



NEWSLETTER W/E 23rd January 2026

Dear Families,

As we settle into the new year, teachers have been planning their class trips for this term, so please ask about them in the parent meetings next Wednesday and Thursday after school. Parent meetings are important ways to share how your child is progressing, academically, and how they are learning, whether they experience the appropriate amount of struggle to learn, whether they learn from their mistakes or if it is too easy. Do book a slot, have a look at their books and talk to the teachers.

This week, the children have attended the BETT show at Excel to see robots in action and other digital developments. Whilst we cannot keep up with the pace of change, we can teach them to be safe, wise, discerning and think critically so that they are not victims of progress but use it to flourish. With this in mind, we need to update some of our policies and forms to stay vigilant and up to date. You may have noticed that we came off Twitter now X when it changed into X. We rarely use social media, and have engaged the Local Authority to support you as parents through workshops on this, especially with the growth of fake accounts and hate speech. Although staff may be using some aspects of AI to lessen curriculum workload, this is within our school rather than generative or open AI; this is done critically, and no personal details are ever shared, ensuring information stays safe at all times. The Department of Education has shared new information here [ai-opportunities-action-plan](#)



Have a restful weekend!

Mrs Smith & Mr Hall



Parent consultations

Wednesday 28th January

Thursday 29th January

Please sign up

DIARY DATES

February Half term: 16th -20th February
 Closed for Polling on 7th May



- Monday 26th January; Poetry Slam Y5
- Wednesday 28th January: Gardening Y1 & 2
- Monday 2nd February: Uber boat trip Y1
- Wednesday 4th February: Nursery open morning
- Monday 9th February: Safer internet day

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	Pupil of the week	Kindness leaves	Value of the week
Nursery	Ajaz Mia		Yusuf Kiera
Reception	Arisha M Jesmeen		Jordan Lorcan
Year 1	Maryam Amira	Maame Amira	Maryam Amira
Year 2	Daniyal Isaiah	Carter Noah	Khadija Istiyak
Year 3	Ehsan Armaan	Mohamoud Phong	Layla Hayden
Year 4	Brooklyn Alvin	Sharleez Isla	Simra Moriem
Year 5	Damilee Mehajabin	Damilee Jeremiah	Aamira Ariana
Year 6	Eshan Laiba	Khadija Aliya	Aliya Shaniya



WORSHIP FOCUS

John 1:19-42

John points to Jesus as the lamb of God; disciples follow Him.

Happy Birthday to:

No birthdays.



What do you think makes a person worth following or listening to?

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Our Cooking Club sessions have been full of enjoyment and valuable learning experiences. This week, the children took part in making a delicious and healthy fruit salad using bananas, apples and pears. They carefully peeled and chopped the fruit, developing their confidence, independence and practical life skills.

The children approached the activity with enthusiasm and pride, supporting one another and showing great perseverance when trying new skills. It was wonderful to see them engaged, focused and proud of what they achieved.

Some of the children shared their thoughts about the session:

- *Ela* , “I had fun making my fruit salad.”
- *Allen* , “I was nervous chopping the apples but I still did it.”
- *Alanta* , “I enjoyed cutting the apples.”



Cooking Club continues to be a fantastic opportunity for children to build confidence, learn safely and enjoy working together. We look forward to many more exciting sessions ahead.

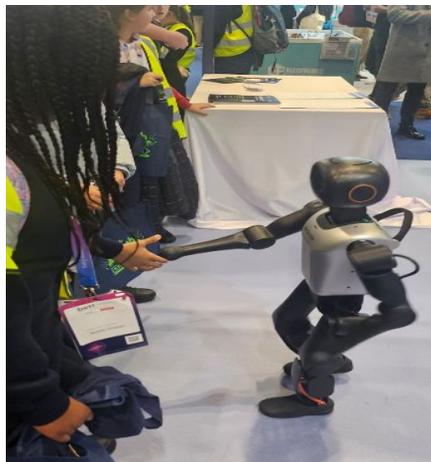
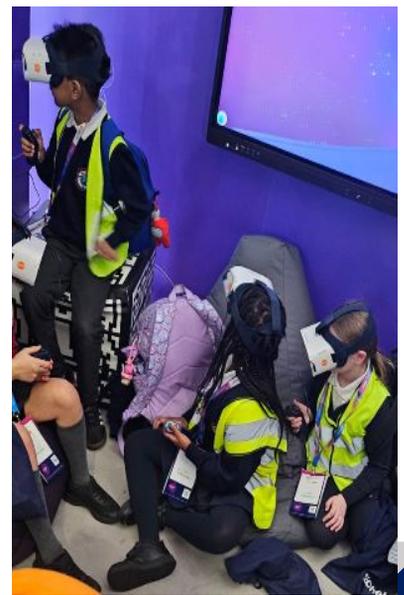
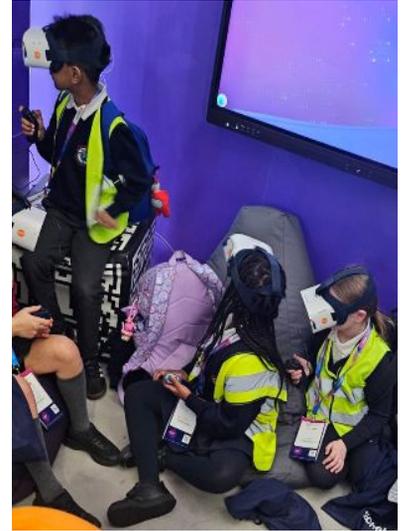
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Some of our children attended Bett at the ExCeL Centre, they had a truly inspiring and memorable experience. The visit offered a fantastic opportunity for pupils to explore the latest developments in educational technology, with a particular focus on the exciting ways artificial intelligence is being used to support learning in schools.

The children thoroughly enjoyed engaging with a wide range of interactive exhibits and digital tools, gaining valuable hands-on experience with emerging technologies.

They showed great curiosity, asked thoughtful questions, and were enthusiastic as they explored how AI can enhance creativity, problem-solving and learning in the classroom.



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VACCINATION UK

Dear Parent/Carer,

Next week will be the final opportunity for children to receive their flu vaccination through the school-aged vaccination service this flu season in Tower Hamlets.

If your child has not yet received their flu vaccine and you would like them to be vaccinated, please book an appointment at one of the remaining clinics as soon as possible.

Appointments can be booked online using the link below:

<https://london.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/book>

The flu vaccine helps protect children against flu and reduces the spread of infection to family members and the wider community.



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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/464848/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>