

NEWS CORNER

The latest news and information about Mulberry Wood Wharf Primary.

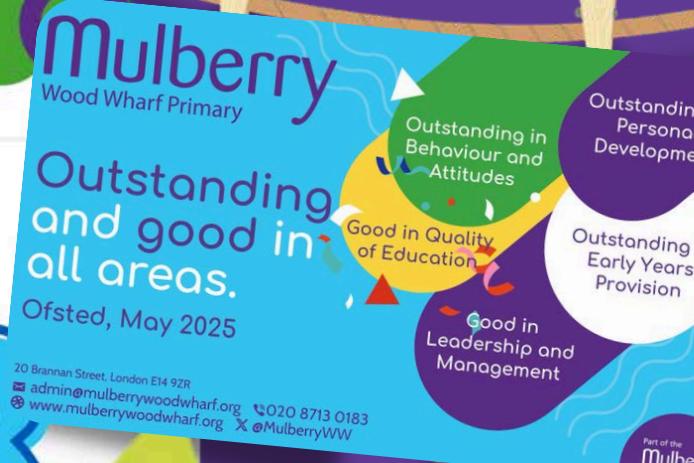
Sarah Jane's reflection of the week

As we come to the end of a wonderfully full and joyful term, I've been reflecting on just how much our school community has achieved together. This term has truly brought our values of kindness, respect, resilience, creativity, being active in body and mind, and community to life.

We have proudly established our new ways of welcoming our Reception families, while our Year 3 children stepped confidently into a new key stage, a significant milestone that they embraced with maturity and resilience. It has been a pleasure to watch children grow in confidence as they navigate change and new beginnings.

This term has been rich in celebration. We have shared and learned about Diwali, Rosh Hashanah, Christmas, Halloween and Bonfire Night, taking time to understand traditions, beliefs and the importance of respecting one another's cultures. Alongside this, we marked Black History Month, stood together to Say No to Bullying during Anti-Bullying Week, and through our Jigsaw units explored All About Me, celebrating difference and what makes each of us unique.

Learning has extended far beyond the classroom. Our children have visited the farm, St Paul's Cathedral, Eden Dock, Millwall Park, the Soanes Centre, the ExCeL Centre and even the café, making real-world connections and strengthening their sense of curiosity and community.



**Friday 19th
December 2025**

We have sung, recited poetry, and read – and read – and read! The progress children have made since the start of term is remarkable; they truly know so much more now than they did just weeks ago.

Creativity has flourished too. Children have learned to play instruments, enjoyed piano and guitar performances, danced with confidence, and immersed themselves in a dedicated Creativity Day that showcased imagination and joy.

This final week has been especially magical. Sharing a pantomime, enjoying Christmas lunch together, and ending the term with a party has reminded us of the importance of coming together as a community and celebrating moments of happiness and togetherness.

As for me, I'll be heading up to Yorkshire to spend Christmas with family and friends. I'm very much looking forward to cosy fires, long walks, and precious time with my little one. She also turns the big 5!

Thank you to our parents and carers for your continued trust and support, and thank you to our children for making Mulberry Wood Wharf the special place it is, for teaching us every day about kindness, curiosity, joy and what it truly means to belong.

Finally, a heartfelt thank you to our staff for their dedication and commitment this term. Your hard work ensures that every child feels valued, included and supported to thrive.

Wishing you all a restful and happy break. ☀

Tiger Class



As we come to the end of term in Tiger Class, it has been a busy and exciting week for the children. We have been reflecting on everything we have learned this term through fun activities, stories, and games, and the children have been proud to share their achievements. We enjoyed festive activities, including making winter artwork, and having fun at our class Christmas party! There were lots of opportunities to celebrate friendships, practise routines, and talk about our favourite moments from the term. We were sad to say goodbye to one of our members of Tiger class, Neo, but we wish him all the best in his new adventure! The children have shown great enthusiasm, confidence, and kindness, and we are very proud of all their hard work as we head into a well-earned break.

Blue Whale Class

We are incredibly proud of the Reception children and the fantastic progress they have made throughout this term. Each child has shown wonderful growth in their confidence and resilience, approaching new challenges with increasing independence and enthusiasm. It has been a joy to see their learning flourish, particularly in phonics, where they are becoming more confident with sounds and early reading skills, as well as through their creativity in art, play, and imaginative activities. One of the most special parts of this term has been watching their individual personalities shine and celebrating how everyone is unique, kind, and curious in their own way.

We have ended the term with a week full of festive fun, filled with excitement and creativity. The children have loved making calendars for 2026, writing Christmas cards, and creating reindeer soup. As we now begin to wind down and prepare for a well-earned rest, we are already excited for the learning to come in January, when we will start a new topic exploring what might happen if Little Red Riding Hood lived in the Arctic.

We wish you all a lovely, restful holiday and look forward to seeing everyone in the New Year.



Lion Class



This week Lion Class have been working hard in English and have now finished writing their very own imaginative stories inspired by *We're Going to Find a Monster*. The children have shown fantastic enthusiasm and resilience throughout the writing process. Many children are beginning to confidently use adjectives to describe characters and settings. It has also been lovely to see a growing use of verbs to explain what is happening in their stories. Keep practising your brilliant writing skills!



A huge well done to everyone for all the home projects that were completed, linking to our Science, DT and Geography learning. The children thoroughly enjoyed sharing their landmark structures and teaching us all about them.

This week we were also treated to a wonderful puppet show about the Christmas story. We also had great fun watching a pantomime, full of laughter, music and excitement, making it a memorable and festive experience for everyone.

As we come to the end of the Autumn term, we are incredibly proud of all of the children and the progress they are making. We wish everyone a brilliant holiday filled with rest, fun and happiness!



Panda Class

This week we reached a very exciting milestone - we achieved all 50 marbles and celebrated with our marble party. The children chose to have a toy party, bringing in toys from home to share with their friends. There was lots of sharing, laughter, and fun, and it was lovely to see their excitement and teamwork.

It has also been wonderful to see the children bringing in their home projects, which were based on creating a UK landmark. I was truly amazed by the creativity, detail, and effort that went into each project. We had The Shard, Tower Bridge, Big Ben, Battersea Power Station, red telephone boxes, the London Eye, the Eden Project, Mudchute Farm, and so many more. A huge thank you to parents and carers for supporting your children with this project - it really showed in the fantastic work they produced.

As the festive break begins, I hope you all have a wonderful and restful time together. Try to get out and enjoy the winter weather, even if it is just for a brisk walk. Please stay safe and look after each other. I cannot wait to hear all about your holidays when we return and look forward to seeing you again in two weeks'



Elephant Class

Elephant Class have had an incredible Autumn 2 term! The children have worked hard to progress in their learning, coming to school each day with a positive attitude and a growing sense of independence. This term has shown not only how amazing they are as a class, but also how each child is flourishing individually.

Confidence is blooming across all areas—our readers and writers are thriving, recalling fascinating facts about the Great Fire of London in History and exploring animals and plants in Science.

A huge applause is due for the fantastic effort put into their home projects! We have enjoyed reading well-written non-fiction pieces, including fact files, detailed timelines, and diary entries that captured the emotions of historical events. Some children produced beautiful paintings and created superb models of Pudding Lane, the River Thames, and 1666 buildings. A big well done to every single pupil who took part and showed such brilliant engagement in their home learning. Your hard work and creativity have truly shone this term!

Please continue to keep up reading habits when you can as our main focus is increasing reading stamina for next term. Enjoy the break with your families and see you all in 2026!



Penguin Class

As we come to the end of a busy and exciting term, we would like to say a huge well done to all of the children for their hard work, enthusiasm, and positive attitudes. It has been a joy to watch them grow in confidence and independence over the term.

Last week's Christmas show was a wonderful success, and we are so proud of every child. They sang their song beautifully and performed the actions with confidence and big smiles. It was lovely to see how much effort they put into practising and how confidently they performed in front of an audience. Thank you to all the families for your support – it truly made the occasion extra special.

In Maths, the children continued their learning about shape. They enjoyed making 3D shape nets and exploring how flat shapes can be folded to create solid objects. We also looked at lines of symmetry, with the children spotting symmetrical shapes and patterns and creating their own. They showed great focus and used mathematical vocabulary confidently.

The children also had the opportunity to enjoy a pantomime and a puppet show this term. Both performances were thoroughly enjoyed and brought lots of laughter and excitement. The children were fantastic audience members and loved talking about their favourite parts afterwards.

We are incredibly proud of everything the children have achieved this term and would like to thank you for your continued support. We wish you a restful and happy break and look forward to welcoming everyone back next term refreshed and ready for more learning!



Koala Class

It has been a very busy and exciting week in Koala Class!

During English, the children completed their Iron Man prequel, carefully editing and publishing their work. They showed great determination when linking the different parts of the story together.

In Maths, our learning focused on multiples of 8 and exploring how patterns connect between the multiples of 2, 6 and 8. The children also revisited 3D shapes and used this knowledge to create their own gingerbread cuboids.

As part of our History learning, the children explored the Iron Age and compared it with the Stone Age and Bronze Age. They discussed how new materials changed everyday life for people at the time.

Alongside this, the children designed their own 2026 calendars, thinking carefully about layout and presentation.

We were also delighted to watch an amazing Nativity and puppet show, which retold the Christmas story in a memorable way.

In PSHE, the children focused on celebrating differences and practised giving compliments to one another, helping to promote kindness and respect.

Overall, it has been a fantastic week and we are very proud of all the hard work Koala Class has shown.

As we come to the end of a very hard-working term, we would like to thank the children for their continued effort, enthusiasm and positive attitude to learning. We wish all our families a wonderful winter break and a happy, healthy New Year. We look forward to welcoming the children back in 2026!

LORNA'S UPDATE



As we come to the end of the first term of the year, and my first term at Mulberry Wood Wharf, it feels like a good moment to pause and reflect on all the small but important moments that have shaped each school day. I want to say a huge thank you to our children, families and staff for such a warm welcome.

It has been a real pleasure getting to know our parents and carers, and I am grateful for the time so many of you have taken to stop and chat with me at the gate, even on mornings when the rain seemed to be coming from every direction! Those conversations have meant a great deal to me as I settle into the Mulberry Wood Wharf community. I have absolutely loved reading the children's writing in Year 1 Lion Class and was really impressed by the care they took to review and improve their work, just like real authors! Year 3 also brought some of their writing to show me, and I have enjoyed seeing how their vocabulary continues to develop all the time.

Those everyday moments were also on show during our Christmas lunch, which was a huge success. Metin cooked up a delicious Christmas dinner and the children enjoyed sharing crackers and jokes with their classmates. With so much learning, laughter and community packed into each day at Mulberry Wood Wharf, it is clear how much children gain from being part of school life. A special shout out to Blue Whale class for 98% attendance! I wish all our families a very well deserved restful break, a fantastic holiday and a very happy new year. I cannot wait to see you all back in January and to hear what you have been up to



stars of the week

Value of
the week:

Creativity

Blue Whale Class: Hsu-Lun and Jaedon

Tiger Class: Rishan and Kavali

Panda Class: Daniel and Mikhail

Lion Class: Nami Kaia and Sidvik

Elephant Class: Liam and Liyana

Penguin Class: Ashvik and Hanna

Koala Class: Arielle and Uzair

ATTENDANCE!

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

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

Blue Whale Class - 98%



GOLD - 91+

SILVER - 95 - 97%

BRONZE - 90-95%

MERRY *Christmas*

AND HAPPY NEW YEAR



Christmas CARD WINNER!

The winner is...

Noah – Penguin Class



No Non-paid
school clubs
from the 5th –
9th Jan 2026

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 - free! In Reception classes we also provide some fruit based snacks with 'healthy' spreads.

**MERRY
CHRiSTMAS**

School Closed on
Monday 23rd
February 2026
for School INSET

Menu week 1

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | |
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| Mains HAPPY TUMS | Chicken Rogan Josh with Mango Chutney (Mu) | Meatballs in Tomato Sauce served with Penne Pasta & Salad (G,E) | Lemon & Herb Roast Chicken with Gravy (G) | Beef Burger in a soft bun (G,So,Su,Se) | Battered Fish Fillet (G,F) |
| Veggie MEAT FREE | Creamy Sweet Potato & Coconut Curry (Mk,So) | Wholemeal Cheese & Tomato Quiche (G,E,Mk) | Baked Mac n Cheese with a crunchy topping (G,Mk,So) | Homemade Bean & Chickpea Burger (E,G,Mu,Su,Se) | Cheese & Onion Pasty (G,Mk,E) |
| veg EXTRA GOOD | Spiced Roast Cauliflower | | Crunchy Roast Potatoes Savoy Cabbage & Carrots | Sweetcorn Coleslaw (E) Sliced Pickles Lettuce Tomato | Garden Peas Baked Beans |
| carbs FUEL FOOD | Wholemeal Pilau Rice Naan Bread (G) | New potatoes & Salad (G,E,Mk) | Garlic Bread (G,Mk,So) | Cajun Spiced New Potatoes | Oven Baked Chips |
| Dessert SOMETHING SWEET | Fresh Fruit | Fresh Fruit | Fresh Fruit | Fresh Fruit | Fresh Fruit |
| | Yoghurt | Yoghurt | Yoghurt | Yoghurt | Yoghurt |

Jacket Potatoes, salad bar, cold desserts and fresh fruit available daily.

Dates
05/01/25 - 26/01/26
23/02/26 - 16/03/26

Halal options are available every day

Allergens: Please note the allergens shown within these menus are subject to change.

C = Celery
Cr = Crustacean
E = Eggs
F = Fish
G = Cereals containing Gluten
L = Lupin
Mk = Milk
Mo = Molluscs
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>



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.

