



Little Ellies January 2026



Dear Parents & Carers,

Thank you for your amazing support as we start 2026. We have a clear focus on the things we want to achieve this year including hosting **parent workshops** on maths development, communication & language strategies, home learning ideas, potty training and oral health.

The upcoming dates are:

- Monday 9th March - Early Communication (led by Sarah & Elisabeta)
- Monday 16th March - Home Learning Environment (led by Fiza)
- Monday 20th April - Becoming a Maths Champion (led by Tamzin)
- Monday 11th May - Potty Training (Maariyah & Flutera)
- Monday 18th May - Oral Health & Keeping Healthy (Ferdowse)

These sessions will take place at 2.30pm and should be no longer than 20 minutes
We hope to film our sessions so that we can upload them onto our website.

Reporting Absence

It has come to our notice that absence is not being reported by calling the setting or emailing. We are often having to leave the room to make these calls when a child has not attended their session. This has implications for ratio and cover. **Please can we request all parents to call us on 020 7511 1276 on the morning your child is absent and ensure you have spoken to a member of staff. This must be done each day they are absent,** as we have a duty of care to ensure all attendance is being monitored and effective support is put in place to actively engage with families to establish good routines for children. This is also now one of the main criterias for the new Ofsted Inspection process and we want to ensure we can successfully overcome barriers and nurture good attendance. **Alternatively**, please email us at childcare@ellenwilkinson.newham.sch.uk

New Menus

This September the new EYFS Nutrition Guidance document was launched by the DfE. We now have a duty of care to ensure that we are following this guidance. Keeping this in mind, our expert nutritionist Peter Sawula, the catering provider Juniper and the Early Start Nutritionist Team Edwina & Georgia have all teamed together to help create a menu that is both nutritious and balanced. **Please see attached menus.**

Stars of the Week

The staff at Little Ellies would like to introduce Stars Of The Week as a way of celebrating some of the achievements that are made here at Little Ellies.

Look out on our board to see who it will be each week.



It has been a year of losing one of our most esteemed colleagues Saidat. She passed away suddenly last year in January. We will send out details of how we are looking to continue her hard work and legacy of charity.

Teaching and Learning this month

January's Books of the Month

Babies	Toddlers	Pre School
We're Going on a Bear Hunt		

A quick update on our learning this month...



We have been reading our book of the month and looking at our environment around us. What do we see? Grass, mud, forest and our pond on the site.



February's Books of the Month

Babies	Toddlers	Pre School
You're my little Cuddle Bug	When I am Feeling Kind	Big Book of LOVE

February Events

Events this month

Become a Storyteller... - Every Friday

This month we really want to encourage our young children to read and have story related conversations... **every Friday 9am to 10am - come and join us**

Chinese New Year Celebrations - Stay & Play 2pm - 3pm

Wednesday 11th February & Thursday 12th February 2pm - 3pm

This stay and play we will be looking at Chinese culture and the story of the Chinese new year race. This year is the year of the horse. Come and join in the fun.

Nursery Diary Dates

February 2026	
11th	Chinese New Year Celebrations & Stay & Play 2pm to 3pm (Parent Event)
13th	Last day (term time/FEE only Children)
16th - 20th	Half Term Holidays (Children on funded or term time only contracts)
23rd	Start date (term time/FEE only Children)
23rd	Shrove Tuesday celebration

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. Thank you for choosing us as your daycare provider!

Kind Regards,
Sheleena Laskar
(Manager)