

**We aim high \* We are resilient \* We are curious learners \* We value diversity \* We are respectful**

Dear Prior Weston families,

Here we are at the end of a very busy and successful term! We have had a very festive few weeks and the children have really shone in so many ways.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff at Prior Weston, who work so hard in the best interests of the children. They go above and beyond every day.

Thank you all for your continuing support as well.

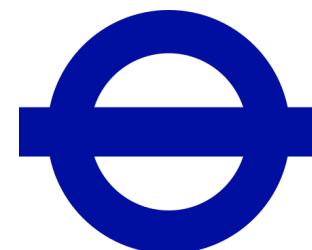
Wishing you all a very safe and happy festive season.

Fiona 😊



## Dates for your Diary

January 2025	
Monday 6th January	INSET day– School and Children’s Centre closed to children
Tuesday 7th January	Welcome back to school
Thursday 23rd January	Westminster class assembly at 9:15am
Thursday 30th January	Tower class assembly at 9:15am
February 2025	
Thursday 6th February	Parliament class assembly at 9:15am
Thursday 13th February	Trafalgar class assembly at 9:15am



## Transport For London DISCOUNTS



**Pay half price on bus fares with a discount photocard - if you are receiving Universal Credit or other benefits.**

**Follow this link. [Bus & Tram Discount photocard - Transport for London](#)**



## Top Tips during the holidays

### Online safety

Classroom resources can be found on [Busythings 10 great classroom activities](#)

[LGFL Curriculum Blog and Christmas Stocking Fillers](#)

[National Sleep Helpline: 03303 530 541](#) – they also support screen-free bedtime routines

[STEM live](#) provides free interactive resources and lessons for children aged 4 – 11 years.

[Inclusive Digital Safety Advice Hub | Internet Matters](#). It is very easy it is for children to access extreme and sometimes dangerous content where children don't always understand the meanings of words or their impact. It is recommended to check children's devices daily and exercise vigilance over screen time and content.

<https://parentsafe.lgfl.net/> for information about parental controls and monitoring tools and there are tips, advice and resources here [Parents and Carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

Prepare festive parent newsletters to signpost to support and internet safety resources including [Get ready for a digital festive season | Internet Matters](#).

## Support services & Well-being tips– all available during the Christmas break

[Islington Foodbank: For families in need of food support](#)

[Family Information Service](#) : Provides information on local services and support for families. Visit the Islington Family Information Service.

[Are you worried about a child | ISCP :](#)

[Childline | Childline](#)

[CEOP Education](#)

[Report Remove from Childline and IWF](#)

[Solace Womens Aid: violence against women ends here](#)

[Karma Nirvana](#) (honour-based abuse and forced marriage)

<http://www.educateagainsthate.com/> - practical advice and support for children at risk of radicalisation

[A Guide for Parents - Talking to your child about Sexual Harassment](#)

<http://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/>

[Supporting children & young people during the Christmas Holiday Period](#)

[Mind, the mental health charity,](#)

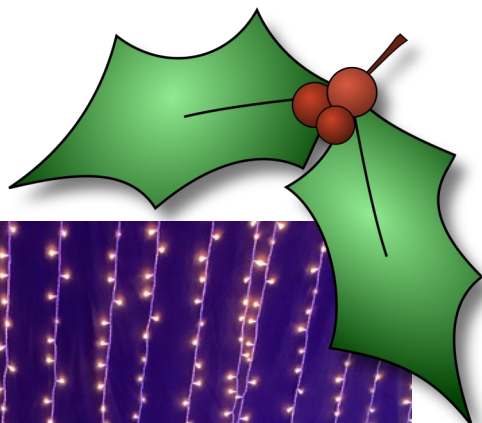
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[Young Minds](#)



A Prior Weston production

# 'Tinsel'



## Festive Fun in the Community



### Festive Fun – Islington Life Magazine

Free festive fun and cultural events this winter

**Carols by Candlelight | Sunday 22 December | 6pm | Union Chapel | FREE**

Come sing festive favourites in the beautiful, candle-lit surroundings of our 19th century gothic chapel, with spoken word and music from Union Chapel Voices, Union Chapel Singers, instrumentalists, and actors.

This is a hugely popular and free event, so it is advised to arrive early for 6pm doors to avoid disappointment and save the date now.



Learn more at:

<https://unionchapel.org.uk/venue/whats-on/carols-by-candlelight-2024>



### Winter crafting and reading at your local libraries

**Festive crafting for children of all ages at West Library:** make an angel to decorate your home for Christmas on Thursday 19 December 3.30–5pm and Saturday 21 December, 12noon–2pm.

**Winter crafting for children of all ages at Lewis Carroll Library:** welcome the New Year by making a greetings card for someone special on Saturday 28 December, 1.30–3.30pm.

- **Winter reading challenge for ages 0–16:** read four books between 2 December and 28 February to get a certificate. Ask a staff member for details.

Please see attached leaflets for the Winter Reading Challenge and the Winter family sessions at Islington Libraries. All regular sessions are also scheduled to happen too. Link to the directory below:

### Upcoming events at Islington Libraries



## Islington JOBS & Tutoring



London Volunteer Co Ordinator

Community food chef/and also food Co Ordinator

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[Community Food Coordinator - Job Description .docx](#)

Opening February 2025 in the Jean Stokes Community Centre, Caledonian Ward, Islington. Food that would otherwise be going to landfill will be turned into delicious meals on a pay-what-you-feel basis.

We are looking for two roles to support the delivery of the zero-waste café: **Community Chef (10 hours)** - £14.87 p/h (dependent on experience) **Community Food Coordinator (18 hours per week)** - £14/87 p/h (dependent on experience)

**FREE English and Maths classes at the Vibast Community Centre for children in Years 4, 5 and 6.** Details for how to register and for further information on the flyer. [www.tutorsunited.org](http://www.tutorsunited.org) The classes will run term times on Mondays from 4pm-5pm, hopefully starting on the 25<sup>th</sup> November.

**British Library is offering a free, drop-in session for families.** It is open every Friday 10am-12pm until Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025 (**except Friday 27<sup>th</sup> December**). It is a relaxed space with lots of sensory toys for under 5s and books for a range of ages. The session is geared towards local families in Camden and Islington who are struggling with rising energy costs. It's a great space for parents to meet other parents in a relaxed environment. **They also offer free hot drinks in the library cafe.**

**PIP support** [We have just launched the Turn2us PIP Helper for advisers](#)

**CityCLAC can offer**, we wanted to share that we have open appointments next week for the below:

- **Personal Independence Payment form filling** – helping people with new and renewal PIP forms.
  - **Initial Immigration Advice** - for example, we can advise on:
    - o Securing and maintaining permission to enter and remain in the UK,
    - o Verifying their immigration status,

Guiding on applications for recourse to public funds (Please note, unfortunately, we cannot advise clients with handling applications for immigration appeals or helping those who have already overstayed their visa. We will try to provide signposting and referrals for those clients we cannot help).

## Celebration Assembly

6th December 2024

Our shining stars were:

**Barbican**– Elias & Isla

**St Pauls**– Alaa & Jamie

**Piccadilly**– Willow & Amira

**Kew**– Charlyn & Halah CS

**Parliament**– Anita & Abdullah

**Trafalgar**– Zain & Ismail

**Westminster**– Kareem & Angel

**Tower**– Jason & Amirah

## Celebration Assembly

13th December 2024

Our shining stars were:

**Barbican**– Aarish & Dylan

**St Pauls**– Daniel & Lilou

**Piccadilly**– Indiana & Dagmar

**Kew**– Nancy & Isa

**Parliament**– Kento & George

**Trafalgar**– Toby & Jasmine

**Westminster**– Rayhan & Zaky

**Tower**– Carolyn & Charlie

This week's Shining Stars results to be announced today. See next edition.

## Health & Wellbeing Clinic dates

The next health and wellbeing clinics with a school nurse have been scheduled for the dates below:

28th January 2025

18th March 2025

13th May 2025

25th June 2025

**NHS**

**Whittington Health**  
NHS Trust

Whittington Health NHS  
Islington School Nursing Services  
Highbury Grange Health Centre  
1-5 Highbury Grange  
London N5 2QB

Telephone: 020 3316 8021



## Lovely Letter



**6th December 2024**

The lovely letter goes to Y5

**Alisha**

Wow and wow, Alisha it is such a delight to write this letter just for you. Since you have started in year 5, you have shown hard work, resilience and concentration. You thrived in every learning opportunity that comes your way. You have demonstrated a positive attitude towards your learning.

Alisha you are a kind and helpful person who is always ready to help adults and your peers as well. Keep aiming high, and reach for the stars, Alisha.



**29th November 2024**

The lovely letter goes to Y6

**Sahithyan**

There are so many wonderful things to say about Sahithyan. He is one of the kindest and most thoughtful pupils in Tower class. He is always willing to help his classmates, take part in paired activities and will look out for his friends on the playground too.

He is a quiet member of our class but we really miss his cheerful nature when he is not around. He has a great sense of humour and his friends love this about him too.

We are incredibly lucky to have him in Tower class and want to thank him for being such a great teammate and friend.





# The **GRINCH** Theatre Camp



**Will Mr. Grinch learn to love Christmas?**



**2nd – 5th of January!**  
**Vibast Centre ECTV 9NH**  
**3–5 years old (10–2pm)**  
**6+ (9–4pm)**  
**FREE**



**for Islington residents accepted via  
Islington Lunch Bunch vouchers**

An exciting opportunity to learn and make friends! Led by professional artists, we offer a four-day Musical Theatre camp with a final performance and a Q&A from West End and TV actors.

**Lunch is provided**

For people outside of Islington  
Prices are  
£78 (3–5 years old)  
£138 (6+)



**Register now!**

[islingtonholidaycamps@gmail.com](mailto:islingtonholidaycamps@gmail.com)



**elf**



# Theatre Camp

**FALL IN LOVE WITH AN ELF THIS WINTER!**

**21st – 23rd of December**

at

**KINGS SQUARE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**ECTV 8DY**

9-4pm for 6+

**FREE**



for Islington Residents accepted via Lunch Bunch vouchers.

**Lunch is provided.**



Led by theatre professionals our **three-day theatre camp** offers children an opportunity to learn, play and make friends!  
The Q&A with **industry stars** will provide you with inspiration and knowledge for further development.

For people outside of Islington the price is £138

**REGISTER NOW!**

**[ISLINGTONHOLIDAYCAMPS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:ISLINGTONHOLIDAYCAMPS@GMAIL.COM)**





# Islington Parent Carer Forum

## Your Voices matter



### ABOUT US

We are a voluntary group of Islington parents and carers working with the local authority to ensure that the voices of our children, young people and their families are heard.



### JOIN US

If you want to be involved in shaping services for our young people then please join us. The wider our representation the stronger our voice. We hold regular events and surveys to capture your views and experiences.



### CONTACT US

Please register for news of events and surveys with our website Membership sign-up form.



Join us to find out more about events and how you can share your views and experiences

[www.islingtonparentcarerforum.com](http://www.islingtonparentcarerforum.com)



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