



Newsletter
Friday 19th December
2025



To Parents and Carers,

As the Autumn Term draws to a close, we wanted to send out a final thank you of 2025 for what has been another truly fantastic and busy term here at Pelham Primary School. Your continued support, whether it's helping with homework, attending events, or simply ensuring the children are ready for the school day, is invaluable, and we are incredibly grateful for everything you do.

It has been a fantastic final week with three remarkable performances in St Martin's Church by Years 1-6. The singing was truly phenomenal! We finished our winter performances with the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) who performed their Nativity play here at school. It really did bring some Christmas sparkle into school. A big Thank you to Father Gareth for making this possible.

Amongst the festive celebrations Year 3 also enjoyed an educational visit to The British Museum. This was a fantastic opportunity where they consolidated their learning of the Romans. It was enjoyed by all that went, both children and adults. Thank you to all parents that helped.

Towards the end of the week children also thoroughly enjoyed the Christmas panto here in school—'Oh yes they did!'. This was performed by Bigfoot Arts Education, EYFS and Year 1 watched The Clumsiest Elf And years 2 to 6 watched Agent Frostbite.

Looking ahead, please make a note of the following important dates for the start of the Spring Term in January 2026:

- **Monday 5th January 2026:** Inset Day (School Closed to Children)
- **Tuesday 6th January 2026:** SuperStarts for All Year Groups please see class Dojo for more information.

We wish you and your family a safe, restful, and very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to welcoming the children back in January for a fantastic Spring Term! Take a look at Class Dojo for our staff Christmas video!

Kind Regards,

Miss Took

Term Dates



| Monday 5th January 2026 | Tuesday 6th January 2026 | Wednesday 7th January 2026 | Thursday 8th January 2026 | Friday 9th January 2026 |
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| Inset Day School Closed to Children. | SuperStarts for All Year Groups Info Sent In Overviews | | | |

Attendance % & Number of Children Lates

For W/E 19/12/25



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 | 91.0% | 2 |
| Bumblebees | 92.9% | 2 |
| Ladybirds | 90.5% | 6 |
| Butterflies | 81.9% | 1 |
| Dragonflies | 77.0% | 3 |
| Kangaroos | 94.0% | 3 |
| Koalas | 91.8% | 3 |
| Penguins | 85.0% | 3 |
| Polar Bears | 84.4% | 8 |
| Flamingos | 93.3% | 3 |
| Pelicans | 98.7% | 7 |
| Giraffes | 91.4% | 4 |
| Zebra | 95.9% | 4 |
| Parakeets | 85.7% | 2 |
| Starlings | 90.0% | 2 |

Term Dates



Illuminateminds Trust - Term Dates 2025/26

| September 2025 | | | | | | | |
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| 37 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 38 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 39 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 40 | 29 | 30 | | | | | |

| October 2025 | | | | | | | |
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| 41 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 42 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 43 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 44 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | |

| November 2025 | | | | | | | |
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| 46 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 47 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 48 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |

| December 2025 | | | | | | | |
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| 52 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
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| January 2026 | | | | | | | |
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| February 2026 | | | | | | | |
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| March 2026 | | | | | | | |
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| 13 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 14 | 30 | 31 | | | | | |

| April 2026 | | | | | | | |
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| 16 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 17 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 18 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | | |

| May 2026 | | | | | | | |
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| 22 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |

| June 2026 | | | | | | | |
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| July 2026 | | | | | | | |
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| 29 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | *17 | 18 | 19 |
| 30 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 31 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | |

| August 2026 | | | | | | | |
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| 31 | | | | | | 1 | 2 |
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| 33 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 34 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 35 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 36 | 31 | | | | | | |

INSET DAYS

HOLIDAYS

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



Lunch Menu



NOVEMBER TO MARCH 2026
NOURISH



WEEK ONE

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

| MONDAY |
|---|
| 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 |

| TUESDAY |
|--|
| 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 |

| WEDNESDAY |
|---|
| 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 |

| THURSDAY |
|---|
| 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 |

| FRIDAY |
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| 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 |

WEEK TWO

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

| MONDAY |
|---|
| 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 |

| TUESDAY |
|---|
| 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 |

| WEDNESDAY |
|---|
| 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 |

| THURSDAY |
|---|
| 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 |

| FRIDAY |
|---|
| 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 |

WEEK THREE

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

| MONDAY |
|---|
| 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 |

| TUESDAY |
|--|
| 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 |

| WEDNESDAY |
|--|
| 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 |

| THURSDAY |
|--|
| 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 |

| FRIDAY |
|--|
| 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 |

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



Upcoming events at St Martins Church

A Service of Nine Lessons and Carols.
Sunday 21 Dec 2025
10:30am
1 hour, 15 mins

Christmas Eve Nativity & Christingle
Service.
Wednesday 24 Dec 2025
4:00pm
1 hour

Christmas Eve Midnight Mass.
First Communion of Christmas.
Wednesday 24 Dec 2025 11:30pm
1 hour

Christmas Day Said Communion. Children
are welcome to bring a toy.
Thursday 25 Dec 2025
9:30 a.m.
30 mins

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





Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

As we wind down towards the end of the year, we would like to wish all our Pelham families a restful and enjoyable winter break.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back through the school gates on Tuesday 6th January 2026, refreshed, in full uniform, and ready to learn.

Have a wonderful break and see you in the New Year!

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

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