

Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the past fortnight, the children have been enthusiastically exploring a range of different religions, building on the key British values of respect and tolerance. It has been wonderful to witness their curiosity and engagement as they learn about the beliefs and traditions of others, helping to foster a school community that values understanding, empathy, and inclusivity. Thank you for supporting these important learning experiences that help shape thoughtful and informed young people.

Please note that the current after-school clubs will conclude on **Friday, 13th February**. Following this, we will share a new Google Form for you to sign your child up for the next term of clubs. This refreshed approach allows us to offer an updated selection of activities, giving children the chance to try something new if they wish.

To help us organise effectively, please complete the form (sent via Studybugs) by the stated deadline. Clubs will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. If your child is unable to secure their first choice, we will aim to place them in their second preference wherever possible. The new term of clubs will begin **the week commencing 2nd March**.

Breakfast Club and 6 O'clock Club will continue to run as usual.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Kind regards,
Mrs. Kettory
Head of School

Marathon Sponsorship Reminder

Please sponsor Mr Eastick - [GO FUND ME](#)

Parent Reading event reminder

Tuesday 27th January, 8:40 – 9:45am

Year 5 Mosque Educational Visit



Year 5 enjoyed an educational visit to a local Mosque as part of their Religious Education curriculum. The visit supported pupils' learning about world religions and helped develop understanding, respect and cultural awareness.

Children listened to stories from the Imam and asked prepared questions, learning about key aspects of Islam, including Prophet Muhammad, the Qur'an and the Five Pillars of Islam. Pupils also explored artefacts such as prayer beads, traditional clothing and a wooden toothbrush (miswak), and took part in a guided tour of the Mosque to learn about its features and role in the local community.

The visit was a great chance to learn about another religion and provided a valuable real-world context to classroom learning.

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 of the Week'

What do you want to be remembered for?

People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel - Mary Angelou

Key Dates

Spring 1

Whole School
Parent Reading
Event - Tuesday
27th January
8:40am - 9:45am

Celebrating
Diversity &
Respect Day -
Friday 6th
February
(Children can
dress in
traditional or
cultural clothing)

Year 3 Synagogue Educational Visit

On Wednesday, Year 3 visited the South West Reform Synagogue in Newbury Park for an enriching learning experience. The children learnt all about Judaism, explored the key features of a synagogue, and had the opportunity to see the Torahs up close. They also examined a range of religious artefacts and enjoyed tasting traditional challah bread. It was a memorable and insightful visit that deepened their understanding of the Jewish faith and culture.



Time For Us Curriculum Update & Dress Up Reminder

Our students are off to a great start this term; **Year 1** pupils have been busy sorting healthy and unhealthy habits and participating in a "Mini-Olympics" to observe first-hand how exercise changes their breathing and heart rate. **Year 3** students are investigating the concept of "balance" across their daily routines while rotating through a "Safety Carousel" to practice staying safe in different environments. Finally, **Year 5** children are taking greater personal responsibility for their health by creating goal charts for routines like sleep and hydration, alongside beginning factual, age-appropriate lessons on how substances like smoking and alcohol affect the body's organs and decision-making.

Friday 6th Feb: Don't forget our Celebrating Diversity & Respect Day! Children are invited to wear traditional or cultural clothing for a day of lessons centered on heritage and inclusion.

Attendance Reminders

Everyday counts! Regular attendance is vital for your child's learning, friendships and confidence. Attending school also establishes good routines and behaviours that support your child's development and growth.



Missing school can negatively affect progress and overall development. We will continue to monitor attendance closely and follow up where necessary. Please make every effort to ensure your child attends everyday so they have the very best chance to learn, grow and succeed.



ATTENDANCE IN ALL WEATHERS



As the mornings are darker and colder and the weather is wetter please be mindful that your child is still expected to be in school.

Please ensure they are well dressed for the weather.



Regular attendance promotes positive routines and emphasises the importance of school and learning.

If you need support with this please feel free to speak with the schools Attendance Officer Mrs Omer.



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THE READING AGENCY Winter Mini Challenge

Newham London

Winter Story Sprouts

Winter Mini Challenge
1 December 2025 - 28 February 2026

The Winter Mini Challenge is here again in your local library, for children of all ages. Become a champion and collect rewards for your reading.

WE ARE NEWHAM.



Project Play: Help Us Build Inclusive, Inspiring Playgrounds

At The Tapscott Learning Trust (TTLT), we are committed to creating safe, accessible, and engaging playgrounds across all our schools—spaces where every child can grow, play, and thrive.

Our schools proudly serve fully inclusive communities, with a high number of pupils who have additional needs. Many of our children face economic or environmental challenges, which means they often miss out on the same opportunities that others may take for granted. We want every child—regardless of their circumstances—to enjoy active, stimulating, and enriching play every day.

Why We Need Your Help

We have already begun improving our playgrounds, but to continue developing these vital outdoor spaces, we need your support. Each school has unique needs, and our goal is to provide meaningful improvements tailored to each setting.

To help us reach this goal, we are thrilled to have the support of the London Marathon and Youth Sports Trust, who have kindly given us a charity place for 2026.

Meet Our Marathon Runner

Adam Eastick, a dedicated member of staff currently working in Year 5 at North Beckton Primary, will proudly represent both The Tapscott Learning Trust and his home school as he takes on the 2026 London Marathon.

As a Well Trust Beacon, we strongly believe in the importance of physical activity and promoting healthy lifestyles. Improving our playgrounds is a key part of this mission—and Adam's marathon journey will help bring us closer to achieving it.

Our Goal

We are aiming to raise an ambitious £20,000 to transform the playgrounds across all TTLT schools. This funding will support specialist equipment, accessible play features, and safe, interactive outdoor environments that encourage physical development and joyful play.

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1 January – 31 March 2026

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PCCN & SOCIAL SWITCH ONLINE HARMS WORKSHOP

In partnership with the Social Switch Project, we are offering free training to parents and carers to support their young people in dealing with harmful online behaviour and the real-life violence which can escalate as a result.

WEDNESDAY 28 JANUARY 2026

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

ONLINE SESSION - [CLICK HERE TO ACCESS ZOOM LINK](#)

- Meeting ID: 824 4304 4914
- Passcode: 110249



TRAINING COVERS:

- ✓ Harmful online behaviours (e.g. image based violence and sexting).
- ✓ AI-generated content
- ✓ Violence against women and girls
- ✓ Positive aspects of social media



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