

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of the Autumn term and 2025, I want to celebrate the hard work and achievements of our school community. Thank you to those parents and carers who attended our Phonics workshop and hot chocolate morning this week. The energy around school this week shows the excitement is far from slowing down. As such, we look forward to welcoming you to our Christmas performances next week. Please read through the expectations carefully so the day runs smoothly. Class parties will take place on Thursday, 18th December, and children may come in party clothes/non-uniform.

A reminder that today, Friday 12th December, is the final day for after-school clubs this term, except the 6 o'clock Club, which continues until Thursday, 18th December. Children are expected to be in school until 1:00pm on Friday, 19th December. School reopens at 8:40am on Tuesday, 6th January. I wish you and your families a joyous and restful break. Whether you are celebrating Christmas, Hanukkah, or simply enjoying time with loved ones, may the season bring warmth and happiness to you and your loved ones.

Thank you for your continued support,
Mrs Kettory
Head of School

Christmas Performances- Etiquette

- Please arrive on time to help the concert run smoothly.
- All attendees are expected to remain seated during the performance.
- To respect everyone's privacy, no images or videos should be shared on social media.
- Make sure mobile phones are on silent.
- Younger children are welcome however, if they get restless, please use the small hall behind the main hall until they are settled.

Christmas Performance - Dates and Times



- **Monday 15th December - Christmas Performance**
EYFS at 9:15am
- **Tuesday 16th December - Christmas Performances**
Year 5 at 1:15pm
Year 6 at 2:15pm
- **Wednesday 17th December - Christmas Performances**
Year 1 at 9:15am
Year 2 at 10:45am
Year 3 at 1:15pm
Year 4 at 2:15pm



Year 3- Starry Night

Year 3 had an absolutely magical Starry Night event, staying at school until 6pm for an evening filled with excitement and wonder. The fun began with cosy movie time and snacks, before everyone headed outside for stargazing under the beautiful night sky. Pupils listened to an inspiring story about a brave star, then showed bravery of their own by putting on an amazing talent show filled with laughter and confidence. The adventure continued with a thrilling night walk around the school, followed by the delicious treat of toasting marshmallows, making gooey s'mores, and sipping warm hot chocolate. It truly was a magical, unforgettable night for Year 3!



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'

Altogether we are Equal
How do we use our rights in our school and community for change?'



Key Dates Autumn 2

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

Class parties -
Thursday 18th
December

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

First Day of
Spring term -
Children Back at
8:40am -
Tuesday 6th
January 2026

Afterschool clubs
restart -
Tuesday 6th
January 2026

Attendance Winners **This Week**

Reception & KS1: **1T**

KS2: **5E**

Perfect Punctuality: **2M**
and **5E**



Support Project Play- Back Our Playground **Fundraising!**

To mark Mr Eastick's marathon run, we are fundraising across the Trust to buy new equipment and improve our playgrounds, a priority for all our schools.

Please support us by donating to Mr Eastick's **GoFundMe page for Project Play: [Go fund Me page](#)** Every contribution helps create safer, more engaging playgrounds for our children.

Breakfast and 6 O'clock club

Please also be aware that from January, if you book a space in Breakfast Club, you will be charged for that space. We continue to have a number of bookings where children do not attend, which means we cannot offer those places to another child. From January onwards, if a space is booked and your child does not attend, a refund will not be issued.

Bean Boost

Following on from our Bean Boost week, please click on the link for the finished video that will be used to promote the project in other schools.
Well done to everyone!

<https://www.playbook.com/s/veg-power/32i29LEHeDdYfCZxmWwcARAw>

Year 4 - British Museum

On Wednesday, Year 4 enjoyed an exciting visit to the British Museum to consolidate our recent learning in History. In the Roman and Greek galleries, the children compared the two civilisations, spotting similarities and differences in their art, daily life and beliefs. They were especially interested in how the Greeks influenced the Romans, including pottery styles, sculpture, myths, architecture and writing. During our visit, the children completed a treasure hunt worksheet and sketched their favourite artefacts, using real historical objects to support their understanding. Before heading back to school, we also visited the Outernet on Tottenham Court Road, where the immersive digital displays were a real highlight. It was a fantastic day filled with curiosity, creativity and discovery!





North Beckton Christmas Card Competition!

Create your own fun Christmas card using recycled treasures or crafty stuff! ♻️✂️🌟

Use your imagination with recycled materials or craft supplies.
Make sure it's your own special homemade card.

Deadline: Tuesday, 16th December
Drop-off: Give your card to your class teacher

Winners announced: Friday, 19th December

Awesome prizes for the most creative cards!

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

 020 3373 2555  familyhub@newham.gov.uk

newham.gov.uk/familyhubnetwork

WE ARE NEWHAM.

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

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



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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 Histrionics Show for your school

