



Dates for the Diary

Spring Term

Monday 13th to Friday 17th February – Half Term Holidays

Monday 20th February – Children return to school 8:30am

Friday 24th February – Year 2 Topic Launch Day

Tuesday 28th February – 2K visit to Pizza Express

Tuesday 28th & Thursday 30th March – Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings 3:20-6pm

Monday 3rd April to Friday 14th April - Easter Holidays

NEU Strike Dates:

Thursday 2nd March 2023

Wednesday 15th March 2023

Thursday 16th March 2023

(Further details to be given about each strike day.)

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you for the tremendous effort you have put into our NSPCC Number Day. The home-made outfits showcase what talent is hiding in our community. Thank you for your generosity and giving to others when times are increasingly tough for all.

This week has also been dedicated to raising awareness of good mental health in children. We all have challenges to our mental health so it is important that knowledge of our emotions and how we feel is part of our everyday curriculum. Knowing what triggers negative feelings and how to regulate ourselves is essential to making the right choices and developing relationships. Please see our Positive Mental Health Policy and the very helpful Zones of Regulation below.

Next week the school is closed for the half-term holiday. We will reopen on Monday 20th February at the usual time of 8:30. The gates and doors are open from 8:30 – 8:45 am but remember, lessons actually start at 8:45. Our gates are still open at 8:45 to allow parents out of our grounds but many are still only entering. Please make sure you are entering the grounds by 8:40 to ensure your child is not late to class.

After half-term, the Year 5 & 6 siblings will remain with their own classes in the Ball Playing Playground – this will reduce the number of bodies needing to use the green gates to access the KS1 playground at the end of the school day.

This edition of Snippets advertises many free events to attend this holiday and a special offer for London Zoo.

We wish you all a happy, healthy holiday.






Best wishes,
Michael Kaitell and Selina Frazer
Co-Headteachers

Thrive School of Excellence



Thrive School
of Excellence
2023

Team Points

TEAM POINTS		
	Tigers	493
	Bears	482
	Wolves	355
	Sharks	440
	Komodo Dragon	474

Attendance

Congratulations to 2K in Key Stage 1 who achieved 95.96% this week and to 4R in Key Stage 2 with 98.76%

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
RB	78.57	2D	88.36	4TH	87.72
RH	86.50	2K	95.96	5A	91.30
RR	89.02	3G	90.84	5D	88.19
1H	88.93	3T	86.81	5Y	91.39
1K	87.45	3Z	95.96	6E	90.57
1L	82.01	4G	91.56	6L	92.94
2A	89.02	4R	98.76	6N	94.44



Year 4 - DT Project

Year 4 children to bring in an adult sized shoe box for a DT Project they will be completing next half term.



Thank you

Safer Internet

We have asked the children to carry out a range of tasks this week when thinking about Safer Internet use. Click the link for further support at home: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

Reception	In class: read the story – 'Hanni and the Magic Window' and as a class discuss the questions at the end of the story, which can be found at: childnet.com/hann
Year 1	In class: ' Hanni and the Magic Window ' Children read the story and play the board game, practising how to ask for help. At home: children to interview their parents about technology.
Year 2	In class: ' Hanni and the Magic Window ' Children read the story and play the board game, practising how to ask for help. At home: children to interview their parents about technology.
Year 3	In class: A, B, C -How well do you know me? This activity is a fun way to find out how the children in your class would respond to different online situations. At home: children ask their families how they would cope with different online experiences
Year 4	In class: Snowball fight Children to think of questions about the internet or internet safety At home: discussion with family member about technology. Use ' No tech or better with tech? ' template.
Year 5	In class: The healing power of help Discuss - what they enjoy about going online. Then discuss some of the things that concern them. At home: discussion with family member about technology. Use ' No tech or better with tech? ' template.
Year 6	In class: The healing power of help Discuss - what they enjoy about going online. Then discuss some of the things that concern them. At home: discussion with family member about technology. Use ' No tech or better with tech? ' template.

Positive Mental Health Policy **Hunters Hall Primary School**

Mental Health is a state of well-being in which every individual realises his or her own potential, can cope with the normal stresses of life, can work productively and fruitfully, and is able to make a contribution to her or his community. (World Health Organisation)

Policy Aims

At Hunters Hall we have a supportive and caring ethos and our approach is respectful and kind, where each individual and contribution is valued. As a school we are committed to promoting and supporting the mental health and wellbeing of our whole school community (pupils, staff, parents and carers), and recognise that pupil's mental health and emotional wellbeing are equally as important as their physical wellbeing. We pursue this aim using both universal, whole school approaches and specialised, targeted approaches aimed at vulnerable pupils.

In addition to promoting positive mental health, we aim to recognise and respond to mental ill health. By implementing practical, relevant and effective mental health policies and procedures we can promote a safe and stable environment for pupils affected both directly and indirectly by mental ill health, thereby ensuring the best possible educational outcomes for every pupil.

This policy aims to:

- Promote positive mental health for all pupils.
- Help children to understand their emotions and feelings better
- Provide opportunities for staff to look after their mental wellbeing.
- Increase understanding and awareness of common mental health issues.
- Alert staff to the early warning signs of mental ill health.
- Provide support to staff working with pupils with mental health issues.
- Provide support to pupils suffering mental ill health and their peers and parents/carers

Legislation





This policy is in line with The Schools (Mental Health and Wellbeing) Act 2020. This sets out the following requirements for governing bodies:

- a) promote pupil mental health;
- b) support mental ill health;
- c) make statements of policy in relation to their promotion of pupil mental health, and prevention and support for mental ill health;
- d) promote training and information for school staff on the subject of mental health;
- e) have regard to pupil mental health in joint working arrangements with—
 - i. other governing bodies,
 - ii. local authorities, and
 - iii. commissioners and providers of the National Health Service.

[Click the link to see the whole policy](#)

Zones of Regulation

The ZONES of Regulation®

			
BLUE ZONE	GREEN ZONE	YELLOW ZONE	RED ZONE
Sad Sick Tired Bored Moving Slowly	Happy Calm Feeling Okay Focused Ready to Learn	Frustrated Worried Silly/Wiggly Excited Loss of Some Control	Mad/Angry Terrified Yelling/Hitting Elated Out of Control

How do you regulate yourself?
Ask the children about their strategies - such as drinking water; taking deep breaths; going for a walk...

Maybe you could set up a Zones of Regulation for the family at home.
www.zonesofregulation.com

Reception Reading Workshop



Hunters Hall Primary School
How to Hear your Child Read

Welcome to our
Reading Workshop

Thank you to all those Reception Parents/Carers who attended the How to Hear Your Child Read Workshop this week.

If you have any questions, please speak to your child's Class Teacher or Miss Caisey.

For those who were unable to attend the presentation slides can be found at the following link:

<https://www.huntershallprimary.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/How-To-Hear-Children-Read-EYFS-2023.pdf>



Swimming Achievement

Sophia in 5A won a gold and silver medal in the Swim England Essex swimming competition held on the 5th February 2023. Well done!



School Uniform

School uniform can be purchased every Monday from 3:00-4:00pm in the dining hall.

Uniform can also be purchased online:

www.schooluniformdirect.org.uk/schools/product-category/schools-and-clubs/hunters-hall-primary/

Or

Telephone: 01992 763679

Email: info@schooluniformdirect.org.uk



Parent Hub

We would like all parents/carers to join us on Parent Hub.

Parent Hub is a FREE app that helps keep you up to date with what's going on at school. You'll receive messages, pictures, documents and newsletters, all in one handy place.



1. Download the Parent Hub app from your app store (iPhone or Android).
2. Create yourself an account.
3. Choose "Add a School" and enter:

@HuntersHallIPS

How to translate messages in the Parent Hub app (guidance for schools)

In the app, parents just tap the 'translate' button in the bottom right of a message.

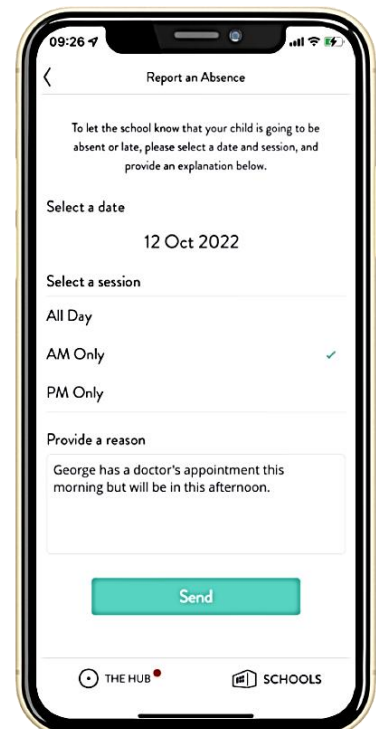
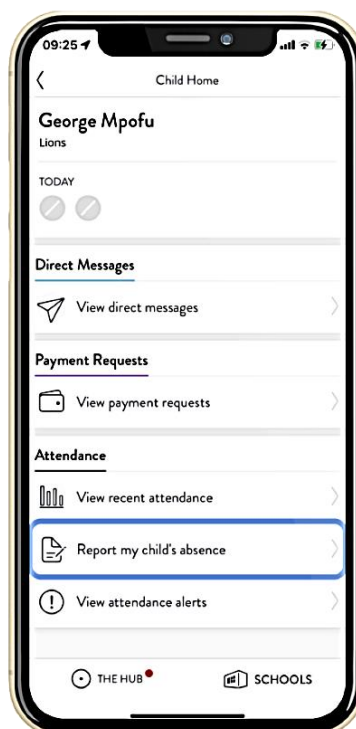
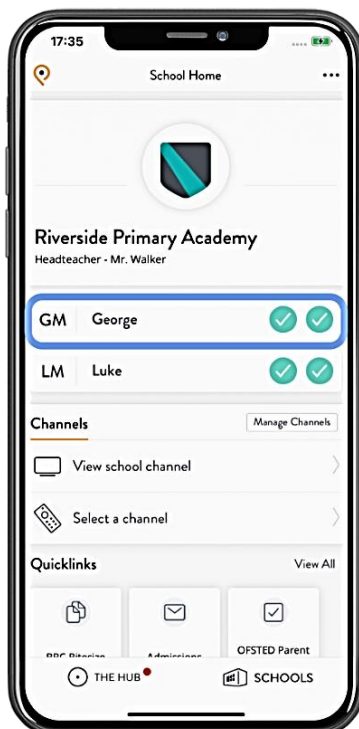
This applies to old messages, as well as new ones.

To find out more, click the link below for a useful guide.

<https://support.parenthub.co.uk/hc/en-us/articles/6172951020689-How-to-translate-messages-in-the-Parent-Hub-app>

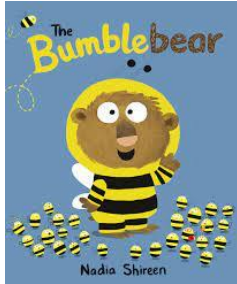


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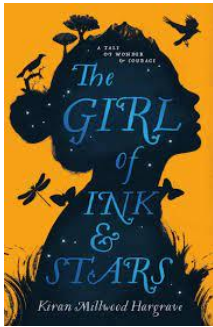
Reading for Pleasure Matters at Hunters Hall

Ever got stuck when choosing a book to buy or borrow from the library?
Ever wondered what your teachers, family or friends like to read?
Well, our new weekly book review section is just what you need!
Here are Ms Thomas' recommendations.



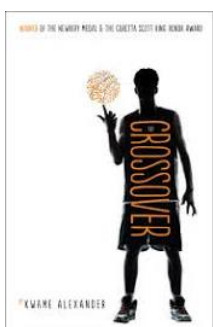
Reading interest: 4-8

'Bumble Bear' by Nadia Shireen always makes me laugh. I'm glad Bumble Bear got the honey and lots of friends in the end!



Reading interest: 8-12

'The Girl of Ink and Stars' by Kiran Millwood Hargrave's a great read for anyone who likes fantasy books. I do like a book with magic and monsters



Reading interest: 10-adult

'Crossover' by Kwame Alexander is a novel written in verse. It is a story about basketball but also about learning that winning is not always the most important thing in life.



£3 ZOO TICKETS!

London Zoo is offering £3 tickets for anyone currently receiving Universal Credit, Employment and Support Allowance, Income Support or Jobseeker's Allowance.

- The £3 tickets are available for the whole family and under 3's go free.**
- Tickets can be purchased from the admissions kiosk on the day, from 11am, every day of the week.**
- Just bring proof of benefit letter (electronic or paper).**
- Offer runs until the end of March 2023.**

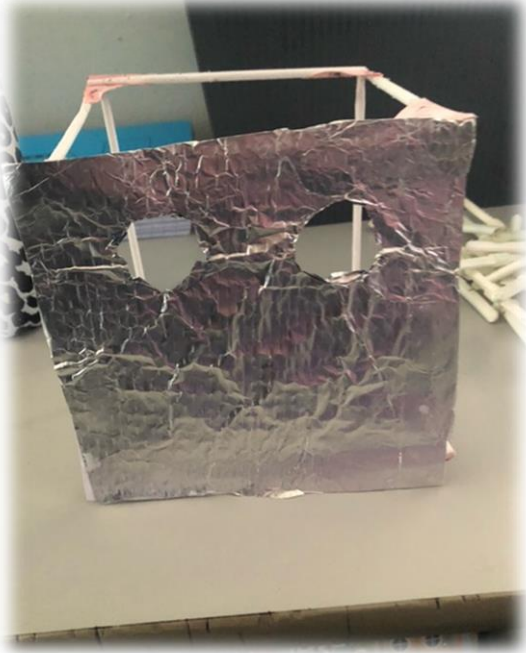


<https://www.londonzoo.org/plan-your-visit/community-access-scheme>

The screenshot shows the London Zoo website header with navigation links: PLAN YOUR VISIT, WHAT'S HERE, ZOO STORIES, CONSERVATION, EDUCATION, SUPPORT US. There are buttons for SHOP, MEMBERSHIP, and TICKETS. The main content area features a photograph of a woman and a child looking at a penguin in an enclosure. Text on the page reads: "Helping more people visit London Zoo" and "Community Access Scheme". Below the text are two buttons: "TICKETS FOR INDIVIDUALS" and "INFORMATION FOR COMMUNITY PARTNERS".

Year 4 Topic

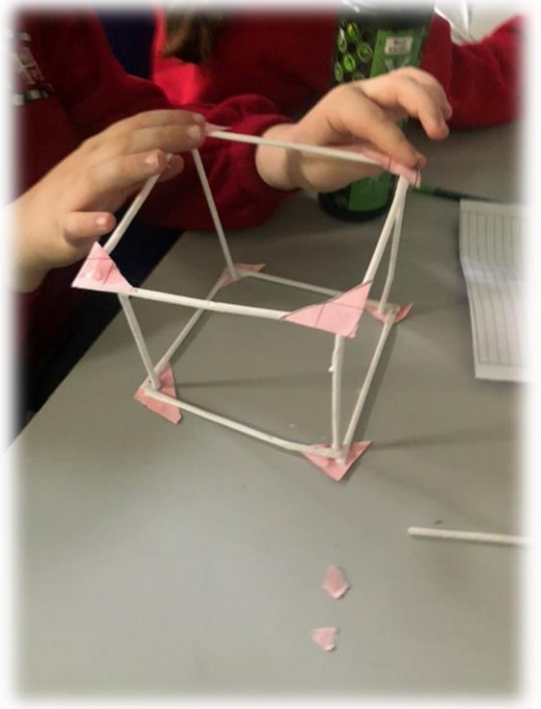
To mark the end of our Iron Man Literacy topic our Year 4 pupils have been designing and building their own Iron Man heads. This project required lots of patience and resilience and the children produced some fantastic work at the end. Well done Year 4!



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BARKING & DAGENHAM CATCH UP CLINICS



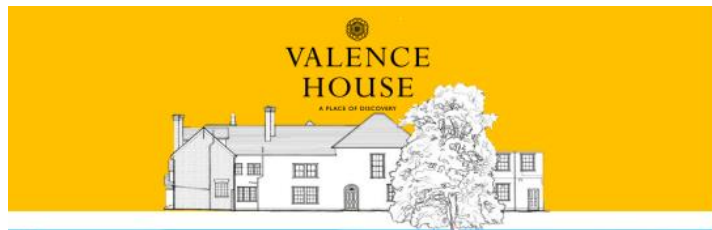
Children and young people attending a Barking & Dagenham school will automatically be contacted through their schools with a link to consent when they are due for vaccinations for in-school offer. If your child has missed the school session and you would like to attend a clinic, please either email us at appointments@v-uk.co.uk or call on 0203 343 2400

- **Flu Vaccinations:** Reception – Year 9
- **HPV:** Year 8
- **DTP & MeningitisACWY:** Year 9
- **MMR:** Rec – Year 13

Date	Time	Venue
Wednesday 25 th January	3pm-5pm	Barking Library
Tuesday 7 th February	3pm-5:30pm	Fanshawe Community Centre
Wednesday 15 th February	10am-1pm	Barking Library
Tuesday 28 th February	3pm-5:30pm	Fanshawe Community Centre
Thursday 16 th March	3pm-5pm	Barking Library
Wednesday 29 th March	3pm-5:30pm	Fanshawe Community Centre

Barking Library
2 Town Square
Barking
IG11 7NB

Fanshawe Community Centre
Barnmead Road
Dagenham
RM9 5DX

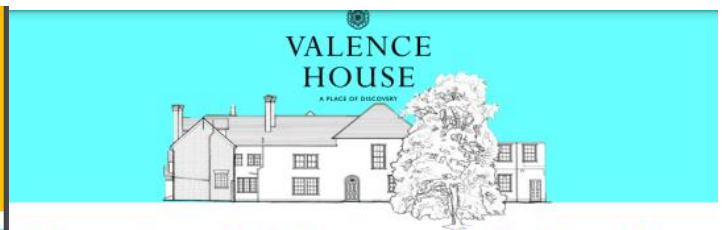


Saturday 11th February
Tuesday 14th to Saturday 18th February 2023
10am – 4pm (Closed 12pm – 1pm daily)

Go undercover and test your detective skills as part of the national Montgomery Bonbon: Museum Mystery Trail.

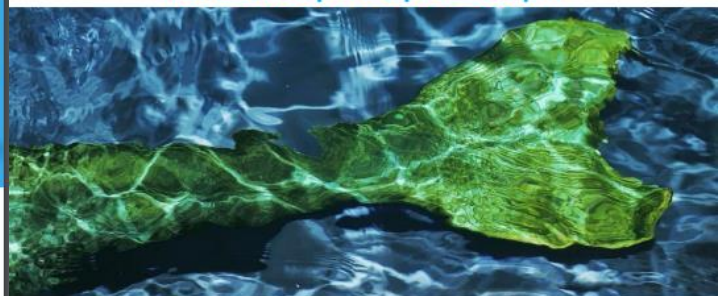
Grab an activity sheet, solve puzzles and have fun with your family this half term.

Suitable for ages 3 and up. FREE. Drop in.
 No advanced booking required.



Magical Mermaid Crafts

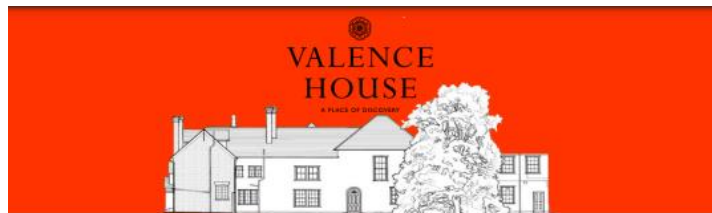
Friday 17th February 2023
11am – 12.30pm & 2pm – 3.30pm



A fun crafty session to make colourful magical mermaid creations.

£5 per child. Children must be accompanied by an adult.
 Suitable for ages 3-12 years.

Advanced booking is essential. Book online at Art Tickets:
<https://valence-house-museum.arttickets.org.uk/>



Roman Creative Crafts

Thursday 16th February 2023
11am – 12.30pm & 2pm – 3.30pm



Step back in time 2000 years and try your hand at making a soldier's helmet, mini chariot and amulet as you discover more about life as a Roman.

£5 per child. Children must be accompanied by an adult.
 Suitable for ages 5-12 years.

Advanced booking is essential. Book online at Art Tickets:
<https://valence-house-museum.arttickets.org.uk/>



Autism Friendly Magical Mermaid Crafts

Friday 17th February 2023
4pm – 5pm



Autism friendly session designed for children with autism and/or sensory or learning needs to enjoy with their families. This session will be a reduced sensory experience. A fun crafty session to make colourful magical mermaid creations.

£5 per child. Children must be accompanied by an adult.
 Suitable for ages 3-12 years.

Advanced booking is essential. Book online at Art Tickets:
<https://valence-house-museum.arttickets.org.uk/>

Family Thrive

Congratulations to all those that completed the Family Thrive Training.



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COMMUNITY DAY

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* Police & Fire Service Teams Vehicles and Animals

* Sport, Art, Culture and Digital Activities

* Food and Refreshments



Friday 17th February 2023 (11am to 4pm)
London Marathon Community Track
London Stadium, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, London E20 2ST

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Impact

Active Global Citizens
Young people engaged, equipped and empowered to contribute to a 21st Century Global Society for All.

Engaged
young people (through sport, art, culture and digital activity)

Equipped
with mental, physical and emotional life skills and resilience

Empowered
with the aspiration of college, university employment and entrepreneurship



HEAD LICE ARE BACK!



Parents / Carers:

Please check your child's head tonight for head lice.

If we all work together, we can eliminate this problem quickly.



Women's Safety online meeting

Tuesday 21 February, 6pm to 7pm

If you would like to join
email csp@lbbd.gov.uk

In partnership with



Year 2 - Topic Launch Day

Dear parents and carers,

As part of our 'Would you rather live in a hot place or a cold place?' topic we would like to have a launch day focussing on a hot place. The launch day for this topic will take place on **Friday 24th February 2023**.

This will involve a full day of exciting activities such as making African masks, looking at African art and native animals. To really get into the spirit of the occasion we are asking the children to dress in African clothing or in summer clothes. Please send your child to school with their favourite stuffed animal.

Many thanks

Mrs Kaur, Mrs Davy and Miss Akther
Year 2 Teachers



February Half-Term Camp



St Joseph Catholic School
48 Connor Rd, Dagenham RM9 5UL



13th Feb - 17th Feb

8:45AM - 3:15PM

£15 per day

£75 for the week

SCAN HERE!



To Book:

Visit www.superstarsport-oel.org 'Book Now'
For more information call 07854 874 490

BREAKFAST CLUB



Our breakfast club is open term time only Monday to Friday, 7:45 to 8:30am.

No booking is required, you can turn up on the day and pay.

The charge is **£3** per day, you are required to accompany your child into our breakfast club and stay with them until they have been marked in on our daily register.

You are required to have the correct money for payment.

Please note that payments in advance are non-refundable and non-transferable therefore if you choose to pay in advance and your child does not attend you lose that money.



WANTED

SECOND HAND UNIFORM

DONATIONS NEEDED

A big thank you to everyone who has previously donated. We always need more good quality second hand uniform items. Has your child grown out of theirs? Please donate to the school and come along to one of our sales for bargain replacements!

Winter coats and shoes also welcome.

Please bring any donations in a bag to the school office.



Thank you



DHP Scheme

Are you struggling to afford your rent payments?



Do you have rent arrears?

Do you need help with a deposit?

Help is available through the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham's Discretionary Housing Payment (DHP) scheme

Visit <https://www.lbbd.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/discretionary-hardship-support/discretionary-housing-payments-dhp>

To find out more and apply online

You must be in receipt of Housing Benefit or Universal Credit housing costs to qualify for a DHP



Barking & Dagenham

Household Support Fund

Are you struggling with the rising cost of living?



Do you have utility debts?

Help is available to support the rising cost of living for energy & utility costs, food and other emergency need through the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham's Hardship schemes

Visit <https://www.lbbd.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/discretionary-hardship-support/hardship-payment-schemes/household-support-fund> to find out more and apply online



Barking & Dagenham



MINI ROCKERS

FOR RECEPTION TO YEAR 2

Fun and inclusive in-school rock and pop band lessons, for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. No experience or instrument required.



ROCK HEROES

FOR YEARS 3 AND 4

Fun and inclusive in-school rock and pop band lessons, for Years 3 and 4. No experience or instrument required.



ROCK ICONS

FOR YEARS 5 AND 6

Fun and inclusive in-school rock and pop band lessons, for Years 5 and 6. No experience or instrument required.

<https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/info-for-parents>

- ✓ **Learn to play in a band**
Learning an instrument should be fun. Your child can choose from the electric guitar, keyboard, drums or vocals and enjoy playing in a happy, supportive environment with their friends.
- ✓ **Lead by real musicians**
Your child's music teacher should also be their role model. Which is why all Rocksteady Band Leaders are carefully chosen, extensively trained musicians who know how to inspire a life-long love of playing music.
- ✓ **In school time**
Lessons are 30 minutes long and take place in school time with all instruments provided, making it hassle-free for parents.
- ✓ **From first notes to favourite songs**
The Rocksteady Programme is for all children aged 4-11 and is proven to progress musicianship, confidence and teamwork skills with no prior experience necessary.
- ✓ **With regular live performances**
Playing on stage is a huge confidence booster. With termly concerts at school assemblies, your child will be able to show off their progress to friends, teachers and parents with the rest of their band.
- ✓ **And happily affordable**
Rocksteady is one of the most hassle-free ways to learn an instrument on a rolling subscription that you can cancel at any time. It's risk free too – cancel in the first month and you'll get a full refund.

Call 0330 113 0330