

March 2025

Rebecca Cheetham Nursery and Children's Centre NEWSLETTER



Dear parents/carers,

Welcome to our latest newsletter. We hope that you had a lovely half term break and your children have returned to nursery with a renewed energy. The temperature has been slowly rising so hopefully with seen the last of the nasty cold weather we have had this winter. We have some exciting things on the horizon for you, including a very special educational visit to three Places of Worship for our three and four year olds which incorporates our learning on transport, Sustainable Citizenship and Understanding of the World. We look forward to having you join us!

PARENT FORUM (We are running 2 this month!)

Next date: Thursday 6th March 2025 9am and 1pm (both face-to-face sessions)

TOPIC: Early Reading and World Book Day Activities (including reading to the children)

<https://www.rebeccacheetham.newham.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=908&type=pdf>

We are very happy to have you join us for this Parent Forum where we will discuss all things reading and give you some support and advice on how to develop a love of reading in your child and help you understand what is developmentally appropriate.

Followed by: Tuesday 18th March 2025 10:00am to 11:30am

TOPIC: E-Safety (Keeping Safe on the Internet)

<https://www.rebeccacheetham.newham.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=909&type=pdf>

If you are concerned about unleashing your child onto the internet (and you SHOULD be) then this is the session you need! Our expert Children's Centre team will be delivering this session advising you on the concerns that exist on the internet and how to keep your children safe.

FRED (Father's Reading Every Day)

Thank you to everyone for participating in this year's FRED programme. We are anticipating this to be our biggest year yet and we hope that you have had fun enjoying and exploring books with your child every day of the programme. We can't wait to read all your responses about what you thought about the programme and what impact it has had on you and your child. We appreciate that in some circumstances it may not be possible to have the focus on "father" or another trusted male to read to the children and we thank you for your feedback and also look forward to your completed work-books. All completed forms can start being returned to us from **Friday March 7th 2025**.

Nursery Opening Times

Extended day
8:00am to 5:00pm
Or
8:00am to 6:00pm

30 Hours
8:45am to 2:45pm

Morning place
8:45am to 11:45pm

Afternoon place
12:45pm to 3:45pm

Charges apply for late collections.

Attendance and Punctuality

We take attendance and punctuality very seriously and it is proven that constant absence can be a major disruption to your child's development.

Research has shown that attending early years education and care can help to improve children's outcomes and narrow the gap associated with socio-economic disadvantage. <http://www.nuffieldfoundation.org/impact-nursery-attendance-childrens-outcomes>

If your child will not be attending nursery, it is essential you contact us



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SUSTAINABLE CITIZENSHIP

We are very excited about the launch of the Sustainable Citizenship Programme for Parents and you will have received the Passport and the Evidence Booklet. We are thrilled that some of you have already completed sections and started obtaining stickers and some have even completed the whole booklet!

If you haven't received it and would like to participate, please speak to a member of your child's classroom and we will get one to you immediately.

If you are having trouble, please speak to a member of the classroom team and they will be able to support you through it and even provide a translated copy of the booklet if you need.

Once again, a reminder that we need a minimum of 60% participation from our parents/carers so we really need your support in this! The benefit for you is that it will support your child's development and help you with a variety of things to teach and talk about with your child.

If you have no intention in engaging in the project, that's fine; just please return the passport to us as each passport costs £4 to purchase.

WORLD BOOK DAY 2025: THURSDAY 6TH MARCH 2025

World Book Day will be upon us in no time and reading with your child is one of the best things you can do to help with their development, not to mention building a closer bond with your child. It's a win-win. We will be offering lots of activities on the day including the Parent Forum workshop on Early Reading with an opportunity to join us in the classrooms to partake in some lovely World Book Day activities. We love seeing the children dress up and we will be welcoming book related costumes on the day but please, **don't spend money on buying a costume!** If you were going to spend money on a costume, we'd rather you spent it on books. **We would also love to have parents come in to read books to the children in their home/heritage language on the day.** Let your child's classroom teacher/leader know if you are available to do this. Here is a link to the Family section of the World Book Day website to give you some further ideas:

<https://www.worldbookday.com/families/>



If you don't have any books at all for your child at home, please speak (discreetly) to a member of the office team or your child's key worker—we don't want any child to not have books of their own!

PARENT / CARER CONSULTATIONS

We will be launching our booking schedule for Parent/Carer consultations which will be happening during the week commencing Monday 31st March 2025. This is an opportunity to have a discussion with your child's key person to get some feedback on their progress and areas we want to work on in the coming months. Sessions last no longer than 10 minutes in order to be able to accommodate for all the children in the nursery to meet with their key person. We have scheduled the following dates for each classroom:

Tuesday 1st April & Wednesday 2nd April—Jeffers Room

Wednesday 2nd April & Thursday 3rd April—Donaldson Room

Thursday 3rd April & Friday 4th April—Cooke Room

Tuesday 1st April & Friday 4th April—McKee Room

We will let you know once our schedule is open to allow you to call /visit the front office to book your time.

EDUCATIONAL VISIT—PLACES OF WORSHIP

We are really excited and privileged to have arranged this important and ambitious educational visit for you and your children. It is quite an experience to be able to visit **three** different places of worship (Catholic Church, Mosque and Hindu Temple) in the one day and visiting them together will help the children to see and feel the differences of each sacred space. This visit directly relates to much of our learning, including Understand the World, Sustainable Citizenship and our ethos of embracing diversity and different cultures. We really need your support as well, so please consider joining us on the day; without sufficient adult numbers we won't be able to make the visit happen.

The visits will take place on the following dates:

Jeffers Room—Tuesday 18th March 2025

Donaldson Room—Wednesday 19th March 2025

Cooke Room—Thursday 20th March 2025



FIESTA FUN DAY—CAN YOU HELP?

We are in the midst of planning for our **Fiesta Fun Day 2025** which is scheduled for **Friday 27th June 2025** between 1:00pm and 5:00pm. It's the most fun day in our yearly calendar and we always get around 300-400 people attending the event.

We would be extremely grateful if you could support us and we have a few ways that you can help:

- If you work for or know anyone that works for a company / organisation that would be happy to make a donation or offer a prize or gift voucher we would happily receive anything of value that we can offer for our raffle, tombola or general prizes throughout the day. We have an official school letter that you can ask for at the front office if that's helpful.
- If you have any unwanted gifts at home that you are happy to part with, we would love to accept them for our tombola or some donations for a "Nearly New" sale, we would graciously receive them.
- If you have any skills that you could offer in terms of running a stall or an activity for the children, we would love to hear more; you can speak to a member of the Fiesta Fun Day committee.

TFL UPDATES

Now that spring is nearly here, why not be inspired to walk, scoot and cycle more. With BEEP BEEP day on the 19th of March we will be talking to the children about Road Safety as we travel to and from school on our Educational visits to the Temple, Mosque and Church. We have also invited the school crossing patrol officer in to talk to the children about his job to help us cross the road safely.

On Friday 28th March we will host a 'Bling My Ride' competition. Any student who comes into nursery with a decorated scooter or bicycle will be given a small safety light (subject to availability) which clips onto the bike / scooter frame, helping to make the rider more visible.



Don't forget to tell us about your Journey to school, good or bad by scanning the QR code on posters found at school gates. This will highlight and issues you are facing and enable us to find a possible way forward.



Book of the Month

March

Tuesday 4th March

-Booster Seat Theatre Company performing to the children in the nursery

Thursday 6th March

-Parent Forum—Early Reading 9am & 1pm
- WORLD BOOK DAY

Tuesday 18th March 2025

- Jeffers Room—Places of Worship Educational Visits

- E-Safety Workshop for parents (Internet Safety)

Wednesday 19th March 2025

- Donaldson Room—Places of Worship Educational Visits

Thursday 20th March 2025

- Cooke Room—Places of Worship Educational Visits

Friday 28th March 2025

- Bling My Ride Competition

April

Tuesday 1st April

- Jeffers Room Parent Consultations
- McKee Room Parent Consultations

Wednesday 2nd April

- Donaldson Room Parent Consultations
- Jeffers Room Parent Consultations

Thursday 3rd April

- Cooke Room Parent Consultations
- Donaldson Room Parent Consultations

Friday 4th April

- Cooke Room Parent Consultations
- McKee Room Parent Consultations
- End of term for Government Funded Children

Monday 7th April—Monday 21st April

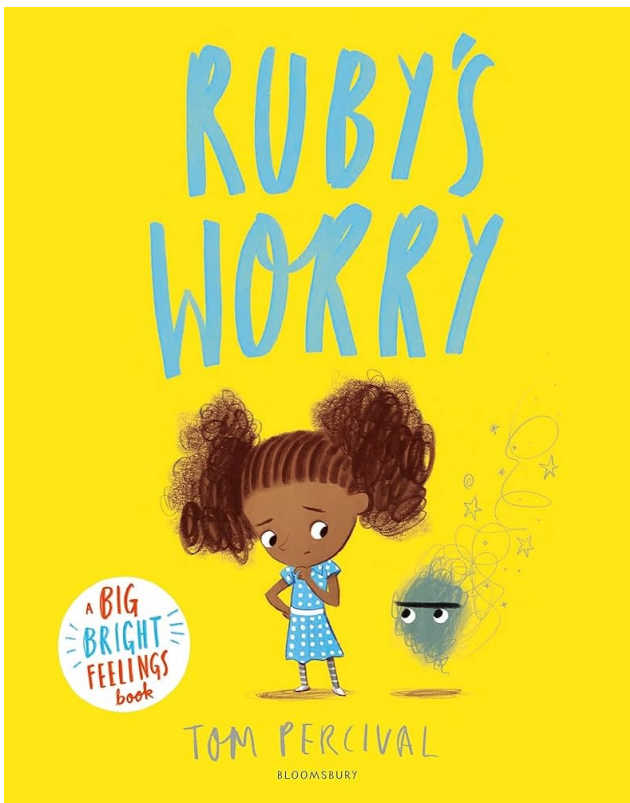
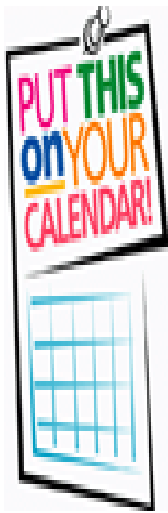
- Easter Holidays

Friday 18th April—Monday 21st April

- Nursery and Children's Centre closed to all

Tuesday 22nd April

- Nursery and Children's Centre services resume



We use books to open up a world of learning for our children. The core books we use, relate to children's interests and we feed that through the breadth of activities we offer within the provision. We also think that using books as the basis for our learning helps children love reading on a deeper level which we hope they will keep with them throughout their education. This month our key book is **Ruby's Worry** by written and illustrated by **Tom Percival**.

The Book Trust says of the book, "Ruby loves being Ruby. Until, one day, she finds a worry – and it won't stop growing. How can Ruby get rid of it and feel like herself again?"

This is a very beautiful, sensitive look at anxiety and how a problem shared is a problem halved. It demonstrates this message through gentle, subtle illustration, so even teeny children should grasp it."

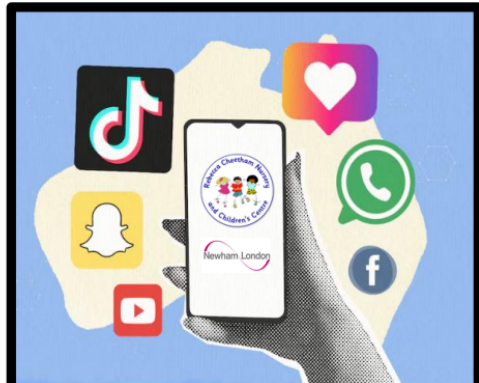
Here is a link to the Book of the Month info sheet: [https://
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E- Safety Workshop



Do you know how to keep your child safe when using the internet?

Come along to our parent workshop and find out ways to safeguard your child when using mobile phones, tablets and other electronic devices at home.



Date:

Tuesday 18th March 2025

Time:

10am-11:30am

Venue:

Rebecca Cheetham Children's Centre, Marcus Street, London, E15 3JT

Key Dates

Pancake day— Tuesday 4th March

World Book day - Thursday 6th March

E Safety Workshop—Tuesday 18th March

Accident Prevention—Thursday 20th March



WELL NEWHAM DIRECTORY OF SERVICES (POWERED BY JOY)

The Well Newham team are currently leading on the roll out of a new health and wellbeing service directory for Newham.

Please see useful link below to help navigate find out about support pathways in Newham.

[Well Newham Directory of Services \(powered by Joy\) | Well Newham](#)

Accident Prevention

Takes place on

Thursday 20th March 1:30pm—2:00pm

Come and join a Health visiting care practitioner for one of our advisory sessions running every 3rd Thursday of the month at Rebecca Cheetham Nursery & Children Centre.

Find out what to do to keep your home and child safe.

DROP IN STAY AND PLAY

(No Booking Required)

Stay and Play @ Abbey Lane Children's Centre

Mondays 10:00am-11:00am

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