

# April 2026

## Rebecca Cheetham Nursery and Children's Centre NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents/Carers,

A new month is here and we are fast approaching the summer term. Our theme for the first half term is 'Growth' where the children will be learning about lifecycles. We will find out more about how plants grow, watch chicks hatch from eggs and see how caterpillars turn into butterflies. In the second half of the term, we will be using our imaginations to find out more about 'Superheroes', not just the fictional characters with special powers, but also people who help us achieve the best in everyday life.

### PARENTAL CONSULTATIONS

During the Easter break, you will have some time to read the Evidence Me report about your child. In the week of the 13th to the 17th April we will be hosting Parental Consultation meetings where you will have the opportunity to discuss your child's learning and progress with their key worker. Please let the office team know if you are having difficulties in accessing the Evidence Me report and watch out for the booking notification which will be sent via text message.

### PARENT FORUM

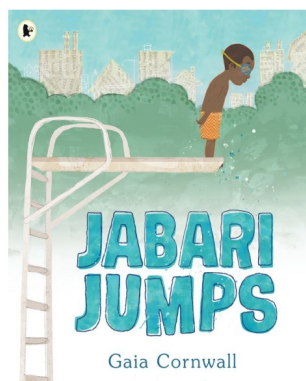
**Next date: Wednesday 15th April 2026**

**TOPIC: The Power of Home Languages ( Part 2 ) 10:30 - 11:45am or 2:30 - 3:45pm**

In this practical workshop, an external expert on multilingualism, Sofia Alam will talk about the importance of home languages and how being multilingual supports children's learning. Sign up at the front office to secure your place at this very informative session.

### 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 Jabari Jumps, written and illustrated by Gaia Cornwall. Jabari Jumps is a fantastic book that helps us to be brave and look at how we can tackle those things that make us scared or nervous. We find how important it is to have that wonderful adult encouragement there to help us along.

We are very happy to recommend a reading of this book by Olympic Swimmer, Alice Dearing, who represented Team GB in the 2020 Olympics. Alice also co-founded the Black Swimming Association in 2020. What a wonderful role-model she is for our children. Please click on the link below to take you to her YouTube reading of the book!  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vSqs6Z3JPYM>

Why not try out some activities linked to this book at home. <https://www.rebeccacheetham.newham.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?>

### 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



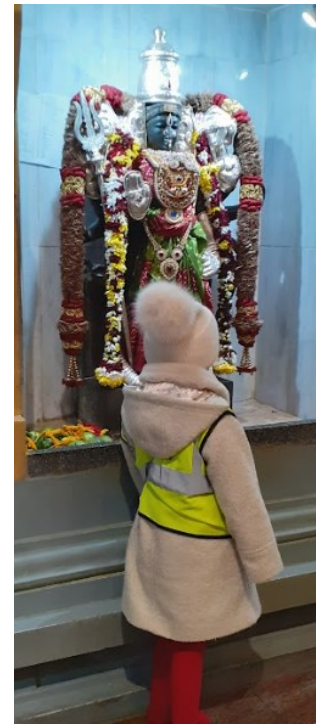
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### BUGGY PARK USE

You are more than welcome to use the buggy park but we urge you to fold the buggies down. On some occasions there are so many buggies for our Children's Centre stay and play sessions that they are causing a health and safety issue. Please, we kindly ask for your support with this



# Places of worship visits

A big thank you to all parents and carers who helped to accompany the children and teaching teams during the visit.

Happy Holi, Eid Mubarak and Happy Easter to all those celebrating

Your help is invaluable and we look forward to your help again for our visits in the summer



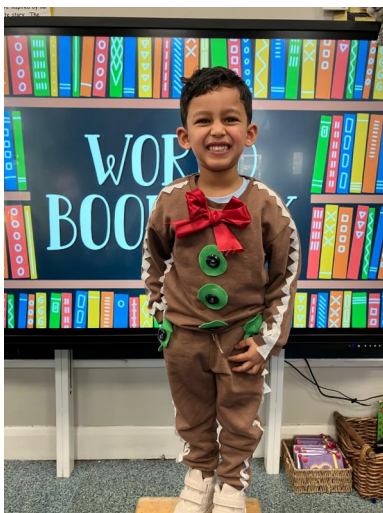
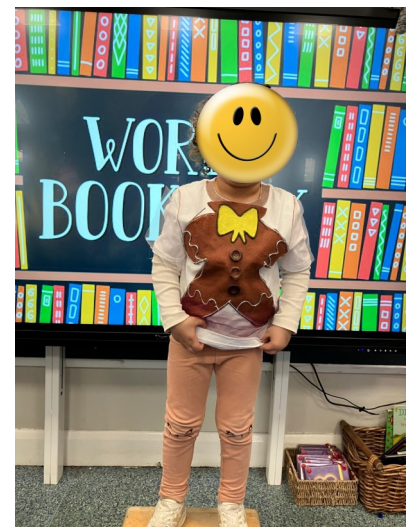
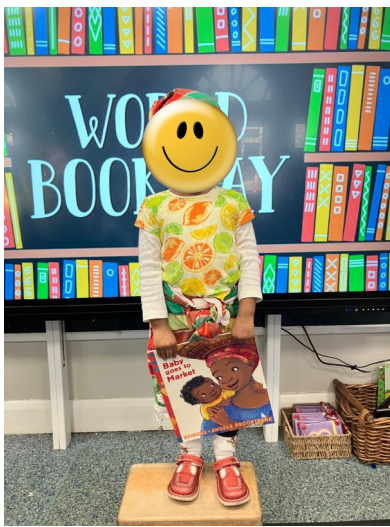
# FIESTA FUN DAY—CAN YOU HELP?

We are in the midst of planning for our Fiesta Fun Day 2026 which is scheduled for Friday 26th June 2026, 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" stall, would be graciously received.



## World Book Day!

We had a wonderful day dressing up as our favourite book characters. Thank you to all the creative parents who attended the costume making workshops. Booster seat theatre came in to tell the story of Goldilocks and the Big Bad Wolf and the children all received a book to take home.

# Children's Centre

## Activity Calendars

Our Children's Centre remains open during School Holidays. Please follow the link below for our April Half Term Programme running from Monday 30th March—Friday 10th April 2026 — [Rebecca Cheetham Nursery & Children's Centre - Half Term Programme](#) Alternatively, this is also on page 5 of the newsletter. The majority of the sessions are drop in sessions, but please give us a call to secure a place on the educational visit.

Our April—June Activity Calendar is out now! Please follow the link below to download a copy and see when your favourite sessions are running—[Rebecca Cheetham Nursery & Children's Centre - Activity Calendar](#) These sessions commence from Monday 13th April 2026.

We look forward to you all continuing to join us!

## Thrive at Home Workshop

A supportive workshop focused on giving parents practical strategies to encourage development through every day play. Together we explore fun using simple activities that build strong foundations for future learning and development.

**Tuesday 7th April 2026**

**1:00pm—2:15pm**

Booking required—You are welcome to bring your children with you to this workshop

## Health Promotion

Come and join a Health Visiting Health Care Practitioner for our next advisory session on

**Toilet Training**

**Thursday 16th April 2026**

**1:30pm—2pm**

To book please come to the front office

## FAMILY SUPPORT

AT REBECCA CHEETHAM CHILDRENS CENTRE



As Family Support Workers we are here to support you and your family. We listen without judgment, take time to understand your situation and work alongside you to find solutions that fit your family's needs.

We offer practical help, emotional support and guidance. We can connect you with services and resources when needed. Our goal is to help you feel confident, supported and empowered so you don't have to face challenges alone.



### SUPPORT

- Parenting Advice
- Housing Advice
- Mental Health
- Domestic Abuse
- Financial/Benefit Advice
- Health and Wellbeing Advice
- Employment Support
- Education Support
- Community Engagement
- Drug and Alcohol Advice
- Early Help Support Plans
- Advocacy
- Safety Planning



### WHO WE WORK WITH

We will work with you alongside; health visitors, schools, nurseries, housing and any other service you are accessing. You can ask a professional to make a referral on your behalf through Newham MASH

### GETTING SUPPORT

Speak with a member of the family support team by calling us on **02085343136** or visiting us at our centre.

You can also use the QR code above to make a self-referral and we would be happy to help



## 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.



## Dad's Nailing It

### FATHER'S GROUP



**Every Monday**  
**10:00am- 11:30am**



# April Half Term Programme

	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April
AM	<b>Family Stay and Play</b> (Space theme) 0-8 years Rebecca Cheetham CC <b>Drop in</b> 10:00am-11:30am	<b>Family Stay and Play</b> (Transport Theme) 0-5 years Rebecca Cheetham CC <b>Drop in</b> 10:00am-11:30am	<b>Hug in a Mug</b> (Coffee Morning) 0-5 years Rebecca Cheetham CC <b>Drop in</b> 9:30am – 10:30am	<b>Baby Stay and Play</b> (Baby Sensory) 0-12 months and non-walkers Rebecca Cheetham CC <b>Drop in</b> 10:00am - 11:30am	Good Friday <b>(BANK HOLIDAY)</b>  Centre Closed
PM	<b>Baby Stay and Play</b> (Singing & Story time) 0-12 months Rebecca Cheetham CC <b>Drop in</b> 1:00pm-1:45pm	<b>Family Stay and Play</b> (Messy Play) 0-5 years Rebecca Cheetham CC <b>Drop in</b> 1:00pm-2:30pm	<b>Family Stay and Play</b> (Using our five sense) 0-5 years Rebecca Cheetham CC <b>Drop in</b> 1:00pm-2:30pm	<b>Family Stay and Play</b> (Messy Play) 0-5 years Rebecca Cheetham CC <b>Drop in</b> 1:00pm – 2:30pm	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April  <b>Educational Visit</b> (Natural History Museum) 30 months- 8 years  Limited Buggy spaces <b>Booking Required</b>  <b>10:00am-2:00pm</b>  <b>Family Stay and Play</b> (Construction Theme) 0-5 years Rebecca Cheetham CC <b>Drop in</b> <b>1:00pm – 2:30pm</b>
AM	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> April  Easter Monday <b>(BANK HOLIDAY)</b>  Centre Closed	<b>Family Stay and Play</b> (Animal Theme) 0-5 years Rebecca Cheetham CC <b>Drop in</b> 10:00am-11:30am	<b>Hug in a Mug</b> (Coffee Morning) 0-5 years Rebecca Cheetham CC <b>Drop in</b> 9:30am – 10:30am	<b>Baby Stay and Play</b> (Baby Sensory) 0-12 months and non-walkers Rebecca Cheetham CC <b>Drop in</b> 10:00am - 11:30am	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> April  <b>Baby Stay and Play</b> (Baby Sensory) 0-12 months and non-walkers Rebecca Cheetham CC <b>Drop in</b> 10:00am - 11:30am
PM		<b>Family Play with the Family Support Team</b> whole Family Rebecca Cheetham CC <b>Invitation Only</b> 1:00pm-2:30pm	<b>Family Stay and Play</b> (Messy Play) 0-5 years Rebecca Cheetham CC <b>Drop in</b> 1:00pm – 2:30pm	<b>Family Stay and Play</b> (Messy Play) 0-5 years Rebecca Cheetham CC <b>Drop in</b> 1:00pm – 2:30pm	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April  <b>Educational Visit</b> (Natural History Museum) 30 months- 8 years  Limited Buggy spaces <b>Booking Required</b>  <b>10:00am-2:00pm</b>  <b>Family Stay and Play</b> (Construction Theme) 0-5 years Rebecca Cheetham CC <b>Drop in</b> <b>1:00pm – 2:30pm</b>

Thank you for taking the time to look through our April Half Term Programme.

**PLEASE NOTE:** 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.

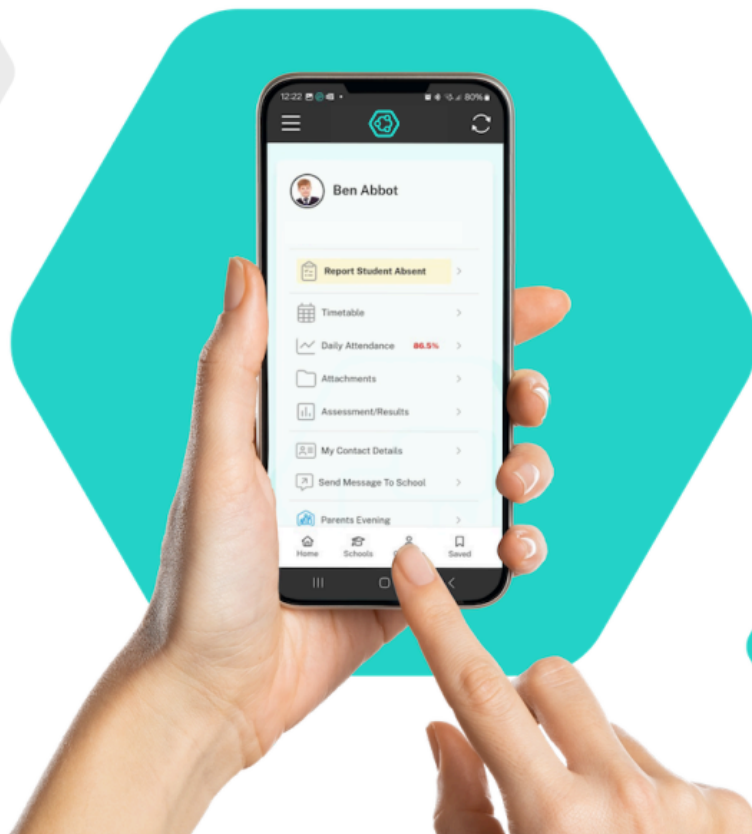
We look forward to seeing you and your little one/s soon.



# 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!**



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# Important dates to remember

## April

**Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April**

Easter Holidays - Nursery closed to all Government funded children

**Friday 3rd April and Monday 6th April**

Good Friday and Easter Monday - Nursery and Children's Centre closed to all children

**Monday 13th April**

Summer 1 term begins - nursery opens again for ALL children

**Monday 13th April - 17th April**

Parental Consultations take place all week

**Wednesday 15th April**

Parent forum - The Power of Home languages

## May

**Monday 4th May**

May Bank Holiday

**Thursday 7th May**

Parent Forum - Phonics

**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

**Monday 18th May - Friday 22nd May**

Walk to School Week

**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

