

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are pleased to share that our Christmas preparations will begin next week. The children have been working hard on their festive poems and songs, and we look forward to welcoming many of you to our Christmas assemblies.

Our Book Fair has been available after school on the KS1 playground this week. If you haven't yet had the chance to visit, it will remain available after school until Tuesday 2nd December. We also look forward to welcoming Reception parents to our Phonics Workshop on **Wednesday, 10th December**.

Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner Day will take place on Thursday, 11th December. Children are encouraged to wear their favourite festive jumper, and a voluntary £1 donation in support of Save the Children would be greatly appreciated.

After-school clubs will finish for the term on Friday, 12th December, with the 6 o'clock Club continuing until Thursday, 18th December 2025. A reminder that holidays during term time cannot be authorised. Children are expected to attend school until 1:30pm on Friday, 19th December, and return on Tuesday, 6th January 2026.

Kind regards,

Mrs Kettory

Head of School

Marathon News Mr Eastick!

We are proud to announce that Mr Eastick, a member of staff at North Beckton, has been selected to run the marathon next year!

This year, sponsorship will go towards improving our playgrounds, a priority for all our schools. If you know of any businesses interested in sponsoring, please let us know. We will share regular updates on Mr Eastick's marathon training and progress.

Join the Parkrun!

We encourage all families to get involved in the local Parkrun initiative. It's a fantastic way to stay active, have fun, and enjoy some time outdoors with your children. To find out more and get started, please follow this link. You can register for parkrun for free here - www.parkrun.org.uk/register/ and you must do this before you run. Once you have registered, joining your school parkrun group is easy:

1. Log back into your profile
2. Search for your group (North Beckton E6)
3. When the group appears, select it and click join

SEND Panthalon Bowling and Tag Rugby Success

On Monday 17th November 2025 5 pupils represented the school at the Panathlon Tenpin Bowling competition at the O2. The pupils enjoyed the game with Iga scoring the highest score of the competition with 117 points.

A huge congratulations to our team of 12 Year 6 students who were crowned the winners of the tag rugby competition! They displayed fantastic teamwork to win all three of their games, finishing the tournament undefeated.



Lunch Menus

Please talk through the weekly lunch menu with your child/ren to help them select suitable meal choices.(available on to view on our school website): <https://www.northbeckton.newham.sch.uk/page/?title=Lunches%26%23160%3B&pid=51>



Our 'Thought for this Week'

In our assemblies this week, we have been thinking about:
'No matter what happens we don't give up'
Why do you think it's important to keep trying, even when things feel difficult or unfair?



Key Dates Autumn 2

Year 3 Starry Night
Event - **Thursday 4th
December 2025**
3:30-6:00pm

Reception Phonics
Workshop -
**Wednesday 10th
December at 9:00am**

Christmas lunch &
Christmas Jumper Day
- **Thursday 11th
December**

Hot Chocolate Event-
Friday 12th December
at 8:30am

Last date for after
school clubs - **12th
December 2025**

Last day of term-
Friday 19th December
- 1:00pm Finish

First Day of Spring
term - **Tuesday 6th
January 2026**

Attendance Winners This Week

Reception & KS1: **RV**

KS2: **4P**

Perfect Punctuality: **6R**



Festive Hot Chocolate Morning

Please join us for our Festive Hot Chocolate Morning on **Friday, 12th December**, from **8:30am**. Come along, enjoy a warm drink, and take the opportunity to catch up with other parents and carers in a relaxed and festive atmosphere. We look forward to seeing you there!

Year 3 - British Museum

Year 3 had a thrilling adventure at the British Museum this week! The children were amazed to see Cleopatra's mummy, a real-life glimpse into ancient Egypt. They also explored the Sutton Hoo treasures, uncovered the secrets of the Rosetta Stone, and discovered fascinating Viking and Egyptian artefacts. It was a day full of wonder, curiosity, and history coming alive!



Christmas Card Competition

Create a Christmas card that shows your creativity and captures the festive spirit!

Use any materials you like—drawings, paint, collage, or mixed media. Make it colourful, imaginative, and full of Christmas cheer.

✨ **We cannot wait to see your wonderful festive designs!** ✨



North Beckton Christmas
Card Competition!

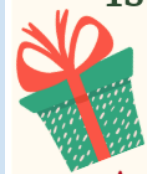


Create a Christmas card that shows your creativity and captures the festive spirit!

Hand your entries to your teacher by the deadline.

*Competition **begins** on **Monday 1st December 2025***
*Final entries by **Tuesday 16th December 2025***

1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners will be announced on
Friday 19th December 2025



Reducing Illness and Improving Attendance This Winter

Helping to Keep Our School Healthy This Winter

As winter approaches, we can all play our part in keeping children healthy and learning. Here are a few simple ways parents can help reduce the spread of illness and support good attendance:

What parents can do:

- Follow NHS guidance: Most mild illnesses (runny nose, sore throat, slight cough) don't require time off school unless your child has a temperature.
- Book appointments wisely: Wherever possible, book medical or dental appointments outside of school hours. If that's not possible, bring your child in before or after the appointment if they're well enough.
- Keep up to date with vaccinations: Ensure your child's flu and routine vaccines are up to date. These help protect everyone.
- Promote good hygiene at home: Encourage regular handwashing with soap and water, covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue, and using the "Catch it, Bin it, Kill it" routine.
- Pack tissues and water bottles: These small items help children manage coughs, sneezes, and hydration during the school day.
- Dress for the weather: Warm clothing and layers help prevent chills and keep children comfortable and focused.
- Encourage daily attendance: Every day in school matters. Even with mild cold symptoms, your child can usually attend and benefit from being with their friends and teachers.

Together, we can help keep our school community healthy, reduce illness, and make sure children don't miss out on learning and fun this winter!

Newham Educational Psychology Service

Parent Advice Sessions with an Educational Psychologist (EP)



For bookings, please contact us via email or telephone at

Terrie.Turner@newham.gov.uk

[0203 3373 9032](tel:020333739032)

Please choose your preferred date and time. Sessions fill up quickly, so you may be offered another slot or added to a waitlist. You'll receive an email with further information, which we kindly ask you to reply to before your session.

What are Parent Advice Sessions?

The EPS Parent Advice sessions are available to all parents and carers who are residents of Newham and would like to discuss any concerns about their child with an Educational Psychologist. This could include topics such as emotional well-being, challenging behaviours, learning progress, relationships with your child, or personal worries you may have as a parent.

These 45-minute sessions are designed to be supportive, confidential, and informal. Please note that these are one-off, stand-alone sessions and do not involve follow-up work. There is no criteria or threshold to access these sessions – they are completely free and open to all parents and carers who are residents of Newham.

Who are Educational Psychologists?

Educational psychologists (EPs) are registered psychologists with the Health and Care Professionals Council (HCPC), with enhanced DBS checks. EPs work with children and young people (0-25 years old) in partnership with families, schools, and services to promote educational, social, and emotional development.

What do Newham Educational Psychologists do?


Newham's Educational Psychology Service (NEPS) offers psychological services including consultation, advice and training. NEPS input aims to support children & young people to help facilitate their development, including improving learning, understanding their own learning needs, identifying, managing & exploring their emotions, regulating their behaviours, developing their communication and interaction skills and forming/maintaining positive peer relationships. Working with adults who support young people is central to our model of working.

When?

Sessions run termly between 10:00 am and 12:30 pm via telephone, with three 45-minute sessions each morning:

- 10:00 – 10:45 am
- 10:50 – 11:35 am
- 11:40 am – 12:25 pm

Upcoming Parent Advice Sessions

 Please book early to avoid disappointment

- 30th September 2025
- 21st October 2025
- 18th November 2025
- 16th December 2025
- Sessions for Spring and Summer Terms will be released nearer the time.

JOIN FRIENDS OF BECKTON PARKS!

Friends of Beckton Parks (FoBP) is a volunteer-led group dedicated to protecting and improving green spaces across East Custom House and West Beckton.

We organise community events, promote sustainability and inclusion, and work with others to make our parks better for all.

WE WELCOME MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS

LOVE BECKTON PARKS?
CARE ABOUT SUSTAINABILITY AND INCLUSION?
WANT TO PROTECT AND IMPROVE OUR GREEN SPACES?
HAVE SKILLS OR KNOWLEDGE TO SHARE?



WhatsApp group:
bit.ly/friendsofbecktonparks



friendsofbecktonparks@gmail.com



@friendsofbecktonparks



Beckton & Royal Docks Neighbourhood Forum

In-person on Tuesday 14 October, 6-7.30pm,
Beckton Community Centre, 14 East Ham Manor Way, E6 5NG



Join your local Neighbourhood Forum, a space for communities to discuss making the area safer and cleaner.

Find out what the Police and Council have been doing to improve your local area.

Either register using the QR code or attend the meeting on the day.



Newham Schools Autumn Challenge



Let's get active by taking part in a special challenge with the BetterPoints app

The top three schools can win great prizes. Participants can win prizes, plus £5 and £10 vouchers for getting active.



DOWNLOAD the BetterPoints app with the special code **bettergreen**



PICK your school team



WIN and earn BetterPoints, which you can spend on shopping vouchers or donate to your school - your choice!



Win a Histronics Show for your school



Family Hub Welcome Wednesdays



Every Wednesday | 9:30am – 12:30pm
Shipman Family Hub, 340 Prince Regent Lane, London E16 3JH



Join us every Wednesday morning at the Family hub for **FREE** advice and support, to help you and your family thrive.

Drop in, meet our friendly team, and access multiple services in one place. All families are welcome. The building is step-free and buggy friendly.

What's On:

Family Navigators- Family support guidance, 9:30 – 12pm

Our Newham Money- Financial advice service, 10 – 12pm

Food 4 Me Club- Healthy eating workshops, 10:30 – 12:30pm

CGL (Change Grow Live)- Substance use support, 10 – 12pm