

OCTOBER 2025

Rebecca Cheetham Nursery and Children's Centre NEWSLETTER



Dear parents/carers,

Welcome to our first newsletter of the year. We are so happy to have your wonderful children in our fabulous school. We know that your children will have an unforgettable experience here at Rebecca Cheetham where we will help them foster their independence, initiative, confidence and to develop them as social beings. We can't wait to welcome you to various events throughout the year so you can join in the fun of learning through play at Rebecca Cheetham. Thank you to those who have already joined me at our first Parent Forum last week!

PARENT FORUM

Next date: Thursday 9th October 2025 9am (in-person) and 1pm (online Zoom)

TOPIC: Primary School Places—Reception

<https://www.rebeccacheetham.newham.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=969&type=pdf>

Sign up at the front office to secure your place to the above session.

Here are the notes to the Welcome To RC Parent Forum: <https://www.rebeccacheetham.newham.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=972&type=pdf>

If you want to discuss any of the content above, please don't hesitate to reach out.

PROTECTED TIMES

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 your child'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

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. Please apply before the first meeting which is on Tuesday 21st October at 4pm.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScqkL8hzc4nrNQdvBd7yfNWjAYZ7pD4t4Wm-smZW01C8XE00g/viewform>

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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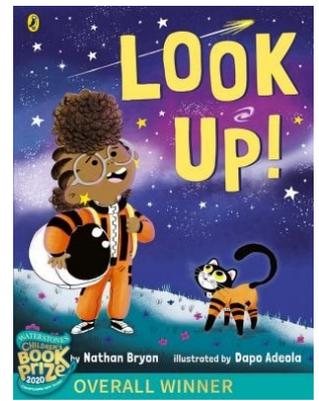


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BOOK OF THE MONTH

Book of the month link: [Look Up for Parents](#)

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.



UNICEF RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS AWARD

We're thrilled to have achieved **Silver Status** as a **Rights Respecting School**, the second step in the **UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools Award**. At our nursery, children learn about their own rights and respect the rights of others – it's part of everything we do!

Find out more on our website by clicking this link: <https://>

www.rebeccacheetham.newham.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=839&type=pdf



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](#)

PRIMARY RECEPTION APPLICATIONS 2026-2027

For all children born from 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022 inclusive, their parents/carers will need to apply for a reception class place in an infant or primary school for September 2026 entry.

National closing date for on time reception applications is **15 January 2026**

National offer date for on time reception applicants is 16 April 2026 All reception 2026 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 2026 entry can be found here: <https://www.newham.gov.uk/schools-education/primary-school-admissions>

We will post information about school's open days and any other relevant information here: <https://www.rebeccacheetham.newham.sch.uk/page/?title=Primary+Admissions&pid=19>

CHILDREN'S CENTRE NEWSLETTER



UPCOMING PARENT WORKSHOPS HELD BY FAMILY SUPPORT

BEDTIME ROUTINE

28TH OCTOBER

9:15AM - 10:30AM

If you require any extra support with establishing a bedtime routine for your child, come along to get tips.

Booking required

LET'S TALK PARENTING

18TH NOVEMBER

9:15AM - 10:30AM

Join the Family support Team to talk through some of your parenting challenges and gain tips and guidance.

Booking Required

NEED SUPPORT THIS

WINTER

TUESDAY 9TH DECEMBER

9:15AM - 10:30AM

Join the Family support Team to find out about help that is available for you and your family.

Booking required

HEALTH PROMOTION SESSIONS

TOILET TRAINING

16TH OCTOBER

1:30PM - 2:00PM

HEALTHY LIFESTYLE AND WEANING

20TH NOVEMBER

1:30PM - 2:00PM

ACCIDENT PREVENTION AND MINOR ALIMENTS

18TH DECEMBER

1:30PM - 2:00PM

**BOOKING REQUIRED FOR ALL
SESSIONS**

OCTOBER HALF TERM PROGRAMME OUT NOW

MACMILLAN BAKE SALE



WE RAISED AN AMAZING.. £191.65. THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Whilst The UK, Ireland, United States and Canada all celebrate October as Black History Month, we believe that we should always focus on celebrating the contribution and achievements of those with African or Caribbean heritage all throughout the year.

At Rebecca Cheetham Nursery we celebrate all year by making sure that children have positive role models in the books they read and are exposed to stories of people who have overcome adversity to achieve their goals. It is so important that children feel represented in the books that they see surrounding them in the nursery. Our children deserve to feel special and know that they are loved. Reassuringly, we are beginning to see a great deal more choice in children's books and representation making it easier to find good, quality books to feature in our classrooms.

Whilst there has been some significant changes in recent years, that momentum seems to have waned. The CLPE (Centre for Literacy in Primary Education) research tells us some disappointing news;

- “For the first time in its history, the annual CLPE Reflecting Realities survey **reports an overall drop in the percentage of racially minoritised characters featured in published children's books reviewed – from 30% in 2022 to 17% in 2023.**
- The report shows the number of racially minoritised main characters has dropped by half to **7% in 2023, compared to 14% in 2022.**”

These findings should propel us to support, celebrate and promote those books that do represent the rich and diverse cultures that we exist in.

The London Borough of Newham have organised a special Black History Month programme which can be accessed here with this link: <https://www.newhamblackhistory.org/> Have a look below for some wonderful representational books we would recommend!

The children will be exploring a whole range of things in the nursery this month; African nursery rhymes, African textile art patterns, food tasting and cooking, African drumming and dance.

Check out our Book of The Month for October; *Look Up* by Nathan Byron and illustrated by Dapo Adeola (details on the previous page) <https://www.rebeccacheetham.newham.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=834&type=pdf>

Check out this link to one of the songs we are teaching the children in nursery from Ghana: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XuOCaOFumNs>

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

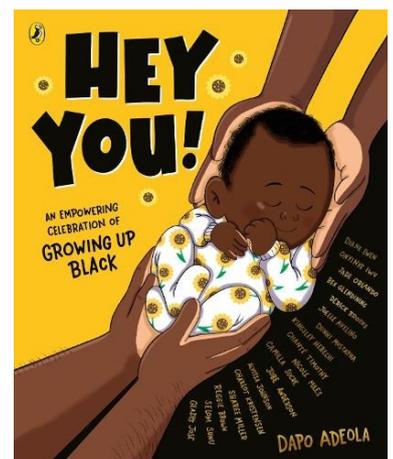
I Am Brown written by Ashok Banker and illustrated by Sandhya Prabhat

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

Is That Your Mama? written by Patrice Lawrence and illustrated by Diane Ewen



DESIGN YOUR RIGHTS MASCOT



COMPETITION

WE ARE LOOKING FOR A MASCOT DESIGNED BY ONE OF OUR CHILDREN TO HELP US WHEN DISCUSSING OUR CHILDREN'S RIGHTS AS WE EMBARK ON OUR JOURNEY FOR THE GOLD MARK FOR THE RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL AWARD. THE WINNING ENTRY WILL BE DEVELOPED INTO A PLUSH TOY THAT ALL THE CLASSROOMS WILL USE DURING OUR WORK ON CHILDREN'S RIGHTS!



**ENTRIES IN BY:
FRIDAY 7TH NOVEMBER
2025**



FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE SPEAK TO FARHANA OR THE FRONT OFFICE TEAM.

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 choose the right school for your child.



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**

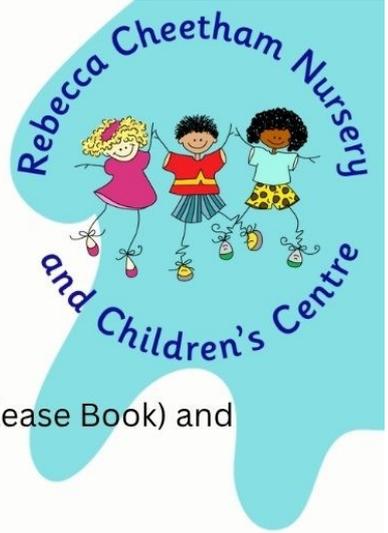
Thursday 9th October 2025

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

1:00pm online

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89946531824?pwd=1s5jveE7lJhDQohwJlIQu0lKg4LsJG.1>

Important dates to remember



October

Wednesday 1st October - all month

Black History Month

Thursday 9th October

Parent Forum - Primary School Applications 9am (in person - Please Book) and 1pm (online Zoom)

Friday 10th October

World Mental Health Day (wear something yellow to nursery)

Thursday 16th October

Toilet Training Workshop in Children's Centre

Friday 24th October

Last day of Autumn 1 half term

Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October

Nursery closed for all Government Funded Children

Tuesday 28th October

Bedtime Routine Workshop in Children's Centre 9:15am - 10:30am

November

Monday 3rd November

Nursery and Children's Centre sessions return for Autumn 2 half term

Tuesday 4th November

Parent Forum - Maths 9am and 1pm

Monday 10th November - Friday 14th November

Educational Visit to the Library (see letter for specific classroom information)

Monday 17th November - Friday 21st November

Road Safety Week

Tuesday 18th November

Let's Talk Parenting - 9:15am - 10:30am through the Children's Centre

Thursday 20th November

Healthy Lifestyle and Weaning in Children's Centre