

NEWS CORNER

The latest news and information about Mulberry Wood Wharf Primary.

Sarah Jane
Week

Well, yet another half term has flown by as we approach the May bank holiday. Despite the time passing quickly, we've managed to pack in so many exciting experiences! This half term, classes have visited Mudchute Farm, Eden Dock, Crossrail Place Roof Garden, and the Half Moon Theatre. We even welcomed some very special visitors—eggs that hatched into the most delightful little chicks! We even fit in an Ofsted inspection!

I've really enjoyed walking through our writing gallery this week. We've recently updated the displays to showcase our pupils' most recent published writing, and it's been wonderful to see the progress and pride in their work. Writing is a key focus for us this term as we reflect on where we want each child to be in their writing journey—from Reception children crafting simple sentences to our Year 2 writers exploring expanded noun phrases, different types of punctuation, and even writing for a range of purposes.

In a world where writing by hand is becoming less common, it's all the more important to foster a love for it. Even as I type this newsletter, I'm thinking about my word choices, how to sound warm and personal, and how to engage you—my audience. That's the kind of purposeful writing we want to inspire in our children.



23rd May 2025

Here are some fun writing ideas for the half term:

1. Send an email to an old friend or family member.
2. Write someone a handwritten letter.
3. Create and decorate a thank you card.
4. Write out a favourite recipe to give to someone.
5. Invent your own story—with any characters or adventure you like!
6. Be the chief shopping list writer for the week.
7. Start a holiday diary or scrapbook.
8. Create a comic strip.
9. Write instructions for a game you've made up.
10. Make a "Top 5" list—Top 5 animals, foods, books, or holiday moments!

We hope you all have a restful and fun-filled half term break. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Monday 2nd June**.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It's a joy to see your children learning, growing, and thriving each day. We hope the half term break brings your family some time to rest, recharge, and perhaps even do a bit of purposeful writing together!

Take care and enjoy the break.

Blue Whale and Tiger Class have been learning...

This week in Tiger class, the chicks have remained the stars of the show. We have all had the chance to hold or stroke the chicks, and everyone has been brave enough to do one of the two options – well done! We also learnt about life cycles, having noticed our class caterpillars spinning and entering their cocoons. We compared the life cycles of the chicks and caterpillars, as well as talking about our own life cycle.

In maths, we have continued to work with shapes, using them to construct pictures as well as copy examples – both inside the classroom and in our larger outside area. We have also spoken about ordering in relation to the story we have been reading these past two weeks – doing a fantastic job of describing each event in 'The Enormous Turnip', from first to last.

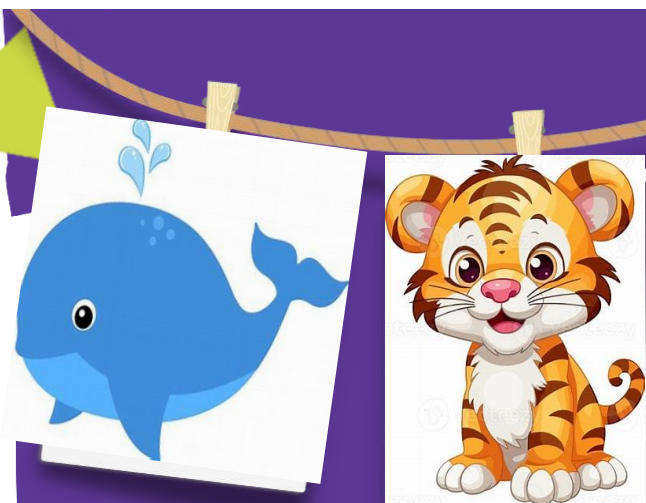
We have also been having wonderful chats about our plans for the holiday – it sounds like there are lots of exciting activities you'll all be doing next week! Have a wonderful half term everyone, and we will see you all again for our last half term in Reception!



What a wonderful week we've had! The children have truly immersed themselves in the magical world of *The Enormous Turnip*, and their enthusiasm has been fantastic! Over the course of three days, our artists created a stunning art piece inspired by the story. Each day brought a new skill. On day 1 – The children got their hands wonderfully messy painting the muddy ground, setting the perfect base for our turnip tale. On Day 2 – It was time to bring the turnip to life! The children cut out and painted their very own enormous turnip, full of colour and character. And finally, Day 3 – Finally, they added the lush green leaves and all the finishing touches, turning their project into a masterpiece. But the fun didn't stop there!

This week also included a very special treat: a trip to the theatre to watch *The Farmer and the Clown*. The children were captivated from start to finish, enjoying every moment of the performance. They were a fantastic audience—respectful, engaged, and full of awe. We're so proud of their teamwork, and excellent behaviour.

We hope that you have a restful, well deserved half term and cannot wait to carry on the adventure and learning when we get back!



STARS OF THE WEEK FOR DEMONSTRATING: **RESPECT**

Adomas for showing respect in the classroom environment and for respecting the property

Amaya for showing excellent behaviour and respectful behaviour on the trip to the theatre

Llya- for consistently showing respect and care for our classroom environment.

Aadhya- for respecting her peers and taking their feelings into consideration.

Elephant Class have been learning...

This week has been an exciting one for Elephant Class! We've been consolidating our learning in Geography and Science with a fantastic trip to Eden Docks and the Rooftop Gardens in Canary Wharf. Both groups had a wonderful time exploring the local area and getting creative by decorating bunting. It was heartwarming to see so many parents join us—your support means a lot, and it reminds us how lucky we are to be part of the MWW community.

As part of our ongoing partnership with Canary Wharf, we've also been invited to link our curriculum to the fascinating *live science work* currently happening in the area. The Canary Wharf Group is undertaking exciting environmental monitoring and ecological studies, and we are incredibly grateful to be part of this. It provides us with a meaningful, real-world context to enrich our Science and Geography lessons. Our visit gave children the chance to observe urban biodiversity in action, ask questions about sustainability and green infrastructure, and connect what they see with National Curriculum skills—such as identifying seasonal and daily weather patterns (Science), recognising physical and human features of the environment (Geography), and developing enquiry and observation skills.

This collaboration brings our learning to life and supports our aim to nurture curious, environmentally aware learners. We're so excited to keep linking our curriculum to what's happening just on our doorstep! For those who couldn't make it, we've included a few snapshots from the day to give you a glimpse into the fun and learning that took place. It truly was a memorable experience—and we're so thankful for the continued partnership with Canary Wharf that makes opportunities like this possible.



**STARS OF THE WEEK
FOR DEMONSTRATING:**

Respect

ELEPHANT CLASS

**Nurudeen for
showing respect and
joining our class trip
which he thoroughly
enjoyed.**

**Dawud showed
respect for the
environment, for
each other, and for
our community
during our trip.**



Panda and Lion Class have been learning...

Lion Class have been busy writing letters in role as Traction Man, choosing exciting missions from the story to inspire their writing. Using their planning templates, the children carefully structured their letters with creativity and purpose. Their final pieces have been published and proudly displayed in our corridor gallery – make sure to have a look when you pass by!

In Maths we have been learning about quarters in maths, understanding that a quarter means splitting something into four equal parts. We explored how to divide shapes and objects into quarters, making sure each part is the same size. When working with quantities, children practised sharing equally between four groups to find one quarter. In Geography, we created a real map showing the route from our classroom all the way to Sarah Jane's office. Children carefully included and labelled spaces that connected from our classroom.

Once again, it's been a wonderful term full of great learning. Well done to all the children that completed their home projects. Children thoroughly enjoyed presenting their unique superhero stories. Have a wonderful half term!



Year 1 has been diligently working hard in all their lessons! In science, they've been revising the parts of a plant and understanding their purposes, such as how roots absorb water and nutrients. In maths, pupils have enthusiastically been learning about fractions, focusing on finding and recognising a quarter. They engaged in hands-on activities, such as cutting shapes into four equal parts and identifying one of those parts as a quarter. Through practical exercises like sharing snacks equally among four friends, they grasped the concept of dividing a whole into quarters. Visual aids, like fraction circles and pictures, helped them see how a quarter fits into the whole.

In PSHE, pupils are exploring relationships and the people who help us. They're learning about the importance of friendships and family, understanding how these relationships support and care for us. The lessons also cover recognising when someone is being unkind and knowing how to seek help if needed. This helps children develop empathy, communication skills, and the ability to make safe choices in their interactions with others. It's wonderful to see them engaging with these essential life skills!



STARS OF THE WEEK FOR DEMONSTRATING: **RESPECT**

PANDA CLASS

Lea for demonstrating respect in activities or games by patiently waiting for her turn.
Liam for showing respect and empathy towards others by thinking about the feelings of others and considering how to make someone smile.



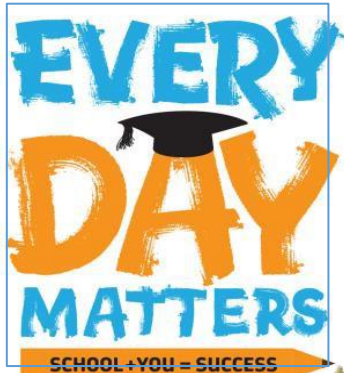
LION CLASS

Siyan: trying his best to complete all learning across subjects.



Ashvik: Writing a brilliant letter in English.





Dates for your diary..

06.06.25 – School closed for Eid
 09.06.25 – Year 1 Phonics Screening Check begins
 18.06.25 – Book Fayre begins (families can buy books before and after school)
 30.06.25 – School closed for INSET
 day 01.07.25 – Reception offsite visit
 02.07.25 – Preesha leading musical instrument concert at 9:15am
 07.07.25 – Conor leading musical instrument concert at 9:15am
 08.07.25 – Sports Day (time TBC)
 14.07.25 - End of year school reports sent to families
 15.07.25 – KS1 Summer Show (two performances: 9:30am and 2:30pm)
 16.07.25 – Meet the New Teacher and
 17.07.25 – Reception Graduation (morning)
 18.07.25 – School Fete – school will close at 2:00pm (no clubs and no wraparound care)
 22.07.25 – School closes at 1:00pm for the summer holidays

To Be Confirmed:

Year 1 and Year 2 summer trips
 Family celebration/party Looking ahead:

01–02.09.25 – INSET days for staff (school closed to pupils)
 03.09.25 – Pupils return to school; wraparound care resumes First two weeks of

September – Meet the Teacher sessions for parents (dates and times to be confirmed)

22.09.25 – School clubs begin

We'll continue to send reminders and share further details as they are confirmed. Thank you, as always, for your continued support and involvement.

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:
 Lion Class – 95%

BRONZE Attendance goes to:
 Blue Whale – 90%

Panda – 90%

Tiger – 90%

Elephant Class – 90%

Attendance Ladder		
How close is your child to 100%?		
0 days off school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned