Rebecca Cheetham Nursery School and Children's Centre

NEWSLETTER



WELCOME TO THE NEW YEAR

Welcome to our first monthly newsletter for the 2026/2027 school year. We are so thrilled to have your children return and thank you if you are beginning your nursery journey with us at Rebecca Cheetham. We don't take for granted that you chose us and we are sure that your child will have a wonderful time and make significant progress before they move to primary school.

NOTE: On the digital version of the newsletter, you can click on all underlined words to take you to that website or document!

PARENT FORUM

Primary School Places - focused on children moving to Reception 2027

Wednesday 7th October 2026

9am (face to face) or 1pm (online)

Zoom link: **Parent Forum Zoom Link**

Ensure that you book a place!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

PROTECTED TIME

Please help us protect learning time At Rebecca Cheetham Nursery. Children take part in short, focused learning sessions with their key person and group. These times build skills, knowledge, and confidence, so it's important they aren't interrupted. Please arrive before or after these sessions to support all children's learning. *NOTE: - this does not apply to McKee Room.*

MORNING SESSION: 9:00am – 9:20am 11:25am – 11:40am

AFTERNOON SESSION: 1:00pm – 1:20pm 3:25pm – 3:40pm

NURSERY CLOTHING

We love that children in our nursery learn through play – and that sometimes means getting messy, wet, or dirty! This shows they are fully engaged in their activities. Please make sure your child doesn't come in their best clothes and has a spare set of clothes in their bag in case of accidents or water play. Waterproofs and wellies are great for keeping children comfortable and letting them enjoy puddles and water play without worry. There's no pressure to buy, but if you're interested, here's a sample link: **Regatta Kids Rainsuits**

BOOK OF THE MONTH

Book of the month link: Look Up

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 our book is Look Up by Nathan Byron and illustrated by Dapo Adeola.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

92.1%

We take attendace very seriously here at Rebecca Cheetham and we are working with you to support your child's journey to primary school.

We will work with you to make sure that your child has an excellent attendance percentage, aiming to come to school every day.

Our Attendance Officer is **Empress** and if you have any issues regarding attendance you can speak to her.

You must call in your child's absence every single day.

PRIMARY RECEPTION APPLICATIONS 2027-2028

For all children born from 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023 inclusive, their parents/carers will need to apply for a reception class place in an infant or primary school for September 2027 entry. National closing date for on time reception applications is **15 January 2027.**

All reception 2027 applications must be made through the family's home local authority. For children living in Newham families must apply via London Borough of Newham. Even if your child has a sibling that attends your preferred school, you will still need to make an e-admissions application.

Before submitting a reception application we strongly recommend all families read the Primary School Prospectus 2026 edition of the local authorities '**Starting Primary School**' guide and find out information about the school you are interested in.

More information about the reception process for September 2027 entry can be found here: **Newham Schools Admission Information** We will post information about school's open days and any other relevant information here: **Primary School Open Days**

JOIN OUR LEADING PARENT PARTNERSHIP GROUP

At Rebecca Cheetham Nursery School and Children's Centre, we believe in working together with our community to create a brighter future for children and families. As part of our commitment to parent partnership, we warmly invite new parents to join our Parent Partnership Group. Please complete the Google form below if you are interested to be part of the group: **Parent Partnership Group Link**

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

While Black History Month is celebrated across the UK in October, at Rebecca Cheetham Nursery, we love celebrating the achievements and rich cultures of those with African and Caribbean heritage all year round!

We've got a fantastic line-up of activities planned for the children this month! They'll be trying out African drumming and dance, creating lovely textile art, some paper weaving mimicking basket weaving, tasting new foods, and learning a wonderful traditional song about Anansi alongside being introduced to a range of other songs and music.

Do check out the London Borough of Newham's website for their full Black History Month event details, and take a look at our recommended reading list for some great books to enjoy together at home! Link for London Borough of Newham's Event details: **Newham Black History Month.**

BOOKS WE LOVE AT RC THAT OFFER DIVERSE REPRESENTATION!

Hair Love written by Matthew A Cherry and illustrated by Vashti Harrison

Hey You written Dapo Adeola

Clean Up written by Nathan Bryon and illustrated by Dapo Adeola

Full, Full, Full of Love written by Trish Cooke and illustrated by Paul Howard

Jabari Jumps written and illustrated by Gaia Cornwall

Anna Hibiscus' Song written by Atinuke and illustrated by Lauren Tobia

Amazing Grace written by Mary Moffman and illustrated by Caroline Binch

One Love adapted by Cedella Marley and illustrated by Vanessa Brantley-Newton

Standing Up to Racism written by Dr Pragya Agarwal and illustrated by Louise Forshaw

I Am Brown written by Ashok Banker and illustrated by Sandhya Prabhat

So Much written by Trish Cooke and illustrated by Helen Oxenbury

Baby Goes To Market written by Atinuke and illustrated by Angela Brookshank

Handa's Surprise written and illustrated by Eileen Browne

I***s That Your Mama?*** written by Patrice Lawrence and illustrated by Diane Ewen

You Can Do Anything Tyrone written Lenny Henry

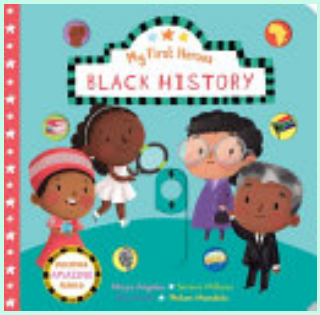
My Skin, Your Skin written and Laura Henry-Allain and illustrated by Onyinye Iwu

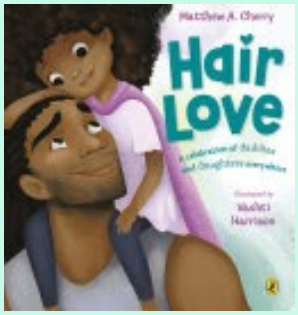
What My Daddy Loves written and illustrated by Raissa Figueroa

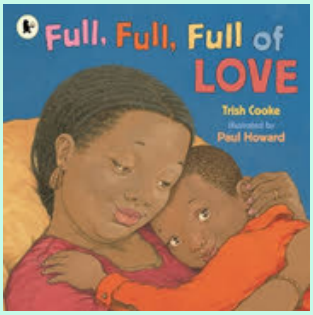
We're Going To Find The Monster written by Malorie Blackman and illustrated by Dapo Adeola

Maisie's Scrapbook written by Jo Loring-Fisher and illustrated by Samuel Narh

My First Heroes: Black History Silver Dolphin Books









Parent Forum

PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACES

We are very pleased to offer our very popular Primary School Places Parent Forum. We will provide you with the Primary Places Booklet and talk through the things you can do to chose the right school for your child.

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Choosing the right Primary School for your child is a very important step, so we hope to give you all the information you need to make the right decision. Call the front office to book now!

Rebecca Cheetham Nursery School

Wednesday 7th October 2026

9:00am Face-to-face (call to book a space) or

1:00pm online

Parent Forum Zoom Link

The Corbett Theatre

020 8418 7350 | corbett@essex.ac.uk | www.east15.ac.uk
Hatfields, Rectory Lane, Loughton IG10 3RY

East15
ACTING SCHOOL

The Wind in the Willows

For children over 4 years old



Rebecca Cheetham Nursery School are delighted to have booked the following tickets for our families and its first come first serve.

Saturday 12th December
at 7:00 p.m.
10 tickets

Monday 14th December
at 7:00 p.m.
10 tickets

Wednesday 16th December
at 7:00 p.m.
10 tickets

If you and your family would be interested to attend then please contact the front office.

Limited spaces available

School Telephone:
020 8534 3136

Rebecca Cheetham Nursery School
(for enquiries)

Queen Mary University of London

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early years alliance

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ANIMATING MINDS

Is your child 3 years old?

Visit our lab at **Queen Mary University** and take part in our fun new study!

Help us understand how children respond to short and long cartoon formats

What is involved?

Complete questionnaires online

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Visit our Child Lab at Queen Mary University

Wear our brain imaging cap & play a few games!

Watch some cartoons!

Visit our lab once more for more cartoons and games



SCAN the QR CODE to register your interest!

Travel costs covered up to £75 for each visit

As a thank you for your time, you will receive:

- ✓ Gifts for your child
- ✓ ***£15 voucher*** after your 1st visit
  £25 voucher after your 2nd visit

Questions? Contact us at:
childdevlab@qmul.ac.uk

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October Half Term Programme

Rebecca Cheetham Children's Centre

Newham London

Monday 26th October	Tuesday 27th October	Wednesday 28th October	Thursday 29th October	Friday 30th October
Family Stay and Play MARK MAKING (Rebecca Cheetham) 10:00am-11:30am **DROP IN** 0-5 Years A fun and interactive session for parents/carers with children under 5.	**Family Stay and Play** TRANSPORT PLAY (Rebecca Cheetham) 10:00am - 11:30am **DROP IN** 0-5 years A fun and interactive session for parents/carers with children under 5 years.	**Coffee Morning** HUG IN A MUG (Rebecca Cheetham) 9:30am - 10:30am **DROP IN** 0-8 years This session is created for children under the age of 5 years and their siblings. Single children also welcome.	**Babies Stay and Play** EXPLORING OUR FIVE SENSES (Rebecca Cheetham) 10:00am - 11:30am **DROP IN** 0-18 months Enhance your child's social interaction through a friendly play session catered for babies.	**Family Stay and Play** FAIRY TALES/ STORIES (Rebecca Cheetham) 10:00am - 11:30am **DROP IN** 0-5 years This session is created for children under the age of 5 years and their siblings. Single children also welcome.
	Babies Stay and Play SONGS, RHYMES AND STORIES (Rebecca Cheetham) 1:00pm – 2:30pm **DROP IN** 0-18 months A session created for babies.		**Family Stay and Play** CONSTRUCTION PLAY (Rebecca Cheetham) 1:00pm - 2:30pm **DROP IN** 0-5 years A fun and interactive session for parents/carers with children under 5 years.	**Family Stay and Play** ARTS AND CRAFT (Rebecca Cheetham) 1:00pm - 2:30pm **DROP IN** 0-8 years This session is created for children under the age of 5 years and their siblings. Single children also welcome.

Thank you for taking the time to look through our October Half Term Programme. Please note that you may be turned away if you arrive 30 minutes after the session start time.
All sessions are subject to change.
We look forward to seeing you and your little one/s soon.
For further information please call the centre on: 0208 5343136 option 4 or visit our website: www.rebeccacheetham.newham.sch.uk

Important dates to remember

October

From October 1st
Black History Month

Wednesday 7th October
Parent Forum - Primary School Places
9am (face-to-face) and 1pm (online)

Monday 19th October - Thursday 22nd October
Winter Coat Drive

Tuesday 20th October
Jeffers Room Bake Sale

Wednesday 21st October
Donaldson Room Bake Sale

Thursday 22nd October
Cooke Room Bake Sale

Friday 23rd October
INSET DAY - Full school and Children's Centre closure

Monday 26th October - Sunday 1st November
Half Term Break - School closure for Government Funded children

November

Monday 2nd November
INSET DAY - Full school and Children's Centre closure

Wednesday 4th November
Parent Forum / School of Family - Early Maths Strategies
9am (face-to-face) and 1pm (face-to-face)

Tuesday 10th November
Educational Visit - Stratford Library - Jeffers Room

Wednesday 11th November
Educational Visit - Stratford Library - Cooke Room

Thursday 12th November
Educational Visit - Stratford Library - Donaldson Room

Friday 13th November
Educational Visit - Stratford Library - McKee Room

Monday 16th November - Friday 20th November
Road Safety Week