



NEWSLETTER W/E 9th January 2026

Dear Families,

It has been truly wonderful to welcome back our children for the start of a new term and a New Year! We have had a busy week of learning as our children settle back into school and classroom routines. We are looking forward to a new year packed with opportunities and learning.



A new year often brings change, and we have had some changes in the school, particularly for our Year 4 and Flamingo classes. Our Year 4 class have moved classrooms to a bigger space upstairs. Our Flamingo class has also moved into a new space, in what was the old Year 4 classroom. We understand that change can sometimes be scary but we have tried to make the transition as smooth as possible by taking all of their furniture, resources and teaching teams with them.

Have a restful weekend!

Mrs Smith & Mr Hall



DIARY DATES

February Half term: 16th -20th February

Closed for Polling on 7th May

If you are booking holidays, if there are any deals, we will return by the 3rd September (full term dates for 26-27 will follow soon)



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	Pupil of the week	Kindness leaves	Value of the week
Nursery	Arham		Mia
Reception	Lawe		Jordan Asiya
Year 1	Tamjid Moame	Humaira Mal'achi	Tamjid Moame
Year 2	Isaiah Sidra	Alara Minh	Amina Erum
Year 3	Ibadat Yusra	Phong Whole Class	Janet Tommy
Year 4	Sabrin Rafsan	Moriam Tawhid	Elsie Demi
Year 5	Ehsan Christabel	Zahra Mehajabin	Alivia Tagim
Year 6	Lacie Saqeef	Ishmael Amelia A	Lacie Saqeef



WORSHIP FOCUS

Matthew 2: **1-12**

Wise men called Magi follow a star to find Jesus and worship Him. The Magi obediently listened to God and persevered to find Jesus. We can listen to God and seek Jesus too.

Happy Birthday to:

Laiba - Y6



Can we go out and learn something new about Jesus?



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This week we have seen winter in full swing, with sun, ice, snow and rain. As the weather can be unpredictable at this time of year and many of our children walk to school, we know that families will want to make sure their child is wearing warm and appropriate footwear. When children are in school, safety and safeguarding is our priority and we ask that children who come to school in boots or wellies, have appropriate footwear that they can change into following our school uniform policy. Children are keen to explore and play and should an injury occur, we need first aiders to be able to safely check any injuries. When children wear boots, removing the boot could potentially cause more distress and injury to the child, we know you will support us by insisting on shoes or trainers in school.

We thank you all for your cooperation on this matter.

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Workshops for families

Workshops	For Year groups	Date	Times
Year 1 Phonics	1	Tuesday 20th January	3:30pm
Year 4 Multiplication	4	Wednesday 21st January	3:30pm
SATs	6	Thursday 22nd January	3:30pm
Safer Internet Day	Whole School	Monday 9th February	TBC

Benefits of School Workshops

- ✓ Encourages stronger family involvement in education
- ✓ Improves children's academic confidence
- ✓ Helps parents support learning at home
- ✓ Builds community and support networks
- ✓ Enhances communication between families and teachers

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95%	=	47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days
90%	=	95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day
85%	=	142 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days
80%	=	190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

WHAT DO YOUR ATTENDANCE FIGURES ACTUALLY MEAN?

BE SMART BE THERE!

Percentages based on 190 academic days

Polite reminder:

Children need to be in school on time.

Gates open at 8:45 and close at 8:55.

Early morning learning at this time sets the children up for the day.

Every day matters.
Every minute counts.

Attending primary school regularly provides a wealth of social, health and academic benefits for children.

"Going to school helps me achieve my very best."

For a 2020 - 2021 copy of this book visit https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/attachment_data/file/464444/primary-school-attendance-booklet-2020-21.pdf

Our Attendance Welfare Officer (AWA), Lina Rahman, attends school every Tuesday morning. Lina checks our school registers regularly and will contact parents & guardians by letter or telephone. Meetings and home visits will be completed if there is a cause for concern.

Formal referrals of pupils with persistent absence or below 90% attendance will be made. Children need to be in school every day. Parents should be aware that they can ultimately be prosecuted for non-attendance offences. Holidays should also be taken in school holidays and not in term time.

We know that sometimes- even with children at school 190 out of 365 days in the year- they may fall ill. This can be worrying so please see advice from our local teams on https://www.towerhamlets-together.com/files/Care_Confident_Booklet_A5_InteractiveBooklet2.pdf on common illnesses and when to seek support. Additional sports, including swimming, benefit children to be healthier and smarter. Please ensure children take full advantage of this by wearing appropriate kit and making sure they bring it with them each week!

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About Winter Illnesses and School Attendance

As we head into the colder months, it's common to see an increase in seasonal illnesses such as colds, coughs, and other respiratory infections. We understand that it can sometimes be difficult to decide whether your child should attend school when they are feeling unwell.

To help support your decision-making, please note the following guidance:

- **Children with mild cold symptoms**, such as a runny nose or a slight cough, **can still attend school** if they are otherwise well in themselves (eating, drinking, and alert).
- However, **children should stay at home** if they are experiencing more severe symptoms, such as:
 - A high temperature or fever
 - **Vomiting or diarrhoea** (children should remain at home for at least **48 hours after the last episode if it is norovirus**)
 - Any illness that makes them too unwell to take part in normal school activities

We encourage good hygiene habits, such as regular hand washing and covering coughs and sneezes to help reduce the spread of germs. If your child is unwell and staying home, please remember to notify the school as soon as possible.

Thank you for helping us keep our school community healthy and safe during the winter season.

Illness and Advice	
<p>Headache, earache and stomach ache</p>  <p>Children with headache, earache or stomach ache can go to school—just let the staff know they have felt unwell. Give paracetamol and plenty of fluids to drink. If headache, earache or stomach ache persists..... Seek medical advice.</p>	<p>High Temperature</p>  <p>Give paracetamol and plenty to drink. After paracetamol, if your child feels better, bring them into school. If your child's high temperature continues for three days or more..... Seek medical advice.</p>
<p>Diarrhoea and Vomiting</p>  <p>Children can return to school 48 hours after the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting</p>	<p>Coughs and Colds</p>  <p>Children should be given paracetamol, plenty of fluids to drink and can be sent to school.</p> <p>If your child is asthmatic, remember they may need their blue Inhaler more often.</p>