

# NEWS CORNER

The latest news and information about Mulberry Wood Wharf Primary.

## Sarah Jane's reflection of the week

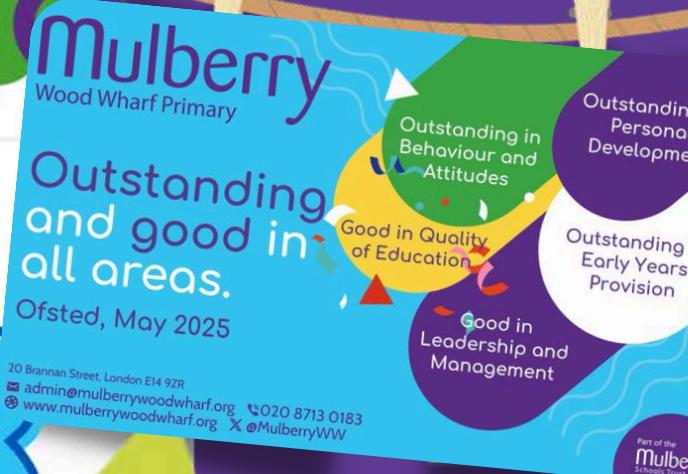
What a wonderful week it has been here at Mulberry Wood Wharf Primary, one filled with talent, confidence, and children proudly sharing the skills they have been working so hard to learn. Our value this half term is community, and it has truly shone through in everything we've done.

We started the week with fantastic performances from our young musicians, playing guitar and piano under the expert guidance of

Conor and Preesha, our brilliant music tutors. I always tell the children how proud I am of them; learning an instrument is no small feat. It takes discipline, patience, practice, the ability to read music, dexterity, focus, and an ear for rhythm and beat. To then stand up and perform solo in front of an audience takes real courage. Those little nerves and butterflies they feel are part of learning about themselves, they help build confidence for future presentations, public speaking, and stepping out of their comfort zone as they grow.

Another highlight was taking Year 1 and Year 3 to sing Christmas songs outside Waitrose. They were absolutely amazing and a true delight to watch. Members of the public stopped, listened in awe, and commented on how beautifully they sang and how well-behaved they were. We also used this as an opportunity to collect donations from the public, all of which will go towards essential educational items, school trips, after-school clubs, author visits, and enriching experiences for our children.

And speaking of Waitrose—don't forget that Mulberry Wood Wharf is featured in their Community Matters green token scheme this month. If you're passing through, please pop a green token into our box. If we receive the most tokens, Waitrose will make a generous donation to the school, again supporting essential items and experiences for our pupils.



**Friday 5th  
December 2025**

Next week, I'll be taking Year 2 to sing at North Colonnade, another lovely opportunity for our children to be out and about, connecting with the wider community.

Our Advent Calendar is now live on our website. Each day you can open a door to find a festive surprise, do have a look!

Next week is also Assessment Week at Wood Wharf. Across all year groups, children will complete assessments in a range of subjects so we can see the progress they have made since September. I will review the data closely, and alongside our subject leads, we will carry out detailed analysis. This informs our planning for January and ensures teaching is responsive and purposeful. These assessments feed directly into Pupil Progress Meetings at the start of January. Leaders meet with class teachers to review targets set earlier in the year and to set new ones. We look carefully at children working at greater depth, those working at the expected level, and those working towards it. We think about how to stretch and challenge children, and where we need quick, targeted measures to support progress. It's important to highlight that greater depth is not about racing ahead in the curriculum, it's about developing deeper thinking, applying knowledge in different contexts, and showing a breadth and richness of understanding.

We are also incredibly excited for the Reception Nativity next week—and I'll give you a clue... it's wriggly! You are certainly in for a treat. Every Reception cohort performs a nativity each year. Not only does it support their understanding of the Christmas story, but it also links to our value of community as we celebrate and learn about one another's traditions. The children explore how different religious festivals are connected and why these celebrations take place.

**Key Dates:**  
Wednesday: Reception Nativity – **09:15am – Tiger Class Parents and 10:30am for Blue Whale Class Parents**

Friday 12th: Christmas Jumper Day / Non-Uniform Day and Christmas show day (**Yr1 parents – 9:15am and yr 2 and 3 parents at 10:30am**)

I'll end with a favourite quote that reflects our value of community beautifully:

"We can do no great things, only small things with great love." – Mother Teresa

# Tiger Class



This week in Tiger Class, we've had so much fun exploring the classic tale of The Three Little Pigs! The children enjoyed listening to the story and retelling it using puppets and role play, which really brought the characters to life. We built houses out of different materials—straw, sticks, and bricks—and tested which ones were the strongest against the "Big Bad Wolf". Through this, the children learned about materials, problem-solving, and teamwork. We also practiced sequencing the story and used lots of rich language to describe what happened.

In Maths, we have been focusing on consolidating our understanding of numbers 1-5 through different song and nursery rhymes. We were very impressed with the children's big write pieces this week, retelling the story of The Three Little Pigs and demonstrating their growing phonics knowledge.

The children have also been working hard in our Nativity rehearsals – we can't wait to welcome you as the audience on the morning of Wednesday 10th! It's been a fantastic week full of creativity and learning!

Don't forget to check Arbor for links to your child's phonics learning each week! If you are unable to access the links, please speak to Jen or Rahena.

## REMINDER

### Nativity Show:

Tiger Class parents at 9:15am

Blue Whale class parents at 10:30am

Please ensure that children come dressed in their nativity costumes on Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Dec

Blue whale class have been learning all about the story of The Three Little Pigs, and the children have absolutely loved engaging with the storytelling. Many of them have even begun to remember key lines from the tale. Throughout the week, they have enjoyed role-playing the characters and taking turns pretending to be the wolf and the pigs. The children have also been busy building their own houses using a range of materials such as building blocks, Lego, and even pillows.

Alongside this, in maths they have been recognising shapes in the environment—excitedly spotting squares, triangles, rectangles, and circles around the school. They discovered lots of hidden shapes throughout the space and enjoyed looking for them at any time of day.

We are looking forward to beginning our Christmas crafts and are even more excited for parents and carers to see our nativity performance next Wednesday. We hope to see as many parents as possible!

# Blue Whale Class



# Lion Class



Festivities are in full swing at Mulberry Wood Wharf! Lion Class joined by some of the Koala Class children, kicked off the week with beautiful carol singing outside Waitrose in Canary Wharf. The children were incredibly brave, performing in such a busy public space. A heartfelt thank you to all our parent volunteers and to every parent who came to support, your presence meant so much to the children.



In English, Lion Class have been planning their own stories inspired by *We're Going to Find the Monster*. Just as the story uses imagination to transform ordinary places into magical lands, we did the same in our lessons. The children created three magical lands of their own and carefully labelled each one. We also planned what our mysterious creature will be and how the story will end. Next week, we can't wait to start writing our stories.

In Maths Lion Class has been learning all about 2D and 3D shapes this week. We explored how many edges and corners different 2D shapes have and compared them with each other. We also learnt the names of 3D shape names, identifying their faces and discussing how these shapes are used in the world around us.

Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend!

## REMINDER

### Trip to Soanes Centre

Panda Class - Mon 8th December  
Lion Class - Wed 10th December

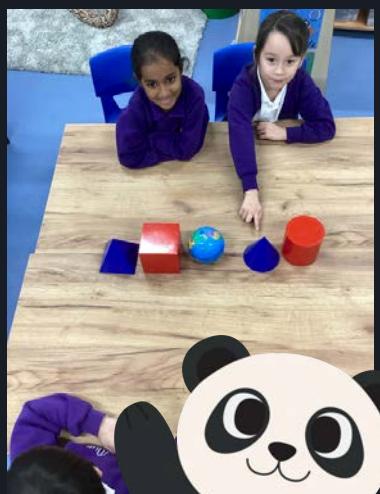
# Panda Class

We are now five weeks into this half term, and Panda Class has had another wonderful week of learning and celebration! One of our highlights was the Christmas sing along, where the children truly shone. I was so proud to see them exude confidence, enthusiasm, and joy as they performed. They represented MWW beautifully, and it was lovely to witness their hard work and excitement come together in such a festive way.

In Maths, the children have been exploring geometry, focusing on both 2D and 3D shapes. They have enjoyed creating patterns, sorting shapes, and spotting them in the world around us. It has been fantastic to see how quickly they are making connections - eagerly pointing out cylinders, cuboids, spheres, cubes, cones, and pyramids whenever they appear during our day.

In History, we have been comparing shops from the past with those we see today. The children discussed differences in size, location, and payment methods, and they drew on their own experiences to make thoughtful comparisons. Their insights sparked great conversations and helped deepen their understanding of how life has changed over time.

Looking ahead, our class trip to the Soanes Centre is next Monday 8th December. If you haven't done so already, please give permission on Arbor and let me know if you are available to volunteer. We are very excited for this learning adventure!



# Elephant Class

Year 2 have had a fantastic week diving into the fascinating topic of the Great Fire of London. We explored the reasons why the fire spread so quickly, discovered how historians have been able to learn about the events of 1666, and found out how the fire was finally put out. We also compared fire-fighting then and now, learning how the fire service has changed since the Great Fire.



In maths, pupils have begun investigating 2D and 3D shapes. We have been counting sides and vertices, naming common shapes, and recognising them in the world around us.



Throughout the week, we've also been warming up our vocal cords as we practise for our Christmas carolling on Thursday 11th and our Christmas Show on Friday 12th. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Year 2 Sing Along

Year 2 will be going together 11.45-1.15



We have had a wonderfully busy and creative week in Year 2, and the children should feel very proud of everything they've achieved!

This week, the children completed writing their very own versions of The Magic Paintbrush. We were so impressed by the imaginative ideas, exciting twists, and thoughtful descriptions that they included in their stories. Some children even went a step further and created their own characters using a range of creative materials. Their designs were fantastic and showed real enthusiasm and inventiveness – well done, everyone!



In Maths, we began our brand-new Shape unit. The children explored both 2D and 3D shapes, identifying their features and using mathematical vocabulary such as sides, vertices, edges, and faces. They enjoyed handling real objects, spotting shapes around the classroom, and discussing what makes each shape unique.



In Science, we continued learning about how different animals survive by exploring the ways their bodies are suited to their habitats. We compared lungs and gills, thinking about why some animals need to breathe air while others can take in oxygen from water. We also looked at how animals get the water they need, discussing the difference between those that drink and those that absorb moisture through their skin. Finally, we learned about different types of eaters, including herbivores, carnivores, and omnivores, and how their diets help them stay healthy and alive. The children asked brilliant questions and showed a fantastic understanding of how animals have exactly what they need to survive.

A huge well done to all the children who took part in the music and dance performances this week. They represented Penguin Class beautifully with their confidence, teamwork, and enthusiasm. We are incredibly proud of them!

Well done for another brilliant week, Year 2! Have a lovely weekend – you've earned it!

# Penguin Class

What a wonderful and productive week we've had! The children have been working hard across all subjects and showing great enthusiasm for their learning.

Excitement is building as the children continue rehearsing for their Christmas performances. They've been practising their lines, songs, and actions with growing confidence. We can't wait for you to see all their hard work come together!

A highlight of our week was our trip to Canary Wharf for carol singing. The children sang beautifully and were truly enthusiastic. It was an amazing experience for everyone, and we are so proud of how confidently they performed.

We also enjoyed watching different music performances in school this week. The children loved exploring how musicians use sound and expression to bring their pieces to life.

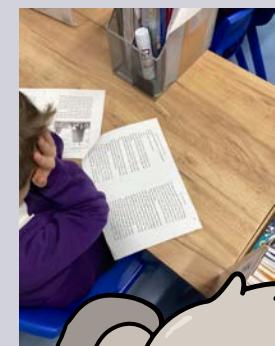
In English, we have been developing vocabulary inspired by *Iron Man* by Ted Hughes. The children explored descriptive language connected to the scrapyard setting, using powerful adjectives and imaginative phrases to enhance their writing.

Whilst in maths, our focus has been on recognising and using multiples of 3 and 4. The children practised identifying number patterns and applying them to solve problems.

In science, we learned about different types of skeletons and compared vertebrates and invertebrates. The children were curious, engaged, and eager to explore how animal bodies are structured.

It has truly been a very good week full of energy, enthusiasm, and excellent learning. Well done to all the children!

## LORNA'S UPDATE



It's been a wonderfully busy and exciting few weeks here at Mulberry Wood Wharf as we head towards Christmas. I was so proud of our Year 1 and Year 3 pupils for their fantastic carol singing at Waitrose on Tuesday – they represented our school beautifully and brought plenty of festive cheer to the community. Meanwhile, Reception are eagerly preparing for their nativity, and I can't wait to see their hard work come to life on stage!

Across the school, learning continues to shine. I particularly enjoyed listening in on Year 2's maths discussions this week; the children spoke with such confidence as they compared calculations using precise mathematical vocabulary. Every day brings new experiences at Mulberry Wood Wharf, which is why strong attendance and punctuality are so important for ensuring children don't miss out. A special shout-out to Penguin Class for achieving an incredible 99% attendance – well done!

# stars of the Week

**Blue Whale Class: Nyra and Elvia**

**Tiger Class: Felix and Raphael**

**Panda Class: Aadam and Alicia**

**Lion Class: Is'haaq and Dylan**

**Elephant Class: Nephi and Aliah**

**Penguin Class: Mubarak and Helen**

**Koala Class: Mana and Harry**

# ATTENDANCE!

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

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

**Penguin Class - 99%**



**GOLD - 91+**

**SILVER - 95 - 97%**

**BRONZE - 90-95%**

# Upcoming Events



We would be so grateful for any **voluntary donations** towards our **Christmas party and party games**.

If you'd like to contribute, you can do so **via Arbor**. Thank you so much for your kindness and support!"

# Christmas CARD WINNER!

**The winner is...**

**Noah – Penguin Class**



**No afterschool clubs**  
from 12<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> Dec  
(except JA6's)

**What snacks  
should I pack?**

**CLICK HERE**

**Mulberry**  
Wood Wharf Primary

Daily snacks  
Children in Reception through to Year 2 take part in the National Fruit  
Scheme, which means that a range of fruits and vegetables are provided  
every day. Year 3-6 in Reception classes we also provide some dried fruit...  
[View more](#)

**School CLOSES at**  
**1pm on**  
**Friday 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**December 2025**  
**(NO JA6's)**

**School Closed on**  
**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**February 2026**  
**for School INSET**

**WE'RE  
HIRING!**

**CLICK  
HERE**

**Teaching Assistant**  
[https://bit.ly/CurrentVacancies-  
MulberryWoodWharf](https://bit.ly/CurrentVacancies-MulberryWoodWharf)

## = Menu = Week 3

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday					
<b>Mains</b> HAPPY TUMS	Chicken and Leek Pie with Puff Pastry (G,MK)	Open Beef Burrito (G,MK,Mu)	BBQ Chicken Leg (Su)	Classic Italian Beef Lasagne (G,MK) Chef's salad					
<b>veggie</b> MEAT FREE MAINS	Baked Mac and Cheese with a Crunchy Topping (G,So,MK)	Open Vegetable & Bean Burrito (G,MK,Mu)	Chickpea, Potato & Spinach Curry	Veggie Bolognese (So,G) Chef's Salad					
<b>veg</b> EXTRA GOOD	Steamed Broccoli	Peppers & Sweetcorn	Sweetcorn	Whole Green Beans					
<b>Carbs</b> FUEL FOOD	New potatoes	Wholemeal Coriander Rice, sour Cream (Mk)	Steamed Wholemeal Rice, Roast Potatoes	Garden Peas					
<b>Dessert</b> SOMETHING SWEET	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.									
<b>Dates</b>									
Week 15th Sep, 6th Oct, 27th Oct, 17th Nov, 8th Dec									
Ce = Celery Cr = Crustacean E = Eggs		F = Fish G = Cereals containing Gluten		L = Lupin Mk = Milk Mo = Molluscs		Mu = Mustard N = Nuts P = Peanuts		Se = Sesame Seeds So = Soya Su = Sulphur Dioxide	
<b>Allergens</b>									

Look for this logo on the menu to try a yummy seasonal special!

### Healthy Lives Families Newsletter

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



Top Performing Borough in London for Healthy Schools

**CLICK HERE**

### 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>



## Join Doris and Dave on a magical snowflake hunt

Follow the clues and track down the unique snowflakes at various DLR stations. Once you've found the snowflakes you can claim a special prize from the Information Centre at London City Airport or Tower Gateway stations.

The DLR Festive Hunt runs from Monday 15 December to Friday 2 January. Scan the QR code to download the Actionbound app to participate for free and search 'DLR Festive Hunt'. Or download the Actionbound app in the App store for iOS users and the Google Play store for Android users. Full terms and conditions available on the app.

