

DECEMBER 2025

Rebecca Cheetham Nursery and Children's Centre NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents/Carers,

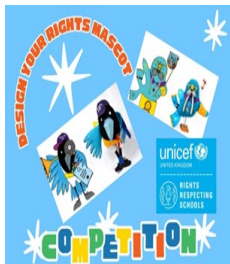
We can hardly believe that we are in December and that the end of the year is fast approaching. It's such a busy time here at Rebecca Cheetham, a wonderful time of year, listening to the children practice their Christmas songs for the **Winter Concerts** that they will be performing for you.

We are providing some space, time and resources for parents and carers to make a costume for their child's concert in our **Costume Making Workshops**. Have a look at our posters for more information and sign up at the front office to secure your place in the sessions. A delicious **Christmas Lunch** will be served for children who stay for lunch on **Wednesday 17th December**.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you a wonderful festive season however you celebrate and to cherish moments with your loved ones.

Merry Christmas from your Rebecca Cheetham family.

We are delighted to announce the winners of our Rights Respecting Mascot Competition!



A huge congratulations to Alida, from Donaldson Room, whose fantastic design has been chosen as our official Rights Respecting Mascot. We would also like to give a special mention to Eloise, from Cooke Room who was our runner up. Their creative ideas perfectly capture the values of respect, kindness, and fairness that we promote across our school.

Keep an eye out for our new mascot appearing around school soon.



This Winter there is a free programme of events at **Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, Winter Adventure**. This 24-day festival is a celebration of community, creativity, and togetherness taking place from **1 – 24 December 2025**. The park-wide programme will see every venue on the Park open their doors to host family-friendly events, cultural activities, and seasonal attractions designed to bring warmth and joy to the Park during the colder months. From festive markets and performances to workshops, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Click on the link below to find out more.

[Winter Adventure | Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park](#)

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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BOOK OF THE MONTH: Come Over To My House

Book of the month link:

<https://www.rebeccacheetham.newham.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?ile=868&type=pdf>

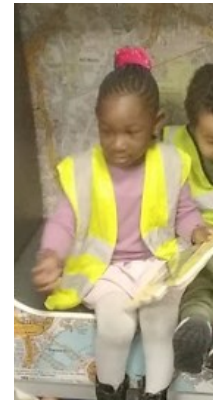
In addition to the core books that we use as a springboard to bring our topic learning alive, we also have a Book of the Month which showcases something additional we want to explore with our children. This month we are showcasing the wonderful *Come Over To My House* written by **Eliza Hull and Sally Rippin** and illustrated by **Daniel Gray Barnett**. The fantastic message highlighted in this book is one of diversity and inclusion, and we love that the book shows disability in a positive way. Our hope is that, by incorporating beautiful books such as this one in our school, all our children will see the beauty in everyone, no matter what shape their bodies take and that we can work together to make the world accessible to all.



Library Visit



It was great to see so many Parents and Carers accompany the staff and children to Stratford Library. A great time was had by all and we hope that you enjoy sharing the books given in your Bookstart packs as well as being inspired to visit the library more often.



If your child is due to move to reception class in September then they will have been invited to take part in Forest school sessions, held on site Wednesdays and Thursdays. This gives our older children a chance to be more focused on connecting with nature during their play outdoors. As the weather is changing, it is important that the children have the right outdoor clothing. A warm coat and trousers (preferably water proof), a hat and a pair of wellington boots are ideal for exploring the garden in all weathers.

Helping You Build Stronger, Happier Relationships with Your Child
Video Interaction Guidance (VIG)
For parents and carers of children under 5



Newham is currently trialling VIG, a new approach we are trying out on a small scale to support families.

VIG helps you notice and grow the positive moments between you and your child. It's a gentle and supportive way to build better communication, connection, and confidence.

newham.gov.uk **WE ARE NEWHAM.**

PARENT/CARER CHAMPION NETWORK (PCCN)

PLEASE JOIN OUR DIVERSE NETWORK OF LOCAL PARENTS AND CARERS

GET INVOLVED IN OUR PCCN ACTIVITIES AND BE PART OF A SAFE AND INCLUSIVE SPACE, ACCESS INFORMATION, ADVICE AND GUIDANCE - NAVIGATING THROUGH:

Health and Social Care services
Education System
Youth Justice Service

WE WORK ALONGSIDE SPECIALIST SERVICES AND PROFESSIONALS TO STRENGTHEN YOUR KNOWLEDGE, WELL-BEING AND GAIN SKILLS GOING FORWARD.

Coffee Mornings, Community workshops & parent-led activities & socials will be held at The Mix.

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THE MIX CENTRE - 1A CUMBERLAND ROAD, LONDON, E13 8LH.

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PCCN ACTIVITIES 2025/ 2026

IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO RAISE A CHILD - YOU DO NOT HAVE TO DO IT ALONE

SEP 2025	PCCN MONTHLY COFFEE MORNING
OCT 2025	PCCN MONTHLY COFFEE MORNING
NOV 2025	PCCN MONTHLY COFFEE MORNING
DEC 2025	PCCN END OF YEAR CELEBRATION
JAN 2026	PCCN IN PARTNERSHIP WITH BREAKTHROUGH - COFFEE MORNING
FEB 2026	PCCN IN PARTNERSHIP WITH BREAKTHROUGH - COFFEE MORNING
MARCH 2026	PCCN & BREAKTHROUGH SPRING CELEBRATION

BE PART OF A COMMUNITY THAT OFFERS PEER SUPPORT AS YOU NAVIGATE

How can I find out more?



Read our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about VIG



Watch an animated video on VIG



Read more about VIG

Interested in VIG? We are Here to Help

1. Self-referral by contacting
✉ VIG@newham.gov.uk

You will get an automatic reply with more information and when to expect a response. An Educational psychologist will then contact you to talk about your situation, explain VIG, and either help you get started or guide you to other support if VIG isn't the right fit right now.

2. Please speak to a professional who can refer you for VIG support. This could be:

- A health visitor
- A GP
- A midwife
- A family support worker
- A parenting practitioner

If you would like more information or would like to ask about making a self-referral directly, please contact:

- ✉ VIG@newham.gov.uk

What parents say

VIG has helped me to understand my baby and follow her cues.

I feel much more confident now I know what I'm doing well.

You never get to see it from this point of view. It really makes me see things differently.

NHS

Opening Hours For Vitamins

Monday - Friday

9:00am - 12:00pm

1:30pm - 4:00pm



NEED SUPPORT THIS WINTER?

Parent Workshop Held at Rebecca Cheetham Children's Centre

Tuesday 9th December
9:15am - 10:30am

Join a member of the Family Support Team to find out about help that is available for you and your family, during the winter period.

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Please call us on 020 8534 3136 to Book

Stratford and West Ham Community Neighbourhood

END OF YEAR CELEBRATION

Come along and join us for a festive themed play session to celebrate a successful year together.

This will take place from
Monday 15th December - Friday 19th December

Please ensure you book your spaces to avoid any disappointments.

Games

Finger Foods

Arts and Craft

Music

Fun Activities

And much more...

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

SONGS FROM

THE TWINKLY NATIVITY



Join us for a very special time of year where you can enjoy your children perform songs from The Twinkly Nativity and other festive songs.

TUESDAY 09TH DECEMBER
JEFFERS ROOM
10:00AM & 2.00PM

THURSDAY 11TH DECEMBER
DONALDSON ROOM
10:00AM & 2.00PM

FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER
COOKE ROOM 10:00AM & 2.00PM
MCKEE ROOM 10:30am & 2:30pm

Limited spaces available so please restrict to two people.



Christmas

COSTUME MAKING WORKSHOP

*Please don't buy a costume; come and join one of our
three sessions where we provide the materials and you
can make a costume yourself with other parents.*

Monday December 1st

From 9am to 10.30am

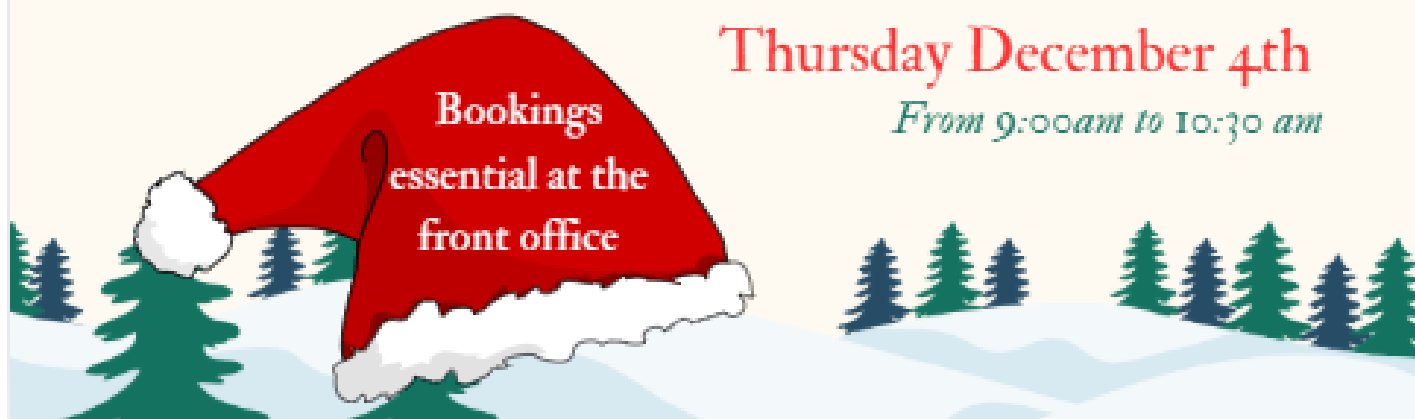
Tuesday December 2nd

From 1pm to 2.30pm

Thursday December 4th

From 9:00am to 10:30 am

**Bookings
essential at the
front office**





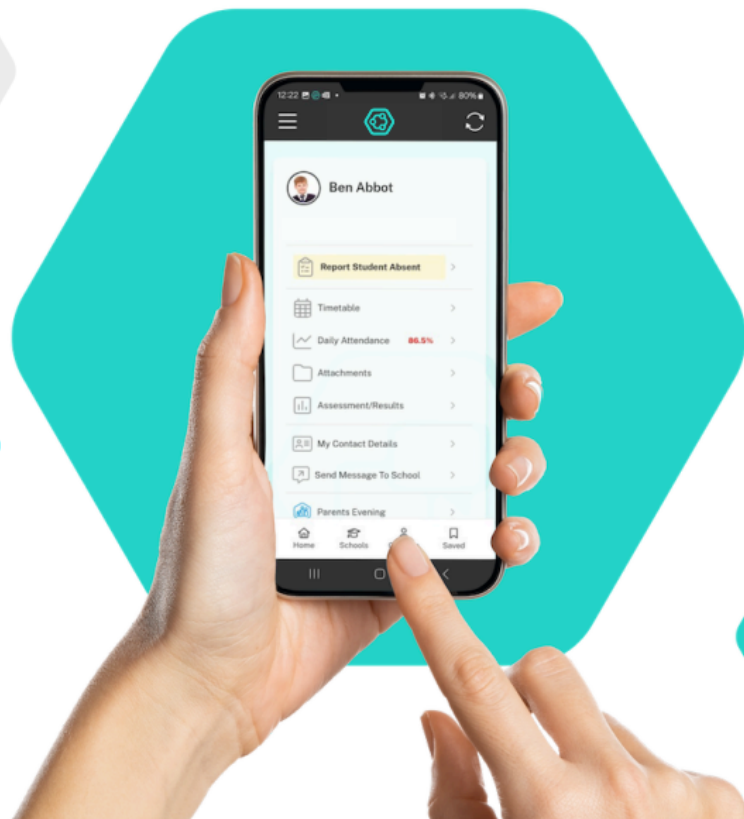
Eduspot

Download the app to stay **in the loop**

The Eduspot mobile app enables you to keep up with messages from school, with a personalised timeline of all your children's school activities and updates. **Download the app today!**



Scan here to
learn more!



Share The Warmth

**Rebecca
Cheetham
Nursery
School**

WINTER COAT DRIVE

Please help families in need
by donating clean new or
used winter gear that can
last them through winter

**COATS, BOOTS, GLOVES,
SCARVES, SOCKS AND
BOOTS**

3rd to 25th November 2025

**Drop-Off
Location**

Rebecca Cheetham Nursery

Marcus Street London E15 3JT

**For Additional
Information**

02085343136

Coat distribution on 3rd December
2025 led by our Parent Partnership
Group Members.



Important dates to remember



December

Monday 1st December

Christmas Costume making workshop 9am

Tuesday 2nd December

Christmas Costume making workshop 1pm

Thursday 4th December

Christmas Costume making workshop 9am

Tuesday 9th December

Winter Concert - Jeffers Room, shows at 10am and 2pm

Wednesday 10th December

Christmas Lunch

Thursday 11th December

Winter Concert - Donaldson Room, shows at 10am and 2pm

Friday 12 December

Winter Concert - Cooke Room shows at 10am and 2pm

Winter Activities - Mckee Room - 10:30am & 2:30pm

Friday 19th December

Last day of school for government funded children

Wednesday 24th December

Last day for extended day children

January

Friday 2nd January

Nursery (fee payers) and Children's Centre open

Monday 5th January

INSET DAY - full school and Children's Centre closure

Tuesday 6th January

Spring Term 1 commences for all children

Thursday 15th January

Parent Forum - Sustainability sessions at 9am and 1pm.