Hunters Hall Primary School Snippets

Issue: 6
October 2026

Dates for the Diary

Autumn Term

Tuesday 20th October – Dare2Dream – Natural History Museum

Tuesday 20th October – Pre-loved uniform, coats and lush products after school in dining room

Wednesday 21st October – Parent/Carer Open Evening 3:20-6pm

Monday 26th to Friday 30th October – Half Term Holidays

Monday 2nd November – First day back for children 8:30am

9th 11th & 12th November - Year 3 Religious Building visit

Wednesday 11th November – Armistice Day 11am

Friday 13th November – Children in Need – Pyjama Day

Monday 16th November – Odd Socks Day

Tuesday 17th November – Dare2Dream – Teachers part1

Friday 20th November – World Children's Day & The Bubble bowling visit

Wednesday 25th November – The Bubble cinema visit & Dare2Dream Transport Museum

Friday 18th December – Last day of term 1pm



Congratulations to the classes with 96%+ attendance.

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we fly through this term, I want to take a moment to celebrate the fantastic learning taking place across all key stages at Hunters Hall Primary School. Our classrooms are absolute hubs of curiosity, energy, and determination, and it is a privilege to see our children growing more confident by the day.

A key part of our teaching strategy has been the active use of "pop-backs." These are short, intentional review sessions where teachers "pop back" to previous topics or vocabulary from earlier weeks or terms. By revisiting this prior learning, we ensure that knowledge is truly embedded in our pupils' long-term memory rather than forgotten. It has been wonderful to hear the children confidently recalling facts and linking their past learning to their current topics.

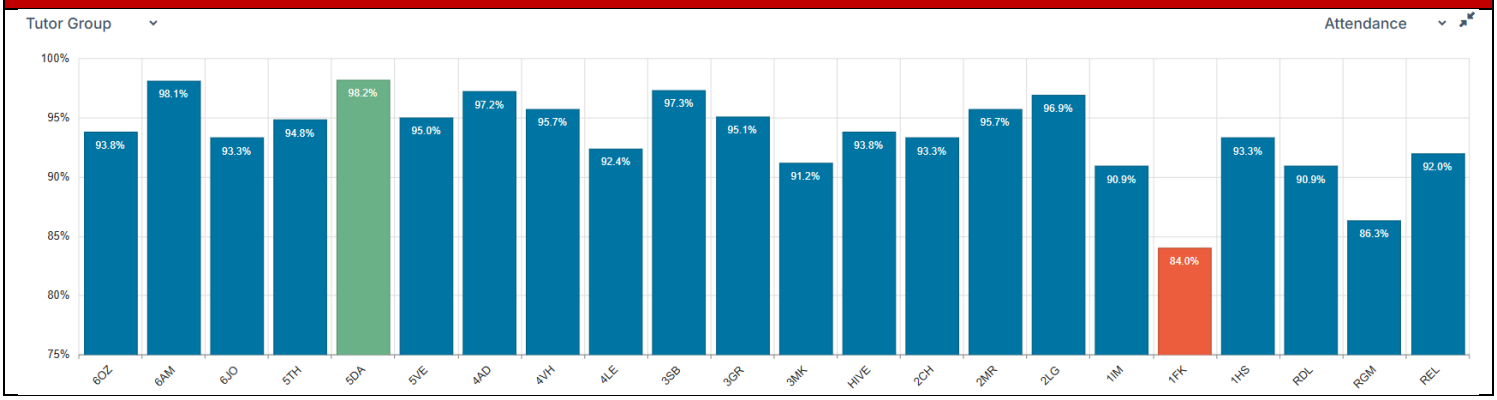
Speaking of incredible learning, our Year 4 pupils have thrown themselves wholeheartedly into their history topic on Ancient Greece! The classrooms have come alive with discussions about democracy, architecture and language, and looking at how Greek culture continues to influence our world today. Their enthusiasm for this period of history has been brilliant to witness.

Alongside our daily lessons, various year groups have recently been completing their assessments. These assessments are a vital tool for us; they provide a clear snapshot of where each child shines and highlight any areas where they might need a little extra support. I have been immensely proud of the mature, focused, and positive attitude our children displayed throughout the assessment period and when any signs of anxiety have arisen – the children have found a trusted adult to help them. They have tried their absolute best, which is all we ever ask of them.

Thank you, as always, for your continued partnership and support in your child's educational journey. I look forward to seeing as many of you at the open evening on Wednesday 21st October.

Enjoy the weekend!
Michael Kaitell, Headteacher

Attendance Matters



Team Points

TEAM POINTS		
	Tigers	513
	Bears	456
	Wolves	483
	Sharks	542
	Komodo Dragon	418

Uniform Shop Date

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

SCHOOL UNIFORM DIRECT

Every Wednesday until October half term

Year 6 pupils moving to secondary school in September 2027

All Year 6 parents must make an application on e-admissions by midnight on 31 October 2026.

The closing date for your online application is midnight on **31 October 2026** and for paper documentation or queries we ask to contact admissions by Friday 30 October 2026.

Apply online for a secondary-phase school place now:

www.lbbd.gov.uk/admissions

e Admissions LONDON

Apply Online

If you require any support with this process, please speak to Mr Bellevue.

Parent/Carer Handbook

Scan the QR code or visit https://sway.cloud.microsoft/BeyF4UlXJ7lWwliv?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:

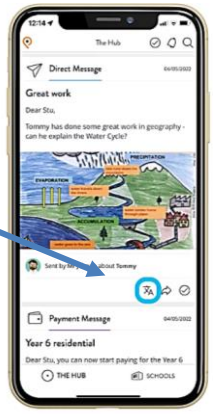
@HuntersHallPS

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.

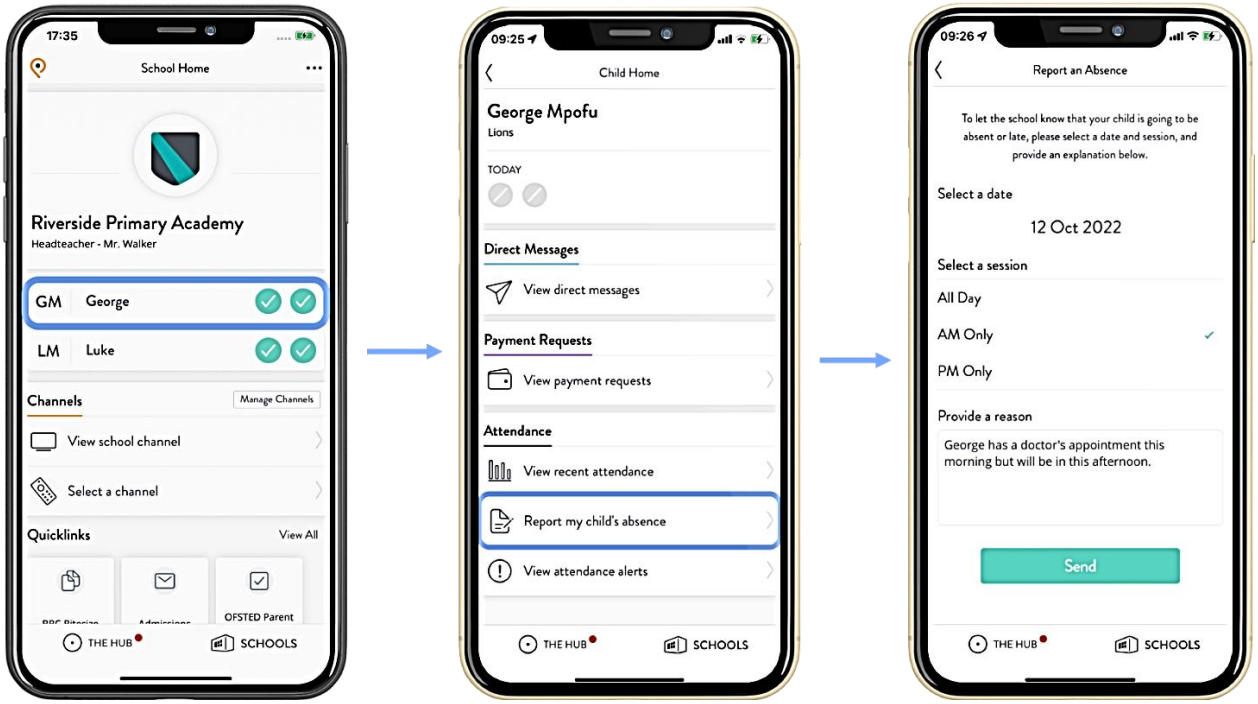
This applies to old messages, as well as new ones.

To find out more, click the 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

Reporting absence



Uniform Reminder & PE Days 2026-2027

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

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.

Lego Therapy



Andy's Art (5VE)



PRE-LOVED UNIFORM, COATS & LUSH PRODUCTS

SALE

Tuesday 20th October

In the Dining Hall after school.





All funds raised go to supporting the school.

Thank you

Mr Bellevue
Family Support Worker

FREE Weekend Clinics

TOGETHER FIRST CIC
BARKING & DAGENHAM GP FEDERATION

FREE CHILDRENS WEEKEND CLINICS
OCT HALF TERM HOLIDAYS 2026
For Barking & Dagenham GP Registered Patients

NHS

Together First

Together First CIC is an **NHS provider** and works on **behalf** of **all B&D GP practices**.

Together First will **contact you** by **phone** or **text** if your child needs to attend for 1 or more of the following:

- **Childhood Asthma Reviews**
- **Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Varicella (MMRV) vaccinations**
- **Childrens health checks**

These weekend clincs will be from **9am-5pm**

Clinics will run from:
- **Barking Hospital**
- **Broad St**
- **Parsloes, Dagenham**
- **Becontree**

Weekends:

20 mins appointments from:
Sat 24th Oct - **Sun 25th** Oct 2026
Sat 31st Oct - **Sun 1st** Nov 2026

How we will contact you:

Together First will **contact parents/carers** of children with **asthma** and **due** for their **routine childhood vaccines** to these clinics via **telephone** and **text messages**.

Appointments can **only** be **booked via telephone or text message.**

Appointments are for:

Asthma 6 -17 Yrs:
- Children currently on the asthma register
- Inhaler check
- Height/weight (BMI)

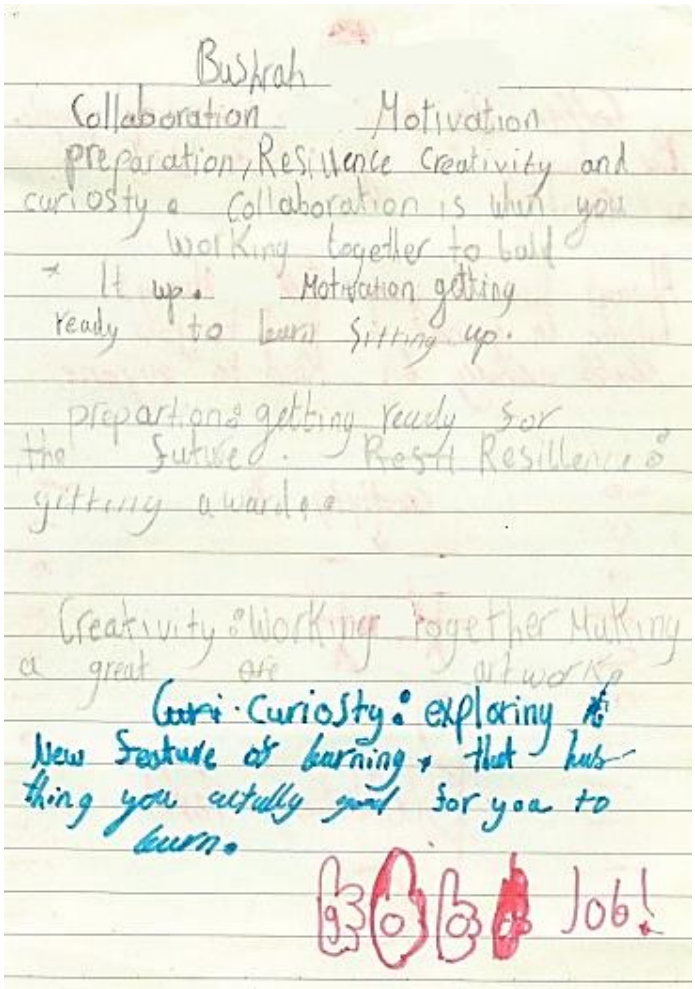
MMRV 1 - 5 Yrs:
- Children due for **MMRV vaccination.**
- Red book check
- Immunisation History check
- Vaccination discussions
- Height/weight (BMI)

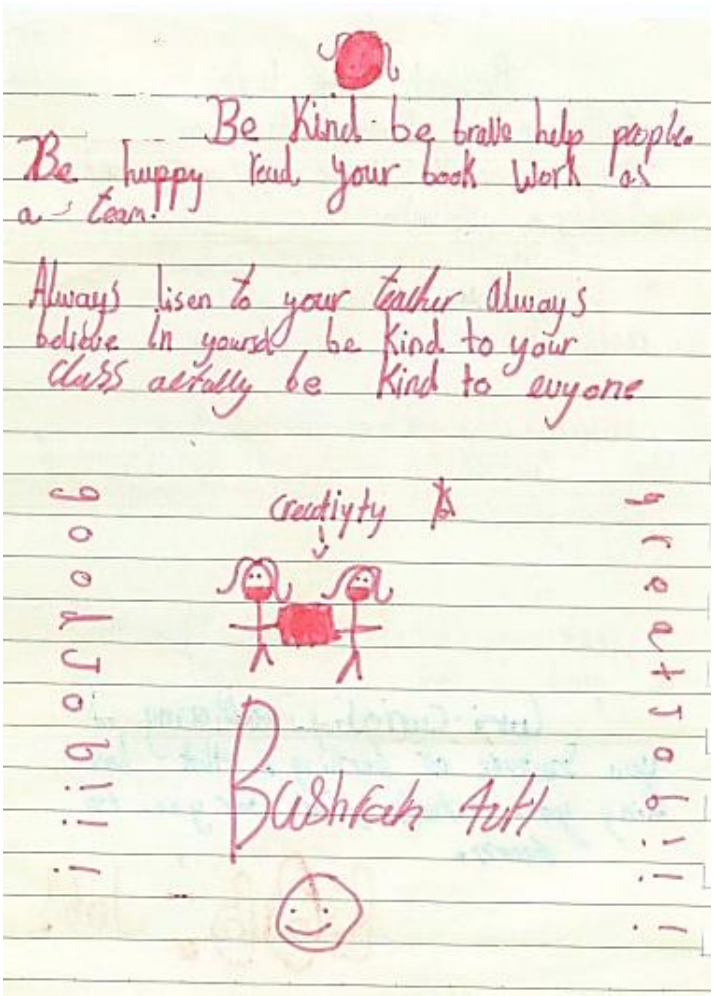
Missing vaccinations for 0-5-year-olds?

Parents/carers can self-book their child by clicking "**Book Vaccination appointment**" on Federation booking page **here**

Click to find out more about Together First CIC **www.togetherfirst.co.uk**

School Values by Bushrah (4VH)









Mathematician of the Month

September 2026




Nursery	Lucy-May R
RDL	Ianis
REL	Santi
RGM	
IFK	Ahad
IIM	Reid
1HS	Luna
2LG	Dominkia
2CH	Ayaaz
2MR	Muhammad
3MK	Dmytro
3SB	John
3GR	Nailah
4VH	Waniya
4LE	Arthur B
4AD	Angel
5VE	Liyana M
5DA	Eric A
5TH	Mikaeel M
6JO	Kris K
6AM	Archie H
6OZ	Yemisi K
6SM	Ayehsa (6AM)









Parent Contact Pathway

We understand that parents naturally want the best outcomes for their children, and we welcome open communication. However, to ensure concerns are resolved efficiently and appropriately, we ask that parents follow our structured parent contact pathway rather than going directly to the headteacher.

Please follow this sequence:

Year Group	1st point of contact	2nd point of contact Year Group Leader	3rd point of contact	Final point of contact
Nursery	Miss McCarthy	Miss Cooper or Miss Mullaney		Mr Kaitell
Reception	Class Teacher	Miss Liburd	Miss McCarthy	
Year 1	Class Teacher	Mrs Keane	Miss Mullaney	
Year 2	Class Teacher	Miss Gurry	Miss Mullaney	
Year 3	Class Teacher	Mrs Kaur	Miss Mullaney	
Year 4	Class Teacher	Miss Vernon	Miss Cooper	
Year 5	Class Teacher	Miss Ede	Miss Cooper	
Year 6	Class Teacher	Mrs O'Dwyer	Miss Cooper	

- **Class Teacher** – Your child's class teacher should always be your first point of contact, as they know your child best and can often resolve concerns quickly
- **Year Group Leader** – If the matter remains unresolved or requires additional support, the year group leader will provide the next level of oversight
- **Senior Leadership Team (SLT)** – For more complex or ongoing issues, a member of SLT will become involved
- **Headteacher** – The headteacher will address concerns that require the highest level of decision-making or have not been resolved through the previous steps

When you meet with your child's class teacher, clear actions will be agreed and recorded, including:

- Specific steps the school and/or home will take
- A review date to assess progress
- Documentation on CPOMS (our safeguarding and pastoral system) to ensure continuity and accountability

This structured approach ensures your concerns receive the appropriate attention at the right level, allows teachers to resolve issues within their remit, and prevents unnecessary delays. It also protects staff wellbeing by ensuring concerns are managed systematically rather than overwhelming individual team members. If you're unsure where to start or have an urgent safeguarding concern, please contact the school office, who will direct you to the appropriate person.

Promote our School

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

SCAN ME

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

Apply via LBBD admissions

SCAN ME

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

Social Media: X

SCAN ME

https://twitter.com/Huntershallps



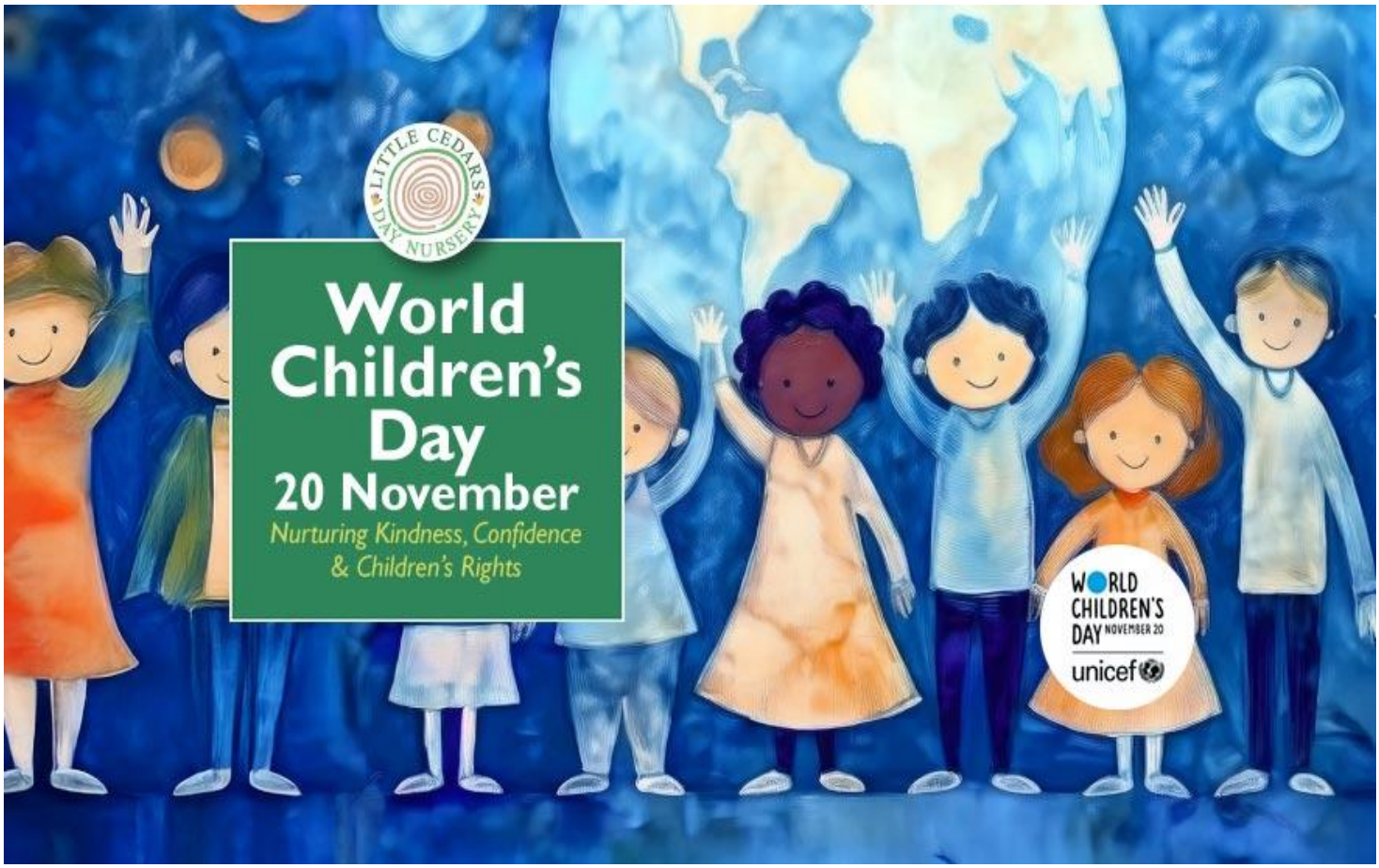
Parent/Carer Handbook

SCAN ME

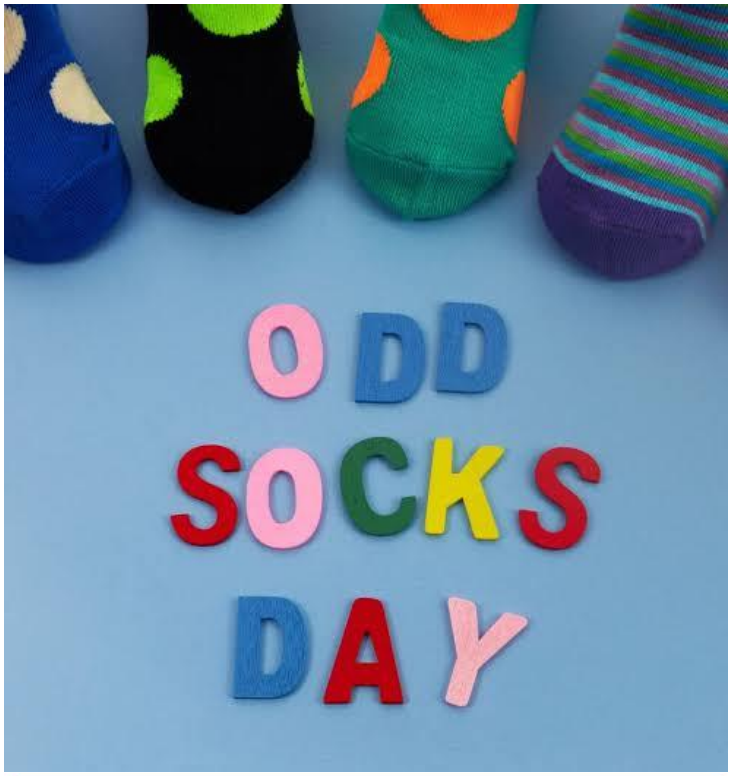
https://sway.cloud.microsoft/BeyF4UIXJ7lWwliv?ref=Link

*H*appy
*U*nderstand
*N*urtured
*T*hrive
*E*motionally- intelligent
*R*esilient
*S*elf-Aware

Wear Blue on 20th November 2026



Odd socks Monday 16th November 2026



We will be wearing our odd socks this Odd Socks Day, will you?

Monday 16 November

Nurse Drop in dates

Hunters Hall - School Nurse Drop In dates 2026-2027

Tuesday 13th October 2026
Tuesday 1st December 2026
Tuesday 2nd February 2027
Tuesday 23rd March 2027
Tuesday 25th May 2027
Tuesday 13th July 2027

These sessions will run from 9-10am

If you are unable to attend the drop-in session but wish to speak to a member of the team, please call us on: 0300 300 1813 between Monday-Friday 9-5pm

Follow up on Facebook: NELFT Barking & Dagenham School Nursing Service

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NELFT NHS
NHS Foundation Trust



October Holiday Clubs



Premier Camps Near You

Multi Activity Camps

Sacred Heart of Mary's - Upminster - 9am - 4pm
Scott's Primary School - Hornchurch - 9am - 3pm
Roding Primary School - Dagenham - 9am - 3pm
Hallsville Primary School - Newham - 9am - 3.30pm
Manor Junior School - Barking - 9am - 3pm

Please check our website for all available dates over the October Half Term

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 with some spooky fun. There's something for every child to enjoy this half term.

PLEASE BRING
Pack lunch
Plenty of water
Suitable clothing
Loads of energy!

Book now for lots of half term fun!

Scan here for more information

Trustpilot
Based on over 20,000 reviews

Keep Us Updated



Pharmacy First

NHS
Providing NHS services

Most pharmacies can help you 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

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.

Donations Wanted

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

RockSteady







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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