

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

Good in Quality
of Education

Good in
Leadership and
Management

Outstanding
Personal
Development

Outstanding
Early Years
Provision

Part of the
Mulberry
School Trust

**Friday 28th
November 2025**

Sarah Jane's reflection of the week

This week, our value has been Respect, and I began with an assembly all about celebrating differences. The children loved seeing the adults model some of our own differences, from favourite foods to holiday preferences. Fawziyah prefers dessert in a restaurant, while I'd always choose a starter. Naimah enjoys shopping in person, whereas I prefer online shopping. And when it comes to holidays, Lucy is at home in colder countries, while I love the warmth!

We explored our fingerprints and were amazed to learn that no two are the same. We also looked at fascinating animal facts, like the fact that no zebra has the same pattern, and discovered all sorts of strange and wonderful ways animals are unique. We finished by singing together about celebrating difference, with a beautiful line reminding us that "there's a place in this world for you, there's a place in this world for me." Mulberry Wood Wharf is full of different personalities, languages, likes, dislikes, skin colours, sizes, interests, and talents. It is a very special place for our children to understand difference, celebrate it, and show respect for one another.

It was wonderful to see our Reception children wrapping up warm and heading out to Mudchute Farm this week. They had a brilliant time outdoors meeting the animals. I also spent time in Year 3 observing maths, and I was blown away by the children's focus, participation, and enthusiasm. The challenges kept coming, and even I had to think hard! Their reasoning, resilience, and willingness to keep testing their methods were incredible to see.

In Year 2, I enjoyed talking about respect and exploring real-life scenarios with the children. Their thoughtful questions led to some very meaningful discussions.

Next week, I'll be taking Year 1 and Year 3 for Christmas singing outside Waitrose/John Lewis on Tuesday 2nd December. If your child is in year 3 and has a sibling in year 1 they will be in the same group as their sibling.

Panda + half of Koala Class: 11:30-12:30
Lion Class + half of Koala Class: 12:30-1:30

Please come along if you can, it's a joyful way to represent Wood Wharf in our community and help raise money for school essentials such as trips, visitors and enhancing our curriculum. Year 2 will be out singing the following week, and we will share full details with you very soon.

A huge thank you for all your incredible contributions to last week's Wood Wharf Bake Off. The effort that went into the bakes was outstanding, and judging was incredibly tough! We are also very grateful to the parents who helped at the bake sale, we simply couldn't have done it without you. Many families used the QR code to donate directly to Children in Need, and we also raised additional funds in cash, totalling £170 Thank you for your generosity.

A quick online safety reminder: I do let my little one watch a bit of screen time, and I do moderate how much. This week, while she was watching Netflix Kids, I noticed some PG-rated programmes that weren't quite suitable. Although I couldn't adjust the settings within the app, it was very easy to log into Netflix separately and set her profile to show only 'U' rated programmes. I also blocked a few programmes. Please do check your parental controls and always supervise device use, it's an important part of keeping our children safe online.

This weekend, I'll be decorating our Christmas tree at home, always a joyful moment! Don't forget to tune in to our very special Advent calendar launching on our website this December, where a surprise awaits behind every door.

I'll end with a beautiful quote that captures our theme of respect and celebrating differences:

"We all live with the objective of being happy; our lives are all different and yet the same."

– Anne Frank

Tiger Class



This week in Tiger Class, we have been wrapping up warm in the chilly weather! We have enjoyed exploring our book, *Whatever Next*, in more depth – working hard to retell the story through our Big Write activity. It has been fantastic to see the children starting to use their RWInc sound mats to write the initial sounds in their Big Write books!

In Maths, we have focused on one more and one less using texts such as *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and *Kipper's Birthday* to help us identify one more and one less within 5. We have also been very busy practising our Nativity – we are so impressed with the children's dedication and hard work!

Our highlight of the week was our trip to Mudchute farm. We thoroughly enjoyed feeding the sheep by hand, agreeing that their tongues felt tickly and wet! It was quite cold and muddy, but luckily, we were dressed for the occasion. The teachers on the trip were delighted with how well the children represented the school's values and for making our job a lot easier, well done Tiger class!

Don't forget – Nativity costume making workshop for parents next Monday 1st December at 9:00am – we hope to see as many parents and carers as possible!



Blue Whale Class

Blue Whale class had a wonderful day trip at the farm! We wanted to thank the parents who volunteered to join us on our trip. Your support truly means the most to us.

The children loved learning about all the animals that live in the barn, and they were especially delighted when feeding the sheep and watching the cows' long tongues reach out for food—it was such a funny sight! We also celebrated a big accomplishment together: filling up our marble jar. To mark the occasion, we had a marble party where the children enjoyed bubbles and later relaxed with a movie to end the day. We are so proud of Blue Whale and all their achievements!

We would also like to remind you to join us for our **costume making workshop on Monday 1st December 9-10am for our nativity show!** We will be crafting nativity headbands and making costumes from scratch! We hope to see as many of you there as possible



Lion Class



This week in English, Lion Class delved into a new story called 'We're Going to Find the Monster.' First we started by making predictions based on the front cover. After reading some of the story, the children imagined what the monster might look like. They drew, labelled and wrote a sentence to express their ideas. We also created a map of the different settings within the story, focusing on key verbs and adjectives to help us recall and sequence events. In the end, we discovered that the "monster" was actually Marcus's brother all along!

Our science session this week was full of excitement and discovery! When we found a cup with a hole in it, the children became eager investigators, testing different materials to see which one could save the day and stop the water from leaking. We discovered that plastic was the best for the job because it is waterproof, while materials like felt and tissue soaked up the water and couldn't stop the leak- making them not so-super solutions. Well done Lions for your enthusiasm and engagement!



panda Class

This week in Panda Class, we began a brand new book titled 'We're Going to Find the Monster'. The children have been fully engaged as we explored the story together. They started by making thoughtful predictions about what might happen next, and many enjoyed sharing their favourite parts of the book during class discussions. We also spent time learning about verbs and their purpose in sentences. The children proudly explained that "verbs are doing words," and we played a range of fun, active games throughout the week to spot and practise as many verbs as we could. It has been wonderful to see their confidence grow as they use verbs in their own speaking and writing.

In Science, we have been focusing on everyday materials. The children investigated the properties of a variety of materials, learning important new vocabulary such as transparent, opaque, rigid, and flexible. One of the highlights of the week was our experiment to discover which material is waterproof and would work best to cover a hole in a plastic cup. The children were incredibly excited, curious, and enthusiastic as they tested their predictions.

As winter approaches, Panda Class has also been using their previous learning about seasons to make observations and meaningful links to the changes they see around them.



Elephant Class

Year 2 have been working enthusiastically on writing a recount of their recent trip to St Paul's Cathedral. Pupils used their plans to sequence events in chronological order, carefully organising what happened from the start of the day to the end. They have shown excellent progress in using the -ed suffix, practising it in their writing to describe actions they have already done. The children were proud to share sentences using words such as walked, toured, and looked, demonstrating growing confidence in writing in the past tense.

The Elephant class have also worked brilliantly as a team to earn all their marbles in the marble jar! To celebrate their hard work, exceptional behaviour, and love for learning, pupils enjoyed a special Toy Day afternoon, where they loved playing and celebrating their achievements together. Their enthusiasm was a joy to see, and they were incredibly proud of what they had accomplished as a class.

I wonder what our next class reward will be...?



Penguin Class



We've had another brilliant week in Year 2, filled with hands-on learning and lots of curiosity!

This week, the children have been focusing on adding and subtracting 2-digit numbers using a range of manipulatives such as base ten, number lines, and counters. They explored different ways to solve problems and explained their methods clearly. It was wonderful to see them choosing the tools that helped them best and building their confidence with more challenging calculations.

In Science, we continued our learning about how humans change as they get older. As part of our investigation skills, we carried out an experiment to answer the question: "Are the tallest people in the class the oldest?" The children got into height order and discussed their findings. They quickly discovered that height and age don't always match – some of our younger children were taller than the older ones! This led to great conversations about growth, development, and the many ways humans change over time.

In History, the children stepped back in time to 1666 and used their imaginations to write a diary entry as someone experiencing the Great Fire of London. They thought carefully about what they might have seen, heard, smelled, and felt during the event. Their writing was full of emotion, detail, and brilliant historical understanding – a wonderful blend of creativity and learning.

We are super proud of the children's hard work this week. Have a great weekend!



Koala Class

We've had a fantastic week of learning in Koala Class and are excited to share what the children have been exploring!

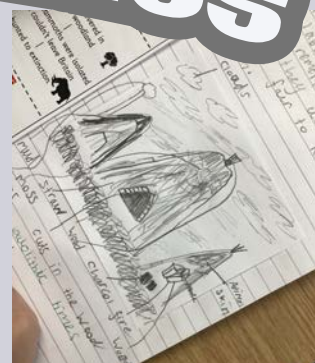
This week, the children continued their journey through the Stone Age, focusing on the Mesolithic era. We learned how this period connects to the wider Stone Age and why artefacts are so important in helping us understand how people lived in the past.

The children especially enjoyed our lively discussion about woolly mammoths, how they lived, why they became extinct, and what their remains can teach us today!

We have moved on to multiplication and division for maths, focusing on times tables, equal groups, and developing quick fluency skills. The children worked incredibly hard and showed great resilience as they applied their understanding in a range of activities and problem-solving tasks. Well done, Koalas!

In English, we continued reading *The Iron Man* by Ted Hughes. The children have been building rich vocabulary to help them describe the Iron Man and understand his character more deeply. We are really enjoying the story and having thoughtful discussions about the events and themes.

Thank you for your continued support. We are very proud of the children's enthusiasm and hard work this week!



LORNA'S UPDATE



There has been lots happening as usual at Mulberry Wood Wharf this week! Our Reception classes had a great time at Mudchute Farm and were lucky to have a sunny day to explore. I have also been enjoying seeing Year 3 writing as they build up to producing an extended piece inspired by *Iron Man*. The children have been exploring Ted Hughes' powerful descriptions and dramatic moments, and it has been wonderful to see them experimenting with vivid vocabulary and ambitious sentences. At lunchtimes, children have shown this week's value of RESPECT by inviting others to join their games and helping younger pupils with equipment. It has been lovely to see so many positive interactions across the playground.

A huge well done and thank you to everyone who submitted a poster for our Anti Bullying Week competition. So much thought, time and effort went into every entry, which made choosing a winner incredibly difficult. I would like to congratulate **Mikaeel (Koala) and Noah (Lion)** for being selected as the winner. You can see their poster displayed here, and we will be putting up other entries around the school, so please keep an eye out. I want to also congratulate our runners up Yusra (Lion) and Nusairah (Lion).

There is so much happening in school every day and this is why it is so important that we all strive for strong attendance. A huge well done to **Penguin class for 98% percent attendance** this week!

stars of the week

Value of
the week:

Respect

Blue Whale Class: Tahys and Yusra

Tiger Class: Arundel and Ishvika

Panda Class: Aadhya and Leo

Lion Class: Mohana and Jake

Elephant Class: Ayat and Emily

Penguin Class: Lalani and Amaara

Koala Class: Isaa and Maria

ATTENDANCE!

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

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

Penguin Class - 98%



GOLD - 91+

SILVER - 95 - 97%

BRONZE - 90-95%

Upcoming Events



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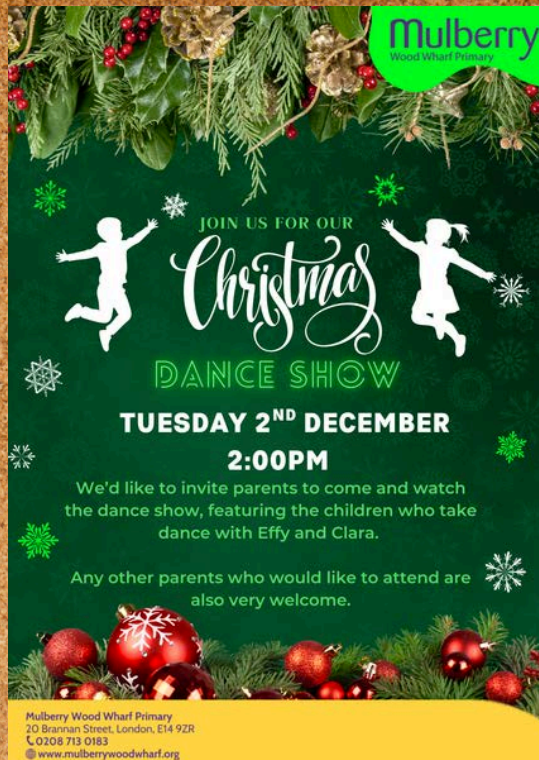
JOIN US FOR OUR
**CHRISTMAS
CONCERT**
With Conon

MONDAY 1ST DECEMBER
10:30 AM

We'd like to invite you to see the children who learn **guitar or piano with Conon**, as they will be showcasing the pieces they've been working on.

Parents of the children taking part in the concert are invited, and any other parents who would like to come along are also very welcome.

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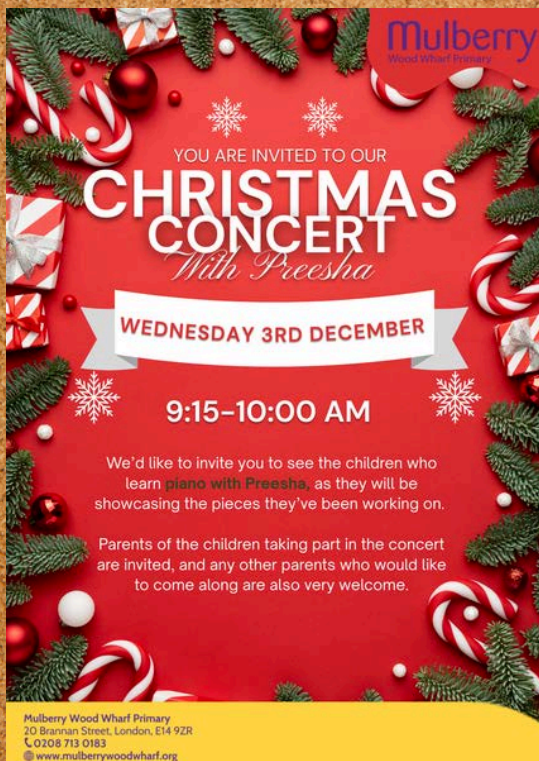
JOIN US FOR OUR
**Christmas
DANCE SHOW**

TUESDAY 2ND DECEMBER
2:00PM

We'd like to invite parents to come and watch the dance show, featuring the children who take dance with Effy and Clara.

Any other parents who would like to attend are also very welcome.

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YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR
**CHRISTMAS
CONCERT**
With Preesha

WEDNESDAY 3RD DECEMBER

9:15-10:00 AM

We'd like to invite you to see the children who learn **piano with Preesha**, as they will be showcasing the pieces they've been working on.

Parents of the children taking part in the concert are invited, and any other parents who would like to come along are also very welcome.

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**Christmas
Sing Along**

Come celebrate the spirit of Christmas with our Christmas Sing Along with classes Year 1, 2 and 3.

Friday, 12th December

Yr 1 parents at 9:15am and Yr 2 & 3 parents at 10:30am

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No afterschool clubs
from 12th - 19th Dec
(except JA6's)

What snacks
should I pack?

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School CLOSES at
1pm on
Friday 19th
December 2025
(NO JA6's)

School Closed on
Monday 23rd
February 2026
for School INSET

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MENU Week 2					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mains HAPPY TUMS	Penne Bolognese Pasta Bake (G,Mk) With Garden Salad	Butchers Sausages with Caramelised Onion Gravy	Aziz's Chicken Biryani (Mk,Mu)	Mucho Mexican Chicken Burrito Bowl (G,Mk,Mu)	Battered Fish Fillet (G,F) Crispy Chicken Tenders (G,Ce,Mk,Mu,Se)
Veggie MEAT FREE MAINS	Mediterranean Vegetable Lasagne (G,Mk) with Garden Salad	Grilled Veggie Sausages with Caramelised Onion Gravy (G,Ce)	Chickpea & Vegetables Biryani (Mk,Mu)	Mucho Mexican Eat Curious Vegetable Burrito Bowl (G,Mk,Mu)	Crispy Vegetable Samosa with Mango Chutney (G,Mu)
veg EXTRA GOOD	Baked Potato Wedges Steamed Seasonal Greens	Broccoli	Roasted Cauliflower	Spicy Pinto Beans (G)	Garden Peas Baked Beans
carbs FUEL FOOD	Garlic Bread (G,Mk,So)	Creamy Mashed Potatoes	Onion Salad	Zesty Lime Rice Tortilla Chips	Chips
Dessert SOMETHING SWEET	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 8th Sep, 29th Sep,
20th Oct, 10th Nov, 1st Dec, 22nd
Dec

Allergens
Ce = Celery
Cr = Crustacean
E = Eggs
F = Fish
G = Cereals
containing Gluten
L = Lupin
Mk = Milk
Mo = Molasses
Mu = Mustard
N = Nuts
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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Home Learning Opportunities

Link

<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>

GET INTO THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT WITH A FESTIVE
DAY OF JOY AND CHEER!

Christ Church WINTER FAYRE & SANTA'S GROTTO

GIFTS & GAMES | ARTISAN STALLS | KIDS ACTIVITIES
FOOD & DRINKS | LIVE MUSIC

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

**Saturday 29th
November**

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