



Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to a new academic year and welcome to all our new parents who have joined us at Little Ellies this year. We hope your child's stay with us will be memorable and successful. We aim to provide education and social skills through a learning through play approach. Our staff team are working hard to ensure that the planning reflects the 7 areas of learning for the EYFS following the statutory framework. This September saw the final leg of the 30 hour working parent grant open for all children from 9 months onwards. This is available for all working parents who meet the criteria.

As we begin our new academic year, we have attached the diary dates for you. Please note that we have 2 more closedown days planned. One for Tuesday 6th January as we participate in the Newham Early Years conference and the final one for the financial year at the end of March. Please take note and ensure you have childcare arranged for all closedown days. Thank you.



[LITTLE ELLIES 2025-26 Diary dates](#)

Our Newsletter at the end of each month will give you a little insight into the events and the learning that takes place at Little Ellies. We also try to communicate any key information that can support you at home as we bring our new initiative of Home Learning to you as well as any training and workshops we feel will benefit our community. We are trying to get someone to lead on toilet training workshops for you all and will give you dates as soon as we have them available.

We will also be putting all notices on our noticeboards outside Little Ellies classrooms.



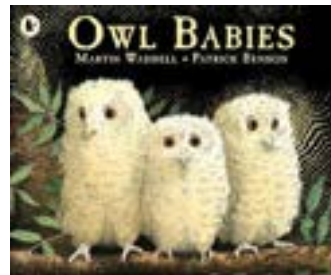
All parents should now have access to Evidence Me. All new parents will have received an email to register. Please download the app to ensure you get timely observation captures sent to you. Thank you.

Up & Out Week - Talking about jobs and careers!

Monday 20th October 2025 - Friday 24th October 2025

If you are able to spare us some time this week to talk about your profession with the children in a short workshop, please complete the google form which will be sent out shortly.

Teaching and Learning for this month



Our books of the month for September were the following:

Baby Room - 'all about me' by baby sparkle. This book is about children learning their body parts which fitted in nicely with the teaching and learning that has taken place in the toddler and preschool room.

Class 2 (toddlers) and Class 3 (preschool) - 'Owl Babies' by Martin Waddell and Patrick Benson. We felt that this book was perfect for this time of year as we have many children settling in to Little Ellies and as Autumn is almost upon us. Reading this book to our children, helps them to support their learning around families and our homes. Through these books we explored the theme all about me — where children have learnt similarities and differences between themselves. Children have also explored learning about different kinds of families and extended families. Children's vocabulary was further extended by learning and using descriptive language to express their thoughts and feelings. Our book of the month has allowed us to produce some beautiful work, which we always display around the nursery, captured in our observations and in our class learning journey book.

To help bring our book of the month to an end and to further stretch and challenge our children, we encourage parents to buy this book and take your child to your local park to talk about the habitat that owls live in. Go on an Autumnal walk and talk about changes in the environment.

Owl babies
By Martin Waddell

The story can be watched on YouTube if you do not have access to a physical book : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TPQRiSTYFHo>
Or why not enjoy it with the Book Trust bookfinder tool

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/storybooks-and-games/owl-babies/>

Read more stories centred around families here...

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/bookfinder/bookfinder-results/#!?cat=2555.2565&sortOption=Relevance&pageNo=1&pageSize=8>



Stay and Play

Our Stay & Play session is coming up. Come and join us as we explore all about personal, social and emotional development and Communication & Language.

Wednesday 8th October

Stay & Play 9.30am - 10.30am (AM) & 2pm to 3pm (PM) (Parent Event)



This will give you an opportunity to see how the routine of the nursery is, to have a closer look around your child's room and to observe your child with their peers and get busy with the fun. If this is not your child's normal session please indicate to a staff member if you will be attending the stay and play session on this day. Thank you

October

Book of the Month

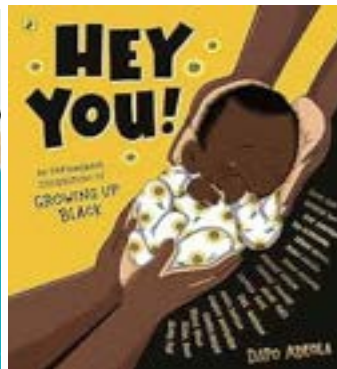
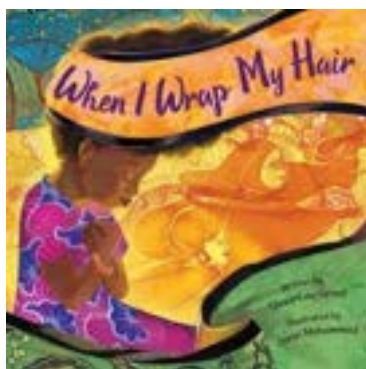
For the month of October our book of the month for all rooms (including babies) is *Handa's Surprise* by Eileen Browne. This book helps children to understand different cultures, how they live, what they do, which also helps with promoting British Values through Black History Month. We will also explore books by authors that explore culture and heritage throughout this month.



All through October - Black History Month (1st Oct - storytelling from Africa and beyond)

Events this month (October)

As part of being a multicultural setting please see some of the festivals and cultures in October that we will be celebrating; Black History Month, Harvest Festival and Halloween.



We will be having a Witches and Monsters Party on Wednesday 23rd October for the children, where we will be doing lots of learning around spooky stories. We are looking to host a whole day centred around language and storytelling. This will hopefully get our children excited to learn more about stories and characters, and inspire them to begin to tell their own stories.

Parent involvement - Home Learning Project

Get Involved

All About Me - Design a Family Tree

Dead line: Friday 24th October 2025

This term we want our parents to get involved in making a Family Tree with your child. You can do drawings/photos of your whole family or people that are special to you. Decorate it and make it memorable.

This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to share their learning. It allows children to build relationships with others, gives them the opportunity to look at similarities and differences, as well as appreciate and celebrate what makes them unique.

Applying for School Reception

Applying for Reception 2026 - We will be holding a face to face meeting (**Class 3 parents only**) for those parents that need support in applying for their child's reception place for September 2026 at Ellen Wilkinson Primary School.

If your child will turn 4 before 31st August 2026 then you will need to apply for a school place for them by 11.59pm on 15th January 2026. You can submit your child's application at www.eadmissions.org.uk

For more information please refer to Newham Council's website

<https://www.newham.gov.uk/schools-education/primary-school-admissions/1>

If your child has additional needs and you are looking for a resource provision school to support your child's SEND needs, please ask to speak to myself or Flutera.

Meeting for parents is on Wednesday 15th October 2025 at 2.30pm at Ellen Wilkinson Primary School and again at 4pm on Zoom. (You only need to attend one) (Zoom link will be emailed to relevant parents)

Staff Allocations & Rooms

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of our staff allocation for the new academic year.

Baby Room: Fiza Din and Maariyah Patel (Childcare Officers)

Toddler Room (Class 2): Flutera Hasani (Deputy Manager)

Sarah Wynter & Ferdowse Liza (Childcare Officers)

Preschool Room (Class 3): Shahnaj Sultana (Room Leader)

Elisabeta Likmeta, Sharon Greaves Mann & Tamzin Fish (Childcare Officers)

All children have been allocated to a key person. This information should be available outside each classroom. If you would like any information, please speak to one of the Little Ellies Room leaders or email us at childcare@ellenwilkinson.newham.sch.uk

Parent tips

10 Tips for Potty Training Your Child in 3 Days

1. Switch to underwear
2. Get your equipment ready in the bathroom
3. Show your child how to use the potty or toilet
4. Encourage your child to drink lots of liquids
5. Lead the way to the potty when they need to go
6. Check their pants frequently for dryness
7. Acknowledge accidents—don't scold or punish
8. Practice over and over again
9. Offer praise for potty successes
10. Eventually cut back on reminders and practice sessions.



Source: American Academy of Pediatrics, National Library of Medicine

Pampers

Toilet Training

Lots of our parents are at the stage where you are beginning this journey of toilet training. Here are a few tips to help and support you.

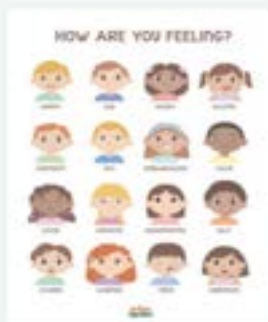
When your child is ready, they will tell you when they need to go to the toilet or are doing something in their nappy. As soon as children become aware that they are relieving themselves, that is usually the first indicator that they can begin training slowly.

Our Staff are always here to help you.

We also know children toilet train in each environment differently. We will always communicate how it is going at Nursery and what may need to be the next step for your child.

Parent workshops

Tuesday's @ 2pm at Ellen Wilkinson Primary School
Delivered by the Wellbeing In Newham Schools Team (WINS)



14/10/25 - Emotional regulation

Emotional regulation is the ability to adjust and manage energy levels, emotions, and alertness so that we are able to participate in activities that are both necessary and meaningful to us. This workshop will look at why emotional regulation is important, what may impact a child's ability to self-regulate and strategies you can use to support your child with emotional regulation.



A reminder that you can support Ellen Wilkinson Primary School to raise money for books!

Here's how it works: every time you shop online whether it's for groceries, gifts, clothes, or even booking a holiday 8,000+ retailers like Tesco, M&S, John Lewis, eBay, Argos, ASOS, Booking.com and many more will donate to us for FREE through easyfundraising! Yep, you heard that right - raise money just by shopping like usual!

It's quick, it's easy, and it's FREE just sign up here:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ellen-wilkinson-primary-school/> also look out for the QR codes in the playground. Thank you for your continued support!

Diary Dates

September 2025	
1st	CLOSEDOWN DAY (1) - Nursery closed to all children.
2nd	Start day for all existing children
3rd	Start day for all new children
24th	Rosh Hashanah - Jewish New Year
October 2025	
1st - 31st	Black History Month (1st Oct - storytelling from Africa and beyond)
8th	Stay & Play 9.30am - 10.30am (AM) & 2pm to 3pm (PM) (Parent Event)
20th	Diwali Celebration
22nd	Witches & Wizards Party
24th	Last day (term time/FEE only Children)
27th - 31st	Half Term Holidays (Children on funded or term time only contracts)

Please remember...

- To support us in keeping your child safe by signing your child in and out of Little Ellies daily (when dropping off and collecting your child).
- To call Little Ellies on **0207 511 1276** if your child will be absent.
- To put enough nappies, wipes and clothes (at least 3 sets of change) in your child's bag as we get very messy at nursery.
- Outdoors in all weathers: Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the cold weather including; wellie boots, coats, hats, scarves and umbrellas to ensure they can still access learning outdoors.
- If you collect your child late (after 6pm) there is a late fee. If a funded child is not collected by their allocated time we can go over our registered numbers, therefore, the fee is payable in all instances.
- To always check your emails as this is the main way we communicate with our parents.

If you have any questions, please note that you can call the setting on **0207 511 1276** and an appointment will be arranged for you to discuss any questions or concerns with the Room leaders or a member of the Management team. Thank you for taking the time to read over our newsletter. Please note Little Ellies is not in operation during bank Holidays. Thank you for choosing us as your daycare provider!

Kind Regards,
Sheleena Laskar (Manager)