

NEWS CORNER

The latest news and information about Mulberry Wood Wharf Primary.

Mulberry
Wood Wharf Primary

Outstanding
and good in
all areas.

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Outstanding in
Behaviour and
Attitudes

Outstanding
Personal
Development

Outstanding in
Early Years
Provision

Good in
Leadership and
Management

Part of the
Mulberry
Schools Trust

Sarah Jane's reflection of the week

Our core value this week is Respect, and which feels especially meaningful as we continue celebrating Black History Month. Respect sits at the heart of Mulberry Wood Wharf; it's what we're built on. We see it every day in the way our children learn about one another, celebrate differences, and show curiosity about the world. It's wonderful to see our children growing up in an environment where mutual respect and understanding are part of daily life.

This week, we were delighted to welcome Wendy Shearer for her Story boat Storytelling. The children were completely captivated by her wonderful stories celebrating culture and identity. On Tuesday, we also joined a live assembly led by The Sanctuary Foundation as part of our Black History Month activities. We also had Jollof rice on the menu this week as part of Black history month.

Next week, Iqra in Year 2 will be leading an art project to prepare our submission for the upcoming Festival of Arts in November. We'd love families to collect natural materials such as twigs, pine cones, leaves, and acorns during your walks this week, please bring them in next week.

**Friday 10th
October 2025**

Next week, we have two exciting celebrations to look forward to. On Friday 17th October, we'd love to welcome parents into class from 3:00pm for an Afternoon Diwali Tea – a lovely opportunity to come together, share learning, and celebrate this special festival as a community. If any parents would like to volunteer to help set up the Afternoon Tea in classrooms, please speak to me at the gate or to Meera's mum in Lion Class – we'd really appreciate your help! Then, on Monday 20th October, we'll be celebrating Diwali. Children are invited to come to school in traditional clothes or bright colours. We'll hold a special assembly to learn about the festival and its meaning, and classes will take part in themed activities later in the day after completing their core subjects.

Year 3 have been buzzing after their visit to the Soanes Centre, where they made brilliant links to their science topic on rocks and weathering. A huge thank you to Shireena and Lucy for leading an engaging Year 2 Reading Workshop and to the parents who joined us.

One parent suggested a hybrid option for future sessions to support those who can't attend in person, a great idea that we're now exploring.

It was also lovely to see such a fantastic turnout for Lorna's Coffee Morning this week. When I popped in, the room was full of energy, conversation, and connection. It's always valuable to hear your feedback, both positive and constructive, and we'll continue to listen and act wherever we can.

Thank you for another brilliant week at Mulberry Wood Wharf – have a lovely weekend!

Tiger Class



Tiger Class have had another wonderfully busy week! The children have been diving into their phonics learning, focusing on the sounds u, b, f, and e—we've been practicing through songs, games and lots of Fred talk throughout our school day. We have also been practising our green word reading using Fred talk! Our autumn activities continued with conker counting and using our senses to notice the seasonal changes around us. Each member of Tiger class has worked incredibly hard this week as we completed our Reception Baseline Assessments. The assessments required lots of thinking and we are very proud of every child's efforts! We have been focusing on the numbers 1, 2 and 3 in Maths this week by representing amounts in different ways including through pictures and objects. We have also practised our number formations and name writing in the mornings. Please continue to work on name writing and number formation with your child at home to build confidence!

Reminder – Tiger class trip to John Lewis café on Thursday 16th October. Please check that you have given permission on Arbor for your child to attend.



REMINDER

EYFS Parents' Phonics Workshop
Tuesday 14th October
9:00am-9:30am

We have had such a exciting week in class as we delved into our story What the Ladybird Heard! The children absolutely loved exploring the tale and getting to know all the characters and the sneaky plan that takes place on the farm. This story has also given us the perfect opportunity to learn more about our sense of hearing, which we have linked to our ongoing topic about the five senses. The children have been exploring how we use our senses every day to help us understand the world around us. They took part in lots of fun listening games and sound hunts, where they had to use their ears carefully to identify different noises both inside and outside the classroom. It was wonderful to see how engaged they were – listening to animal sounds, guessing what was making each noise, and talking about how our ears help us learn new things.

In maths, we've been deepening our understanding of numbers 1-3. The children have been challenged to subitise and compare quantities, justify how they know a group shows a certain number, and spot patterns and differences between sets. They explored how numbers can be represented in many ways – through objects, pictures, and arrangements – strengthening their ability to think flexibly about number and quantity. groups of items in the classroom. We spotted lots of examples, such as 3 pencils in a pot, 3 teddy bears sitting on the shelf, and 2 yellow blocks in the construction area. Through games and hands-on activities, the children are becoming more confident at recognising quantities without counting, and they are starting to understand that numbers are all around us in our everyday environment.

To end our busy week, we had a lovely (and very tasty!) activity – making jam sandwiches. The children really enjoyed the whole process of spreading the butter and jam, carefully putting their sandwiches together, and, of course, eating them! It was a fantastic opportunity for them to develop their fine motor skills and follow simple instructions. The children loved talking about their favourite spreads – jam was definitely the most popular choice, but we also had a few votes for honey and chocolate spread. It was such a fun and memorable way to end a week full of learning, laughter, and lots of new experiences!



Lion Class

In Maths this week, Lion Class have been learning how to use a number line. We have been applying mathematical language such as 'one more', 'one less', 'greatest', 'greater than', and 'less than' to help us find answers. We also learnt how to make jumps forwards and backwards along the number line.

In Geography we have been learning to name and locate the four countries that make up the United Kingdom: England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland. We used maps to help us locate each country and looked carefully at the different flags. It was great to hear children sharing their knowledge and experiences of different countries.

In Science, we have been learning about the four seasons: autumn, winter, spring, and summer. We explored what happens to trees throughout the year and observed how leaves change colour, fall off, and grow again as the seasons change. We can't wait for our trip next Tuesday to Millwall park, where we will go on a hunt looking for signs of autumn!

We were also treated to an amazing interactive story telling session by Wendy Shearer as part of our Black History Month learning.



REMINDER

Year 1 Trip to Millwall park on 14.10.25
Please check on Arbor to give consent

Panda Class

This week in Panda Class has been full of curiosity and discovery! We have been learning all about the seasons, and it has been wonderful to hear the children confidently explain which season we are in and how they can tell. Everyone is looking forward to our trip next Tuesday, where we'll explore the colourful autumn leaves - both on the trees and scattered on the ground.

In Science, the children created beautiful drawings of trees in all four seasons. Their attention to detail and focus were impressive, and each picture showed how carefully they observed the changes in nature. We also had a very special visitor this week - author Wendy Shearer.

Her storytelling session was lively and interactive as the children journeyed through the adventures of Anansi the Spider. They explored different animals and settings, sparking lots of imagination and excitement.

In English, we have been practising using full sentences to describe our journey through the classroom. The children have now begun writing these sentences and are eager to finish their work next week. What a wonderful week of learning, creativity, and enthusiasm in Panda Class!



Elephant Class



This week, the Elephant Class joyfully welcomed Black History Month with a wonderful multi-sensory storytelling session led by Wendy Shearer. The children were enthralled by the tales of Anansi the trickster spider, exploring themes of cleverness, creativity, and community through lively storytelling.

In Maths, pupils have been working hard to count in 2s, 5s, 10s—and even 3s! Please continue to play counting games at home to support your child's counting fluency and confidence.



In Science, we learned about food chains, discovering the roles of producers, primary consumers, and secondary consumers. The children enjoyed finding out how living things depend on each other for food and survival.

A big thank you to all the grown-ups who joined us for our poetry performance on Friday! The children worked so hard to remember their poem, adding expressive actions and performing with such confidence and enthusiasm. We were so proud of their efforts and delighted to share the experience with you.



REMINDER

Year 2 Trip to
Canary Wharf on
Monday 13th October

Penguin Class



What a wonderful week we've had in Year 2! The children have been working hard, showing great curiosity in their learning, and living out our school values every day.

This week, we have been focusing on our school value of Respect. Together, we've explored what respect looks like in different situations – whether that's listening carefully when others are speaking, taking care of our classroom resources, or showing kindness on the playground.

In Science, we've been delving into the topic of food chains. The children have learned that all living things are connected and depend on each other to survive. They enjoyed discovering new vocabulary such as producer, primary consumer, and secondary consumer, and had lots of fun creating their own food chain diagrams.

In Maths, we've been practising our 2-, 5-, 10-, and 3-times tables. We especially, had lots of fun learning the 3-times tables through a catchy song inspired by Ed Sheeran's "Azizam." We've also been using number lines and 100 squares to spot patterns in our times tables and to support our understanding of multiplication. The children are beginning to notice how numbers repeat and form patterns, which is helping them become more confident when recalling facts and solving problems.

We'd like to say a huge well done to all the children for their hard work this week. They've shown perseverance, curiosity, and lots of enthusiasm for their learning. Also, a huge thank you to parents and carers for continuing to support their learning at home.

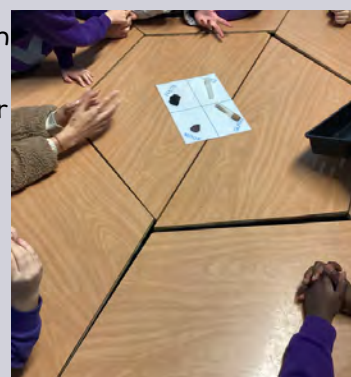


Koala Class

It's been a very busy in Koala Class! The children have done a fantastic job adapting to a week full of change and new experiences. We began the week with an incredible storytelling session from Wendy Shear, who captivated us all with her lively performance and wonderful tales. In English, the children finished their thoughtful poems on the theme of disappointment, exploring the emotion through similes and colour, and expressing their ideas with sensitivity and imagination. We were especially proud of how well they were able to describe such a complex feeling.

Later in the week, we ventured out on our trip to the Soanes Centre with Dimuthu, where we became real-life geologists! The children investigated different types of rocks, explored how everyday objects like roofs and glass are made from natural materials such as slate and sand, and learned how the properties of materials link to their uses. There was lots of new vocabulary, and we were amazed by their curiosity and enthusiasm. We also discovered fascinating facts about sedimentary rocks, fossils, and even how coal is formed and used as a fuel. We finished with a look at Mary Anning and her important fossil discoveries, even linking it to the nursery rhyme "She Sells Sea Shells."

This weekend, children are encouraged to go on a nature walk and collect some colourful leaves and flowers for our art project on Friday. We can't wait to see what they have collected for their project!



LORNA'S UPDATE



Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined me at the Coffee Morning on Wednesday – it was wonderful to see so many of you there! It's always a pleasure to catch up, and just a reminder that you're very welcome to say hello at the gate or get in touch by phone or email any time – I'm always happy to chat.

There's been such a buzz around school this week! I've loved watching the children get creative with our playground equipment, inventing new games and playing so happily together. Being in school every day means more fun, more learning, and more time with friends. A huge well done to Blue Whale Class for achieving an amazing 99% attendance – fantastic effort!

REMINDER

Year 3 will be performing at the
Festival of Arts on Thursday 13th November
More details to follow soon!

stars of the week

Value of
the week:

RESPECT

Blue Whale Class: Kiaan and Arya

Tiger Class: Taneesh and Rory

Panda Class: Arianna and Ismael

Lion Class: Sidvik and Laila

Elephant Class: Mabel and Aliah

Penguin Class: Dakota and Ashvik

Koala Class: Khamiyah and Kayla

ATTENDANCE!

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

**The attendance trophy this
week goes to:**



Blue Whale Class



**GOLD - 97+
SILVER - 95 - 97%
BRONZE - 90-95%**



DON'T FORGET

School **closes at 3pm** on
Wednesday 22nd October
No after school clubs on
this day **except JAG's**



HELP!

Dear Parents and Carers,

We're excited to let you know that we'll be holding a **Creativity Day** on
Friday 17th October.

For our **Reception and Year 3 classes**, the children will be taking part in
nature-inspired creative activities. To help with this, we'd love your
support in collecting natural objects such as:

Acorns
Twigs
Leaves
Pinecones
Conkers
Pebbles
Feathers

If you happen to spot any of these items while out and about on walks,
please collect them and bring them into class ahead of the day.
Thank you for your help in making Creativity Day a fun and engaging
experience for the children!

MENU week 1					
Mains	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Chicken Tikka Masala with Mango Chutney (Mu)	Roast Chicken with Stuffing & Herb Gravy (G)	Quarter Pound Beef Burger in a Bun (G,Se)	Jamaican Jerk Chicken with Jerk Gravy	Battered Fish Fillet (G,F) Crispy Chicken Tenders (G,Ce,Mk,Mu,Se)
Veggie	Vegetable Tikka Masala with Mango Chutney (Mu)	Creamy Butternut & Vegetable Pie With Crunchy Crust (G,MK)	Crispy Falafel Burger in a Bun (G,Se)	Jamaican Jerk Eat Curious with Jerk Gravy	Cheese & Onion Pasty (G,Mk)
	Pilau Rice				
veg	Spicy Roasted Cauliflower	Crunchy Roast Potatoes	Crunchy Seasonal Salad	Caribbean Coleslaw (E,Mk,Se)	Baked Beans
					Peas
carbs	Naan Bread (G)	Savoy Cabbage & Carrots	Oven Baked Wedges	Coconut Rice & Peas	Chips
Dessert	Yoghurt (MK,SO) Fruit	Yoghurt (MK,SO) Fruit	Yoghurt (MK,SO) Fruit	Yoghurt (MK,SO) Fruit	Yoghurt (MK,SO) Fruit
Jacket Potatoes, salad bar, cold desserts and fresh fruit available daily.					



Dates
Week 1st Sep, 22nd Sep,
13th Oct, 3rd Nov, 24th Nov, 15th Dec

Allergens

Ce = Celery E = Fish L = Lupin Mu = Mustard
Cr = Cereals containing Gluten ME = Milk N = Nuts
E = Eggs G = Grains containing Gluten Mo = Molluscs P = Peanuts
Se = Sesame Seeds So = Soya Su = Sulphur Dioxide

Healthy Lives Families Newsletter

<https://signup.es-mail.co.uk/Signup/d7ef81e9f0a6a2760e48c3610959fb34>



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Link

Home Learning Opportunities

<https://www.mulberrywoodwharf.org/pupils/mulberry-learn-2/#tab-id-7>

At the Mulberry Schools Trust, we are proud to nurture ambition from the very start. Our newest publication, Going Places 2025, celebrates the incredible destinations achieved by our Sixth Form students – showing what's possible for every Mulberry child in the future. Read more and be inspired here:

CLICK HERE

<https://bit.ly/48i3GqH>

EYFS Parents' Phonics Workshop

TUESDAY 14TH OCTOBER
9:00AM - 9:30AM
(PLEASE WAIT OUTSIDE
THE SCHOOL OFFICE)

Diwali

Afternoon Tea

Friday 17th October – 3:00pm

Come and celebrate the Festival of Lights with us in your child's classroom as we enjoy delicious treats, share stories, and spend time together with the children. We look forward to celebrating this joyful occasion with you!

**DON'T
FORGET!**

**Monday 20th October
Diwali Dress Up Day
Bright and Colourful Clothes**

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HALLOWEEN DRESS UP DAY

FRIDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2025

● We encourage everyone to get creative and make their own costumes or reuse old ones instead of buying something new.

Let's have fun celebrating while keeping it imaginative and eco-friendly!



Half term swimming crash courses

Get aheadstartwith swimming this Octoberhalftermwith our short, intensiveswim crash coursesatMileEnd,Tiller and York Hall leisure centres. Perfect for:

- ✓ Beginners needing extra support
- ✓ Building confidence during half term
- ✓ Trying out our fantastic swimming lessons

📅 27-31 October

🕒 Daily 30-minute lessons

👤 **4+** For ages 4+

👥 Smallclasssizesforfocused learning

This course is open to everyone, and our friendly teachers are in the pool with beginners to provide support and make learning fun! Secure your child 's spot tod ay!

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place today!**



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HALLOWEEN DANCE CAMPS

OCTOBER 27TH, 28TH & 29TH
9 A.M. – 2 P.M.



- ★ ARTS & CRAFTS
- ★ CUPCAKE DECORATION
- ★ BUBBLE GAMES & COLORING
- ★ FACE PAINTING
- ★ DRAMA COURSE
- ★ LATIN DANCE • JAZZ
MUSICAL THEATRE

EARLY BIRD: £40 PER DAY

SNACKS PROVIDED - PLEASE PACK A MEAL (NO NUTS)

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