

MAY 2026

Rebecca Cheetham Nursery and Children's Centre NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a super busy January with so many wonderful things that have happened and lots of exciting things to come.

PARENT FORUM

Next date: Wednesday 20th May 2026

TOPIC: Early Phonics and Sound Recognition 9am—10am or 1pm - 2pm (face to face)

<https://www.rebeccacheetham.newham.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=1052&type=pdf>

This session will give you an insight into what phonics is all about and how you can support your child in their phonic development. This is a really helpful session which will dispel myths and especially useful for those children who are heading to Primary school in September.

Please book at the front office to reserve your place.

EDUCATIONAL VISITS

We are very proud of these curriculum enhancements that we can provide to you and your children and we have some very exciting events coming up for you to enjoy with your children.

The first coming up is the **Stepney Green Farm** visit which takes place on the following days:

Tuesday 12th May 2026—Jeffers Room

Wednesday 13th May 2026—Donaldson Room

Thursday 14th May 2026—Cooke Room

Friday 15th May 2026—McKee Room

We are also very excited to have been able to secure a very limited amount of tickets to the **London Symphony Orchestra** musical storytelling concert and workshop at St Lukes. All tickets have been reserved now, so thank you to all those parents who signed up to this event. It promises to be a fabulous outing.

We are also in the planning stages of our **Seaside (Leigh-on Sea)** Visit which is always a very popular summer educational visit. They will take place on the 10th, 11th and 12th June. Further details will be provided once we have the visit details organised.

We are so grateful of the wonderful opportunities we can share with you and your children to expand their experiences of the world and their knowledge relating to things they are learning in the provision.

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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IQM flagship status retained!

We have some wonderful news! Rebecca Cheetham has kept its special "Flagship" status for being a school where every child is included and helped to succeed. In March 2026, an expert visited us to see how we are doing. Here are some of the lovely things they said:

A Calm and Happy Place: The expert called our nursery an "oasis of calm" where children feel safe and excited to learn.

Helping Every Child: The assessor noticed that making sure every child feels represented is a natural part of life at our school.

Support for Families: Parents told the expert that the help they get from the nursery is "invaluable," especially when their children need extra support.

Learning to be Independent: Our new project, "A Journey into Independence," is helping children learn how to solve problems and use math whilst they play.

We want to say a huge thank you to our amazing staff, our children, and all of our parents for making our school such a special place.

Want to read the full report? [Click here to see what makes our school so special!](#)



OMEP Sustainable Citizenship Bronze Award Achievement

We are thrilled to tell you that Rebecca Cheetham has won the **OMEP-UK Bronze Award**. This award is for schools that do a great job teaching children how to look after our planet and be kind to others.

Listening to Children: They were very happy to see how we use "floor books" to listen to the children's voices and ideas.

Working Together: They loved how our families helped us get more books in many different languages.

Kindness and Nature: The judges said our Forest School, our winter coat project, and the way the children care for animals were excellent.

A big thank you to all the staff, children, and families who helped us! We are now looking forward to working on the Silver Award.

[Read the full award letter here](#)



SPORTS DAY at Rebecca Cheetham—Wednesday 17th June 2026

Our Sports Day is one of our most enjoyable parent/child sessions at Rebecca Cheetham and most of our parents can't resist getting involved in the parent's races!

We would love to see you here to join in the fun. Further details to be revealed soon, including timings.

Children's Centre

Reminder: Our Children's Centre is open during school holidays! Keep take a look at our May Half Term Program which can be found on in this newsletter

E-SAFETY WORKSHOP

Helping you keep your children safe online

Date: Tuesday 5th May 2026

Time: 10:00am – 11:15am

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

Tips and advice on:

- Understanding the online world
- Privacy and security
- Managing screen time and content
- Supporting positive online behaviour

Let's work together to keep children safe and confident online.

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Baby Stay & Play

Singing & Storytelling

Every Monday
0-12 Months
First session: 1:30pm - 2:30pm
Second session: 2:30pm - 3:30pm
Drop in
(Term Time Only)
Please note that booking is not required but places are allocated on first come first serve with a maximum of 12 families per session

Family Support

We have a Family Support Team here to support you and your family. They will take time to understand your situation and work alongside you to find solutions that fit your family's needs.

Come along to one of our Family Support Drop in sessions

Wednesday & Fridays

9:30am—10:30am

Health Promotion

Come and join a Health Visiting Health Care Practitioner for one of our advisory sessions

Our next session is taking place on

Healthy Lifestyle and Weaning

Thursday 21st May 2026

1:30pm—2pm

Dad's Nailing It

FATHER'S GROUP

Every Monday
10:00am- 11:30am

LEARNING BAGS & BABY SENSORY BAGS

Speak to a member of the team to find out more about how to borrow free home learning bags for **FREE** for you to use at home with your child.



SAVE THE DATE

Friday 26th June 2026

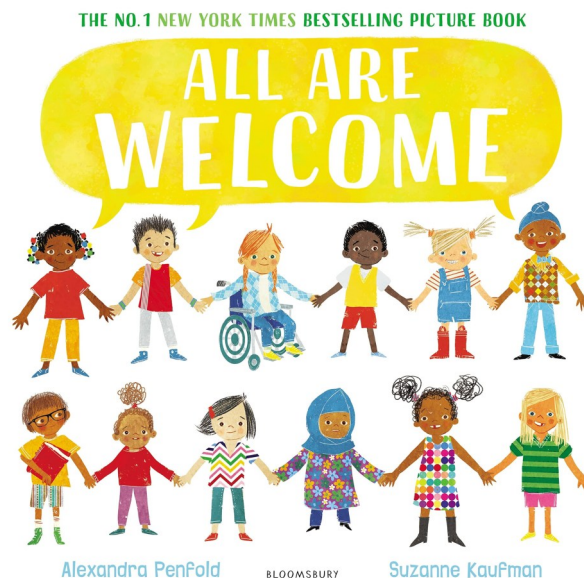
Our annual Fiesta Fun Day!

BOOK OF THE MONTH: *All Are Welcome*

Book of the month link: [Book Revision All Are Welcome](#)

This month our key book is *All Are Welcome*, written by Alexandra Penfold and Illustrated by Suzanne Kauffman. A warm, welcoming picture book that celebrates diversity and gives encouragement and support to all kids. Follow a group of children through a day in their school, where everyone is welcomed with open arms. A school where kids in patkas, hijabs, and yamulkes play side-by-side with friends in baseball caps. A school where students grow and learn from each other's traditions and the whole community gathers to celebrate the Lunar New Year. *All Are Welcome* lets young children know that no matter what, they have a place, they have a space, they are welcome in their school.

Explore the Parent Sheet [Click here](#) to get some ideas on how you can share this story with your child including a link to a youtube reading of the book: <https://youtu.be/O5gia39y5uo?feature=shared>



FIESTA FUN DAY: A Cultural Carnival of Friendship

Get ready for some music, laughter, and community spirit! We are so excited to invite all our families to our upcoming **Fiesta Fun Day**.

It's going to be a wonderful day filled with:

Fun and Games: Plenty of activities to keep your children busy.

Music and Food: Enjoy the vibrant atmosphere with your family and community.

Community Spirit: A chance for us all to get together and celebrate our amazing school.

When: Friday 26th June 2026 **Time:** 1-5pm **Where:** Rebecca Cheetham Nursery School and Children's Centre

We can't wait to see you all there for a day of sunshine (fingers crossed!) and smiles. Everyone is welcome, so bring your energy and let's make it a day to remember!

Mark your calendars—you won't want to miss it! Don't forget that this day is a nursery and children's centre closure day for us all to enjoy this day!

The poster for 'Fiesta Fun Day' has a vibrant, colorful background. At the top left, it says 'Rebecca Cheetham Nursery and Children's Centre' with a small illustration of three children. The main title 'FIESTA FUN DAY' is written in large, bold, purple letters, with 'A CULTURAL CARNIVAL OF FRIENDSHIP' in green below it. The central illustration shows a woman with long brown hair hugging a large globe, and a young boy with a rainbow on his face painting his cheek. At the bottom, the event details are listed: 'FRIDAY 26TH JUNE 1:00PM - 5:00PM', 'VENUE: Rebecca Cheetham Nursery, Marcus Street, E15 3JT, 0208 534 3136'. To the right, a list of activities includes 'RAFFLE', 'TOMBOLA', 'CAKE STALL', 'FOOD STALLS', 'FACE PAINTING', 'BOUNCY CASTLE', 'ZUMBA DANCING', and 'FUNFAIR STYLE GAMES'. At the bottom left, there is a gold coin icon and the text 'DONATIONS ON ENTRY' and 'THIS IS A CASH ONLY EVENT!'.

MAY HALF TERM PROGRAMME

	Monday 25 th May	Tuesday 26 th May	Wednesday 27 th May	Thursday 28 th May	Friday 29 th May
AM		Family Stay and Play Fun with Maths 0-8 years Rebecca Cheetham Children's Centre DROP IN 10:00am – 11:30am	Coffee Morning Hug in a Mug 0-8 years Rebecca Cheetham Children's Centre DROP IN 9:30am - 10:30am	Baby Stay and Play Baby Sensory 0-12 months and non-walkers Rebecca Cheetham Children's Centre DROP IN 10:00am - 11:30am	Family Stay and Play Well known Fairytales 0-8 years Rebecca Cheetham Children's Centre DROP IN 10:00am-11:30am
PM	Spring Bank Holiday	Family Fun Whole Family Mixed age Rebecca Cheetham Children's Centre INVITATION ONLY 1:00pm - 2:30pm	Baby Stay and Play Singing and Storytelling 0-12 months Rebecca Cheetham Children's Centre DROP IN 10:00am - 11:30am	Family Stay and Play Learning through Play 0-5 years Rebecca Cheetham Children's Centre DROP IN 1:00pm - 2:30pm	Family Stay and Play Messy Play 0-5 years Rebecca Cheetham Children's Centre DROP IN 1:00pm- 2:30pm

Thank you for taking the time to look through our May Half Term Programme. Please notice that most of our offer during this time is now drop-in sessions. Please notice: The drop in sessions will be first come first serve (25 adults only per session) Please ensure you arrive early to avoid any disappointments. For more information please call us on: **0208 534 3136**. All sessions are subject to change. We look forward to seeing you and your little one/s soon.

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and Children's Centre



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FUNFAIR STYLE GAMES

Parent Forum

Early Phonics and Sound Recognition

We are very pleased to offer you our next PARENT FORUM session. This session will give you some support and guidance around the topic of Early Phonics and Sound Recognition.



Rohan will lead this session, guiding you through and demystifying the world of phonics so you feel better able to support your child in this exciting world of developing their skills for reading and decoding letter sounds to assist their eventual reading.



**Rebecca Cheetham
Nursery School**

Wednesday 20th May 2026

9:00am Face-to-face

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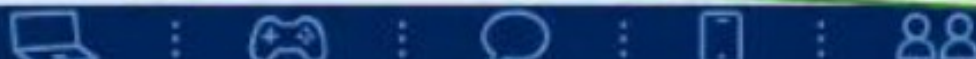
Supporting positive online behaviour



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Important dates to remember

May

Monday 4th May

May Bank Holiday - Nursery and Children's Centre closed to all

Monday 11th May - 15th May

Mental Health Week

Bike Week - Bike Instructors in to support children in learning to ride a bike

Tuesday 12th May

Stepney Green Farm Visit - Jeffers

Wednesday 13th May

Stepney Green Farm Visit - Donaldson

Thursday 14th May

Stepney Green Farm Visit - Cooke

Friday 15th May

Stepney Green Farm Visit - McKee

LSO Music and Storytelling Event - a reserved ticketed event

Monday 18th May - Friday 22nd May

Walk to School Week

Wednesday 20th May

Parent Forum - Phonics

Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May

Half term - Nursery is closed for all Government funded children

June

Monday 1st June

Start of Summer 2 term - all children return to school

Wednesday 10th June

Seaside Educational Visit - Jeffers (Provisional)

Thursday 11th June

Seaside Educational Visit - Donaldson (Provisional)

Friday 12th June

Seaside Educational Visit - Cooke (Provisional)

Wednesday 17th June

School of Family - Sports Day

Parent Forum - Primary School Transitions

Friday 26th June

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