Hunters Hall Primary School
Snippets

Issue: 7
October 2026

Dates for the Diary

Autumn Term

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 part 1

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

MUSIC MARK of recognition 2026 - 2027

Congratulations to the classes with 96%+ attendance.



Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you for the support that you give to your children and to the school. This was evident on Wednesday – despite the awful weather, you still attended our open evening and were able to see some of the collaboration, curiosity and creativity that has taken place this term.

Also this week, the Pre-loved uniform went on sale on Tuesday and then again during open evening. I would like to thank all staff and parent volunteers who helped, and to all of you who purchased items. If you have any uniform items that you wish to donate, please bring it to the front reception staff.

The bike raffle was drawn on Wednesday by Mr Brown, Premises Manager. Chidera from 3MK was the lucky winner. I can announce that Chidera's mum has donated the bike back to school for children to use when completing the Bikeability training.

As a parent of a Year 6 child who has completed the transition application, I wanted to remind all Year 6 parents not to miss the deadline for Year 7 secondary school applications 31st October.

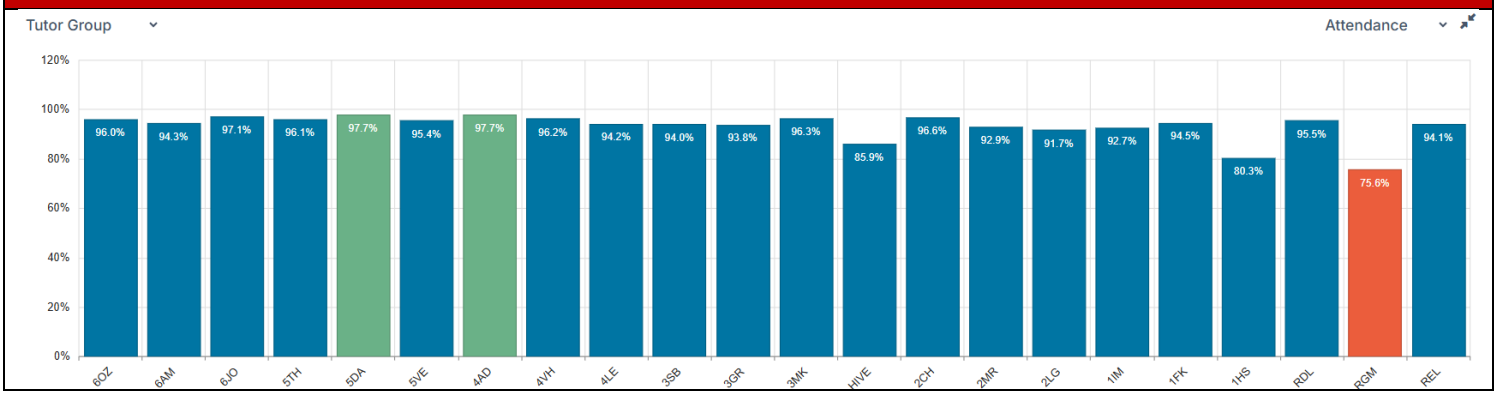
Did you know that there is an online ADHD Parenting Summit being held 2nd to 6th November? To register for a free online place type "ADHD parenting summit November" into Google.



Stay safe this half-term and see you on Monday 2nd November at 8:30am.

Michael Kaitell, Headteacher

Attendance Matters



Team Points

TEAM POINTS		
	Tigers	590
	Bears	444
	Wolves	378
	Sharks	560
	Komodo Dragon	447

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.

FINAL REMINDER



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:

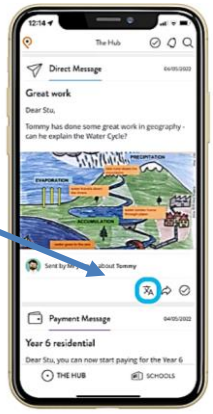
@HuntersHallPS

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.



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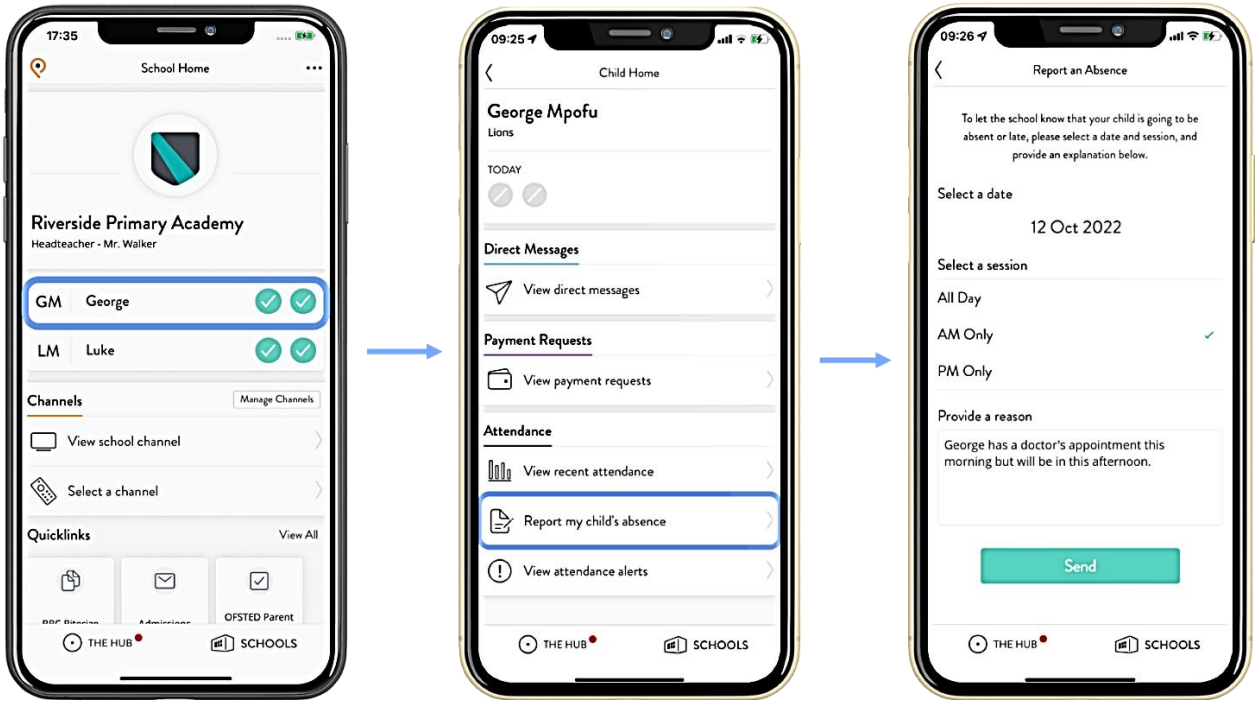
Reporting absence



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.

Barking and Dagenham Educational Psychology Service
Parent & Carer Support Helpline

Barking & Dagenham

Who are we, and what do we do?

We are trained Educational Psychologists (EPs). We work with families, nurseries, schools and colleges to help children and young people aged 0-25. We use what we know about how young people think and learn to support them to do their best.

How does this helpline work?

Parents and carers can talk to an EP about things **at home** that might be tricky for them and their child and **explore helpful ways to support their child.**

PHONE CALL	WHEN	HOW
Up to 45 minutes	Tuesday mornings School terms only	Book a time in advance

Confidential Discussions: We keep your information private. If we are worried that someone may be at risk of harm, we may need to share information to help keep them safe.

What can you talk to us about?

- ✓ Helping your child feel happy and calm
- ✓ Helping your child learn at home
- ✓ Making friends
- ✓ Following routines
- ✓ Managing strong emotions
- ✓ Worries about going to school

How can we help?

LISTEN

We will listen to your concerns and what you have tried.

UNDERSTAND

We can help to understand what might be going on.

SHARE IDEAS

We will share practical ideas and next steps you can try at home.

Will the EP see your child?

No, this is a one-off consultation service for parents and carers.

We will not:

- × meet or assess your child, or write a report
- × contact your child's school
- × provide ongoing Educational Psychology support
- × contribute to Education, Health and Care (EHC) needs assessments or reviews.

Need different help?

Support in school: Talk to your child's teacher, SENCO or Inclusion Lead.

EHC needs assessment / EHCP: Visit Barking & Dagenham Local Offer

How to book a session?

- Scan the QR code to choose a time or fill out a form here: http://bit.ly/42E9YgC
- New timeslots will come out at the start of each school term.
- If there aren't any timeslots available and you want to be notified of the new timeslots, fill out this other form here: https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/95GT6d5uiw

Updated October 2026

School Meals

HUNTERS HALL PRIMARY SCHOOL MENU

DATES : 2ND NOVEMBER, 16TH NOVEMBER, 30TH NOVEMBER, 14TH DECEMBER, 11TH JANUARY, 25TH JANUARY, 8TH FEBRUARY, 1ST MARCH, 15TH MARCH.

WEEK ONE

	MIGHTY MONDAY	TASTY TUESDAY	GO GREEN WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY ROAST	FRIDAY FUN DAY
MAINS	Crunchy Veggie Burger with Potato Wedges (G, SE) Classic Beef Burger with Potato Wedges (SO, SU, G, SE)	Full of Beans Chilli Tacos with Steamed Rice (MU) Beef Tacos with Steamed Rice (MU)	Crispy Margherita Pizza (G, MK, SO) Hearty Vegetables Shepherd's Pie (MK)	Golden Vegetable Filo Parcel (G, L, MU, SO) Traditional Roast Chicken (NO ALLERGENS)	Garden Vegan Nuggets (G, SO) Classic Fish Finger (F, G)
PASTA	Homemade Tomato Sauce & Pasta (G, SO, MU)	Homemade Tomato Sauce & Pasta (G, SO, MU)	Homemade Tomato Sauce & Pasta (G, SO, MU)	Homemade Tomato Sauce & Pasta (G, SO, MU)	Homemade Tomato Sauce & Pasta (G, SO, MU)
SIDE	Sweetcorn & Peas	Broccoli & Peas	Coleslaw & Sweetcorn	Mash Potatoes (MK) Steamed Cauliflower & Peas Yorkshire Pudding (G, MK, E) Gravy	Oven Baked Chips Peas
DESSERT	Fresh Fruit (NO ALLERGENS)	Apple and Cinnamon Crumble With Custard (G, SO, E, MK)	Oat & Beetroot Cookie (G, SO)	Berry Jelly (NO ALLERGENS)	Fresh Fruit (NO ALLERGENS)

THEME DAYS :

- **NOVEMBER** – 9th Nov to 13th Nov 2026 – National School Meal Week
- **DECEMBER** – Christmas Lunch
- **JANUARY** – 21st January 2027 – Census Day – RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch
- **FEBRUARY** – 1ST FEBRUARY 2027 – Chinese New Year
- **MARCH** – 4th March 2027 – World Book Day
- **APRIL** – W.C. 22nd APRIL '27 – Easter Lunch

AVAILABLE DAILY

- Sandwiches Selection
- Freshly Baked Bread
- Low fat Yoghurts
- Jacket Potato Available Daily
- Seasonal Fresh Fruit
- Locally sourced salad bar

V: VEGETARIAN
VE: VEGAN PLANET FRIENDLY

ALL MEAT PRODUCTS SERVED ARE HALAL/NON-HALAL

ALLERGEN INFO

CE = CELERY, CR = CRUSTACEAN, E = EGGS, F = FISH, G = GLUTEN, L = LUPIN, MK = MILK, MO = MOLLUSCS, MU = MUSTARD, N = NUTS, P = PEANUTS, SE = SESAME SEEDS, SO = SOYA, SU = SULPHITES

HUNTERS HALL PRIMARY SCHOOL MENU

DATES : 9TH NOVEMBER, 23RD NOVEMBER, 7TH DECEMBER, 4TH JANUARY, 18TH JANUARY, 1ST FEBRUARY, 22ND FEBRUARY, 8TH MARCH, 22ND MARCH.

WEEK TWO

	MIGHTY MONDAY	TASTY TUESDAY	GO GREEN WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY ROAST	FRIDAY FUN DAY
MAINS	Creamy Veggie Chickpea & Steamed Rice (G, MK, SO) Cheesy Chicken Quesadilla with Steamed Rice (G, MK)	Wholesome Mac & Cheese (G, SO, MK) Chicken Bites With Wholemeal Tomato Pasta (G, MU, SO)	Crispy Margherita Pizza (G, SO, MK) Stir Fried Vegetable Noodles (G, SO)	Golden Crunchy Squash Fillet (G) Traditional Roast Chicken (NO ALLERGENS)	Mighty Vegan Nuggets (G, SO) Salmon and Sweet Potato (F, G)
PASTA	Homemade Tomato Sauce & Pasta (G, SO, MU)	Homemade Tomato Sauce & Pasta (G, SO, MU)	Homemade Tomato Sauce & Pasta (G, SO, MU)	Homemade Tomato Sauce & Pasta (G, SO, MU)	Homemade Tomato Sauce & Pasta (G, SO, MU)
SIDE	Sweetcorn & Peas	Green beans & Peas	Coleslaw & Sweetcorn	Roast Potatoes (G) Cauliflower & Carrots Yorkshire Pudding (G, MK, E) Gravy	Oven Baked Chips Peas
DESSERT	Fresh Fruit (NO ALLERGENS)	Chocolate & Beetroot Brownie (MK, G, SO, E)	Orange Shortbread (G)	Peachy Jelly (NO ALLERGENS)	Fresh Fruit (NO ALLERGENS)

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FREE Weekend Clinics

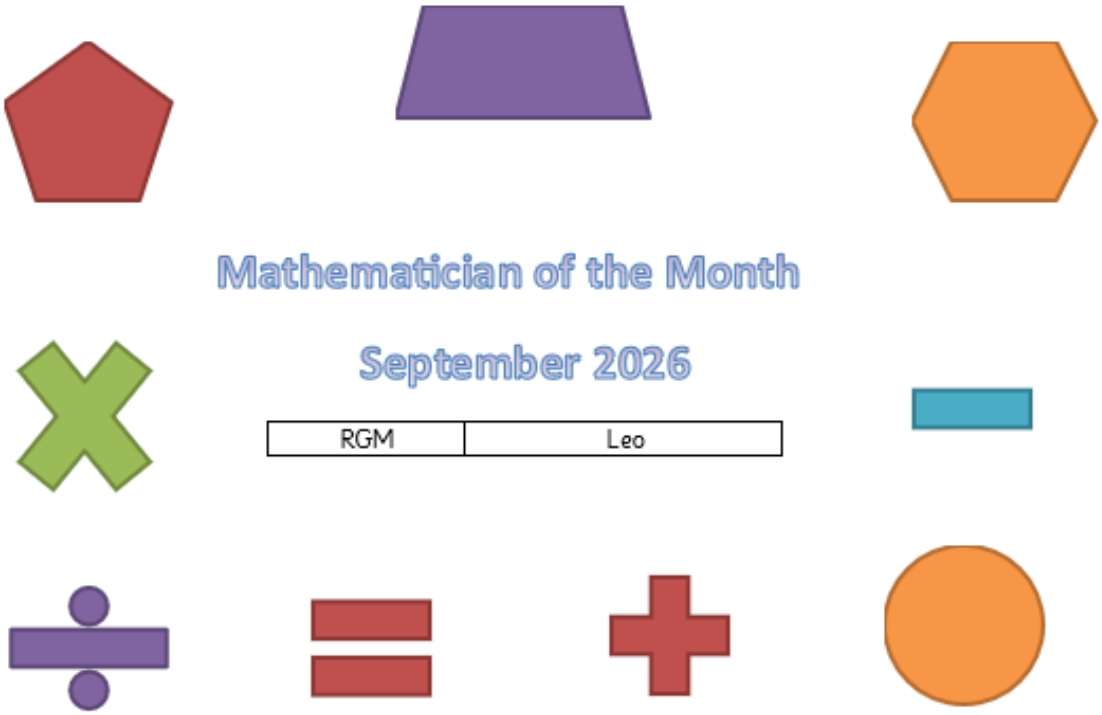


Scholarship Award – Penelope 6JO



Mathematician of the Month

The winner for RGM was missed from the chart published last week. Congratulations Leo.



Year 3

In P.E the children in 3MK have been working together and practising the skill of working collaboratively.







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School Values

collaboration



resilience



motivation



hand signals



hand signals

curiosity



preparation



creativity



These are our hunters Hall primary school values! We work hard to achieve the completion of all of these values!

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



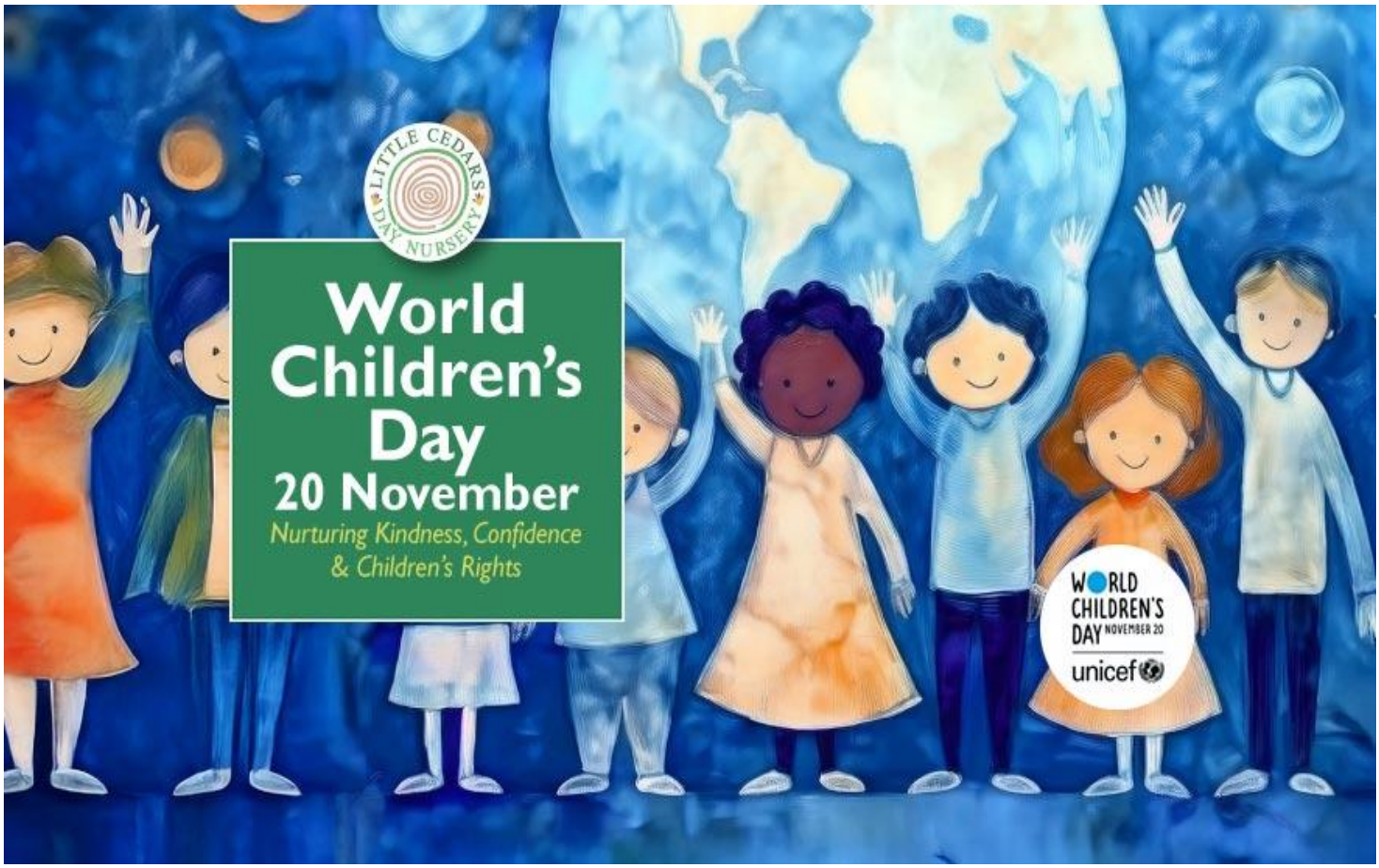
Parent/Carer Handbook

SCAN ME

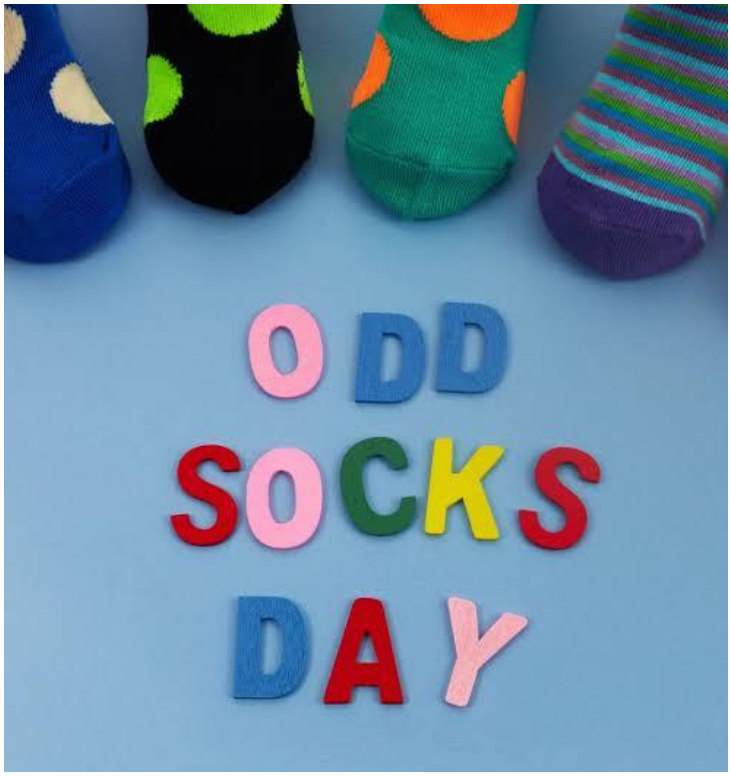
https://sway.cloud.microsoft/BeyF4UIXJ7lWwliv?ref=Link

*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

BARNARDO'S
Changing childhoods. Changing lives.

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.

Call 0330 113 0330