# NOVEMBER 2025

## Rebecca Cheetham Nursery and Children's Centre NEWSLETTER

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome to our latest newsletter. We had a school development visit yesterday and our adviser was complimentary of everything that she saw and your children certainly displayed how well they have settled into nursery life and really getting stuck into their learning through play.

## FAREWELL AND BEST WISHES TO RACHEL

We are saddened to inform you that brilliant Rachel, our Two Year Old Room Leader will be leaving us on Tuesday 4th November. Whilst we are sad we want to take this opportunity to wish her all the very best in her future endeavours.

## PARENT FORUM

**Next date: Tuesday 4th November 2025 9am (in-person) and 1pm (in-person)**

**TOPIC: Early Maths**

https://www.rebeccacheetham.newham.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=978&type=pdf

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

Here are the notes to the **Primary School Admissions Parent Forum**: https://www.rebeccacheetham.newham.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=977&type=pdf

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

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

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.

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

**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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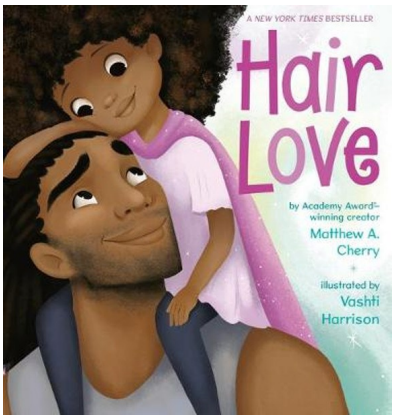
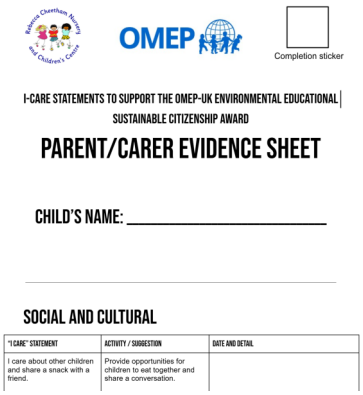
## BOOK OF THE MONTH




Book of the month link: *Hair Love* for parents

In addition to the core books that we use 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 out children. This month our book is ***Hair Love*** written by Matthew A Cherry and illustrated by Vashti Harrison.

## SUSTAINABLE CITIZENSHIP HOME SHEET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I-CARE STATEMENTS TO SUPPORT THE OMEP-UK ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATIONAL SUSTAINABLE CITIZENSHIP AWARD

PARENT/CARER EVIDENCE SHEET

CHILD'S NAME: _____

SOCIAL AND CULTURAL

| "I CARE" STATEMENT | ACTIVITY / SUGGESTION | DATE AND DETAIL |
|---|---|---|
| I care about other children and share a snack with a friend. | Provide opportunities for children to eat together and share a conversation. | |

We are so happy to share the first of five home sheets that we will send home with our three and four year old children. These are ideas of things to do with your children at home or out and about to help them to grow as sustainable citizens. This is a project we launched last year and we are hoping that the way we roll out the programme this year is more helpful and less overwhelming for you. Some of the things identified might be things you are already doing with your child and this is helpful to cement those wonderful ways we can teach our children about the world around them.

If you don't have the home sheet (included with the green book) please speak to team member in your child's classroom.

## 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. The cold weather has commenced so dress your child appropriately for the weather.

There's no pressure to buy, but if you're interested, here's a sample link: Regatta Kids Rainsuits

## JOIN OUR LEADING PARENT PARTNERSHIP GROUP

Farhana, our wonderful Assistant Headteacher held the first **Parent Partnership Group** meeting on Tuesday and already some wonderful things are coming together as a result. You are still very welcome to join, so if you are keen please click on the link to express your interest: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScqkL8hzc4nrNQdvBd7yfNWjAYZ7pD4t4Wm-smZW01C8XEO0g/viewform

## RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS—DESIGN A MASCOT COMPETITION

Look out for the poster further in the newsletter providing you with all the details for a competition you can enter with your child to design our Rights Respecting Schools mascot!

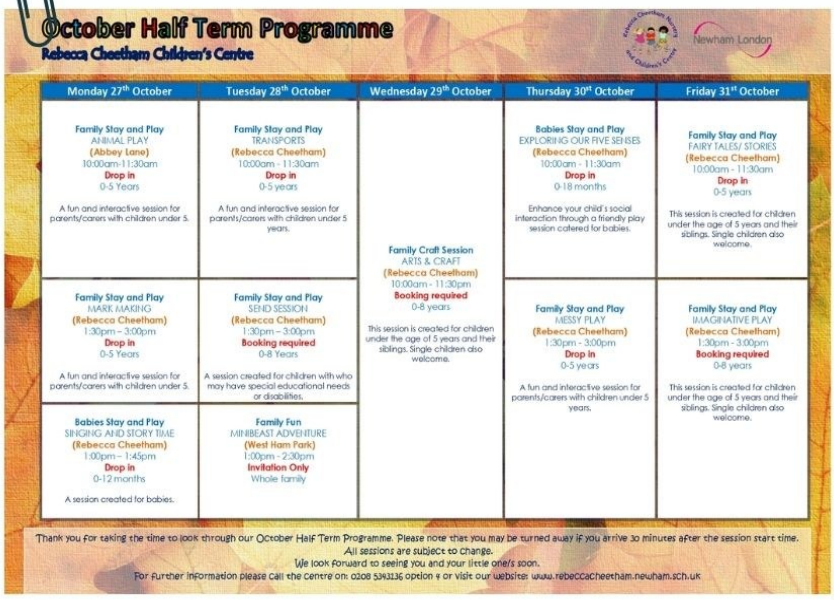
## REBECCA CHEETHAM TO BECOME A SAFER STREETS SCHOOL

Healthy School Streets are roads that have timed access restrictions for most motor vehicles at school start and finish times. This makes it safer and easier for children and their families to walk, cycle or scoot to school. Due to the abundance of traffic that enters our cul-de-sac and the vulnerable age of our children, the Local Authority have identified our school as one of their newest Safer Steets. Once we have complete details, we will chare them with you, but the new times restrictions will come into effect from January. Here is a link to more information about the scheme: https://www.newham.gov.uk/schools-education/healthy-school-streets

# CHILDREN'S CENTRE NEWSLETTER

Our October Half - Term Programme is available now!
Remember to collect a copy from the front office.

We are taking bookings for our parent work-shops. For more information or to secure a space please speak to a member of staff.



**October Half Term Programme**
**Rebecca Cheetham Children's Centre**

| Monday 27th October | Tuesday 28th October | Wednesday 29th October | Thursday 30th October | Friday 31st October |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Family Stay and Play**<br>ANIMAL PLAY<br>(Abbey Lane)<br>10:00am-11:30am<br>Drop in<br>0-5 Years<br>A fun and interactive session for parents/carers with children under 5. | **Family Stay and Play**<br>TRANSPORTS<br>(Rebecca Cheetham)<br>10:00am - 11:30am<br>Drop in<br>0-5 years<br>A fun and interactive session for parents/carers with children under 5 years. | **Family Craft Session**<br>ARTS & CRAFT<br>(Rebecca Cheetham)<br>10:00am - 11:30pm<br>Booking required<br>0-8 years<br>This session is created for children under the age of 5 years and their siblings. Single children also welcome. | **Babies Stay and Play**<br>EXPLORING OUR FIVE SENSES<br>(Rebecca Cheetham)<br>10:00am - 11:30am<br>Drop in<br>0-18 months<br>Enhance your child's social interaction through a friendly play session catered for babies. | **Family Stay and Play**<br>FAIRY TALES/ STORIES<br>(Rebecca Cheetham)<br>10:00am - 11:30am<br>Drop in<br>0-5 years<br>This session is created for children under the age of 5 years and their siblings. Single children also welcome. |
| **Family Stay and Play**<br>MARK MAKING<br>(Rebecca Cheetham)<br>1:30pm – 3:00pm<br>Drop in<br>0-5 Years<br>A fun and interactive session for parents/carers with children under 5. | **Family Stay and Play**<br>SEND SESSION<br>(Rebecca Cheetham)<br>1:30pm – 3:00pm<br>Booking required<br>0-8 Years<br>A session created for children with who may have special educational needs or disabilities. | | **Family Stay and Play**<br>MESSY PLAY<br>(Rebecca Cheetham)<br>1:30pm - 3:00pm<br>Drop in<br>0-5 years<br>A fun and interactive session for parents/carers with children under 5 years. | **Family Stay and Play**<br>IMAGINATIVE PLAY<br>(Rebecca Cheetham)<br>1:30pm - 3:00pm<br>Booking required<br>0-8 years<br>This session is created for children under the age of 5 years and their siblings. Single children also welcome. |
| **Babies Stay and Play**<br>SINGING AND STORY TIME<br>(Rebecca Cheetham)<br>1:00pm – 1:45pm<br>Drop in<br>0-12 months<br>A session created for babies. | **Family Fun**<br>MINIBEAST ADVENTURE<br>(West Ham Park)<br>1:00pm - 2:30pm<br>Invitation Only<br>Whole family | | | |

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 5363136 option 4 or visit our website: www.rebeccacheetham.newham.sch.uk

## BEST START IN LIFE BABY SESSIONS

Come along to our Baby Sessions @ Rebecca Cheetham
Mondays -
Baby Feeding Cafe @ 10:00am - 12:00pm
DROP IN
Baby Massage - 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Commencing 04/11/2025
Referral/ Invitation Only
Baby Stay & Play
Baby Singing & Story Time
Group 1 - 1:00pm - 1:45pm
Group 2 - 2:00pm - 2:45pm
0-12 months (Pre Walkers)
Booking Required

## Wednesdays

11:45- 12:45 pm
Weekly
**Bumps and Babies Stay & Play with Infant Feeding Support**
**Rebecca Cheetham Nursery & Childrens Centre Marcus St, London E15 3JT**

From 17th September

10:30- 12:30 pm
*Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month*
**Stay & Play with Infant feeding support**
**Birth - 2 yr**
**Alternatives Trust, 464 Katherine Rd, London E7 8NP**

## HEALTH PROMOTION SESSIONS

HEALTHY LIFESTYE AND WEANING
20TH NOVEMBER
1:30PM - 2:00PM

ACCIDENT PREVENTION AND MINOR ALIMENTS
18TH DECEMBER
1:30PM - 2:00PM

BOOKING REQUIRED FOR ALL SESSIONS

## BIKES AND SCOOTERS

We're so pleased to see so many children coming to school on their bikes and scooters, and we're delighted to be able to provide a safe space for them during the day.

However, we've noticed that some children have been using other children's bikes and scooters while waiting to enter the nursery. Unfortunately, this has led to some damage to these items, which are often expensive and personally owned. We kindly ask parents and carers to **remind children not to use bikes or scooters that don't belong to them,** as these are personal belongings and not nursery property. We really appreciate your support in helping us keep everyone's items safe and cared for.

We'd also like to remind everyone to be mindful when moving around the outside area. There are often small children walking about, and it's easy to accidentally bump into them. Taking a little extra care as we move around will help keep all our children safe and protected.

## NURSERY APP—DOWNLOAD NOW!

We are very pleased to launch a new broadcast App that will contain all the information you need from Rebecca Cheetham in the one easy to access place. Our EduSpot app for parents will hopefully make communication with you a whole lot more easier. Download the app today: https://venturedsolutions.co.uk/eduspot/

## 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.

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

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

## Would you like your child to get involved in interactive language activities while supporting an educational project?

We are looking for children **aged 4 years to 4 years and 11 months** with **English as their first and main language** to take part in a 50-minute session (with breaks) in your child's nursery setting.

If you are happy for your child to take part in the study, please scan the QR code below for more information about the study and to sign the consent form.

Children will be compensated with **stickers** and a **kite**.

If you would like any more information about the study, please email dorota.gaskins@kcl.ac.uk and you can also arrange a zoom call to find out more about the project.

# DESIGN YOUR RIGHTS MASCOT

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# 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.

Rebecca Cheetham Nursery and Children's Centre

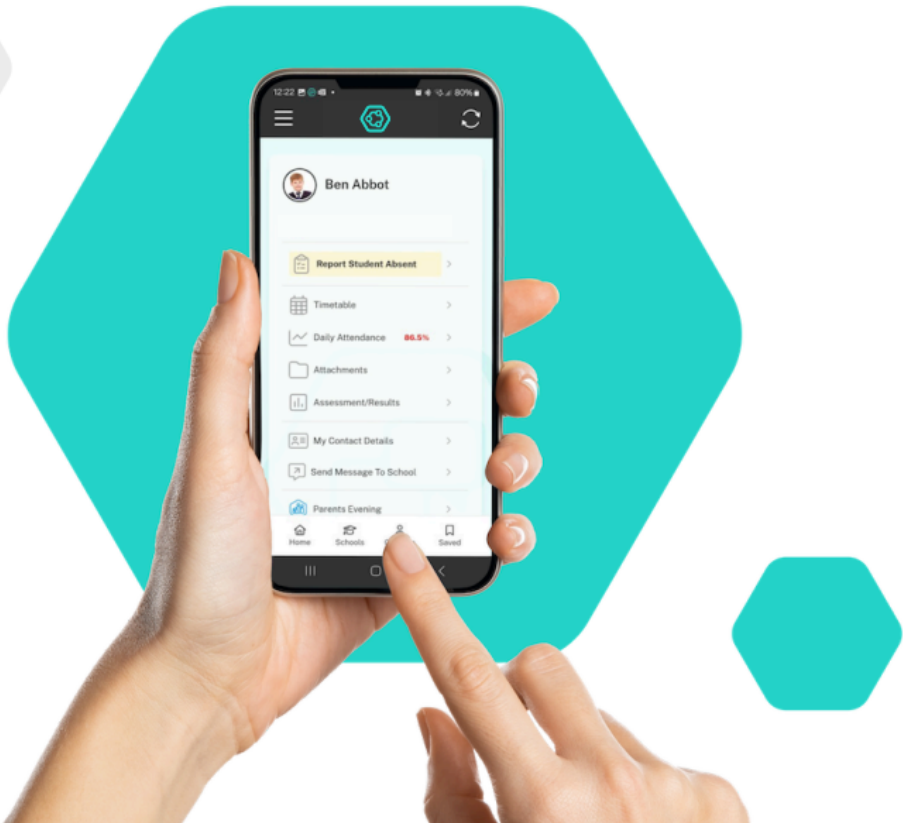
Eduspot

# 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!**

GET IT ON Google Play

Download on the App Store




Scan here to learn more!

Share The Warmth

Rebecca Cheetham Nursery School

# WINTER COAT DRIVE

Please help families in need by donating clean new or used winter gear that can last them through winter

**COATS, BOOTS, GLOVES, SCARVES, SOCKS AND BOOTS**

**3rd to 25th November 2025**

**Drop-Off Location**

**Rebecca Cheetham Nursery**

Marcus Street London E15 3JT

**For Additional Information** **02085343136**

Coat distribution on 3rd December 2025 led by our Parent Partnership Group Members.

# Important dates to remember

## October

**Wednesday 1st October - all month**
Black History Month
**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

## December

**Monday 1st December**
Christmas Costume making workshop 9am
**Tuesday 2nd December**
Christmas Costume making workshop 1pm
**Thursday 4th December**
Christmas Costume making workshop 9am
**Tuesday 9th December**
Winter Concert - Jeffers Room
**Wednesday 10th December**
Christmas Lunch
**Thursday 11th December**
Winter Concert - Donaldson Room
**Friday 12 December**
Winter Concert - Cooke Room
**Friday 19th December**
Last day of school for government funded children
**Wednesday 24th December**
Last day for extended day children