



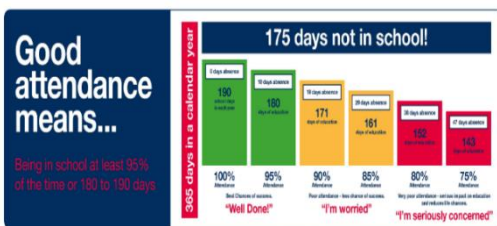
Dates for the Diary

Spring Term

- Monday 18th May** – School Nurse Advice Session 8:30-9:10am
 - Thursday 21st May** – Chicken Day – school meal
 - Friday 22nd May** – Last day of term
 - Monday 25th May** – Bank Holiday (school closed)
 - Tuesday 26th to Friday 29th May** – School holidays
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- Monday 1st June** – First day back for children 8:30am
 - Friday 5th June** – Nursery closed due to Open Day for new intake
 - Monday 8th June** – Phonics Screening Week
 - Thursday 11th June** – Class/group/family photos
 - Friday 12th June** – Nursery Number Day
 - Friday 26th June** – Reception early closure at 12:30 – collect via Rockwell Road entrance only
 - Friday 26th June** – Year 1 to 6 Sports Day (weather permitting)

“Compassionomics”

The 'practice of caring' and is about everyone having a person (adult or child) that they spend at least 40 seconds speaking to each day to find out more about them. It makes people feel seen and heard. Really relevant on today of all days where we wear green to support mental health.



Congratulations to the classes with 96%+ attendance.

Dear Parent/Carer,

Resilience, Preparation, Motivation – three of our school values that were epitomised by our Year 6 cohort this week. The annual KS2 SATs which all children in Year 6 across the country have to take if they are working at age-related expectations took place this week.

Our Year 6s took this in their stride. Mrs Springford noted, “... this week you wouldn't have even known that it has been SATs week. The atmosphere has been wonderfully calm... It has also been a pleasure to walk into school in the morning and see the children running around playing in the playground.” The confidence that they displayed was just; they have been working their socks off - as have their dedicated teaching staff. That dedication also came in the form of providing breakfast each morning for the children. I wonder if the team realised that by providing this safe, space for the children to collaborate and congregate they were also enabling the following to happen.

Breakfast jump-starts the metabolism in the morning. Getting the metabolism working early helps burn calories throughout the day. Skipping breakfast tells your body to conserve, rather than burn, extra calories. Without breakfast the body is effectively running on empty, like trying to start a car with no petrol in the tank!

Breakfast balances blood sugar levels.

Eating in the morning breaks the overnight fast, replenishes glucose (blood sugar) and other essential nutrients to keep energy levels up during the day. Breakfast stimulates the brain.

Eating breakfast helps concentration. Stable blood sugar levels can help the ability to focus, reason, and process information and improve productivity. The brain needs energy to work at its best.

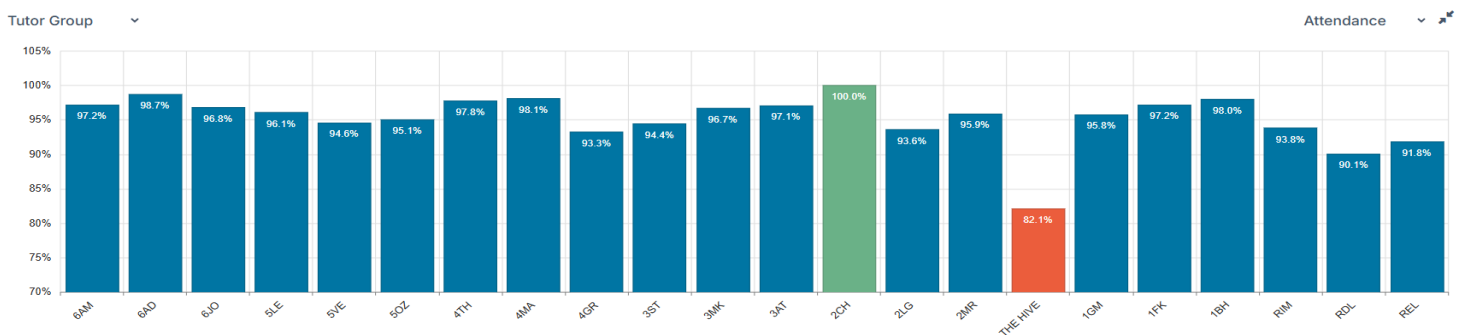
Today, the school turned from **red** to **green** as we demonstrated our support for mental health week. Action is this year's theme for Mental Health Awareness Week because, while awareness is vital, real change comes when we take action too. Click the link and spin the spinner.








<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/our-work/public-engagement/mental-health-awareness-week/take-action>

Practise “Compassionomics” this weekend and beyond.
Michael Kaitell, Headteacher

Attendance Matters



Team Points**Uniform Shop Date****TEAM POINTS**

	Tigers	275
	Bears	281
	Wolves	450
	Sharks	363
	Komodo Dragon	411

School uniform can be purchased from 3:00-4:00pm
in the dining hall on the following dates:



Wednesday 10th June

Wednesday 24th June

Gold Award Debit Card Recipients

Each week we publish any recipients of the new Gold Award Debit Card.

Gold Award Recipients

Name	Class
Alahando Durac	5LE
Fabritio	5VE
Jaxon Shafi	4TH
Zaeem Alam	4TH
Fouzia Musha	3MK
Zaydon Uraj	3MK
Ehiowoicho Ikwuje	RIM
Obama Vaduva	4MA

Parent/Carer Handbook

Scan the QR code or visit <https://sway.cloud.microsoft/BeyF4UIXJ7IWwlv?ref=Link>



School Uniform

School uniform can be purchased from 3:00-4:00pm in the dining hall. The dates vary throughout the year.

In a hope to reduce the cost of school uniform, from September, you will have the option to purchase iron-on badges for plain white polo shirts and plain red jumpers. Badges will cost £1.20 and should make uniform more affordable.

Uniform can also be purchased online: www.schooluniformdirect.org.uk/schools/product-category/schools-and-clubs/hunters-hall-primary/

Or Telephone: 01992 763679 / Email: info@schooluniformdirect.org.uk



Parent Hub

We would like all parents/carers to join us on Parent Hub.

Parent Hub is a FREE app that helps keep you up to date with what's going on at school. You'll receive messages, pictures, documents and newsletters, all in one handy place.



1. Download the Parent Hub app from your app store (iPhone or Android).
2. Create yourself an account.
3. Choose "Add a School" and enter:

@HuntersHallPS

How to translate messages in the Parent Hub app (guidance for schools)

In the app, parents just tap the 'translate' button in the bottom right of a message.

This applies to old messages, as well as new ones.

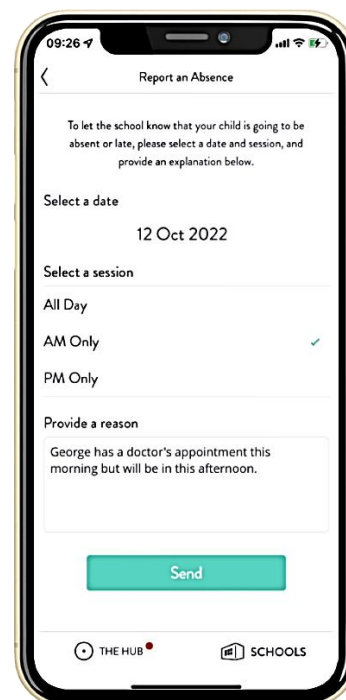
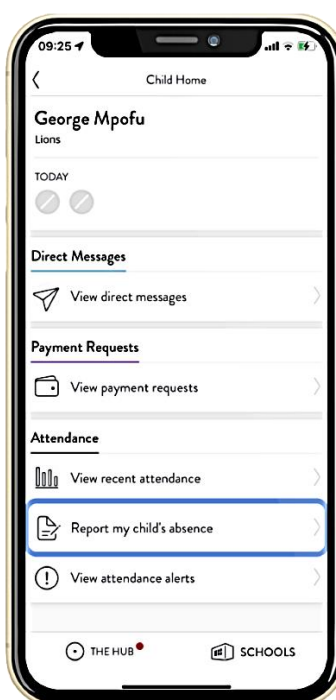
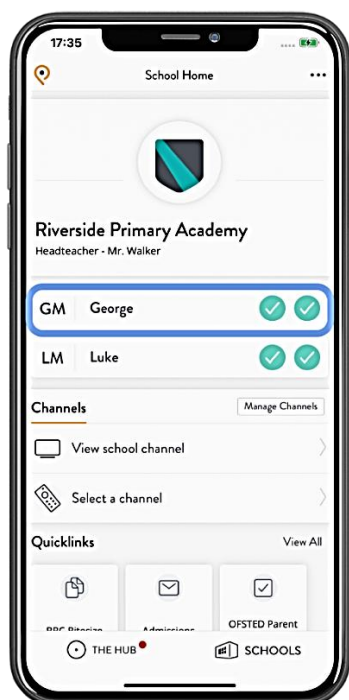
link below for a useful guide.

<https://support.parenthub.co.uk/hc/en-us/articles/6172951020689-How-to-translate-messages-in-the-Parent-Hub-app>

To find out more, click the



Reporting absence



Uniform Reminder & PE Days 2025-2026

During the course of this academic year, we are phasing out some of our school uniform in an effort to make it more affordable for our parent body.

Our school uniform provider now sells school badges for £1.20 so that you are able to purchase plain white polo shirts/ plain red jumpers/cardigans and iron on the badge. (Our current provider will continue to sell their stock of red and grey uniform items and staff has been informed that it is a gradual phase out)

We have reduced the number of days that children require their school uniform by allowing them to wear their PE kit on two days of the week. (You will be notified if there is a special day such as school photographs so that you can ensure that children are dressed appropriately.)

School Uniform (only 2 branded clothing items necessary & 1 branded book bag)

White Polo Shirt (with logo/ iron-on badge)

Red jumper/ Cardigan (with logo/ iron-on badge)

Grey school trousers/ skirt/ shorts

Summer Dress

Plain black shoes/ trainers



PE Kit

Plain white t-shirt

Red shorts

Red/ Grey jogging bottoms

Red fleece

Black plimsolls



More and more children are wearing the incorrect P.E. kit. Proper clothing and footwear are essential in all P.E. lessons for reasons of health and safety and comfort.

◀ The permitted kit is advertised here.

PE Days 2025-2026

Year Group	PE Day 1	PE Day 2
Reception	Friday	
Year 1	Monday	Tuesday
Year 2	Wednesday	Thursday
Year 3	Tuesday	Friday
Year 4	Wednesday	Thursday
Year 5	Tuesday	Thursday
Year 6	Tuesday	Thursday

Swimming is part of the national curriculum. Children in Year 4 & non-swimmers from Year 6 are offered swimming lessons. From time to time, other selected pupils are given this opportunity.

Children must wear suitable and appropriate swimwear and a swimming hat. They must also have a towel, dressing gown and waterproof footwear.

This year, we will operate a mobile swimming pool on the school site.

Educational Visits

Some schools have stopped all educational visits but at Hunters Hall we know the true value of these experiences and want to continue to offer these worthwhile, memorable opportunities.

We pride ourselves on providing the children of Hunters Hall with a rich, exciting curriculum of which trips are an important part.

Teachers work incredibly hard planning educational visits and we really appreciate those parents who volunteer to help. However, if a trip is ticketed, even if you volunteer you may not be chosen on certain occasions.

Educational visits encourage independence, resilience and enjoyment whilst enriching their education, therefore we encourage you to put your anxieties aside and trust in our highly trained staff by allowing your child to attend all trips so that they do not miss out on these invaluable opportunities.

In their time at Hunters Hall, children get the chance to visit farms, parks, places of worship, museums, art galleries, historical landmarks, and a residential experience. In addition to this, we have author visits, theatre companies, emergency services and other safety visitors who come onsite and provide educational experiences.

Educational Visits



You can locate the volunteer educational visits information here: [Educational Visits training notes.pptx](#)

Hunters Hall Time Travellers

Congratulations to the following time travellers that got the job!!

1GM - Nader

2CH -Brayden and Nardos

3ST - Kayah

4GR - Nabeeha, Noor, Sydney, Andy, Hussain

6AM - Neriah



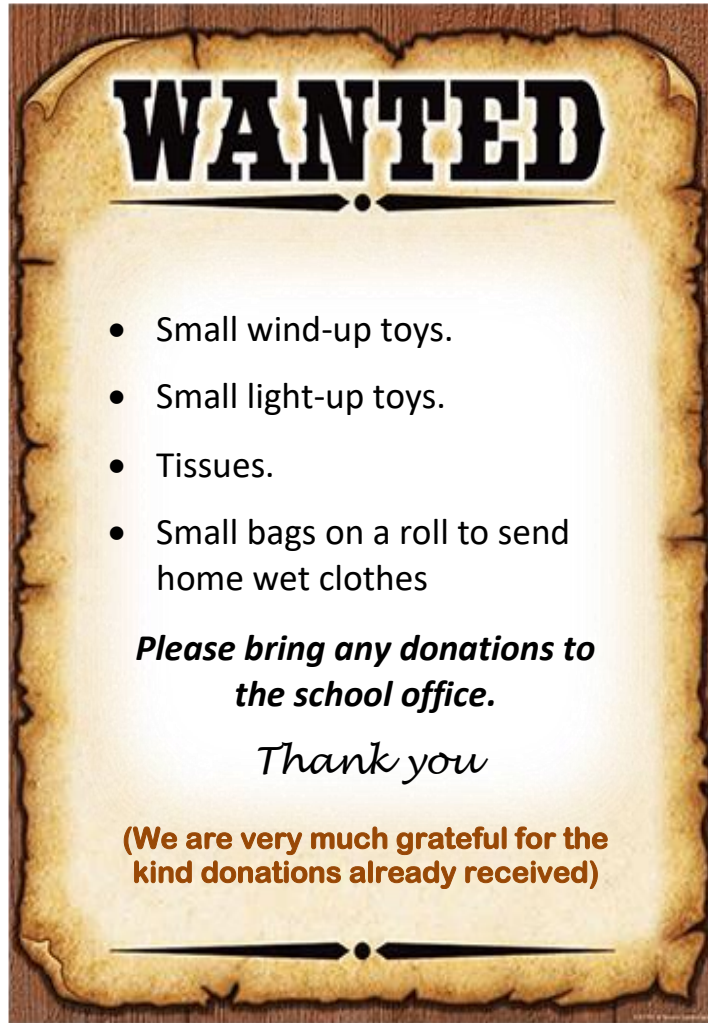
WANTED

- Small wind-up toys.
- Small light-up toys.
- Tissues.
- Small bags on a roll to send home wet clothes

Please bring any donations to the school office.

Thank you

(We are very much grateful for the kind donations already received)



Author of the Week

KIRAN MILLWOOD HARGRAVE



Kiran has been writing for a number of years and in 2019 her debut children's book was published...and won an award! Although most of her books have been published for children, she does also write for adults and young adults, too!

Her most recent books have been created with her husband, Tom, who is an illustrator. They have beautiful pictures to go with a beautifully told story.

If you like Abi Elphinstone or Emma Carroll, you'll love these books!

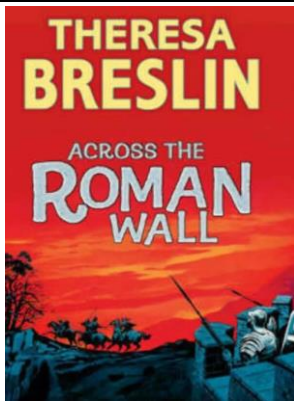
That's another thing about words: there's space in them. They change according to whose mouth they're coming out of.

Kiran's debut book, 'A Girl of Ink and Stars' won the Waterstone's Children's Book Award in 2019.

Kiran Millwood Hargrave, in Julia and the Shark, says:

Reading for Pleasure Matters at Hunters Hall

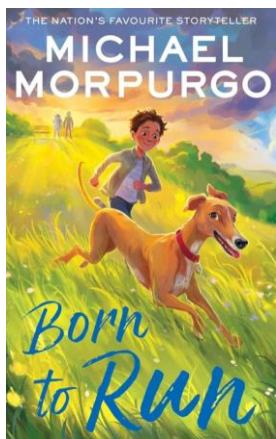
Welcome back to our summer term! As part of our commitment to our school values (Collaboration, Motivation, Preparation, Resilience, Creativity & Curiosity), children continue to experience a broad and balanced curriculum based on our carefully considered topics. In every year group, pupils can be historians, geographers, artists, philosophers, empathisers and critical thinkers. Each week we will showcase a different year group, suggesting books that will support and extend current learning. This week we are focusing on Year 4!



History

In our history lessons we are learning about the Romans. We are reading Roman Diary in our Literacy lessons.

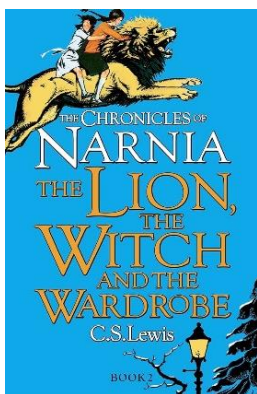
Across the Roman Wall is a historical fiction about Marinetta, a Briton who meets Lucius, the son of a Roman Official. At first, she finds him arrogant and big-headed until they are forced to act together.



Literacy

In Guided Reading, many of our children have been enjoying books by Michael Morpurgo. Here is another fantastic book by the same author. We have discovered that he loves to write about animals and this is no exception!

When Patrick saves a litter of greyhound puppies from the canal, he can't bear to hand them all over to the RSPCA. He pleads with his parents; can't he just keep one?



Storytime

In story time we will be reading The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by CS Lewis. Four siblings are evacuated during the war and move into a countryside mansion. During a game of hide and seek, they discover a magical portal in the shape of a wardrobe which transports them to a world far beyond anything they could have ever imagined.



Please place a copy of this advert in your window (house/ car/ office...)



Hunters Hall Primary School



At Hunters Hall, our ethos incorporates British Values; promotes high self-esteem; enjoyment; empowerment; high expectation of achievement; respect, and equality for all. We do this within a nurturing, vibrant and safe environment. Our intention is to value each day by making it engaging, challenging, productive, and equipping every pupil with the essential knowledge, transferable skills, compassion, and resilience to have success in the future.

Our school song: "Believe" highlights the characteristics and attitudes which we, as a school, feel are essential to achieving greatness.

Remember: I can be anything I want, if I can just believe in me.

Call us to arrange a visit 0208 2704768

School Website



<https://www.huntershallprimary.org.uk/>

Apply via LBD admissions



<https://www.lbbd.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions#12fdaba3>

Social Media: X



<https://twitter.com/Huntershallps>

Parent/Carer Handbook



<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/BeyFAUIXJ7Ww/iliv?ref=Link>



Hunters Hall Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and pupils to follow this policy.

- Happy**
- Understand**
- Nurtured**
- Thrive**
- Emotionally- intelligent**
- Resilient**
- Self-Aware**



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A PLACE OF DISCOVERY

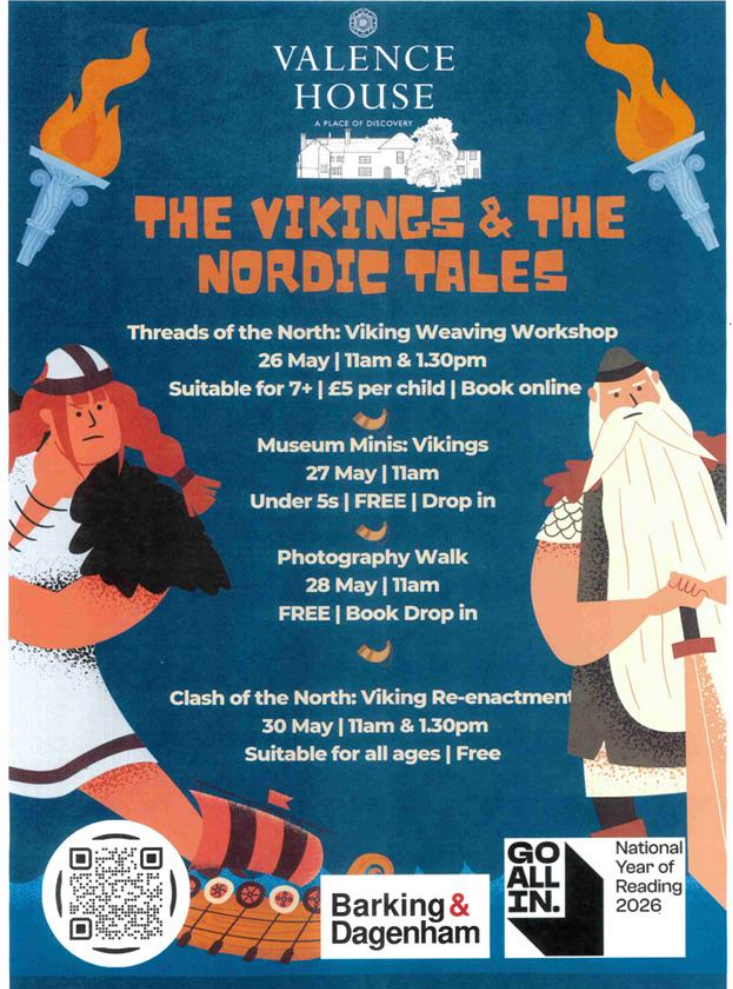
To celebrate May Mystery Month you're invited to solve
The Ultimate Mystery Trail



Step into the shadows this May and test your wits!

2-30 May | Drop in
THE PRIZE:
If you solve the mystery you get to the lottery to win a bundle of thrillers worth £50





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THE VIKINGS & THE NORDIC TALES

Threads of the North: Viking Weaving Workshop
26 May | 11am & 1.30pm
Suitable for 7+ | £5 per child | Book online

Museum Minis: Vikings
27 May | 11am
Under 5s | FREE | Drop in

Photography Walk
28 May | 11am
FREE | Book Drop in

Clash of the North: Viking Re-enactment
30 May | 11am & 1.30pm
Suitable for all ages | Free



May Half-Term Holiday Clubs




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MORE fun, MORE friendships, MORE smiles during the MAY HALF-TERM!



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Premier Camps Near You
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- Sacred Heart of Mary's Upminster 9am - 4pm (26th - 29th May)
- Hallsville Primary School Newham - 9am - 3.30pm (26th - 29th May)
- Roding Primary School Dagenham 9am - 3pm (26th - 29th May)
- Manor Junior School Dagenham 9am - 3pm (26th - 28th May)
- Park Academy Rainham 9am-3pm (26th - 29th May)

Our 5* Holiday Camps are the perfect place to keep your children entertained over the half-term holidays.

Our camps are a fantastic place for children to meet new friends, have lots of fun, and create wonderful memories!

Join us this half term, for a mix of fun activities that children may not have tried before - from nerf wars to gymnastics. There's something for every child to enjoy this half-term.

Book now for lots of half term fun!

PLEASE BRING

Pack lunch

Plenty of water

Suitable clothing

Loads of energy!



Scan here for more information



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Thames Chase May Half Term Children's Activities

Come and join us at Thames Chase during May Half Term

- 26th May - Bug & Flower Stone Painting: 10.30-11.15 and 1.30-12.15
- 26th May - Pond Life Identification and Badge Making: 1.30-2.30
- 31st May - Meet the Nocturnal Animals: 10.30-11.10 and 1.40-2.20

Children are to be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Please book online via Ticket Tailor or scan the QR Code below
[tickettailor.com/events/thameschase](https://www.tickettailor.com/events/thameschase)



For more information call 01708 642970 or visit the Thames Chase Forest Centre, Pike Lane, Uppminster RM14 3NS.
 Email: enquiries@thameschase.org.uk
 Website: www.thameschase.org.uk
 Thames Chase: Charity no. 1115627 Company no. 5687558.



SCHOOL NURSE ADVICE SESSIONS



Sessions are being run on the following dates between 8:30am-9:10am:

- ~~Monday 12th January 2026~~
- ~~Monday 9th February 2026~~ **Cancelled**
- ~~Monday 9th March 2026~~
- ~~Monday 13th April 2026~~
- Monday 18th May 2026
- Monday 15th June 2026

They can offer advice on the following topics:

- Keeping Healthy
- Advice about immunisations
- Emotional Health and Wellbeing
- Weight Management
- Drugs and Alcohol
- Smoking

If you would like to see the School Nurse,
please book a time slot at the school office:

They provide a confidential service. This means you can discuss personal information in confidence. They will not discuss your personal information with anyone else without your permission. They would only pass on information to protect you or someone else from serious harm. Qualified: School Nurses or Specialist Community Public Health Nurses are qualified nurses or midwives with specific graduate level education and they work with a team to support you. Non-Judgemental: They are here to help, not to judge.

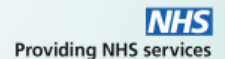
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Pharmacy First



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with **seven common conditions**
without needing a GP appointment

- **Sinusitis**
(adults and children aged 12 years and over)
- **Sore throat**
(adults and children aged 5 years and over)
- **Earache**
(children and young adults aged 1 year to 17 years)
- **Infected insect bite**
(adults and children aged 1 year and over)
- **Impetigo**
(adults and children aged 1 year and over)
- **Shingles**
(adults aged 18 years and over)
- **Urinary tract infection**
(women, aged 16 to 64 years)



Ask your pharmacy for more
information about this
free* NHS service

Visit your Pharmacy First!

*NHS prescription charge rules apply where a medicine is supplied



BREAKFAST CLUB



Our breakfast club is open term time only Monday to Friday, 7:45 to 8:30am.

No booking is required, you can turn up on the day and pay.

The charge is **£3** per day, you are required to accompany your child into our breakfast club and stay with them until they have been marked in on our daily register.

You are required to have the correct money for payment.

Please note that payments in advance are non-refundable and non-transferable therefore if you choose to pay in advance and your child does not attend you lose that money.



WANTED

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM

DONATIONS NEEDED

A big thank you to everyone who has previously donated. We always need more good quality pre-loved uniform items. Has your child grown out of theirs? Please donate to the school and come along to one of our sales for bargain replacements!

Winter coats and shoes also welcome.

Please bring any donations in a bag to the school office.



Thank you



DHP Scheme

Are you struggling to afford your rent payments?



Do you have rent arrears?

Do you need help with a deposit?

Help is available through the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham's Discretionary Housing Payment (DHP) scheme

Visit <https://www.lbbd.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/discretionary-hardship-support/discretionary-housing-payments-dhp>

To find out more and apply online

You must be in receipt of Housing Benefit or Universal Credit housing costs to qualify for a DHP



Barking & Dagenham

Household Support Fund

Are you struggling with the rising cost of living?



Do you have utility debts?

Help is available to support the rising cost of living for energy & utility costs, food and other emergency need through the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham's Hardship schemes

Visit <https://www.lbbd.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/discretionary-hardship-support/hardship-payment-schemes/household-support-fund> to find out more and apply online



Barking & Dagenham



MINI ROCKERS

FOR RECEPTION TO YEAR 2

Fun and inclusive in-school rock and pop band lessons, for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. No experience or instrument required.



ROCK HEROES

FOR YEARS 3 AND 4

Fun and inclusive in-school rock and pop band lessons, for Years 3 and 4. No experience or instrument required.



ROCK ICONS

FOR YEARS 5 AND 6

Fun and inclusive in-school rock and pop band lessons, for Years 5 and 6. No experience or instrument required.

<https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/info-for-parents>

- ✓ **Learn to play in a band**
Learning an instrument should be fun. Your child can choose from the electric guitar, keyboard, drums or vocals and enjoy playing in a happy, supportive environment with their friends.
- ✓ **Lead by real musicians**
Your child's music teacher should also be their role model. Which is why all Rocksteady Band Leaders are carefully chosen, extensively trained musicians who know how to inspire a life-long love of playing music.
- ✓ **In school time**
Lessons are 30 minutes long and take place in school time with all instruments provided, making it hassle-free for parents.
- ✓ **From first notes to favourite songs**
The Rocksteady Programme is for all children aged 4-11 and is proven to progress musicianship, confidence and teamwork skills with no prior experience necessary.
- ✓ **With regular live performances**
Playing on stage is a huge confidence booster. With termly concerts at school assemblies, your child will be able to show off their progress to friends, teachers and parents with the rest of their band.
- ✓ **And happily affordable**
Rocksteady is one of the most hassle-free ways to learn an instrument on a rolling subscription that you can cancel at any time. It's risk free too – cancel in the first month and you'll get a full refund.

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