance Club KS2 Pokemon Club Y1&2	Pokemon Club Y3&4 Young Voices (invite only)	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Lunch Colouring Club KS1 Chess Club Y5&6 Dodgeball Y3&4	

Attendance % & Number of Children Lates

For W/E 05/12/25



Challenge- Let's hit the 96% mark for all classes. Those classes who have had the biggest improvement will win a prize!

Class	Attendance	Lates
Caterpillars	93.5%	4
Bumblebees	98.5%	3
Ladybirds	97.4%	5
Butterflies	90.5%	2
Dragonflies	87.5%	6
Kangaroos	95.4%	3
Koalas	96.0%	3
Penguins	95.1%	3
Polar Bears	95.5%	6
Flamingos	95.0%	6
Pelicans	97.5%	5
Giraffes	94.2%	2
Zebra	89.7%	3
Parakeets	89.3%	1
Starlings	93.1%	6

Information



Illuminateminds Trust - Term Dates 2025/26

September 2025						
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
36	1	2	3	4	5	6
37	8	9	10	11	12	13
38	15	16	17	18	19	20
39	22	23	24	25	26	27
40	29	30				

October 2025						
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
40			1	2	3	4
41	6	7	8	9	10	11
42	13	14	15	16	17	18
43	20	21	22	23	24	25
44	27	28	29	30	31	

November 2025						
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
44						1
45	3	4	5	6	7	8
46	10	11	12	13	14	15
47	17	18	19	20	21	22
48	24	25	26	27	28	29

December 2025						
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
49	1	2	3	4	5	6
50	8	9	10	11	12	13
51	15	16	17	18	*19	20
52	22	23	24	25	26	27
1	29	30	31			

January 2026						
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
1			1	2	3	4
2	5	6	7	8	9	10
3	12	13	14	15	16	17
4	19	20	21	22	23	24
5	26	27	28	29	30	31

February 2026						
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
5						1
6	2	3	4	5	6	7
7	9	10	11	12	13	14
8	16	17	18	19	20	21
9	23	24	25	26	27	28

March 2026						
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
9						1
10	2	3	4	5	6	7
11	9	10	11	12	13	14
12	16	17	18	19	20	21
13	23	24	25	26	27	28
14	30	31				

April 2026						
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
14			1	2	3	4
15	6	7	8	9	10	11
16	13	14	15	16	17	18
17	20	21	22	23	24	25
18	27	28	29	30		

May 2026						
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
18					1	2
19	4	5	6	7	8	9
20	11	12	13	14	15	16
21	18	19	20	21	22	23
22	25	26	27	28	29	30

June 2026						
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
23	1	2	3	4	5	6
24	8	9	10	11	12	13
25	15	16	17	18	19	20
26	22	23	24	25	26	27
27	29	30				

July 2026						
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
27			1	2	3	4
28	6	7	8	9	10	11
29	13	14	15	16	*17	18
30	20	21	22	23	24	25
31	27	28	29	30	31	

August 2026						
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
31						1
32	3	4	5	6	7	8
33	10	11	12	13	14	15
34	17	18	19	20	21	22
35	24	25	26	27	28	29
36	31					



*School finishes at 1pm on 19/12/25 & 17/07/26

INSET DAYS

HOLIDAYS

Lunch Menu



FRIDAY

THURSDAY

WEDNESDAY

TUESDAY

MONDAY

Pork Sausages 1,6
Vegetable Sausage VG
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Chips,
Sweetcorn, Baked Beans
Cucumber Sticks

Oaty Cookie 1,15 VG
Yoghurt 3,7
Fruit Pots VG

Beef Bolognese Pasta Bake 1,7
Loaded Bean Chili Wedges VG
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Green Beans
Grated Carrots

Parsnip Brownie 1 VG
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG
Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG

Roast Gammon & Gravy
Broccoli Tot 1,7 V
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Rustic Roast Potatoes,
Cabbage,
Peas

Fruit Jelly VG
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG
Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG

Margherita Pizza 1,3,7 V
Bean Biryani VG
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Rainbow Pasta 1
Seasonal Vegetables

Toffee Apple Pudding 1 VG & Custard 7
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG
Fruit Pots VG

Chicken Pie 1
Pesto & Pea Pasta 1,7 V
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Crushed Potato
Cauliflower,
Carrots

Strawberry Mousse 7
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG
Fruit Pots VG

Salmon Bites 1,8
Margherita Pizza 1,3,7 V
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Chips,
Peas,
Coleslaw 9

Marble Cookie 1 VG
Yoghurt 3,7
Fruit Pots VG

Beef Stew & Dumpling 1
Pesto Pasta Bake 1,7 V
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Cauliflower,
Green Beans

Apple & Cinnamon Pinwheel 1 VG
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG
Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG

Roast Chicken & Gravy
Ratatouille Puff 1,3 VG
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Rustic Roast Potatoes
Broccoli,
Carrots

Crispy Cake 1,3,7,16
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG
Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG

Cheese & Broccoli Pasta Bake 1,7 V
Buffalo Cauliflower Wings
& Wedges VG
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Seasonal Vegetables

Plum Pudding 1VG & Custard 7
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG
Fruit Pots VG

Caribbean Brown Chicken
Tomato Spaghetti 1 VG
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Rice,
Carrots,
Peas

Chocolate Ice Cream 7
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG
Fruit Pots VG

Fish Fingers 1,8
Cheese, Carrot & Tomato Swirl 1,7 V
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Chips,
Peas, Baked Beans,
Grated Carrot

Caramel Flapjack 1,7,15 V
Yoghurt 3,7,
Fruit Pots VG

Beef Cottage Pie
Herby Tomato Pasta 1 VG
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Seasonal Vegetables

Beetroot Cake 1 VG
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG
Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG

Roast Pork & Gravy
Vegan Sausage Roll 1 VG
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Rustic Roast Potatoes,
Green Beans,
Carrots

Fruit Jelly VG
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG
Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG

Chicken Noodles 1
BBQ Vegetable Burrito 1 VG
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Sweetcorn,
Peppers

Chocolate Rice Pudding 7
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG
Fruit Pots VG

Macaroni Cheese 1,7 V
Sweet Potato & Chick Pea Curry VG
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Rice,
Green Beans,
Mixed Salad

Peach Crumble 1 VG & Custard 7
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG
Fruit Pots VG

WEEK ONE

- 3 Nov
- 24 Nov
- 15 Dec
- 19 Jan
- 9 Feb
- 9 March
- 30 March

WEEK TWO

- 10 Nov
- 1 Dec
- 5 Jan
- 26 Jan
- 23 Feb
- 16 March

WEEK THREE

- 17 Nov
- 8 Dec
- 12 Jan
- 2 Feb
- 2 March
- 23 March



1 Wheat Gluten 2 Crustaceans 3 Soybean 4 Mustard 5 Sesame 6 Sulphites/Sulphur Dioxide 7 Milk 8 Fish 9 Egg
10 Peanuts 11 Molluscs 12 Celeriac/Celery 13 Nuts 14 Lupins 15 Oat Gluten 16 Barley Gluten VG Vegan V Vegetarian

Selection of Salads 9, Homemade Bread 1,3. Some of our schools may use pre prepped potatoes or vegetables on occasions. These may contain sulphites and celeriac. Please discuss with your manager.

AVAILABLE DAILY

Information



NOURISH

CHRISTMAS MENU

**Roast Turkey with Yorkshire Pudding,
Stuffing, Pigs in Blanket & Gravy 1,6,7,9**

**Winter Vegetable Wellington 1 VG
With Yorkshire Pudding, Stuffing
& Gravy 1,7,9**

**Peas, Carrots,
Brussel Sprouts
Rustic Roast Potatoes**

**Santa's Cookie 1 VG
Iced Chocolate Sponge 1 VG**

Jelly

**Fruit Pots VG
Jugs of Squash**



Dishes marked with any of the following numbers contain the matching allergen:

1 Wheat **2** Gluten **3** Crustaceans **4** Soybean **5** Mustard **6** Sesame **7** Sulphites/Sulphur Dioxide **8** Milk **9** Fish **10** Egg
11 Peanuts **12** Molluscs **13** Celeriac/Celery **14** Nuts **15** Lupins **16** Oat Gluten **17** Barley Gluten **V** Vegetarian **VG** Vegan

ELFRIDGES

9th December

Children will have the opportunity to buy presents for their loved ones at our special Elfridges event!



Date:
9th December



Prices:
From £1.50 to £4.50

Please remember:

- Bring cash if you would like to buy a present.
- Bring a carrier bag to safely store your gifts.
- Put your money in a named envelope, wallet, purse, or small box to keep it safe.

A wonderful chance for children to experience the joy of giving!

Information



Admission to Reception in September 2026

Children born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022 will be due to start in Reception in September 2026. The application period will be open on 1 September 2025 and the closing date is 15 January 2026.

Apply on line at:
<https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>

More information visit:
<https://www.bexley.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/primary-schools/starting-primary-school>



Attached with this week's Newsletter in ParentMail is the Wake Up Wednesdays guide on "Conspiracy Theories"

When dropping off and collecting your children to and from school, please can you be mindful of our neighbours. They have contacted the school and asked that you do not block their driveways and more importantly do not park them. Thank you in advance for your support.

Information



CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE

PERFORMANCE DATES & TIMES

★ YEAR 1 & YEAR 2

MONDAY 15TH DECEMBER

2:30 – 3:00 PM

★ YEAR 3 & YEAR 4

TUESDAY 16TH DECEMBER

2:30 – 3:00 PM

★ YEAR 5 & YEAR 6

WEDNESDAY 17TH DECEMBER

2:30 – 3:00 PM

VENUE: ST MARTIN'S CHURCH, ERITH ROAD,
BARNEHURST BEXLEYHEATH, KENT ,DA7 6LE

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE AND CELEBRATE THE SEASON

TOGETHER! 🎵🌟

Information



Christmas Jumper Day !

11th December

Get ready to celebrate in festive style!

👕 Wear your favourite Christmas jumper

👶 OR design and bring your own festive hat

🌟 OR wear any fun Christmas accessories!

Let's fill the day with sparkle, colour and
Christmas cheer as we enjoy our school
Christmas dinner together!

We can't wait to see all your amazing festive
outfits!

**Please note : Children are still expected to wear
uniform excluding school jumpers**

Information



Reminder

**School Closes at 1:00 PM
Friday 19th December**

Please remember that children will finish school early on this day.

Make sure pick-up arrangements are in place.



🎄 We wish all our families a wonderful Christmas/Festive Break and a very Happy New Year! ✨

Thank you for your support—see you in January!



**HO HO
HOLIDAYS!**

If you would like to speak to a member of the school leadership team please email pelhamadmin@illuminate minds.org

We Dream Big