

# NEWS CORNER

The latest news and information about Mulberry Wood Wharf Primary.



**Friday 12th  
December 2025**

## Sarah Jane's reflection of the week

We began this week with a truly uplifting coffee morning led by our wonderful Health Team—Tiffany and her colleague. They delivered an informative and supportive session for families, and it was fantastic to see so many parents attending. I have already heard such positive feedback about how useful the session was. We look forward to hosting many more events like this as we continue strengthening the partnership between home and school.

One of the absolute highlights of my week was watching Blue Whale and Tiger Class perform their Wiggly Nativity. What a treat it was! I was so impressed by how confidently the children learned their lines, songs and actions as they retold the Christmas story. Their outfits were stunning, and it was clear they had put a lot of effort into preparing for the performance. I must admit that "Donkey Plodding" was spinning around my head for the rest of the afternoon!

On a personal note, I also watched my own little one in her very first nativity this week—a proud moment for me and a special reminder of how magical these early experiences are in a child's school journey.

alongside all the festivities, this week has also been a busy assessment period across the school. On Tuesday evening, our staff took part in a twilight session with colleagues from Mulberry Canon Barnett Primary to moderate writing judgements. This collaboration is incredibly valuable—not only to ensure accuracy and consistency, but to learn from one another and deepen our professional expertise. It was brilliant to see the excellent progress Mulberry Wood Wharf pupils have made since their starting points. I was particularly impressed with how confidently the children could edit and improve their writing, showing pride in their work and real understanding of the writing process.

Our Christmas Singalong was another joyful success. Thank you to all the parents and carers who came along to join in with the singing. It truly felt like a celebration of our school community, filled with warmth, smiles and festive spirit.

BE KIND  
KEEP GOING

### Value of the Week: Kindness

This week's value has been kindness, and it has been wonderful to see how brightly kindness shines throughout our school. I see it daily between children—in the way they help each other, share, include one another and cheer each other on. I see it in our staff, who continuously support, encourage and uplift their colleagues. And I see it in our families, many of whom show such kindness and respect in their interactions with school.

Of course, we know that kindness isn't always easy. There are moments when we feel tired, overwhelmed or upset, and acting kindly might not be the first thing that comes to mind. There are also moments when we are on the receiving end of unkindness, and that can be difficult. The world is not always rosy. But what we teach our children—and what we remind ourselves—is that kindness is free, and more importantly, kindness is a choice. Every moment gives us the opportunity to choose how we respond, and those choices shape our relationships, our community and the kind of school we want to be.

Kindness extends to our communication with one another too. Kind feedback from parents is always appreciated, and constructive feedback is equally welcome. It helps us learn, grow and reflect. As a school, we value respectful conversations and are grateful to the many families who model this daily.

### Looking Ahead to Next Week

Next week may be the final week of term, but learning continues right up until the end. Children will still be completing units of work, consolidating learning and finishing key tasks. I want to gently but firmly remind families that taking children out of school early will absolutely affect their progress. It leaves gaps in their learning and unfinished work in their books. Please ensure your child attends school every day until the official end of term. We do, however, have some exciting moments planned to celebrate the festive season:

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#### Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Children will be treated to a wonderful pantomime performance of Jack and the Beanstalk.

#### Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December

We are delighted that some of our parents will be coming in to deliver a puppet-show Nativity. This also gives us the opportunity to celebrate the diversity of stories, religions and traditions we learn about throughout the year. We value teaching children about different faiths and cultures and helping them develop curiosity, respect and understanding.

#### Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December

Celebration assembly at 09.10am (this week's star of the week's will be announced too)

### Party Day and Non-Uniform Day

#### **School will close early at 1:00pm**

Gates will open for collection at 12:50pm  
We look forward to ending the term with joy, learning and togetherness.

A beautiful reminder comes from Aesop, who said:

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."



# Tiger Class



This week in Tiger Class has been full of exciting learning and exploration! We focused on demonstrating our phonics skills through assessment.

Jen and Rahena were blown away with the children's progress, and we will share the new phonics groups in the new year.

In maths, the children explored and compared shapes with and without 4 sides. They made some fantastic collages using lots of different shapes. We have continued to link our choosing activities to the story of The Three Little Pigs, with mask making, story sequencing and lots of writing opportunities.

Our highlight of the week was performing our Wiggly Nativity to our parents and carers! We were so proud of the children, and they all really enjoyed the shows. Next week will be filled with lots of festive fun, with our Christmas party, arts and crafts and preparing for a well-needed rest!



# Blue Whale Class

We've had such a busy and exciting week! We performed our Nativity play for the school and for our parents and carers, and we absolutely loved every moment of it. The children were amazing at remembering all the songs, and they worked so hard to learn them.

All their effort really paid off—they performed with such confidence, and we are incredibly proud of them. We're definitely going to miss all the fun practice sessions that made the whole experience so special.

We also enjoyed celebrating Christmas Jumper Day, arriving in our best festive jumpers and filling the school with Christmas cheer. As part of our Christmas activities, we decorated our own Christmas cookies. The children loved choosing their favourite toppings—it made the classroom smell wonderful!

Alongside all the excitement, we created beautiful festive artwork and took part in lots of seasonal activities. We're now looking forward to our final week of festive fun!



# Lion Class



This week in English, Lion class have been orally rehearsing parts of their innovated stories. Children have been adding verbs and adjectives to their plans to bring their stories to life and make them exciting. Next week children will complete writing their own stories.

On Wednesday, Lion Class went to the Soanes Centre and took part in an exciting science workshop to consolidate their learning on materials. We explored and talked about a range of objects and what they were made from. We discovered that when two stones are rubbed together they can create a magical spark! We then headed out to explore the outdoor area. The children were tasked with collecting some sticks which was used to stoke a fire. We learnt that as the sticks burned, the heat changes it into charcoal. The children showed great resilience as we made our way back to school, carrying with them a wonderful new learning experience. Thank you to our parent volunteers who supported us and helped keep us safe!

A busy week ended with the KS1 sing-along, where Lion Class performed a Christmas poem. It was fantastic to see so many children confidently performing in front of a big audience, joyfully remembering all the words and actions. A very big well done!

# Panda Class

This week in Panda Class, we enjoyed a fantastic visit to the Soanes Centre for a hands on materials workshop. The children were eager to share what they know about different materials, and the facilitator was so impressed by their ability to explain and distinguish between them with such confidence. It was wonderful to see their learning come to life in a real world setting. During the workshop, the children also had the opportunity to collect sticks and take part in a fire making and charcoal making activity. The children were engaged, curious, and enthusiastic as they explored each step of the process. We were very fortunate to have several parent volunteers join us. Your support truly made a difference - thank you for taking time out of your day to help both the children and myself. Your presence contributed to a smooth, safe, and enjoyable experience for everyone.

In English, we are now coming to the end of our topic, and the children have been working exceptionally hard on their own story plans. Using 'We're Going to Find the Monster' as inspiration, they have enjoyed exploring exciting settings, building suspense, and creating imaginative journeys for their characters. Over the past few weeks, the children have put great effort into planning each part of their writing, thinking carefully about what will happen next and how to guide the reader through their adventure. They have been adding powerful verbs, descriptive adjectives, and rich details to bring their ideas to life on the page. We will be publishing our finished pieces very soon, and the children are incredibly proud of how much progress they have made.

Next week is our final week of term, and I am very much looking forward to seeing all of the children before we head off for the holidays.





# Elephant Class

Year 2 have worked together as a joyful, determined community to put on a wonderful Christmas sing-along. Their enthusiasm, hard work, and teamwork shone brightly as they represented our school with pride, bringing the Christmas spirit to Canary Wharf through their beautiful carol singing. The pupils sang with confidence, joy, and warmth, spreading festive cheer to everyone who stopped to listen. It was a truly memorable moment that showcased their dedication and the strong sense of community they have built together.

In PSHE, the pupils have been celebrating differences and taking part in important discussions about when we should stand up for ourselves and others.

They understand that we do not accept bullying in our school, and they are fantastic at recognising how to speak up kindly and confidently to help keep everyone safe, respected, and included.

We have also been exploring what it means to be a good friend. The pupils know that good friends are kind, caring, and supportive. They listen to each other, use kind words, include others in their play, and try to solve problems calmly. Most importantly, they look out for one another so that everyone feels valued and happy at school.



# Penguin Class

What a joyful and festive week we've had in Year 2! The children have been full of excitement and positivity as we move closer to the end of term, and we are incredibly proud of the effort, creativity, and kindness they have shown.

A huge well done to all of the children who took part in the carol singing trip to 30 North Colonnade this week. They sang beautifully, with big smiles and wonderful confidence. It was such a lovely event, and the children represented our school brilliantly. Many people stopped to listen and complimented them on how clearly and joyfully they sang. They truly helped spread festive cheer to the whole community!

The children have also been busy practising for our Christmas show, where they performed Jingle Bell rock! They have shown great enthusiasm during rehearsals, working hard to learn the movements and sing together as a team. It has been lovely to see them encouraging one another and celebrating each other's efforts.

As part of getting ready, the children created festive paper hats to wear for the show. They used colourful paper, cutting and decorating it with shapes, patterns, and plenty of creativity. Their designs were wonderfully imaginative, and it was a joy to watch them help each other, share ideas, and express themselves through their artwork.

This week, the children have continued to demonstrate our key school value of kindness. From supporting friends during rehearsals, to sharing materials during hat-making, to offering thoughtful words when someone needed encouragement, we have seen so many acts of kindness across the classroom. It has been heartwarming to see how caring and considerate they can be, especially during such a busy time of year.



# Koala Class

The classroom has been buzzing with a range of different activities. This week was Assessment Week, and the children approached every task with impressive determination. Their perseverance and growth mindset were evident in everything they did.

Meanwhile in French, the children have been expanding their vocabulary by learning how to describe hair and eye colour. They really enjoyed practising these new phrases and applying them to different characters.

Over in Art, the class explored the world of printmaking. Using foam sheets, ink rollers, and printing pads, they experimented with creating textured prints. We also spent time looking at the work of Neil Bousfield, whose detailed pieces served as wonderful inspiration for their own artwork.

In Science, our learning centred around healthy diets. The children examined different food types, discussed their roles in the body, and explored what makes a balanced meal.

All in all, it has been a wonderfully creative and hardworking week, well done to everyone!



## LORNA'S UPDATE

It has been a really positive and purposeful week at Mulberry Wood Wharf, reminding us just how much every day at school counts. I was so, so impressed with the Reception Wiggly Nativity and I have had their songs in my head ever since. The children's confidence and enjoyment were wonderful to see. Thank you to all our parents for supporting them with practising, preparing costumes and coming along to watch the performance. At Mulberry Wood Wharf we believe that we are all always learning, including adults, and this week our leaders, teachers and support staff took part in specialist phonics training so that we stay up to date with the latest approaches to teaching reading and continue to secure the best outcomes for our pupils.

Year 1 also had a fantastic time at the Soanes Centre. Experiences like these enrich the curriculum and show why being in school each day makes such a difference to children's learning and confidence. We are grateful to the Year 1 team for taking them and to our parents for their support. A special shout out to Blue Whale class for 98% attendance!

# stars of the week

Value of  
the week:

**Kindness**

**Blue Whale Class: Sarah and Matteo**

**Tiger Class: Eyten and Lipi**

**Panda Class: Samirah and Alice**

**Lion Class: Emily and Amaya**

**Elephant Class: Baishi and Idris**

**Penguin Class: Aarav and Wardah**

**Koala Class: Nikita and Aadam**

# ATTENDANCE!

**Mon**

**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

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

**Blue Whale Class - 98%**



**GOLD - 97+**

**SILVER - 95 - 97%**

**BRONZE - 90-95%**



# Christmas

CARD WINNER!



The winner is...  
**Noah – Penguin Class**





Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Dec

Non-school  
Uniform Day

No afterschool clubs  
from 12<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> Dec  
(except JA6's and  
Effys/ Clara Dance  
clubs)

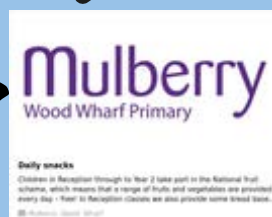
School **CLOSES** at  
1pm on  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup>  
December 2025  
(NO JA6's)

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!"

What snacks  
should I pack?

**CLICK HERE**



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

MENU week 1					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Mains</b> HAPPY TUMS	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)
<b>Veggie</b> MEAT FREE MAINS	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)
<b>veg</b> EXTRA GOOD	Pilau Rice				
<b>Carbs</b> FUEL FOOD	Spicy Roasted Cauliflower	Crunchy Roast Potatoes	Crunchy Seasonal Salad	Caribbean Coleslaw (E,Mk,So)	Baked Beans Peas
<b>Dessert</b> SOMETHING SWEET	Naan Bread (G)	Savoy Cabbage & Carrots	Oven Baked Wedges	Coconut Rice & Peas	Chips
	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.*



SEPTEMBER PEARS

OCTOBER SQUASH

NOVEMBER APPLES

DECEMBER BRUSSEL SPROUTS

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

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

#### Allergens

Ce = Celery F = Fish L = Lupin Mu = Mustard Se = Sesame Seeds  
Cr = Crustacean G = Cereals containing Gluten Mk = Milk N = Nuts So = Soya  
E = Eggs Mo = Molluscs P = Peanuts 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>





## 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.

