



This week has been full of festive cheer at ESPS. We enjoyed a delicious Christmas lunch, prepared by Chef Fatima and her amazing team. Everyone looked bright and sparkly wearing their special jumpers, whilst raising money for Save the Children (nearly £400 at last count). And to top it all off, Christmas shows were performed to parents and carers, showcasing the incredible talent and hard work of our children and staff. It's been a magical week filled with joy, music, and community – the perfect way to celebrate the season together!



## Results

We were delighted to feature for the second year in a row in the Times top 1000 Primary Schools report, which ranked **East Sheen Primary School in the top 2.8% of primary schools in England**. It has been a lovely opportunity to congratulate our pupils and thank all the staff and parents who support such strong pupil outcomes.

## Happy Hanukkah

May we extend our warm wishes for a joyful Hanukkah to all our families celebrating this special festival of lights.





### **Spark! Book Awards:**

For several years, East Sheen has taken part in the fastest growing book awards in the country: the Spark! School Book Awards. Each year, Spark search for the best new books around, shortlist them and ask schools to vote for their favourite. Last year, 170 schools took part!



Spark have just released their longlist for 2025-2026 and are revealing them in the form of the '12 Books of Christmas'. Teachers are showing the children the daily reveals but do also follow them on their social media channels – they might make for the perfect Christmas gift!

[Spark! 12 Books of Xmas](#)

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### **Club spaces for spring term:**

Please remember to book you child's club places for the spring term, via the [clubs' link](#). Some clubs still have spaces available, and sadly won't be able to run if minimum numbers aren't reached by the end of term.

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### **Allotment update:**

Recently, some Year 3 and 4 children have been enjoying our new allotment area in Hertford Avenue. Using the school allotment gives children hands-on experience with nature, teaching them where food comes from and encourages healthy eating. Gardening builds teamwork, responsibility, and patience, and the children have worked wonderfully together to plant some lettuce, rosemary and basil.



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### **Year 5 trip:**

This morning, our Year 5 students attended an exciting liquid nitrogen show delivered by NPL at St Paul's School, Barnes. They were captivated by the dramatic demonstrations and impressed everyone with their excellent understanding of reversible and irreversible changes. Their thoughtful questions and confident explanations showed just how much their scientific knowledge has grown. The session left them buzzing with curiosity and enthusiasm!





## **Thinking Schools**

The three Habits of Mind we are focusing on this half term are:

