## THOMAS JONES

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Sunday Times Primary School of the Year**

There is no denying that 2025 has been hugely rewarding, culminating in being awarded the coveted title of Sunday Times Primary School of the Year. This marvellous accolade is testament to exemplary teaching, pupils' eagerness to embrace learning, and the exceptional tripartite relationship that exists. Alongside the above, attendance has, for extended periods, been an astonishing 97%. Academic outcomes at the end of Key Stage 2 are amongst the top 1% nationally. The fact that we are so oversubscribed, with long waiting lists for every class, should not be taken for granted. Interest from prospective families, keen to enrol their children has been overwhelming. On a good day, of which there are many, Thomas Jones is an evocation of gentleness and positivity.

## Fir Trees, Cinnamon Candles and Fundraising

'The bleak twigs overhead, In full-hearted evensong'

With fir trees exquisitely adorned in the hall and main entrance, and cinnamon candles brightly lit, there is an undeniable frisson of wonder at the moment. Both of this week's concerts were sublime, in no small measure because of the responses from the large number of people who attended. Last Friday, our community came together to support the Friends of Thomas Jones' Christmas Fayre. Over £1,000 was made in less than an hour. Huge thanks to those parents and carers who organised this important fundraiser, with the support of Abi Kantoch and Polly Duarte

## **To Venture Forth Once More**

"Winter's wondrous frost and snow, Oh, where are they now?"

I hope that fine days prevail and afford opportunities to venture into London's many parks and gardens for a brisk walk or gentle stroll this weekend. By way of a gentle reminder, term ends next Friday at 1.30.

Yours sincerely,

DM Sellens