



Dear Parents & Carers,

Year 3 Class assemblies: It has been very rewarding watching the two year three (Lobster and Turtle) class assemblies this month. The turnout of over 70 parents between both assemblies was also very encouraging. The children showcased their learning with such confidence and passion. Thank you to all parents for your consistent support and to the Year 3 team for their dedication to see our children shine.

26th January Staff Inset: We held our whole school staff inset (training/workshop) on Monday 26th January. The morning session was led by our Educational Psychologist, Dr LeMarra Williamson, from the Local Authority. Her key training was on Cognitive Psychology in the Classroom, which enables all teaching staff to support children to become confident independent learners.

The afternoon workshop was led by Gareth Morewood, an Honorary Research Fellow at the University of Manchester (sponsored by the DfE /LA) focusing on inclusive practices for young people. His key training was based on all school staff understanding the 'Impact of Stress on Behaviour using Low Arousal Approaches' to increase engagement in and out of the classroom. Both sessions will inform our pedagogy and approach to teaching our ever vibrant community of children.

We look forward to '**Be Bright, Be Seen**' next week! Please see below for more details.

Kind regards

Mrs. Owen-Amadasun
Headteacher

General Information

COURTESY NOTICE from THAMES WATER - WORKS IN TOLLGATE RD, LONDON E6 5UP

Thames Water works are scheduled to take place from **Friday 30th January through to Monday 2nd February**.

The works are being carried out to complete district meter exchange works, which are used to monitor water pressure and detect leakage across the wider area.

During this period, there will be a **temporary closure of the eastbound bus stop located just outside the school on Tollgate Road**, which may impact travel arrangements for our pupils and families.

Please make reasonable adjustments with your travel plan and time so you can still get to school on time.

Be Bright, Be Seen!

As part of the 'Be Safe Be Seen' campaign this Spring, we will be selling fluorescent keyrings tomorrow, Thursday 29th and on 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

Parent workshops

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

10/02/2026 - Sleep



Sleep is important for children's development. This workshop will look at what happens if children do not get enough sleep, how to improve sleep and develop a bedtime routine. You will also learn how to help children to create a sleep hygiene which consists of good habits for effective sleep.



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UPCOMING DIARY DATES

FEBRUARY

Date	Time(s)	Year	Details
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
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
16th – 20th	HALF TERM		
Thurs 26th	2.45 pm	2S	Year 2 Starfish Sharing Assembly

March

Date	Time(s)	Year	Details
w/b 2nd	All week	All	Poetry Week
w/b 2nd	10.30 – 10.45	R-6	Mother's Day gifts on sale (charity fundraiser) - all week.
Thurs 5th	All day	All	World Book Day
9th-13th	N/A	R-6	Science week
Thurs 12th	2.45 pm	1C	Year 1 Clownfish Sharing Assembly
Thurs 19th	2.45 pm	1L	Year 1 Lionfish Sharing Assembly
23rd-2nd April	All week	All	Big Walk and Wheel
Fri 27th	N/A	ALL	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL. SCHOOL FINISHES AT NORMAL TIME

Mon 30th - 2nd April	8.25 - 12.00	Y6	Easter Booster - Year 6
30th-10th (April)	N/A	ALL	EASTER HOLIDAYS

Celebration Assembly

House Winners (23rd 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	Anna	Alexei	Tajus	Hadi	Emma
Guppy 2	Astera	Sanyukta	Arisha	Aiden	Diana
Lionfish	Aaliyah	Lavinia	Raysa	Daniel	Jeevith
Clownfish	Beatrice	David	Sael	Elizabeth	Bilal
Jellyfish	Andrea V	Aron	Jemimah	Alexandra	Evelyne
Starfish	Dragos	Zaara	Anastasia	Khalid	Mayla
Turtle	Zoe	Lucian	Sophia	Layla	Fisola
Lobster	Zara V	Lukas	Aurora	Bliss	Zahra M
Octopus	Arham	Darius	Alex	Rohaam	Elsie
Seahorse	Adam	Zoya K	Natan	Ibraheem	Lohith
Stingray	Haris	Nefeli	Kevinas	Kevin	Meta
Dolphin	Musa	Spencer	Safeerah	Tope	Sofia
Shark	Fionel	Luca	Diana	Lucia	Lakin
Whale	Ryan	Matas	Blessing	Natalie	Liepa

Work of the week

Year	Child	Context of work
Rec	Hudson	For sharing his knowledge about cities with the class.
1	Gaia	For her excellent sentences in English.
2	James	For his excellent work in RE this week.
3	Louisa	For writing a letter to the BFG summarising the main events in the story and sharing her opinion using conjunctions.
4	Noah	For creating fantastic, expressive dialogue in his playscript.
5	Frankie	For listening and challenging opposing points during our debate on deforestation.
6	Samarah	For demonstrating strong control of the wet-on-wet technique to create a background inspired by Hilma af Klint.

Certificates

Certificate	Class	Who?
TTRS Wannabe (Over 10 seconds)	Lobster	Marnie
TTRS Garage Rocker (Under 10 seconds)	Lobster	Safeeya
TTRS Support Act (Under 5 seconds)	Lobster	Adam
TTRS Headliner (Under 4 seconds)	Seahorse Jellyfish Dolphin Stingray	Ayana Anastasia Deborah Adomas
TTRS Rock Stars (Under 3 seconds)	Turtle Seahorse	Lucian Charisa
TTRS Rock Legends (Under 2 seconds)	Lobster Dolphin Stingray	Kayla Musa Khalid
TTRS Rock Hero (Under 1 second)	Stingray	Harry
Lexia	Turtle Seahorse	Bryson - Level 6 Ahmad - Level 7 Amina - Level 6

Special Mentions

Who	Reason
Year 3 - Lobster	A big well done for your amazing assembly performance yesterday — you were confident, clear, and absolutely fantastic. Mrs Willis is extremely proud of you!

Learning Tips

Maths



Multiplication & Division

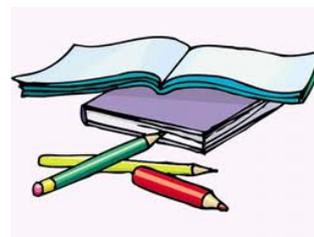
Below are some activity ideas to support your child in learning their times tables (and related division facts).

- Array Builder – use LEGO or building blocks to create arrays for multiplication and visually explore rows \times columns.
- Times Table Treasure Hunt – hide cards with multiples of a number around the house; child finds them and arranges in order.
- Division Cooking – bake something together and divide ingredients into portions, then explain division as sharing.
- Skip Counting Hopscotch – draw numbers in multiples of 2, 3, 5, or 10; jump and say the sequence aloud.
- Multiplication Story Challenge – create short stories like “5 cats have 4 toys each, how many toys total?” and solve them with pictures.

English

Adults' attitudes toward reading and writing influence children's perception of the value of these skills. Having your child observe you while reading a book or magazine and while writing a thank you note or email to a friend helps to establish a recognition that reading and writing are useful and positive parts of everyday life.

Be sure to explain why you are reading and writing to your child. For example, to learn about a topic you are interested in or to entertain yourself with a funny story or to thank someone for their kindness. Children need to understand the value and purpose of the actions of reading and writing; knowing the why helps them be more motivated to read and write themselves.



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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 or **come and visit us at 112-118 The Grove, E15 1NS**

Back to school - 5 things we can all do to help manage winter illness

As children and young people return to school, it's important to be aware of the winter illnesses currently circulating. A few simple habits can help keep children, families and classrooms healthy.

Below is a link to a blog which contains key public health messages on: staying home when unwell, hand hygiene, catching coughs and sneezes, getting vaccinated, and using NHS resources for more information about winter illnesses. Let's do all we can to have a happy and healthy Spring Term.

<https://ukhsa.blog.gov.uk/2023/01/05/back-to-school-5-things-to-do-to-help-manage-winter-illness/>



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Tackling Fatherhood

Creating a safe space for fathers and children to connect



In partnership with West Ham United Foundation, join us for a new weekly programme bringing fathers and children together through football and honest conversation; fostering healthy family relationships.

What To Expect

Hour 1: Fathers and Children play football together, guided by experienced coaches

Half-Time Food and Drinks Break

Hour 2: Children head off to play while fathers come together to talk all things parenthood in a relaxed, supportive space guided by peer fathers.

Tackling Fatherhood uses the power of football to make conversations about fatherhood more accessible, real, and relevant.

Play. Connect. Talk.
Because fatherhood matters.

Dates: Saturday February 7th - 27th March 2026 (8 Week Programme, every Saturday)

When: 09:00am - 11:00am

For: Fathers and Children

Address: West Ham United Foundation,
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