



ELLEN WILKINSON PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER 23 - 4th March 2026



Dear Parents & Carers,

Congratulations to our year 5 pupil, Nicola Balova, who has qualified as one of 6 gymnasts at grade 7 level, to represent England in the British Gymnastic Championships to be held in Newcastle later this year. As Nicola consistently and passionately attends daily training at her private gymnastic club, she continues to win many medals and cups both individually and as part of the team. We join with her family to wish her every success on her way to the national team.



Healthy Schools Streets update

Please be advised that the Healthy Schools Streets start date has been postponed to **16th March 2026**.

Mother's Day gifts

Mother's day gifts will be on sale from next week (wb 9th March) at break times. Gifts will range from 50p to £5 and we will only be accepting cash.

World Book Day - we will be celebrating World Book Day as a school on Thursday 5th March 2026. We would like to encourage children to dress up as their favourite book character for the day. We will be taking part in World Book Day activities and creating a token to enter into a World Book Day competition! We will be listening to different adults read to the children and there will also be the opportunity for children swapping classes to read to each other. It will be a lovely day where we can all share our passion for reading together. If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher or Mrs Blaker.

Kind regards,

Janice Owen-Amadasun (Headteacher)

General Information

Children's Mental Health Week 2026

Just before the half term break, children from across the school celebrated Children's Mental Health week. The theme was 'This is my place' and the children explored their sense of belonging, as well as things they can do to ensure others feel they belong too! This was through discussions during class and key stage assemblies, as well as creating class mosaics of belonging during their weekly wellbeing session (some examples of which you can see below).



Thank you to all the children and their families who took part in our 'Wear it Bright' day, on Tuesday 10th February. All of the children looked amazing in their colourful clothes, raising money for a healthier and happier community. Some pupils even created their own t-shirt design, spreading words of positivity and encouragement.

Your donations helped us raise an amazing £305.77 As previously mentioned, this money will go to the Central and North West London NHS Health Charity. It is one of the largest providers of children's mental-health and community services in the country. They fund projects that improve health and wellbeing - helping children, young people and families access the support, care and treatment they need to live well. Fundraisers like this make the charity's work possible.



Thank you for your ongoing support!
Miss Feeney

Diary dates

MARCH			
Date	Timings	Year	Details
w/b 2nd	All week	All	Poetry Week
Thurs 5th	All day	All	World Book Day
w/b 9th	10.30 – 10.45	R-6	Mother's Day gifts on sale (charity fundraiser)
9th-13th	N/A	R-6	Science week
23rd-2nd April	All week	All	Big Walk and Wheel
Fri 27th	-	ALL	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL. SCHOOL FINISHES AT NORMAL TIME Easter Holidays - 30th March - 10th April
Mon 30th - 2nd April	8.25 - 12.00	Y6	Easter Booster - Year 6
APRIL			
Mon 13th	8.45 am	N-6	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
Wb 13th	All week	All	Geography Bee
Thurs 16th	2.45 pm	1C	Year 1 Clownfish Sharing Assembly
Thurs 23rd	2.45 pm	1L	Year 1 Lionfish Sharing Assembly
Tues 28th	2:15pm	Year 1	Phonics Screening Meeting
Weds 29th	See details column	N&R	EYFS Stay & Play 9.15-10.15am Nursery AM & Rec / 2.15-3.15pm Nursery PM
Thurs 30th	2.45 pm	G1	Guppy 1 Sharing Assembly

Please note change of dates:

Year 1 Class Assemblies

Due to a clash with our drumming workshop and Eid potentially falling on the original dates, we are moving Year 1 class assemblies to:

- **Clownfish Assembly - Thursday 16th April 2.45pm**
- **Lionfish Assembly - Thursday 23rd April 2.45pm**

Mother's day gifts

Gifts will be on sale week beginning 9th March.

Celebration Assembly

House Winners (27th February 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

Special Mentions

Who	Reason
Hafez - Guppy 1	Goodbye and good luck to Hafez who leaves EWPS today for a new school!
Starfish	For their fantastic assembly yesterday. I am so proud of how quickly you learned your lines and how confidently you performed.

Work of the week


Year	Child	Context of work
Rec	Idris	For brilliant explanations in PSHE
1	Janaya	For writing fabulous, extended sentences in her English lessons this week.
2	Christina	For her excellent work in maths this week.
3	Filippos	For his consistent effort to improve his handwriting.
4	Toby	Writing an emotive narrative in English.
5	Evelina	For asking challenging question in Science
6	Abeera	For brilliantly expressing the thoughts of a character in English.

Certificates

Certificate	Class	Who?
TTRS Wannabe (Over 10 seconds)	Turtle	Ismail
TTRS Breakthrough Artist (Under 6 seconds)	Lobster Clownfish	Safeeya Elizabeth
TTRS Rock Legends (Under 2 seconds)	Turtle	Adam
TTRS Rock Hero (Under 1 second)	Dolphin	Helen
Lexia	Jellyfish Starfish Lobster	Aron Level 2 Markas Level 2 James Level 1 Daniel Level 14

	Turtle Dolphin Stingray	Jokubas Level 2 Chaslyn Level 9 Emilis Level 17
Pen License	Whale	Eric

Stars of the week

	Katherine Johnson	Malala Yousafzai	Michael Rosen	Ade Adepitan	Marcus Rashford
	Inspire	Respect	Successful	Resilient	Heard & Cared For
Guppy 1	Dorcas	Adil	Hafez	Anna	Karel
Guppy 2	Emily	Soaib	Leo	Amalia	Bohdan
Lionfish	Nuh	Danielius	Aaliyah	Akaya	Liyana
Clownfish	Tamjeed	Patricia	Serai	Matteo	Idris
Jellyfish	Ayaan	Aayat	Aleeza	Bailey	Aron
Starfish	Reggie	Ema	Yehor	Alexander	Damian
Turtle	Ziyarah	Safa	Rada	Bartholomew	Zara
Lobster	Sofia	Ayyub	Anna	Ryan	Otilia
Octopus	Zakariyya	Darjaan	Sameel	Yousuf	David
Seahorse	Layla	Musa	Paula	Zaki	Ayana
Stingray	Ridwan	Robert	Sophia	Eliora	Lillian
Dolphin	Sakibur	Helen	Aida	Musa	Karolis
Shark	Ayden	Denista	Maya	Jessica	Zain
Whale	Zain	Yahya	Ibrahim	Mariana	Ryan

Learning Tips



Bug Club

To encourage our children to continue to develop their love of reading, as well as develop their comprehension, fluency and language development, we would like to remind you of the Bug Club platform, which is available to all of our children, from Reception to Year 6.

Bug Club has over 500 finely levelled, interactive e-books, which children can access at home, if they have an internet connection.

Each child has a unique homepage and can log into it by following these steps:

1. Go to www.activelearnprimary.co.uk
2. Enter login details.
3. Your child's homepage will appear.

A link is also available on the school website, on the useful links



page of the 'Learning Zone'. Each child has their own login details - please speak to your child's class teacher if you do not have them. Our school code is: s169

Books will be allocated to your child according to their reading levels and will appear in the 'My Stuff' area of their personal homepages.

Throughout the books there are quiz questions for your child to complete. To answer a question, just click on the bug icon. Your child does not need to finish all the quiz questions in one sitting and can come back to a book later. When your child has finished all the quiz questions in a book, he or she will earn 'Active Learn Coins'. By reading more books, your child will earn enough coins to choose a reward. The answers to the quiz questions will be sent back to our teacher site so that we can see how your child is progressing. We will also be able to assign more books for your child to read if the virtual book bag is running low. When your child has finished a book, it will move to 'My Library'. Children can read these books again if they want to, or they can choose new books from 'My Stuff'.

Please do encourage your child to read the books allocated to them on Bug Club. If you have any questions, or need assistance with logging on, please do speak to your child's class teacher.

Community, Wellbeing and Support

NEWHAM CITIZEN SCIENCE FAIR 2026!!!

A free, friendly festival of knowledge for everyone.



Saturday 28th March , 11am to 5pm

**Royal Docks Center for Sustainability,
4-6 University Way, London E16 2RD**

**To register scan the QR code or visit:
<https://bit.ly/3ZcyFyt>**



Supported by:



Registrations are open for the Fair taking place at University of East London, on Saturday 28th March 2026 from 11am to 5pm.

Join in the demonstrations, review the exhibits, listen and engage with the presenters and provide encouragement to young people doing the flash talks. Join the general discussions, network, share your views and go on the UEL tours.

You can find out more information and book your free ticket here:

<https://newham-citizen-science-fair.uk/about/>

Measles outbreak in London: how to protect your child



UK Health Security Agency

Why should you get vaccinated?

“ It's never too late to catch up with your routine vaccinations. Speak to your GP practice to arrange an appointment. ”

Dr Tehseen Khan, LONDON GP

There is currently a serious outbreak of suspected measles cases across London.

Measles is a very contagious virus that makes people feel sick with a high fever, cough, runny nose, and sore, watery eyes. It also causes a red or brown blotchy rash that spreads over the body. It can lead to serious problems if it spreads to other parts of the body, such as the lungs or brain.

That's why children, especially, need to be protected with a vaccination. If your child has not had both shots of the MMR vaccine, they could get measles.

And it's not just children, if you get measles when you're pregnant, it could harm your baby.

[Learn about childhood vaccines, and why your child should have them >](#)



CURIOUS BY NATURE

Beckton Roots & Boots

Woodland Volunteering Session

Saturday 7 March
10am-1pm

Meet at Will Thorne Pavilion Car Park

Join us for a day of volunteer woodland improvement and restoration activities including coppicing hazel, laying woodchip and improving our deadhedge.

BOOK FOR FREE VIA OUR WEBSITE

www.curiousbynaturelondon.co.uk/book-now

Illustration by Matt Forthing

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No experience necessary!

We welcome individuals who love nature, enjoy physical activity outdoors, want to improve their local park or just want to meet other locals and learn some new skills. This session is aimed at adults; however, we can accommodate a small number of children upon request. This project is funded by the Mayor of London, [Green Roots Fund](#).

Free session, booking required. **Sign up via the link below:**

<https://www.curiousbynaturelondon.co.uk/book-now/p/woodland-volunteering-mar-2026>



ANKH PLACE CIC Presents...

BECKTON COMMUNITY CENTRE PEACE & HEALING GARDEN

**JOIN US EVERY FRIDAY FROM
3:30PM – 5:30PM**

Join us for the next few Fridays at 3:30 PM at the Beckton Community Garden **from Friday, 6th March,**
with Katie Blake & Olivene Howell:

- Supporting us to tidy the Peace & Healing Garden
- Indoor and outdoor planting of seeds, herbs, fruits and vegetables
- Small tree planting
- Supporting our Bug Hotel made by Families with **Simon Reddicyffe**
- Putting up the gazebo and setting out the furniture



Register Here

... and MORE! All FREE!!!



Beckton Community Centre
14 East Ham Manor Way, E6 5NG

