

April 2025

Rebecca Cheetham Nursery and Children's Centre NEWSLETTER



Dear parents/carers,

Welcome to our April newsletter and huge welcome to Spring! We have already been blessed with some warmer days (thankfully during our educational visits) and we look forward to that continuing. We have lots to report this newsletter and a great deal to be thankful for, as well as things for you to mark in your diaries. Before I continue, I would like to offer a sincere thank you for the support and generosity offered during our Ofsted inspection; we don't take your praise and kind words for granted. Our gratitude is enormous!

Also, and equally importantly, **Eid Mubarak** and **Happy Easter** when the time comes!

OFSTED Inspection 11th and 12th March 2025

We received a full inspection over two days by Ofsted on the 11th and 12th March 2025. It was a grueling and thorough process and an opportunity for the inspector to see all the things that we offer at Rebecca Cheetham as well as speaking to children, staff, parents and governors to help solidify the judgements made. Thank you to all our parents who took the time to speak to the inspector about the school; we appreciate your time. I look forward to sharing the report with you in the next few weeks when it is officially published.

PARENT FORUM (Early Phonics and Sound Recognition)

Next date: Friday 9th May 2025 9am and 1pm (both face-to-face sessions)

TOPIC: Early Phonics and Environmental Sounds

<https://www.rebeccacheetham.newham.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=921&type=pdf>

We are very happy to have you join us for this Parent Forum where we will discuss all things related to phonetic development and be happy to answer any questions that you might have.

As always, please book your place in the front office.

You might also be interested in joining this session run in our Children's Centre with our wonderful Family Support workers:

Making Time for Me (Mindfulness)

Tuesday 22nd April 2025 9:30am—11am

Join our Family Support Team to gain tips and take part in group discussions and activities to understand the importance of taking care of your own mental health and well-being. **Booking required in the front office.**

Nursery Opening Times

Extended day
8:00am to 5:00pm
Or
8:00am to 6:00pm

30 Hours
8:45am to 2:45pm

Morning place
8:45am to 11:45pm

Afternoon place
12:45pm to 3:45pm

Charges apply for late collections.

Attendance and Punctuality

We take attendance and punctuality very seriously and it is proven that constant absence can be a major disruption to your child's development.

Research has shown that attending early years education and care can help to improve children's outcomes and narrow the gap associated with socio-economic disadvantage. <http://www.nuffieldfoundation.org/impact-nursery-attendance-childrens-outcomes>

If your child will not be attending nursery, it is essential you contact us



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Facebook



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@RCNCC15

SUSTAINABLE CITIZENSHIP

Don't forget to work on your Sustainable Citizenship passports! We have had some fully completed booklets returned to us but we are far from reaching our 60% parent participation required in order to achieve the Bronze Award. **We really do urge you to support us and your children in this endeavor**; we have done some wonderful work in the nursery to promote this initiative and we really need your help to see the rest of the project through!

WORLD BOOK DAY 2025: THURSDAY 6TH MARCH 2025

We had some wonderful World Book Day celebrations. As usual, we loved seeing children coming into nursery in their home-made costumes! We thank you so much for your efforts and we hope that our costume making sessions were helpful and supportive for you. See the following pages for some lovely pictures of some of the children's costumes. The children also had the pleasure of Booster Seat Theatre coming out to perform for them a show called Old MacDonalds Farm. The children loved the experience and some children even got to take part during the performance.

Don't forget that if things are difficult and your child doesn't have books of their own, please let a member of staff know discreetly and we will happily help you out!

PARENT / CARER CONSULTATIONS

You should have all booked for your parent consultations and we look forward to discussing your child's progress. You should receive a text message reminder of your booked date and time. The children have made some wonderful progress:

Tuesday 1st April & Wednesday 2nd April—Jeffers Room

Wednesday 2nd April & Thursday 3rd April—Donaldson Room

Thursday 3rd April & Friday 4th April—Cooke Room

Tuesday 1st April & Friday 4th April—McKee Room

REBECCA CHEETHAM RETAINS IQM FLAGSHIP SCHOOL STATUS

We are thrilled to announce that we have retained our Flagship status for the Inclusion Quality Mark award.

We had the pleasure of welcoming Julia Ridley to our school and it was another wonderful opportunity to showcase all the wonderful things that we do at Rebecca Cheetham.

The assessor spoke to a variety of key stakeholders such as parents, children, school staff and governors in order to gather evidence in order to judge us a **Flagship School**. The opening line in the overview sums up the whole report: "This outstanding Nursery and Children's Centre is at the forefront of Inclusion in the Early Years sector. A member of staff described it as *"a very special place where everyone's ethos of inclusion for all aligns."*

We are so lucky to have a team of wonderful staff who hold inclusion close to their hearts, expertly led by our Inclusion Manager and SENDCO, Farhana Hoque who pulls everything together for this award.

Once again, we are so proud of our achievements and we are always looking for ways to improve and make things better for our children and families.

EDUCATIONAL VISIT—PLACES OF WORSHIP

Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us on our educational visit to the Places of Worship visit, taking in a temple, a church and a mosque. Without your support and generous giving up of your time we cannot run such important events for our children. We hope you enjoyed the day. It was tiring but definitely an important experience for children and adults alike! THANK YOU SO MUCH!



FIESTA FUN DAY—CAN YOU HELP? (DON'T FORGET)

We are in the midst of planning for our **Fiesta Fun Day 2025** which is scheduled for **Friday 27th June 2025** between 1:00pm and 5:00pm. It's the most fun day in our year-ly calendar and we always get around 300-400 people attending the event.

We would be extremely grateful if you could support us and we have a few ways that you can help:

- If you work for or know anyone that works for a company / organisation that would be happy to make a donation or offer a prize or gift voucher we would happily receive anything of value that we can offer for our raffle, tombola or general prizes throughout the day. We have an official school letter that you can ask for at the front office if that's helpful.
- If you have any unwanted gifts at home that you are happy to part with, we would love to accept them for our tombola or some donations for a "Nearly New" sale, we would graciously receive them.
- If you have any skills that you could offer in terms of running a stall or an activity for the children, we would love to hear more; you can speak to a member of the Fiesta Fun Day committee.



BLING MY RIDE—TFL INITIATIVE

A big thank you to all the families who took part in the 'Bling my ride' event. It was a delight to see all the creative designs and I'm sure that the scooters and bikes really did move faster. Even the staff were excited to take part and Tom from Cooke room decorated his bike in bright colours. If you haven't collected your prize – some fabulous lights for the back and front of a scooter/ bike, please ask at the office. Have a look at the collection of photos further in the newsletter.



Also, don't forget to tell us about your Journey to school, good or bad by scanning the QR code on posters found at school gates. This will highlight and issues you are facing and enable us to find a possible way forward.

MUDCHUTE FARM—UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL VISIT

We are very excited to be offering the children in all classrooms (including McKee) an opportunity to visit Mudchute Farm in May. We always have a wonderful time at the farm and the children get a great deal out of the visit. This visit directly relates to our learning topic of growth. The dates are identified in the Important Dates section of newsletter and, as always, we actively encourage parents/carers to join us on these visits in order to make sure they can happen. Please consider make every effort to join us on the day!

OUTSTANDING NEWHAM SCHOOLS

We are very proud that Newham has the highest number of Outstanding schools in the country as judged by Ofsted. Whilst it is a snapshot of two days in a school, it is still an incredible testament to the dedicated and inspiring Newham Education landscape.

<https://www.newhamrecorder.co.uk/news/25039972.newham-has-highest-percentage-outstanding-schools/#:~:text=Its%20research%20revealed%2032.04%20per,in%20their%20latest%20Ofsted%20reports>



THURSDAY 22nd MAY 2025
4PM - 5PM



I am grateful that the team know my child, understand her preferences and have made an effort to get to know her. The written reports also help to display this knowledge of my child. She is always happy to go to nursery and that makes me feel reassured.

Come along and let your child interact with our learning environment and staff and secure your place for September 2025

We have spaces in our 15 hour, 30 hour and extended day provisions, term time and all year round.

Contact us for more information and to book your place!
Marcus Street, London, E15 3JT
Phone us on 0208 534 3136
www.rebeccacheetham.newham.sch.uk

SPACES AVAILABLE FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

Book of the Month

We use books to open up a world of learning for our children. The core books we use, relate to children's interests and we feed that through the breadth of activities we offer within the provision. We also think that using books as the basis for our learning helps children love reading on a deeper level which we hope they will keep with them throughout their education. This month our key book is ***Under My Hijab*** written by **Hena Khan** and Illustrated by **Aaliya Jaleel**.



Under my Hijab follows a young girl as she explores the lives of the powerful, inspiring, hijabi women that surround her. To many, Hena's storytelling is a celebration of hijab and mirrors the lives of many young Muslim girls, as well as providing non-Muslims with a reality different to their own.

What better book than this to lift up and celebrate during the holy month of Ramadan. We really love this book here at Rebecca Cheetham.

Here is a link to the Book of the Month info sheet: <https://www.rebeccacheetham.newham.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=789&type=pdf>

Multi-lingual Library @ RC

We have been very inspired by the wonderful multi-lingual work that is going on at Kensington Primary School in Newham and as a result we are looking to develop a multi-lingual library at Rebecca Cheetham. With around 30 different languages spoken by our families it makes sense that we help to create a space that celebrates the reading diversity that exists in our community.

We are asking for your help in contributing to our library. If you have a book in your home language that you would be happy to donate to our library we would love to receive it!

Also, if you are travelling abroad and you would like to buy a book for the library in a different language, we would also welcome those contributions as well.

We are working on a Book Wish-list so when that is ready we will provide you with a link.



DROP IN STAY AND PLAY

(No Booking Required)

Messy Play @ Abbey Lane Children's Centre

Mondays 10:00am-11:30am

&

Stay and Play @ Abbey Lane Children's Centre

Mondays 1:00pm-2:30pm

To view our April—June 2025 Activity

Calendar please visit our web-



site, Twitter or Facebook

Like our Facebook page

Follow us on Twitter @RCNCC15

Parent workshop —Held by our Family support team

Making Time for Me (Mindfulness) @ 9:30am— 11:00am—Tuesday 22nd April

Booking is required please call us on 02085343136 Ext 4 to Book a slot

Health Promotion Session for April and May Toilet Training— Thursday 17th April 2025 @ 1:30pm—2:00pm

Healthy Lifestyles and Weaning— Thursday 15th May @ 1:30pm—2:00pm

See a Health Visitor @ Vicarage Lane Health Centre (No booking needed)

APRIL HALF TERM PROGRAMME IS OUT NOW

- Most Sessions are Drop ins which means no booking is required
- If there is a booking required please give us a call on 02085343136 ext 4.
- **Good Friday (Bank Holiday) The Centre is Closed**

BABY FEEDING SUPPORT

NEWHAM BABY FEEDING
07534249611

Facebook: Newham Baby Feeding
Baby.feeding@newham.gov.uk

NATIONAL BREASTFEEDING HELPLINE
0300 100 0212

LA LECH LEAGUE
0344 120 2918

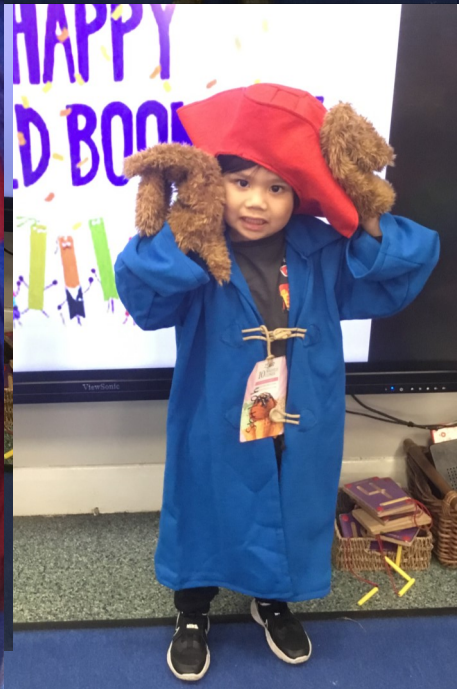
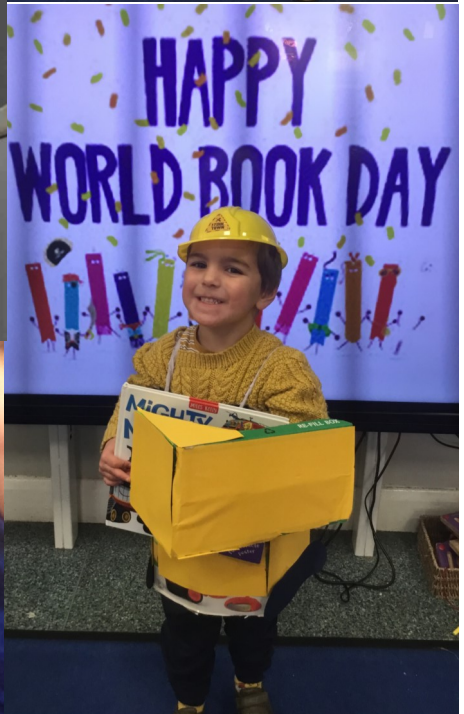
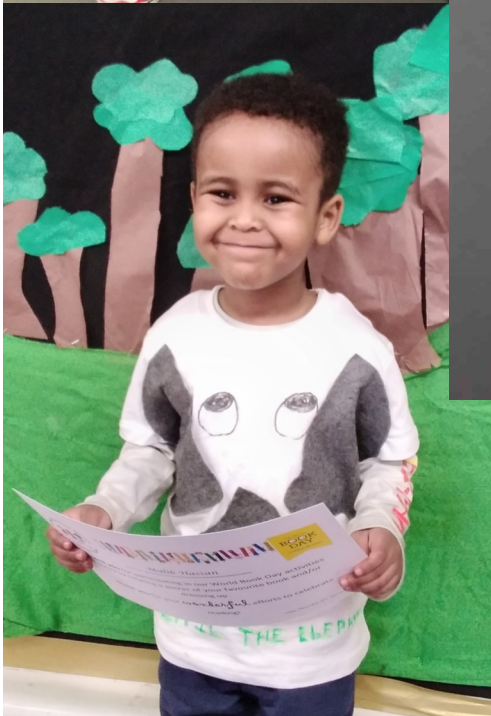
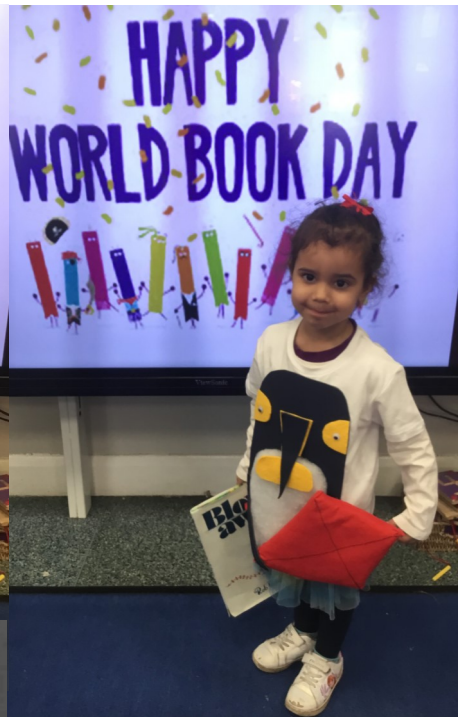
BABY FEEDING ONLINE SUPPORT GROUP
Tuesdays 1:30pm (book via eventbrite)
www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/123178744933

BFN SUPPORTERLINE
Bengali/ Sylheti 0300 456 2421
(9:30am-9:30pm)

NCT (8am-12.00 midnight)
0300 330 0700



	Monday 7 th April	Tuesday 8 th April	Wednesday 9 th April	Thursday 10 th April	Friday 11 th April
AM	Educational Visit (Science Museum) 2-8 years Limited Buggy spaces Booking Required 10:00am-2:00pm	Family Fun (Stepney City Farm) For the whole family Invitation Only 10:00am – 12:30pm	Hug in a Mug (Coffee Morning) 0-5 years Rebecca Cheetham CC Drop in 9:30am – 10:30am	Baby Stay and Play (Baby Sensory) 0-12 months and non-walkers Rebecca Cheetham CC Drop in 10:00am - 11:30am	Family Stay and Play (Create, Eat & Play) 0-8 years Rebecca Cheetham CC Booking Required 10:00am-12:30pm
PM	Baby Stay and Play (Singing & Story time) 0-12 months Rebecca Cheetham CC Booking required 1:00pm - 1:45pm	Family Stay and Play (Using our Five Senses) 0-5 years Rebecca Cheetham CC Drop in 1:00pm – 2:30pm	Family Stay and Play (Messy Play) 0-5 years Rebecca Cheetham CC Drop in 1:00pm – 2:30pm	Family Stay and Play (Creative Play) 0-5 years Rebecca Cheetham CC Drop in 1:00pm – 2:30pm	
	Monday 14 th April	Tuesday 15 th April	Wednesday 16 th April	Thursday 17 th April	Friday 18 th April
AM	Family Stay and Play (Transportation Theme) 0-5 years Abbey Lane CC Drop in 10:00am – 11:30am	Family Fun (Easter Hunt & Play) For the whole family Rebecca Cheetham CC Invitation Only 10:00am – 11:30am	EPATS Coffee Morning 0-8 years Rebecca Cheetham CC Open to families with children with SEN 10:00am-11:30am	Baby Stay and Play (Baby Sensory) 0-12 months and non-walkers Rebecca Cheetham CC Drop in 10:00am - 11:30am	Good Friday (BANK HOLIDAY) Centre Closed
PM	Baby Stay and Play (Singing & Story time) 0-12 months Rebecca Cheetham CC Booking required 1:00pm - 1:45pm	Family Stay and Play (Walking Through the Jungle) 0-5 years Rebecca Cheetham CC Drop in 1:00pm - 2:30pm	Family Stay and Play (Play in the Park) 0-8 years West Ham Park Drop in 1:00pm – 2:30pm	Family Stay and Play (Physical/ Grass Play) 0-5 years Rebecca Cheetham CC Drop in 1:00pm – 2:30pm	

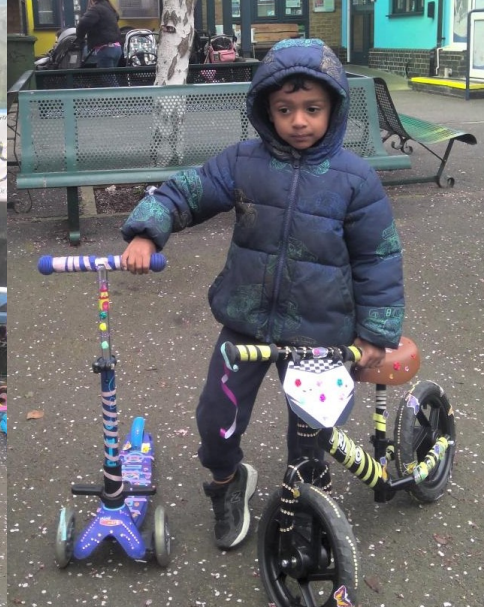


World Book Day 25



Places of Worship





Bling My Ride

FIESTA FUN DAY 2025



CELEBRATING DIVERSITY
& EMBRACING DIFFERENCES

FRIDAY 27TH JUNE 2025
1:00PM - 5:00PM

VENUE:
Rebecca Cheetham Nursery
Marcus Street, E15 3JT
0208 534 3136



RAFFLE
TOMBOLA
CAKE STALL
BOUNCY CASTLE
ZUMBA DANCING
FACE PAINTING
FUNFAIR STYLE GAMES
FOOD STALLS

ENTRY FEE: DONATION (includes Drink Token)



THIS IS A CASH ONLY EVENT!

Newham London

ALSO INCORPORATING THE LAUNCH
OF THE "UNITED WEST CHILDREN'S
CENTRE AND FAMILY HUB"

Important dates to remember

April

Tuesday 1st April

- Jeffers Room Parent Consultations
- McKee Room Parent Consultations

Wednesday 2nd April

- Donaldson Room Parent Consultations
- Jeffers Room Parent Consultations

Thursday 3rd April

- Cooke Room Parent Consultations
- Donaldson Room Parent Consultations

Friday 4th April

- Cooke Room Parent Consultations
- McKee Room Parent Consultations
- End of term for Government Funded Children

Monday 7th April—Monday 21st April

- Easter Holidays

Friday 18th April—Monday 21st April

- Nursery and Children's Centre closed to all

Tuesday 22nd April

- Nursery and Children's Centre services resume

Tuesday 22nd April

- Making Time For Me 9.30am-11am

May

Tuesday 6th May

- Living Eggs (hatching eggs come to school)

Friday 9th May

- Parent Forum (Early Phonics)

Tuesday 13th May

- Mudchute Farm - Jeffers Room (details to come)

Wednesday 14th May

- Mudchute Farm - Donaldson Room (details to come)

Thursday 15th May

- Mudchute Farm - Cooke Room (details to come)

Friday 16th May

- Mudchute Farm - McKee Room (details to come)

W/C Monday 19th May

- Walk To School Week

Tuesday 20th May 2025

- Bedtime Routines workshop 10am-11:30am

