

# NEWS CORNER

The latest news and information about  
Mulberry Wood Wharf Primary.



**2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025**

## Updates from Sarah Jane...

It's been lovely to welcome the warmer weather this week – the sunshine really lifts everyone's spirits! It looks like temperatures may dip a little next week, so just a reminder to please label all jumpers, cardigans and sun hats to help us reunite lost items with their owners. I've also shared our hot weather risk assessment with all staff to ensure children stay comfortable and safe during warmer days.

Over the holidays, many of our Sikh families celebrated Vaisakhi, a festival that centres around values of equality and community. It's always so special to learn about the diverse religions and traditions our families celebrate – it enriches our school and reflects our Mulberry Wood Wharf values of inclusion, respect, and unity. Thank you for sharing your celebrations with us.

Thank you to everyone who came to Parents' Evening this week – we were so pleased to have almost 100% turnout! If you couldn't make it, don't worry – please speak with your child's teacher and they'll be happy to arrange a time to catch up next week. Our teachers loved having the chance to speak with you and share all the wonderful things your children have been doing. I really enjoyed the opportunity to have those little catch-ups in the corridors too – hearing your feedback, whether positive or constructive, is always so valuable. My door is always open, and your voice really does help shape the direction of our school.

One of my highlights this week was leading singing assembly – when Wood Wharf sings, the heart of the school beats so loudly.

Watching every child participate in their own way and with such joy was just magical. Singing is something I hope every child will love throughout their time with us. You'll get a taste of that joy at our upcoming Summer Show, and I know it's going to be something very special. Speaking of performances, Reception's production of The Gingerbread Man on 8th May is sounding wonderful – we're very excited to welcome Reception parents next week!

I hope you all have a lovely long weekend. I'll be heading up to Yorkshire to visit my parents and enjoy some countryside air. Aspen is especially curious at the moment, she wants to go to the church where she was christened, and we're planning a walk on the Chevin, a beautiful ridge that overlooks the town where I grew up. It's one of my favourite places to pause and reflect and be in the outdoors!

Wishing you all a restful and happy weekend – see you on Tuesday!



# Blue Whale and Tiger Class have been learning...

What a joyful week it's been as the children embraced the warm sunshine and took full advantage of the great outdoors! There was plenty of water play, laughter, and learning as the children explored *capacity* through pouring, filling, and splashing with containers of all shapes and sizes. It was wonderful to see their teamwork and curiosity flourish in such a playful and hands-on way.

Indoors, the magic of storytelling continued with a deep dive into the classic tale of Jack and the Beanstalk. The children listened, asked thoughtful questions, and began to understand the story in more detail. But the adventure didn't stop there — they used their amazing imaginations to create their *own* endings! Alice envisioned "*a unicorn upside down house at the top of my beanstalk.*" Nafis said, "*I will see a car racetrack at the top of my beanstalk.*"

It's been a joy to watch their creativity grow just like Jack's magical beanstalk. Their ideas have been imaginative, and we can't wait to see what adventures next week will bring.



This week in Tiger Class, we've been closely observing how our plants are growing – it's been amazing to see how quickly they change in such a short space of time! The children have loved checking in on them each day and spotting new shoots and leaves. Their curiosity and excitement have really brought our classroom to life.

As part of our literacy work, we created a story map and put together a performance of *Jack and the Beanstalk*, which the children performed with such enthusiasm. The video is now available on Tapestry – please do take a look!

In maths, we've been exploring numbers between 10 and 20, with a big focus on number patterns and place value. The children have been working hard to understand how these numbers are made and how they fit into the number system.

We've also been busy with our final rehearsals for the upcoming play, and we are so excited to perform it for you next Thursday. We can't wait to see you there and share all the children's hard work and joy on stage!



## STARS OF THE WEEK FOR DEMONSTRATING: **Creativity**

**Saya-** For inspiring others through her creative and imaginative artwork, and for sharing her talent in ways that uplift and encourage those around her.

**Alicia-** For demonstrating creativity in problem-solving by thoughtfully finding ways to repair and restore someone's art piece.

**Dylan** for sharing his creative ideas when in the art area and the small world area and for being an excellent problem solver

**Jake** for being creative in the classroom when making structures with the building blocks and using language such as tall and short

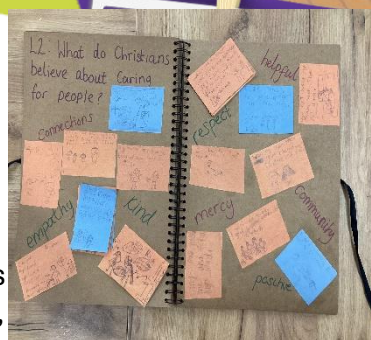


# Elephant Class have been learning...

In Science this week, Elephant Class were grouped into teams named after the four seasons – Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter – adding a fun and thematic twist to their learning. The children focused on building their scientific vocabulary as they explored key terminology related to how plants grow. They investigated words such as *germination*, *seed dispersal*, *root*, and *shoot*, using a range of hands-on activities to deepen their understanding.

After discussing the meanings, the children confidently explained each term in their own words, demonstrating a strong grasp of the germination process and the early stages of a plant's life cycle.

It was fantastic to see them using scientific language so thoughtfully and with growing confidence. Building on this learning, the children are now beginning to create their own non-chronological reports to showcase their knowledge, we can't wait to read them and share them with each other!



## STARS OF THE WEEK FOR DEMONSTRATING:

**Creativity**

### ELEPHANT CLASS

**Ria – for her fantastic musical and singing skills that she showcased in singing assembly.**

**Dhuha – creatively making a 3d structure in readiness for the moving vehicles unit coming up.**



# Lion & Panda Class have been learning...

This week in English Lion Class have started an exciting new book called *Traction Man* written by Mini Grey. We've been using the front cover and illustrations to make predictions about the story and worked in groups to share and record our thoughts. The children have also been exploring and unpicking key vocabulary to deepen their understanding of the text. We have also been describing the main character and writing our own character descriptions.

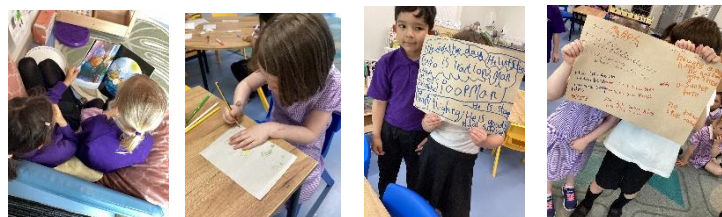
In Maths, we have been learning about making equal groups and adding them together. The children have used practical resources to group objects and explore repeated addition for example  $5+5+5$ ,  $2+2+2+2$ ,  $10+10$ .

In Geography, we been learning about what maps are. We identified human and physical features and discussed the differences between them. Lion class quickly spotted lots of different features such as rivers, roads, buildings, and forests.



Year 1 pupils are diving into a variety of engaging topics! In math, they're exploring arrays and practicing counting by 2s, 5s, and 10s. Pupils used arrays to visualise and solve simple multiplication problems. By arranging objects in rows and columns, they can easily see how numbers combine and repeat. This hands-on approach helps them grasp the concept of multiplication as repeated addition. For example, they might create an array with 2 rows of 5 apples each to understand that 2 times 5 equals 10.

Geography lessons are sparking their creativity as they design imaginary maps, learning about different places and describing a location of a place. We have used our love for *Traction Man* from English to create a map that represented the missions *Traction Man* encounters. Meanwhile, in science, pupils are revisiting the fascinating features of birds, discussing their unique characteristics. Aliah said birds have 2 wings, a beak and lay hard shelled eggs. Pupils are becoming increasingly confident in classifying animal groups.



## STARS OF THE WEEK FOR DEMONSTRATING:

### Creativity

**Adi** For always demonstrating his skills when using construction resources. Your creativity stands out in your storytelling, creations and problem solving skills.

**Ayat** for showing great concentration when involved in a creative task. Your attention to detail is impressive.

### LION CLASS

**Dev:** for showing excellent maths skills and using concrete resources creatively to work out number problems.

**Malia:** for producing a brilliant piece of art work inspired by Paul Klee.



# EVERY DAY MATTERS

SCHOOL + YOU = SUCCESS



Our **GOLD Class Attendance** are our classes who have 97+ attendance for a whole week

Our **SILVER Class Attendance** are our classes who have 95-97% attendance for a whole week

Our **BRONZE Class Attendance** are our classes who have 90-95% attendance for a whole week.

**GOLD Attendance** goes to:  
**SILVER Attendance** goes to  
**BRONZE Attendance** goes to

Tiger – 91%  
Panda – 94%  
Lion – 92%  
Elephant – 93%

Keep trying...  
Blue Whale  
Elephant Class



## Dates for your diary

5 May: School closed – Bank holiday

6 May: Reception height & Weight check

12 May: Class photos

16 May: Rec offsite visit

6 June: School closed Eid

w/c 18 June: Book Fair

30 June: School closed – staff inset

w/c 9 June: phonics screening check

July: Pupil reports

8 July: Sports Day

15 July: KS1 show

18 July: School Fete



## Emotional First Aid in English

Is everyday life sometimes stressful?  
Feeling pressured by children and family life?  
You're not alone! Take time out for self-care.

Venue:	Parents Advice Centre 30 Greatrox Street Whitchapel London E1 5NB
Date:	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> June. 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> July
Time:	Time: 10am- 12.30pm
How to refer:	Please contact <b>parenting team</b> <a href="mailto:parenting@towerhamlets.gov.uk">parenting@towerhamlets.gov.uk</a> to book your place. Alternatively speak to the staff at children center.
During the course you will:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meet other parents and build up a network of support.</li> <li>Discover new ways to manage your worries.</li> <li>Identify the early signs of anxiety in adults, children, and young people.</li> </ul> <p>Find out about services available in Tower Hamlets to support families.</p>
It is advised that parents attend all sessions to get the most benefit from the course.	



## Community Events!

### SOCIAL COMMUNICATION DIFFERENCE AND AUTISM EVENT

NO NEED TO WAIT FOR A DIAGNOSIS  
COME JOIN US AND LEARN WHAT  
SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE TO YOU AND  
YOUR CHILD NOW!

Drop in for an exciting event focused on Social Communication Difference and Autism.

If you're a parent, carer of a child aged 0-7 years this event is for you! Come and connect with others and gain valuable insights on how to best to support children with Social Communication Difference and Autism.

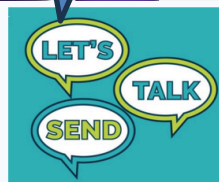
We will have speakers and services from the NHS, Parent Carer Forums, Education, Council and SEN to help you understand where to go for inclusion and support.

So mark your calendars and spread the word - Let's Talk SEND is a must-attend event for anyone wanting to learn about how to get support going now for your child. We can't wait to see you there!

Light refreshments will be provided.

DATE AND TIME : THURSDAY, MAY 22 2025  
9:30AM - 12:30PM

LOCATION : GROCERS WING, GROUND  
FLOOR, TOWER HAMLETS TOWN HALL  
160 WHITECHAPEL ROAD LONDON E1 1BJ






# Holiday Childcare Scheme

Ages  
**3-13**  
years old

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Bookings  
now open

May scheme  
Tuesday 27 to  
Friday  
30 May 2025  
(4 days)