

# NEWS CORNER

The latest news and information about Mulberry Wood Wharf Primary.



5<sup>th</sup> June 2025

## Sarah Jane's reflection on the week...

This week, I had the absolute pleasure of taking a small group of pupils to a very special event at Eden Dock. We were invited by the Canary Wharf Group to take part in *The Big Lunch* — a nationwide community celebration created by the Eden Project. The Big Lunch aims to bring people together to connect, share food, and celebrate their local communities — and this event did just that, in the most magical way.

Our Year 2 children have already benefited from taking part in inspiring workshops at both Eden Dock and the Crossrail Roof Gardens, where they've explored nature and science in real-life contexts that link beautifully with our curriculum. But this week's visit was extra special — because our pupils got to meet *Her Majesty Queen Camilla*! They shook her hand, talked to her about nature and the activities they were enjoying, and proudly shared their artwork. It was a moment they will remember forever.

It felt like even more of our school community was present too, as the bunting decorating the event had been created by our talented Year 1 and Year 2 children. We even enjoyed a packed lunch together — complete with pink and green bagels!

We feel so lucky to be included in events like this and to be part of such a vibrant and welcoming local community. We're excited to continue growing our relationship with the Canary Wharf Group and to keep exploring how we can make the most of what's right on our doorstep to enhance our curriculum even further.

Here are some media links to coverage of the special day — **look out for our brilliant Mulberry Wood Wharf pupils!** [Queen Has Hilarious Encounter During Outdoor Lunch at Canary Wharf - YouTube](#)

**The Royal Family's Official Website:** An article detailing The Queen's visit to Eden Dock, highlighting the transformation of Middle Dock into a vibrant, biodiverse space and the involvement of children from Mulberry Primary School in nature-inspired activities. [The Queen visits the new 'Eden Dock' at a Big Lunch in Canary Wharf | The Royal Family](#)

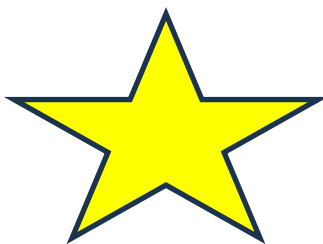
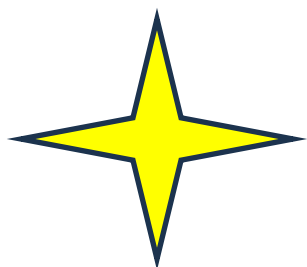
**Evening Standard:** A piece describing The Queen's interaction with a six-year-old pupil from Mulberry Wood Wharf School, noting her warmth and engagement during the blustery outdoor event. [Queen 'warms up' six-year-old girl's 'cold hands' during blustery outdoor event](#)

**The Independent:** A light-hearted video capturing the moment Queen Camilla met individuals dressed as bushes, adding a touch of humor to the day's proceedings. [Queen 'warms up' six-year-old girl's 'cold hands' during blustery outdoor event | The Independent](#)

**Getty Images:** A collection of high-resolution photographs from the event, including images of Queen Camilla interacting with Year 2 pupils from Mulberry Wood Wharf School. [Queen Camilla, Patron of The Big Lunch arrives to visit to a Big... News Photo - Getty Images](#)

**Mulberry Wood Wharf's Official X (formerly Twitter) Account:** A post celebrating the Year 2 pupils' special day at Eden Dock, featuring photos and reflections on their experience meeting Queen Camilla.

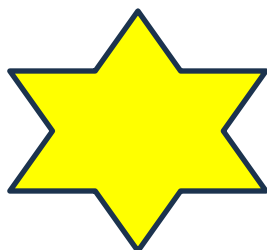
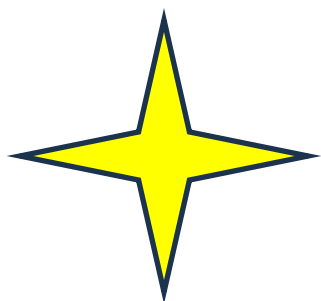
**The Royal Family's Instagram Reel:** A short video showcasing highlights from The Big Lunch event, including interactions with community members and the festive atmosphere at Eden Dock



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# Eid al Adha Mubarak

TO THOSE THAT ARE CELEBRATING WE HERE AT MULBERRY WOOD WHARF  
PRIMARY WISH YOU ALL A JOYOUS EID UL ADHA!





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

This week, the children were introduced to *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. The story provided an opportunity to explore the life cycle of a caterpillar, something the children were already very familiar with thanks to the real-life caterpillars we have been caring for in class. Having observed the caterpillars grow and change over time, the children were eager to share their knowledge and could confidently talk through each stage—from egg, to caterpillar, to chrysalis, and finally, butterfly. Their enthusiasm and understanding were wonderful to see, and it was clear that having firsthand experience helped deepen their learning.

In addition to their work on the life cycle, the children have also been developing their mathematical thinking through the concept of sharing. They have been learning how to divide items equally among groups, using practical resources to support their understanding. This included recognising when items could not be shared evenly and working together to problem-solve and find fair solutions.

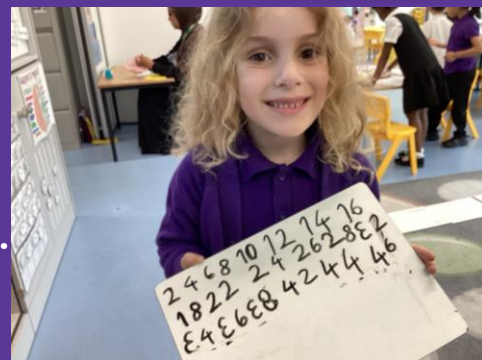
Alongside our science and maths learning, the children have been talking about the importance of healthy eating and making balanced food choices. They have been introduced to the five main food groups—fruits and vegetables, carbohydrates, proteins, dairy. This sparked conversations about which foods help our bodies grow strong and stay healthy. Next week, they will be using what they have learned to create their own healthy, balanced plates, designing meals that include their favourite foods from each group.



This week in Tiger class, we have been learning about the Very Hungry Caterpillar. We have done a fantastic job of learning and retelling the story, including during our PE lesson, in which we thought about the way that different animals, such as a caterpillar and a butterfly, move. We have begun to think about healthy eating, which will be supported in our PSHE lessons over the coming weeks. Though we may need to eat different things to a caterpillar, we agree that the caterpillar in our story went a little bit overboard with the sweet treats on Saturday!

In maths this week we have been learning about sharing. We spoke about how, similarly, to sharing with our friends, it is important to share things in maths fairly and equally. We have been sharing animals, rocks, pencils and anything else we can get our hands on in reception, making sure that each group we make has the same number of objects in it.

We have also had a chat about the special times in the year that we and our families celebrate, in preparation for Eid. Best wishes to everyone celebrating tomorrow!



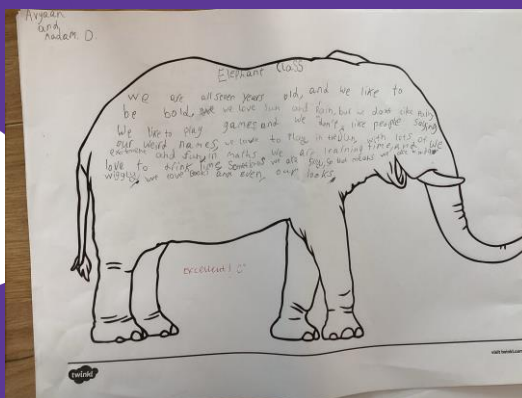
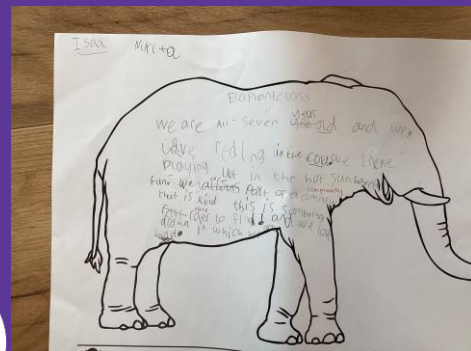
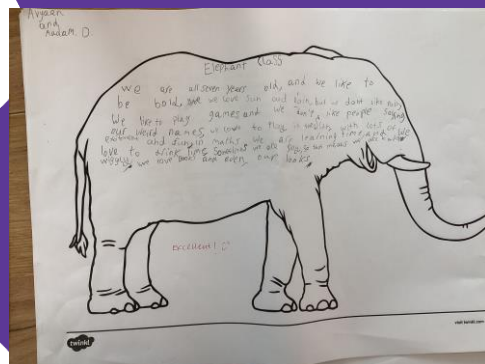
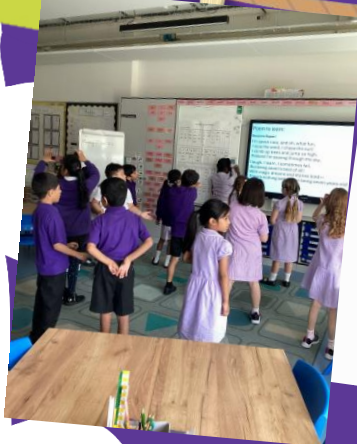
# Elephant Class have been learning...

In Elephant Class, we joyfully celebrate the value of community this week, especially as we explore the wonder and excitement of being seven. Through the power of poetry, we come together to share our voices, ideas, and dreams, creating a warm and welcoming space where every child's expression is treasured. Just as a poem is made stronger by its rhythm and rhyme, our class is enriched by the unique contributions of each child. By supporting one another and working collaboratively, we build lasting friendships and foster a deep sense of belonging.

Working in pairs, the children wrote poems inspired by what it means to be part of Elephant Class. We then combined all their wonderful ideas to create a whole-class poem, which we are excited to perform together for the Key Stage One performance. This process not only nurtured their creativity but also strengthened teamwork and confidence. The articulation of each child seems to grow in strength which is lovely to hear and see.

In art, inspired by the "Creation of Life" artwork, the children designed outlines of sea creatures and mammals using an Aboriginal art technique from Australia. It was fabulous to see each child create two different pictures, experimenting with patterns and symbols to bring their underwater creatures to life. They annotated these explaining what was represented in their pictures giving each piece even more meaning and recognition.

Together, we cultivate a classroom where kindness, creativity, and collaboration thrive, making our shared journey of learning and growing truly special and memorable





# Panda and Lion Class have been learning...

In History, we learnt about Neil Armstrong. We found out that he was the first person to walk on the Moon in 1969, what an achievement! We wrote four facts that we learnt about his journey and space exploration. Next week we will look at another astronomer, I wonder who it will be?!

In Maths, we've been learning about directions, focusing on key vocabulary; above, below, left, and right. We learnt a trick to help us remember left and right using our hands — by making an "L" shape with our left hand! It really helped Lion class figure out which way was left, and which was right.

In English, we looked at lots of different poems. We identified alliteration and rhyming words in each poem. Ashvik said, "alliteration is when the sounds are the same at the start of words." Mysha created her own poem, full of amazing alliteration that sits proudly on our English display board, Well done!

This week's value was community, and it was brilliant to see Lion Class work as a team to learn the poem "We Are Six." We can't wait to perform it at our KS1 show!

This week Panda class have been learning all about performing poetry. It is a delightful and enriching experience for young children. Pupils have engaged with simple, rhythmic poems that are easy to memorise and recite, building confidence as they stand in front of the classroom and speak clearly with expression. This practice helps them become comfortable with public speaking, expands their vocabulary, and teaches them about the sounds and rhythms of language. Through creative expression, they experiment with tones, gestures, and facial expressions, fostering a deeper appreciation and a love for literature. We are hoping to share our poetry performances in our KS1 Summer show.

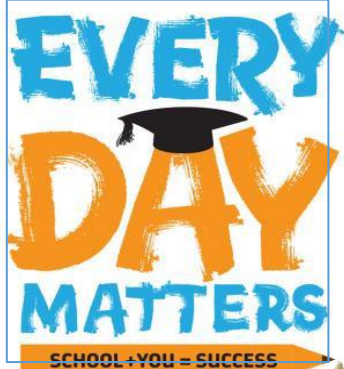
In PSHE, we have started our Changing Me unit and this week we looked at different life cycles. We had interesting discussions and explored the different life cycles that we have seen so far. The pupils loved talking about caterpillars and chicks as well as thinking about storybooks that represent these changes. Liam was excited to talk about 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'.

In RE, we have been talking about what it means to belong in a faith community. Pupils looked at how Muslims show that they belong to a community and as a class we learnt about this current special time of Eid ul Adha. Eid Mubarak if you are celebrating.



## STARS OF THE WEEK OR DEMONSTRATING:





## 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 (see flyers reception – am and KS1 PM))  
 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

**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:**  
**Blue Whale – 90%**  
**Panda – 90%**  
**Tiger – 92%**  
**Elephant Class – 93%**  
**Lion Class – 93%**



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

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.

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





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\*UP TO 8 FAMILY MEMBERS  
ALL PROCEEDS GO TO MULBERRY  
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# MULBERRY WOOD WHARF PRIMARY SUMMER FETE

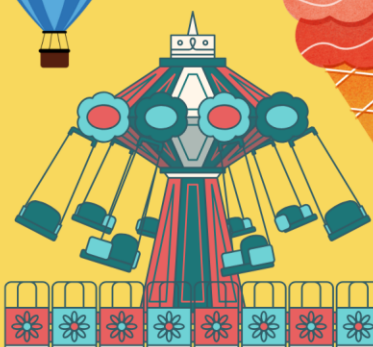
- FRIDAY 18TH JULY 2025 -

FROM  
3 PM  
TO 5 PM

BOUNCY CASTLE  
ICE CREAM  
HOOK-A-DUCK  
FOOTBALL SHOOT-OUT  
FACE PAINT  
BAKE SALE  
AND MANY MORE!

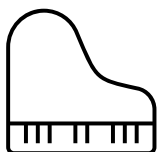
**FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY!**

CASHLESS PAYMENTS ACCEPTED - SECURE YOUR TOKENS IN ADVANCE!



VENUE: MULBERRY WOOD WHARF SCHOOL, 20 BRANNAN STREET, LONDON, E14 9ZR  
FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: 0208 713 0183

Don't forget to  
donate raffle  
prizes if you  
have some to  
give....



## Raffle prizes so far:

1. A week of summer camp with Premier Education
  2. An adult or child dance class with Effy from connect with yourself
  3. In2Sports voucher
  4. A toasted sandwich maker
- + many more....