



# ELLEN WILKINSON PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER 18 - 21st January 2026



Dear Parents & Carers,

**INSET day:** a reminder that Monday 26th January is an **INSET** day and the school will be **closed to all pupils**.

We are very excited at the progress our children are making across all phases and all areas of the curriculum. Our LA School Improvement Advisor spent the morning with us on Monday 19th January for her Spring visit. The focus areas of her visit were, Curriculum development, Leadership, Early Years, Attendance and Safeguarding. All areas were identified as strengths within the school. Some of her comments on areas of our provision are as follows:

**“Quality of Education:** *“EWPS meets all the criteria for good quality of education securely and consistently. In addition, the school’s curriculum intent and implementation is embedded securely and consistently across the school, supported by staff who have a firm and common understanding of what it means for their practice.”*

**“Behaviour and attitudes** *are exceptional. In addition to meeting securely and consistently all the criteria for good behaviour and attitudes, pupils at EWPS show consistently high levels of respect for others. They play a highly positive role through the JGB, pupil roles and embodiment of the school values, which are celebrated. Difference is valued and nurtured while bullying, harassment and violence are never tolerated.”*

Finally, the Newham Recorder recently published the list of its 10 highest and 10 lowest achieving primary schools. This story was updated on December 22 2025, to amend the list of the bottom ten schools, in which EWPS and nine others were wrongly listed. An apology was made and the list of the bottom 10 schools was published, which does not include EWPS. We remain a good school, where our attainment continues to be above national attainment.

Kind regards,  
**Mrs. Owen-Amadasun**  
Headteacher

## General Information

### Parent workshops

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



27/01/2026 - Child Anxiety

In this workshop, we will have a look at understanding what anxiety is as well as looking at what stops children from breaking out of this cycle. We will explain how you can help your child to manage their worries, along with encouraging your child to promote their independence and confidence so they are able to flourish. You will also learn some techniques your child can do in the moment of their anxiety to make them feel better.



**NHS**  
East London  
NHS Foundation Trust



The lost property boxes, located by the entrance to the hall, have become quite full and include a number of children's coats. If your child is missing any items of clothing, please do check the boxes this week at pick up. In order to ensure that lost property can be returned to the owner, please write your child's name and year group on their clothes items.

## Studybugs

A gentle reminder that absences should, in the first instance, be reported to school via the Studybugs app, or alternatively by contacting the school office. Year group emails should only be used for non urgent questions, which you have for your child's class teacher.

### Be Bright, Be Seen!

**As part of the 'Be Safe Be Seen' campaign this Spring, we will be selling fluorescent keyrings on Thursday 29th and Friday 30th for £1- to brighten up school bags and make our children more visible to all road users.**

They will be on sale during morning break time, in the school hall - cash only. The keyrings are bright and fun and include stars and footballs, emojis and also snap-bands to go around little arms and legs. Money raised will go towards safer travel and environmental projects in school.



*Miss Dains and Mr O'Dowd*

### JANUARY

Date	Time(s)	Year	Details
Thurs 22nd	2.45 pm	3L	Year 3 Lobster Sharing Assembly
27th - 31st	All week	All	Assessment Week
<b>Mon 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>All day</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS</b>
Wed 28th	9.15am -10.15am - NAM & Rec 2.15-3.15pm - NPM	N&R	EYFS Stay & Play

### FEBRUARY

2nd-6th	All week	All	Be Bright, Be Seen & Brighten Your Bag
Weds 4th	All day	All	Safer Internet Day
Thurs 5th	2.45 pm	2J	Year 2 Jellyfish Sharing Assembly
Fri 6th	Morning	1-6	Q2 Learning Fair
9th - 13th	All week	All	Cycle Reward Card Scheme
9th - 15th	All week	All	Children's Mental Health week
Thurs 12th	3.30 – 7 p.m.	All	Parents Evening
<b>16<sup>th</sup> – 20th</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>		
Thurs 26th	2.45 pm	2S	Year 2 Starfish Sharing Assembly

# Celebration Assembly

## House Winners (16th January 2026)



Every child is in one of our five houses.  
They can earn points for their house by showing our 5 school values and by supporting other children in the school.



Each week, the House with the most points becomes House of the Week and they have a star added to their chart in the hall.

The House with the most stars at the end of the year gets an afternoon at the park with ice lollies too!

**The House winners last week were:**

**Green House - Katherine Johnson**

## Stars of the week

	Katherine Johnson	Malala Yousafzai	Michael Rosen	Ade Adepitan	Marcus Rashford
	Inspire	Respect	Successful	Resilient	Heard & Cared For
Guppy 1	Aleigha Rae	Dorcas	Yusuf Syed	Hafez	Liyanah
Guppy 2	Emily	Aidenas	Leo	Kylah	Olivia Rae
Lionfish	Akaya	Dylan	Jayden	Muneer	Manha
Clownfish	Konstantin	James	Kristian	Amira	Bilal
Jellyfish	Christiana	Mekai	Aleeza	Angel	Joniah
Starfish	Raima	Caua	Iannis	Alexander	Khalid
Turtle	Matondo	Kayaan	Rada	Ziyarah	Tilly
Lobster	Bliss	Daniel	Safeeya	Avery	Keyaan
Octopus	Arham	Sehajnad	Hadassah	Sameel	Ariya
Seahorse	Natan	Esther	Charisa	Kulsumah	Alex
Stingray	Iqra	Emily	Emilis	Sonny	Reece
Dolphin	Karolis	Jibrail	Rida	Victoria	Anderson
Shark	Aroush	Maya	Albie	Nikita	Samarah
Whale	Montana	Emilijus	Mariana	Rexhep	Eric

## Work of the week

Year	Child	Context of work
Rec	Assen	For trying his best and writing about Mae Jemison
1	Tamjeed	For working independently in maths to add and subtract.
2	Ayaan Ali	For his beautiful presentation of number lines within Maths lessons this week.
3	Safeeya	For her constant effort and dedication to improve her handwriting in English.
4	Ayana	For taking her time to create a collage in Art
5	Khalid	For writing the continuation of the chapter in the style of the author
6	Sumaiya	For demonstrating a variety of stitches on binca.

## Certificates

Certificate	Class	Who?
TTRS Support Act (Under 5 seconds)	Turtle Lobster	Matondo Sofia
TTRS Headliner (Under 4 seconds)	Seahorse	Dominik
TTRS Rock Stars (Under 3 seconds)	Lobster	Kayla

## Special Mentions

Who	Reason
Turtle class	For their brilliant performance in our class assembly! Miss Burchell and Miss Davison were very proud of all the hard work and effort they put in to learn their lines and the song.

## Learning Tips

### Maths

**Times tables are crucial in maths as they are the building blocks for more complex operations and concepts within Maths.**

Being able to recall times tables knowledge fluently (with speed), frees up working memory and boosts confidence.



TTRS is a great way to improve times table knowledge and fluency. Encourage your child to make use of TTRS for 5-10 minutes each day.

### English



**Reading at home is one of the best ways for your child to improve their writing, vocabulary and grammar.**

It is also fantastic for our mental health! We recommend reading at home with your child, for at least 10-15 minutes each day. Short, regular practice will build a strong reading foundation for your child and it is also good bonding.

## Community, Wellbeing and Support

### London Youth Games Newham Cricket Team Trials

**Attend a trial for Team Newham's London Youth Games Cricket team**

**When:** 27th January from 5.30 - 7.30pm!

**Where:** Newham Leisure Centre, 281 Prince Regent Lane, London E13 8SD

To represent Newham at the London Youth Games children must either live in Newham or attend a Newham school. The London Youth Games Cricket is Year 8 and under for boys and Year 10 and under for girls.

**To book a space in the trial please email [mahbubul.alam@gll.org](mailto:mahbubul.alam@gll.org)**



### **Our Newham: Empowering residents and businesses with confidential advice and support**

Our Newham is the council's service exclusively for Newham residents supporting you across five programmes: Money, Work, Business & Enterprise, Learning & Skills and Youth.

From helping residents maximise their income and kickstarting career journeys to supporting local businesses and start-ups, find out how Our Newham can help give you the boost you need at: [www.newham.gov.uk/ournewham](http://www.newham.gov.uk/ournewham) or **come and visit us at 112-118 The Grove, E15 1NS**

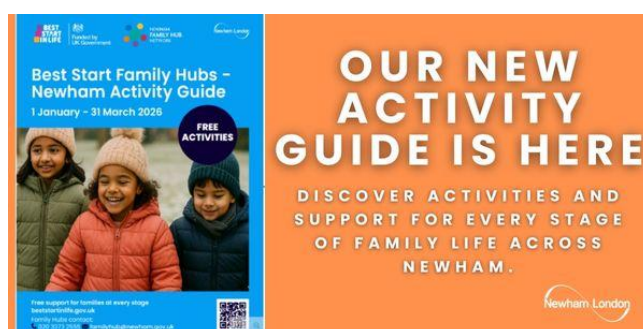


### **Newham's children's services rated outstanding in all areas**

Ofsted has rated Newham's Children's Services as 'outstanding' across all areas, following an inspection last year. They noted those in care and those who are care leavers receive excellent support and benefit from very stable relationships with their workers who know them extremely well.

This is an opportunity to remind you that if you are worried about a child, please contact the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub on 0303 373 4600.

**[Read more about the report's findings >](#)**



Newham's Family Hubs are excited to share their brand-new Family Hubs Activity Guide, bringing together everything that's happening across Newham in one easy-to-use place.

The guide is packed with activities, sessions and support for children, young people, parents and carers – from stay and play sessions and parenting support, to youth activities, wellbeing groups and more.

Whether families are looking to try something new, meet others in their community or get extra support, there's something for everyone.

Please click the link below to find out more.

**<https://families.newham.gov.uk/kb5/newham/directory/family.page?familychannel=1>**