



Europa School  
UK  
Fundraising



# PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

Friday 12th  
December  
2025

## Winter Concert Dates

**Schuman Hall** Dec 17<sup>th</sup> Y6, 0845 -0920  
**Classrooms**

- Dec 16<sup>th</sup> RFE 1400
- Dec 17<sup>th</sup> RDE 1345

## Useful Dates

### December

- 16<sup>th</sup> RFE Class performance & Party 2pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> Y6 Concert 0845 - 0920 - Schuman
- 17<sup>th</sup> RDE Class performance & party 1.45pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> Last day of term

### January 2026

- 5<sup>th</sup> Staff inset day
- 6<sup>th</sup> Back to school for all pupils
- 8<sup>th</sup> 3DE First Swimming Session (11.30 - 12.30)
- 14<sup>th</sup> Sue Palmer - Author visit for Y3 & Y4
- 15<sup>th</sup> 3DE Swimming
- 19<sup>th</sup> Y2 History Workshop - Schuman
- 21<sup>st</sup> Y5 Light & Electricity Workshops - classrooms
- 22<sup>nd</sup> 3DE Swimming
- 29<sup>th</sup> 3DE Swimming
- 29<sup>th</sup> Y1 Space Dome - Schuman
- 30<sup>th</sup> PC Ben Talks Y3 & Y1 (Schuman)



## Useful Contacts

General Enquiries: [reception@europaschool.uk](mailto:reception@europaschool.uk)

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[datamanager@europaschool.uk](mailto:datamanager@europaschool.uk)

This year's Christmas tree, displayed at the Thame Lane entrance, was kindly donated by Notcutts garden centre. The PTA express their thanks for this kind contribution to the school's festive spirit.



Thanks to 2EE for producing this beautiful winter artwork which is now hanging in the Schuman Hall

# PTA Updates

## Christmas Fete – Thank You!

A huge thank you to everyone who attended and supported the Europa School Christmas Fete! Thanks to your incredible generosity, we raised over **£13,000** to support the school – a fantastic achievement.

We are extremely grateful to all the volunteers who helped make the day such a success, particularly new parents to the school! Thank you for donating your time, expertise, creativity, and amazing cooking skills.

Special thanks also to **Notcutts** for kindly donating our beautiful Christmas tree.

## PTA Fund Spending Update

Thanks to your continued support, the PTA has recently approved funding for a number of important projects and resources across the school:

- **30 new laptops** – £4,725
- **New marquee** to provide shade and rain cover during breaks (replacing the broken one) – £1,000
- **Signage for the Médiathèque** – £150
- **Rockalingua subscription** (for Year 1 and Year 2) – £150
- **Linguascope subscription** (for Primary and Secondary) – £396
- **Room dividers** for the SEN/Wellbeing Hub – £80
- **Contribution towards the school's three major capital projects** (Chemistry labs, drainage improvements, and an additional toilet block) – **£18,000**
- **Mobile display boards** for MYP and other project exhibitions – £1,230 *approved*
- In addition, the school will soon receive **30 refurbished second-hand laptops** from the charity **SOFEA**. Each device costs £50, and the PTA is funding the total **£1,500**. If successful, we will look into raising more money for additional laptops.

## Capital Projects – Update

- **Chemistry Labs:** The refurbishment is now in its final stages. The school hopes to hold an official opening in **January**.
- **Drainage Project:** Playground surveying and drainage planning are underway. The project should be completed by **March**.
- **Additional Toilets:** Funds were insufficient to start this project this year so it will remain a **focus** for next year's fundraising.

For more details go to the fundraising newsletter or contact [fundraising@europaschool.uk](mailto:fundraising@europaschool.uk)



Wishing you all a Merry Christmas, From the PTA





## Are you a parent of a child with SEN?

One of our parents (who is also a SEN teacher in another school) is happy to help and offer mentoring. If you are interested, please get in touch:

[senteam@europaschool.uk](mailto:senteam@europaschool.uk)



6EE and year 6 Antonio Machado school students took part on their first online choir singing. They sang together a Christmas version in Spanish and English of the song “wake me up” which 6EE will sing at the Christmas concert.

**Crisis**

## Christmas Donations Needed

### Food items



- Pot Noodles
- Porridge Pots
- Tinned food: soup / fruit / meat / veg
- Pasta/rice/noodles
- Instant mashed potato
- Gravy granules
- Tinned fruit & custard
- Dried food: fruits / nuts / raisins / cranberries
- Boxes of biscuits
- Teabags/instant coffee
- Christmas selection boxes / Boxes of chocolates
- Family bag crisps and snacks
- Jars of jam/honey/chocolate spread
- Fruit juice / squash / fizzy drinks

### Toiletries



- Shower gel
- Body Lotion
- Face / hand wipes
- Roll on / spray deodorant
- Hand cream
- Lip balm
- Toothpaste
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Shaving foam
- Disposable razors

### Clothing



- A gift card to be used in either a supermarket, clothing store or food establishment
- Gifts for children of all ages
- Vouchers for e.g. Costa Coffee, cinema etc.

### Gifts

- Warm socks (large)
- Hats
- Gloves
- Underwear

**Collection Dates: 15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> Dec**

Once again Europa School is collecting Food items, Toiletries, Christmas items for Crisis Christmas Appeal from Monday 15th December to 19th December. There will be a box in the main reception for the whole week and I will be at the Thame Lane entrance on Friday morning under the canopy from 8am to to 9am. Many thanks for your unwavering support for over 7years. Thank you Europa School Community.  
Zohra Jenkinson and Louis Jenkinson S1B

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# EXPLORING MUSIC AND LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT WITH UCL & GOLDSMITHS

Researchers from UCL and Goldsmiths have been working with children from some of the classes in the Primary School this term to investigate the development of music and language abilities. Each week classes have participated in a range of different musical games and activities.



We would like to thank all of the children, teachers and parents for participating in this research!

As part of the research, parents and guardians are invited to complete a short questionnaire about their child's typical behaviours:

- Key Stage 1 (Years 1-2):

[Questionnaire Year 1-2](#)

- Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6):

[Questionnaire Year 3-6](#)

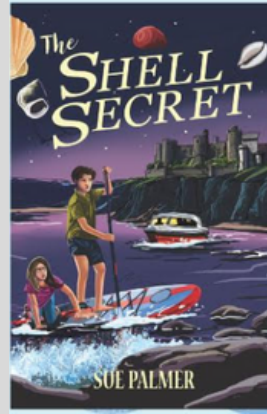
If you have any questions about the project, please feel free to contact the lead researcher, Dr Amy Fancourt, at [a.fancourt@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:a.fancourt@ucl.ac.uk), who will be happy to provide further information

# Sue Palmer visit in January 2026

[sypalmer.com](http://sypalmer.com)



We're excited that Sue Palmer (Author) will be visiting our Year 3 and 4 classes on 14<sup>th</sup> January. If you would like to order her latest book, perhaps as a Christmas present, you can order it from Amazon.



Based in South Oxfordshire, Sue writes adventure stories for 7-12-year-olds.

Sue runs cross-curricular and interactive workshops for schools, libraries, festivals and bookshops, weaving her writing research into her sessions.

Sue has run events for three non-profit organisations in Berkshire and Oxfordshire (ABC to read, Maidenhead's Big Read and ARch), who work to develop reading skills and support children, who otherwise may not have access to books. She also runs events for council and school libraries to help further their reading goals.



## Lost Property Update



There is a box of snack boxes for anyone who wants to look for their unlabelled box, or if you are in need of one.

Our Lost Property room is near our art rooms. Please go to Reception and ask for directions if you haven't been there before.

We will hold a sale in January to sell items that have been there from November.



We try and keep it open as much as possible - however due to some immature behaviour from a small group of students we now need to review this.





<b>Rule 1</b> 	<b>We listen to the adults.</b>
<b>Rule 2</b> 	<b>We are kind to others.</b>
<b>Rule 3</b> 	<b>We act safely.</b>

Year 1 and 2 were treated to a very fun Christmas Pantomime 'The Solar Express' on 1<sup>st</sup> December.



## Sports

### Pickleball weekly session for parents & staff

Never heard of pickleball? Pickleball is a fun sport that combines elements of badminton, tennis, and table tennis. Played both indoors or outdoors on a badminton-sized court and a slightly modified tennis net. Two or four players use solid paddles made of wood or composite materials to hit a perforated polymer ball, over a net.

Come and try it! Next session is on Sunday 14 December, 10-1200. All levels welcome!  
Rackets, balls supplied

£5.09 (incl. transaction fee). To book and pay, go to Bromcom (MyChildAtSchool app > Store)  
- Limited spaces: 20 players.

All proceeds go to the school.

For more information on this sport,  
<https://www.pickleballengland.org/what-is-pickleball/>

Any question: [g.keymer@europaschool.uk](mailto:g.keymer@europaschool.uk)

### Basketball Europa Dragons



Your team needs you, this Saturday!

Join the Europa Dragons and represent your school's basketball team! Registration as after-school activity

**Practice on Saturdays (gym hall)**

**10:00-11:00 Primary Y4-6**

**11:00-12:30 All Secondary**





Some Europa school students showed their artistic side in the Arty Animals competition run by the Sunningwell School of Arts. The students enjoyed the opportunity to show their creativity and were incredibly proud to have their work displayed in a real art gallery. In a busy opening ceremony on Monday, Julia (1FE) was delighted to have been awarded a special judges commendation. Here you can see some pictures of Europa school entries that are on display in the Magdalen Road Studios (1FE Oliver & 3FE Reuben and Jack).

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Languagenut runs a school-wide competition where students complete language-learning activities and assignments on their platform to earn points. Europa School reached 285th place in the Languagenut Competition with over 9,500,00 points. Over 3,000 schools took part - and nearly 400,000 students!

Very well done to all our students and especially Raphael A, Yetnayet G, Alexandra OM, Arabella F, Julie TH, Teo D, Elena S, Cameron J, Ginette L, Charlotte S