



LANSDOWNE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear parents and carers,

This is the final newsletter of the term and of 2025 - which seems incredible! This term is usually the longest and it always feels quite an achievement when we get to the end of it. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the students for their effort and hard work this term. It continues to amaze me how calm the school is as I walk around during lesson time, how focused the students are and how much pride they take in their work.

I would also like to thank all the teachers and teaching assistant who facilitate their learning and frequently go above and beyond what is expected. The school could not function smoothly without the hard work of the staff in the office, the kitchen, the premises team and cleaners. So, a huge thank you goes out to them too.

Lastly, I would like to thank you for your help and support with your children as well as with the wider school community and school life. Your attendance at Parents/Carers' Evenings, Class Assemblies, the Enterprise Café, the Winter Fair and many other events, is very much appreciated and makes a real difference to our school community.

I wish you and your families a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year and look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Tuesday, 6th January 2026**.

Best wishes,
Francis Downing

Class of the Week
in KS4

Congratulations!

10AG

Class of the Week
in KS5

Congratulations!

13VG



Christmas Lunch

On Wednesday this week the catering team led by Christine with Ramot, Catherine and Victoria supporting, cooked a delicious Christmas lunch.

The Head Boy and Head Girl, had the pleasure of presenting the kitchen staff with a card created and signed by the whole school community as well as some well-deserved chocolates.

—Mr Downing



Dates for your Diary:

6th January — First Day of Team.

6th & 8th January — **No After School Clubs**. Clubs resume on Tuesday, 13th January.

Next Friday's
Assembly Class

12LT

on 9th January
at 9.35am

Forest School: Christmas Tree Decorations and Pitta Pizzas!



Last week at Forest School we got festive – and made some Christmas tree decorations to sell at the Winter Fair! First, we went for a walk in the woods to find a suitably sized branch... we only ever use wood that has fallen onto the ground - never wood that is living, i.e. attached to a tree. Once we had found a branch, we used pruning saws to cut discs, before using palm drills to drill out a hole. We decorated the discs using acrylic paint and festive stencils, and then threaded a piece of string through the hole to hang the decoration from a Christmas tree... do you like them?



We also made pitta pizzas! We filled our pitta breads with tomato passata, cheese and a selection of ingredients, and then wrapped them up and cooked them on the campfire. As soon as we could hear the cheese sizzling we knew they would be ready, so took them out of the fire and allowed them to cool for a few minutes before enjoying them – and take our word for it... they were delicious!



—Mr Hilton



Post Office Life Skills



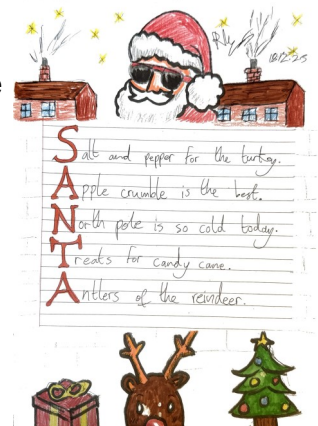
This term, our Life Skills students have been busy learning all about letter writing and how mail makes its way from sender to receiver. They explored different forms of letter writing and discovered the many ways letters and parcels can be sent. As part of their learning, students investigated what is required to send mail correctly, including writing addresses, adding a return address, and using stamps. They finished the term by delivering their own written letters to the post box to be sent home... keep an eye out in the mail!!! —Ms Enright-Bullock



Winter Poetry

To celebrate Christmas this week in English, students created acrostic poems! This encouraged students to think creatively and was a chance to discuss their own traditions or how they spend their time over this period. This acrostic poem is by a Year 11 Pupil:

Salt and pepper for the turkey.
Apple crumble is the best.
North Pole is so cold today
Treats for candy cane.
Antlers of the reindeer.



Happy Winter Break to all!

— Ms Monaghan

Christmas Jumper Day and Winter Fair

Lansdowne School got into the festive spirit last week with our Christmas Jumper Day that raised money for the Brixton Soup Kitchen and our Winter Fair.





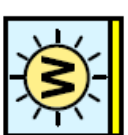
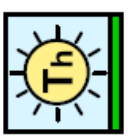
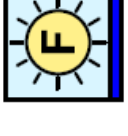

















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Lansdowne School's December Holiday

 Monday	 Tuesday	 Wednesday	 Thursday	 Friday	 Saturday	 Sunday
 22nd December	 23rd December	 24th December	 25th December	 26th December	 27th December Weekend	 28th December Weekend
 29th December	 30th December	 31st December	 1st January 5 days until Lansdowne	 2nd January 4 days until Lansdowne	 3rd January 3 days until Lansdowne	 4th January 2 days until Lansdowne
 5th December 1 day until Lansdowne	 6th January Come back to Lansdowne					