

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Dear parents/carers,
Welcome to our Christmas Newsletter. We hope that you have some wonderful plans over the festive period, whether you celebrate Christmas or not; it's always a great time to reconnect and build memories with your family.

I want to start by thanking the team who put together a lovely, intimate Christmas concert for you all and the children did a fabulous job of singing, movement and some sign language; I was so impressed and proud of them all. It is made all the more special by all of you for joining us and supporting the hard work of the children. Thank you to those who joined us for the costume making workshops; we love bringing these things to you. We hope you enjoyed the performances and have taken away some happy memories. A gentle reminder also to not post any photos or footage on social media.

Don't forget to work on your Sustainable Citizenship work sheets that you will find in your green books. These small activities will help compliment the work we are doing with the children at nursery and will help give you ideas of some of the learning you can do at home with your child. We will be finalising this sheet so the due date is when we return and we will be providing a new one in the new year.

Our next Parent Forum will be on Sustainability. We hope to host as many of you as possible. This will be held on **Thursday 15th January 2026 at 9am and 1pm**. Rohan will talk to you about how we can help to develop sustainable ways of thinking with our children and help you through the sustainable citizenship worksheet. Here is the link for the parent forum:
<https://www.rebeccacheetham.newham.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=1001&type=pdf>

A reminder that our **last day of school is Friday 19th December 2025** for all Government Funded children and **Wednesday 24th December 2025 for all fee paying children**. Fee paying children can return on **Friday 2nd January 2026** and **all Government Funded children return on Tuesday 6th January 2026**.

Please remember that **Monday 5th December 2026 is an INSET day** and the nursery and children's centre is closed to everyone.

Don't forget that the deadline for **Primary School Applications** is: **15th January 2026**! If your child was born between 1st September 2021 to 31 August 2022, you will need to apply for a Primary School Place. We sent out reminder messages to all those parents/carers who have not yet submitted. Remember that it may be more difficult to get your first choice if you submit a late application. Please contact the front office if you need any help with the application.

You should have received your children's **Evidence Me** updates and I think you will find that the children are making some great progress during their time here at Rebecca Cheetham. Please comment with your thoughts as the team work hard to provide meaningful and worthwhile updates for you.

I'm very excited to share some wonderful news about a group of our children who competed in **The Tapscott Learning Trust Gymnastics Competition**. Our group of eight children competed with children aged up to 7 and they won their division! We couldn't be more thrilled! Well done to the children and the gymnastics staff team who have been supporting them on this journey!

Our **Children's Centre** wanted to remind you that their **January - March 2026 Activity Calendar** is out now. Here is the link:

<https://www.rebeccacheetham.newham.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=751&type=pdf>

Following our festive closure, their sessions will resume from Friday 2nd January 2026. Please note: We are closed on Monday 5th January 2026 for staff training. Don't forget to check when your favourite sessions are running in the new year! The majority of our sessions will still require bookings. This can be done by calling us on 0208 534 3136 one week in advance. We look forward to you continuing to join us with your under 5's.

This brings our Christmas Update to a close. As I type this newsletter, the children have been enjoying their classroom parties and it has been a joy to see them having fun with their friends and behaving in such a calm and gentle manner. I'm sure they will continue to sing their Christmas songs to you right through to 2026.

Best wishes for a wonderful festive break and we look forward to welcoming you back to Rebecca Cheetham in 2026.

