

May 2025

Rebecca Cheetham Nursery and Children's Centre NEWSLETTER



Dear parents/carers,

Welcome to our May newsletter. This one will be a relatively short one but one full of celebration.

OFSTED INSPECTION— 11th and 12th March 2025

As you know, we had our Ofsted Inspection in March and after a grueling two days of inspection we are happy to report that we remain **Outstanding**. We are so proud of the wonderful work that goes on at Rebecca Cheetham and the fabulous community we have created. We love the strong parent partnerships we have and we are proud of the ambition we have for our children and our commitment to constantly wanting to improve. Being Outstanding to us is not being perfect all the time, but it is always looking at how we evolve and how we improve to cater to our children, community and the world around us.

I hope that you enjoy reading our report which you can access here: <https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50275746> but also we will have provided you with a hard copy of the inspection report as well.

Thank you for trusting us with your children and we hope you agree that they are given some wonderful and unique learning opportunities every day.

PARENT FORUM (Early Phonics and Sound Recognition)

Next date: Friday 9th May 2025 9am and 1pm (both face-to-face sessions)

TOPIC: Early Phonics and Environmental Sounds

<https://www.rebeccacheetham.newham.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=921&type=pdf>

Don't forget to book onto our next Parent Forum. This is a really popular one so make sure you secure your place! As always, please book your place in the front office.

You might also be interested in joining this session run in our Children's Centre with our wonderful Family Support workers:

Bedtime Routine Workshop

Bedtime routine 20th May 10:00am—11:30am

Join our Family Support Team to gain tips and take part in group discussions and activities to help you develop and maintain positive bedtime routines. Any age child can benefit from embedding bedtime routines so if this is an area you need support with we highly recommend you joining our team for this session.

Booking required in the front office.

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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Facebook



Follow us on
Twitter
@RCNCC15

SUSTAINABLE CITIZENSHIP

Don't forget to work on your Sustainable Citizenship passports! We have only received 10% of completed booklets and at this stage it isn't looking likely that we will receive the award that we have worked hard on for the last two years. We urge you to work on these with your children and get them back to us before **Friday 6th June 2025**. Remember we need to get to 60% of parents completing the booklet so we really need your support! If you have any questions or need some support, please reach out to a member of staff or speak to Rohan directly.



FIESTA FUN DAY—CAN YOU HELP? LAST CALL

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 600 people attending the event. **This is our last call for your help and support!**

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.



EDUCATIONAL VISITS

We have a busy time of wonderful Educational Visits coming up—all the specific dates can be found in the **Important Dates** section. First of all we will be visiting Mudchute Farm in May and then in June we will be going to Leigh-on-Sea (specific details to follow). We love having our wonderful parents join us for these visits so we look forward to you accompanying us!

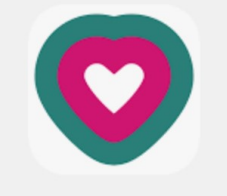

SPORTS DAY—School of Family

We are excited to provide you with the date of one of the most fun and energetic days on the school calendar, our Sports Day! The date is set for **Thursday 19th June** and we will provide you with further details regarding timings very soon. We love having parents join us on the day and it gets very competitive when we organise our parent's races!





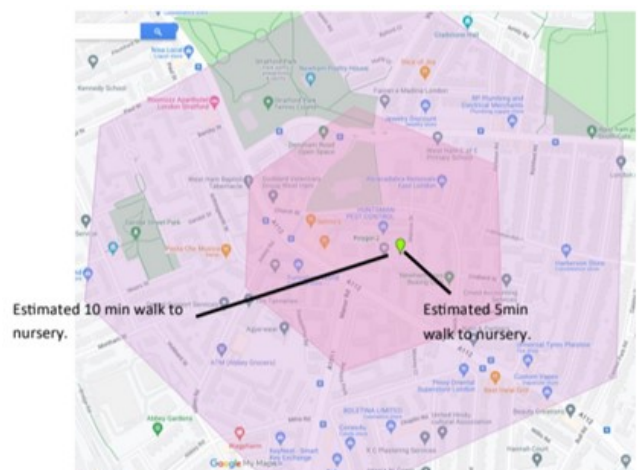
Thank you to all the parents who have made an entry to our on going active travel consultation using the QR code posters found on the school gates. This month we need all parents to complete our annual Travel Plan survey. It helps us to plan for the next academic year. You can access the survey at: <https://forms.gle/MKpXGeMLb9y1ouvW7>

You said	We did
<p>There were often cars parked on the kerb on the approach to school and this made it difficult for people to walk, push their buggy or ride their bike/ scooter.</p>	<p>We have invited the community police team to talk with drivers to highlight the use of parking bays on Marcus Street.</p> <p>We have also applied to have a safer school streets status.</p>
<p>More school signage.</p>	<p>We have invested in some new road safety signage to reduce kerbside parking.</p>
<p>Litter on the streets.</p>  	<p>You can use the free Love Newham App/Website:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Download the "Love Clean Streets" app (available on iPhone and Android) or visit the Love Newham website. • Take a photo of the litter and add a brief description. • The location will be captured automatically. <p>You can report issues like graffiti, fly-tipping, fly-posting, litter, and dog fouling.</p> <p>Call Newham Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call the Newham Council's contact center at 020 8430 2000. • Their customer services officers can help you with your enquiry or transfer you to a member of staff who can.

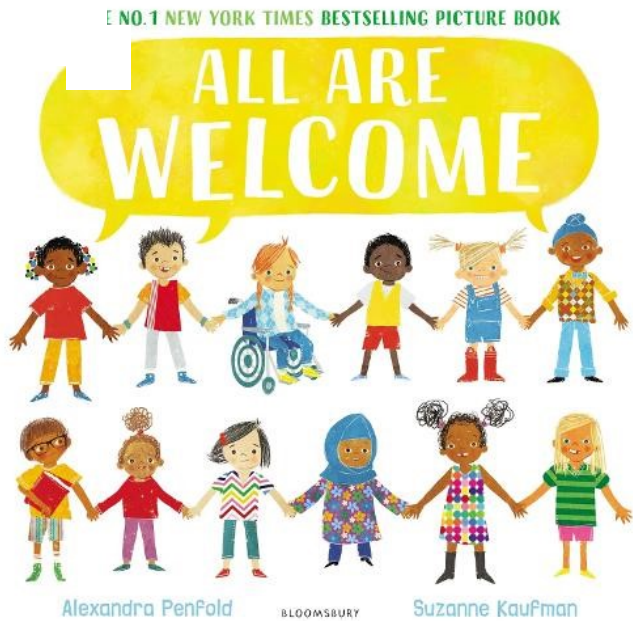
Please keep using the code. It's an opportunity to tell us about your journey to and from school, good or bad.

WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK—Monday 19th—Friday 23rd May 2025

Walk to School Week takes place from Monday 19th May to Friday 23rd May. The map shows how quick it is to walk to school if you live locally. Bus routes for routes 69, 473, 276 and 241 are found along the A112 with Stratford and Plaistow stations a short ride away. If you do have to drive, why not park further away and 'stride' into school? It's a great way to keep fit and improve the air quality around the school. Make the journey extra fun on **Wednesday 21st May** by wearing your funkiest footwear and walking to school. There will be a catwalk in the garden.



Book of the Month



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 base for our learning helps children love reading on a deeper level which we hope they will keep with them throughout their education. We will be using books to enhance key messages we want to impart through our whole nursery and children's centre.

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 <https://www.rebeccacheetham.newham.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=807&type=pdf> to get some ideas on how you can share this story with your child including a link to a youtube reading of the book.

Multi-lingual Library @ RC

I mentioned in the last newsletter that we are developing a multi-lingual library at Rebecca Cheetham Nursery School. We are asking for some contributions from our families to help build up the resources we can offer. We have had some contributions from some of our families already and we just wanted to reach out again to remind you that we are very keen to get more books written in home languages or that tell a cultural tale to broaden our library.

This will be an important resource for all the children at Rebecca Cheetham Nursery. I hope that by the next newsletter I will be able to report an even bigger selection has been donated!



Children's Centre

DROP IN STAY AND PLAY

(No Booking Required)

Messy Play @ Abbey Lane Children's Centre

Mondays 10:00am-11:30am

&

Stay and Play @ Abbey Lane Children's Centre

Mondays 1:00pm-2:30pm

Parent Workshops

Bedtime routine 20th May 10:00am—
11:30am

Join our Family support team to gain positive parenting tips and strategies for developing a good bedtime routine.

Toilet Training 10th June 9:15—10:30am

Join our Family Support team to gather ideas on how to support your child to transition from nappies to the toilet.

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Need Support with
Breastfeeding?

Baby Feeding Café

@ Rebecca Cheetham
Every Monday
10:00am - 12:00pm

No booking required

Newham Baby Feeding Helpline
07534249611



Scan QR code to access May
Half term Programme



Health promotion sessions held by a Health Visitor

Healthy Lifestyle and Weaning—15th May

See Health Visitor @ Vicarage Lane Health Centre

(No Appointment required)

Every 2nd Thursday of the month

Every 4th Thursday of the month



Rebecca Cheetham Nursery
and Children's Centre



OPEN AFTERNOON

THURSDAY 22nd MAY 2025
4PM - 5PM



Come along and let your child interact with our learning environment and staff and secure your place for September 2025

We have spaces in our 15 hour, 30 hour and extended day provisions, term time and all year round.

Contact us for more information and to book your place!
Marcus Street, London, E15 3JT
Phone us on 0208 534 3136
www.rebeccacheetham.newham.sch.uk

I am grateful that the team know my child, understand her preferences and have made an effort to get to know her. The written reports also help to display this knowledge of my child. She is always happy to go to nursery and that makes me feel reassured.

SPACES
AVAILABLE
FOR
SEPTEMBER
2025

FIESTA FUN DAY 2025



CELEBRATING DIVERSITY
& EMBRACING DIFFERENCES

FRIDAY 27TH JUNE 2025
1:00PM - 5:00PM

VENUE:
Rebecca Cheetham Nursery
Marcus Street, E15 3JT
0208 534 3136



RAFFLE
TOMBOLA
CAKE STALL
BOUNCY CASTLE
ZUMBA DANCING
FACE PAINTING
FUNFAIR STYLE GAMES
FOOD STALLS

ENTRY FEE: DONATION (includes Drink Token)



THIS IS A CASH ONLY EVENT!

Newham London

ALSO INCORPORATING THE LAUNCH
OF THE "UNITED WEST CHILDREN'S
CENTRE AND FAMILY HUB"

Important dates to remember

May

Monday 5th May

-Bank Holiday (School and Children's Centre closed to all)

Tuesday 6th May

- Living Eggs (hatching eggs come to school)

Thursday 8th May

-Mudchute Farm - McKee Room (letters have gone out)

Friday 9th May

-Parent Forum (Early Phonics)

Monday 12th May - Friday 16th

-Bike Training in the 3 and 4 year old rooms

Tuesday 13th May

-Mudchute Farm - Jeffers Room (letters have gone out)

Wednesday 14th May

-Mudchute Farm - Donaldson Room (letters have gone out)

Thursday 15th May

-Mudchute Farm - Cooke Room (letters have gone out)

W/C Monday 19th May

-Walk To School Week

Tuesday 20th May

-Bedtime Routines workshop 10am-11:30am

Thursday 22nd May

-Open Day (Prospective Students) 4pm-5pm

Monday 26th May - Sunday 1st June

-Half Term Break (Nursery closed to all government funded children)

Monday 2nd June

-Nursery resumes for all children

June

Monday 9th June - Friday 13th June

-BIKE WEEK

Tuesday 10th June

-Educational Visit to Leigh-on Sea (Jeffers Room)

Wednesday 11th June

-Educational Visit to Leigh-on Sea (Donaldson Room)

Thursday 12th June

-Educational Visit to Leigh-on Sea (Cooke Room)

Thursday 19th June

-School of Family SPORTS DAY

Tuesday 24th June

-Parent Forum (Primary School Transitions)

Friday 27th June

-FIESTA FUN DAY 1pm - 5pm (School and Children's Centre closed to all)

