



# Hunters Hall Primary School

## Snippets

Issue: 13  
December 2023

### Dates for the Diary

#### Autumn Term

#### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December –

- Year 2 Choir (9:15am),
- Year 3 Choir (10:00am)
- Year 4 Whole Year Group (2:15pm)

#### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December –

- Year 4 Whole Year Group (9:15am)

#### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner and Jolly Jumper Day

#### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Year 3 & 4 Disco 3:30-4:00pm

#### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December –

- Year 1 Whole Year Group (9:15am)

#### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Year 5 & 6 Disco 4:00-5:00pm

#### Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December –

- Year 1 Whole Year Group (9:15am)

#### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Year 6 Community Concert (1:15pm) tickets required.

#### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Last day of Autumn Term

#### Spring Term

#### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – First day back for children 8:30am

#### Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2024 – Parent/Carer Evening – individual appointment slots.

### Attendance Matters

#### Congratulations to:

Nursery in EYFS with 100%, 2W in Key Stage 1 with 96.15% and 6D in Key Stage 2 with 98.15%

Class FT Nursery	100.00
Class 6D	98.08
Class 2W	96.15
Class 3Z	95.98
Class 4G	95.30
Class 3G	95.26
Class 3R	95.26
Class 5A	95.00
Class 4T	94.64
Class 5N	94.00
Class RB	93.81
Class 6E	93.10
Class 1KS	92.56
Class 4N	92.13
Class 1H	89.66
Class 2K	88.84
Class RH	88.71
Class RR	88.69
Class 6AM	88.57
Class 2D	88.03
Class 1L	86.61
Class 5H	86.40
Class PM NURSERY	75.00
Class AM NURSERY	72.97



Dear Parent/Carer,

It is my pleasure to share with you our recent Ofsted report which was published this week. For me, the key aspect is that the inspection has confirmed what we already know about our school.

School report



## Inspection of a good school: Hunters Hall Primary School

Alibon Road, Dagenham, Essex RM10 8DE

Inspection dates: 18 and 19 October 2023

### Outcome

Hunters Hall Primary School continues to be a good school.

### What is it like to attend this school?

This is a welcoming school where pupils are kind and caring. Pupils enjoy school because adults help them to learn. Pupils behave well in lessons and when moving around the school. This is because staff have taught them the importance of 'staying on green'. Pupils generally work hard and produce work of a good quality in a range of subjects.

Pupils are confident that if they have a worry, one of their five trusted adults will listen and help them. This means they feel happy and are kept safe.

There are several opportunities for pupils to take on positions of responsibility. For example, school councillors and leaders worked together to make the swimming provision even better. School councillors compared the costings of hiring the local leisure centre with the costings of a mobile pool, and now a mobile pool is in place during the summer term.

Pupils have regular opportunities to learn about and celebrate events from different cultures. Examples include Diwali, Christmas and Yom Kippur. These opportunities help pupils to understand and respect people with different beliefs and customs.

The school has a band and a choir. The members of the school choir value the opportunities they get to practise and perform together.

Please take time to read the full report which can be read by visiting:

<https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50234604>

This week has seen our excellent choirs singing in our local community – this has included Alexander and Hanbury Court care homes. The joy that this has brought to the residents cannot be underestimated. We hope to bring further joy to all our families as over the next couple of weeks, further performances will be taking place. (See dates for the diary and the reminder within snippets on page 2)

Please continue to order your child's lunch before 8am each day. Remember that you can pre-order up to 3 weeks in advance. This needs to be done even if your child is having a home packed lunch. Visit ParentPay to pre-order

<https://app.parentpay.com/public/client/security/v2/#/login>

Whatever you do this weekend, be safe and see you at 8:30 on Monday morning.

Michael Kaitell  
Headteacher

## Reminder

If your child is currently in Nursery you will need to apply for their Reception school place by the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024



**Apply online now**  
for a reception school place  
[www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk)

The closing date for your online application and the other information we ask for is

**15 January 2024**



Please see the following link for more information:

<https://www.lbbd.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions/starting-school-children-aged-3-and-4>

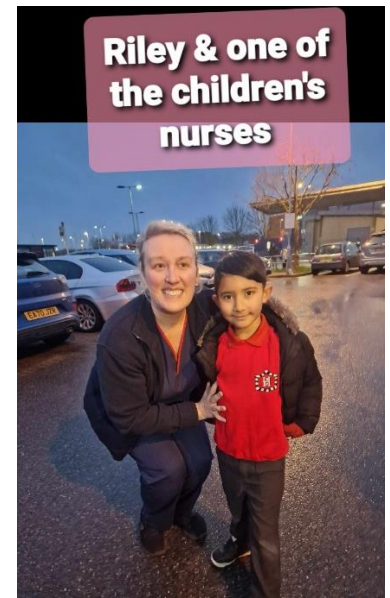
If you require assistance, then please speak to Mr Bellevue.

## Wanted



Do you have any unwanted yarn/wool and crochet hooks/accessories?  
Please send in for the attention of **Mrs Dias**.



## Selection Packs Delivery



**Thank you to all that donated.**

A total of 400 packs were delivered by Riley to Queen's Hospital. Over 2000 packs donated in total.

## Team Points

TEAM POINTS	
	<b>Tigers</b>
	<b>Bears</b>
	<b>Wolves</b>
	<b>Sharks</b>
	<b>Komodo Dragon</b>

## Important Christmas Choir Dates

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December

Year 2 Choir – 9:15am

Year 3 Choir – 10:00am

Year 4 – Whole Year Group – 2:15pm

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Year 4 – Whole Year Group – 9:15 am

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Year 1 – Whole Year Group – 9:15am

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Year 1 – Whole Year Group – 9:15am

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December and Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

Year 6 Community Concert – 1:15pm

We would like to invite grandparents and parents of Year 6 children to this event. It will be ticketed as spaces are limited. A letter will be sent home next week explaining how to order your tickets.



## Gold Award Debit Card Recipients

Each week we publish any recipients of the new Gold Award Debit Card.

### Gold Award Recipients

Name	Class
Cleo Joseph	2W
Riley Ali-Purkis	2K
Oliver Martin	1KS
Matthew Hunt	1KS

## School Uniform

School uniform can be purchased every other Monday from 3:00-4:00pm in the dining hall. **Dates up to Christmas are: 4<sup>th</sup> Dec & 18<sup>th</sup> Dec.**

In a hope to reduce the cost of school uniform, from September, you will have the option to purchase iron-on badges for plain white polo shirts and plain red jumpers. Badges will cost £1.20 and should make uniform more affordable.

Uniform can also be purchased online:

[www.schooluniformdirect.org.uk/schools/product-category/schools-and-clubs/hunters-hall-primary/](http://www.schooluniformdirect.org.uk/schools/product-category/schools-and-clubs/hunters-hall-primary/)

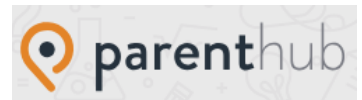
Or Telephone: 01992 763679 / Email: [info@schooluniformdirect.org.uk](mailto:info@schooluniformdirect.org.uk)



## 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**

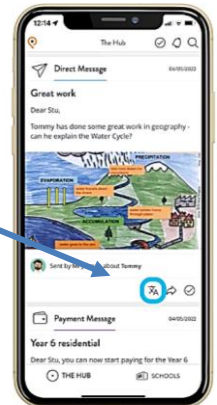
### How to translate messages in the Parent Hub app (guidance for schools)

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

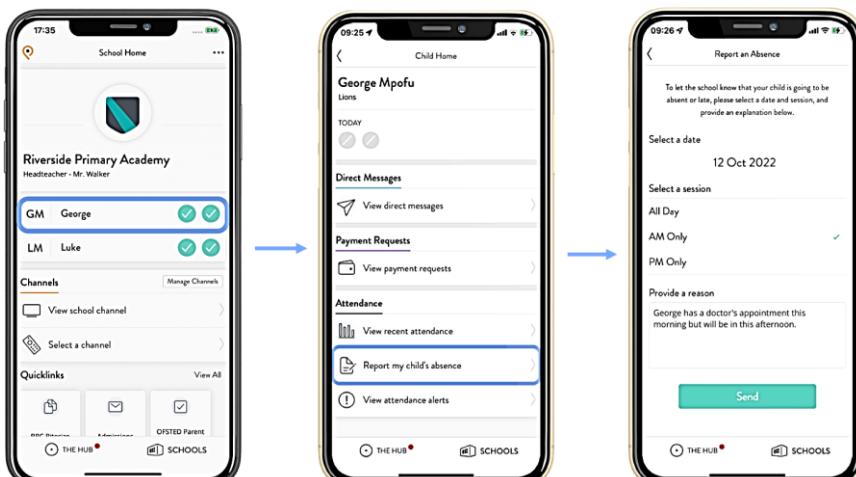
This applies to old messages, as well as new ones.

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>



## Reporting absence



## Uniform Reminder & PE Days 2023-2024

During the course of this academic year, we are phasing out some of our school uniform in an effort to make it more affordable for our parent body.

Our school uniform provider now sells school badges for £1.20 so that you are able to purchase plain white polo shirts/ plain red jumpers/cardigans and iron on the badge. (Our current provider will continue to sell their stock of red and grey uniform items and staff has been informed that it is a gradual phase out)

We have reduced the number of days that children require their school uniform by allowing them to wear their PE kit on two days of the week. (You will be notified if there is a special day such as school photographs so that you can ensure that children are dressed appropriately.)

### School Uniform

White Polo Shirt (with logo/ iron-on badge)

Red jumper/ Cardigan (with logo/ iron-on badge)

Grey school trousers/ skirt/ shorts

Summer Dress

Plain black shoes/ trainers



### PE Kit

Plain white t-shirt

Red shorts

Red/ Grey jogging bottoms

Red fleece

Black plimsolls



### PE Days 2023-2024

#### PE Days

Year Group	PE Day 1	PE Day 2
<b>Reception</b>		<b>Thursday</b>
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>

Swimming is part of the national curriculum. Children in Year 4 and 6 are offered swimming lessons. From time to time, other selected pupils are given the opportunity.

Children must have a suitable swimming costume, a towel and a swimming hat.

This year, we will be operating a mobile swimming pool on the school site during June and July. |

## One-pan Spicy Chicken

Following on from the last post on Snippets.

**Jamie Oliver's £1 wonders - With the cost of food and energy on the rise, Jamie's £1 Wonders features delicious recipes that won't blow the budget - all costing less than £1 a portion.**

Try it out and let us know how you found it by [emailing the school office for the attention of Miss Ryan & Mrs Keane](#)

[One-pan spicy chicken | Jamie Oliver recipes](#)



## Who's Who? Debbie Smith

### Why do you work at Hunters Hall?

Both my daughters and son attended Hunters Hall. I applied for the midday assistant job after being made redundant and luckily I got it.

### What's your role?

Midday Assistant.

### Favourite things...

I enjoy watching my two grandsons play football, they are both doing well.

I also enjoy listening to my son's music production.

My favourite author is Stephenie Meyer; I love the Twilight Saga.

My favourite food is pie and mash, also a nice roast.

We like to holiday in North Wales as my husband's family are from there, also St Ives in Cornwall is so lovely.

Haven't got any hobbies but I do like going out with my two daughters looking round the shops also cosying up watching Netflix.



### Own School Memories

I liked English and cookery and I was in the netball team. I loved sports and remember making lots of friends and always being happy.

### Hopes & Dreams

To remain fit and healthy for as long as possible.

### How long have you been at Hunters Hall?

12 years.

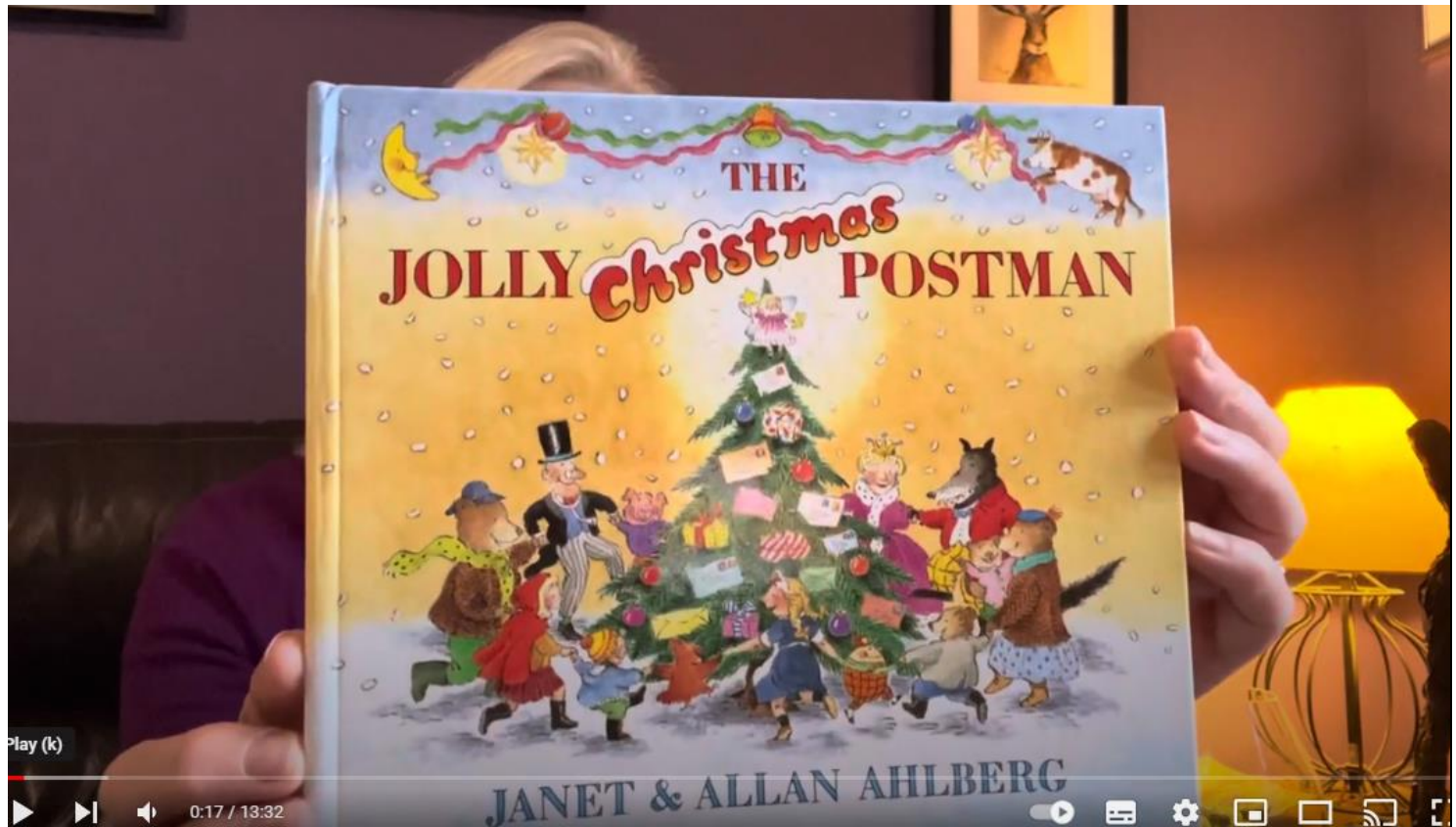
### Achievements to date (in order)

I hope I have achieved how to understand a child's individual needs and put it into practice at work.

## Mrs Hobday reading... The Jolly Christmas Postman

Click the link to watch and hear the story

<https://youtube.com/watch?v=OEIxO2rivwc&feature=shared>



## Ride for Freedom 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023



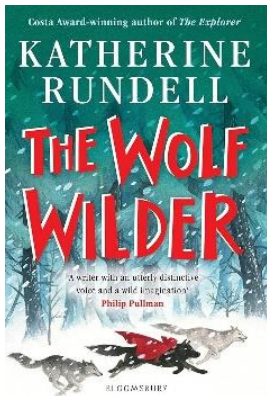
## Reading for Pleasure Matters at Hunters Hall

We are currently thinking about stories set in different countries. Come and see our Reading Around the World display. Here are three stories set in three different countries recommended by Miss Neil. Have you got a favourite story that is set in a different country? Please let us know so we can add it to our library.



### Reading interest: 4-8

Leslie is new to the Arctic. No one told her there would be so much snow, and so many interesting animals to see. Leslie discovers one of the Arctic's most unique and breathtaking natural wonders, the northern lights. 'Painted Skies' by Carolyn Mallory introduces young readers to an Inuit legend about the Northern lights.



### Reading interest: 8-12

'Feo and her mother live in Russia. Nearby, in a ruined chapel, lives a pack of wolves. Feo's mother is a wolf wilder, and Feo is a wolf wilder in training. When the Russian Army threatens Feo and her family's way of life, Feo is left with no choice but to run. This is an adventure story about standing up for the things you love and fighting back. And, of course, wolves.



### Reading interest: 10-adult

'Hatchet' by Gary Paulsen tells the story of Brian, a city boy. Not used to living rough. Until his plane crash-lands in the Canadian wilderness. All he has is a hatchet - and a desperate will to survive. Now Brian must learn to live the hard way - or die?



Hunters Hall Primary School



# Christmas Lunch

14<sup>th</sup> December 2023



- Roast Turkey & Chipolata Sausage
- Halal Roast Turkey & Chipolata Sausage
- Mozzarella & Cranberry Parcel
- Roast Potatoes
- Yorkshire Pudding
- Stuffing
- Peas & Carrots
- Brussel Sprouts

- Chocolate Ice cream Roll
- Satsuma

Juice



# Premier Holiday Camps

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**

**PREMIER HOLIDAY CAMPS**

**INSPIRING ACTIVITY**

SCAN HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION or visit [premier-education.com/holiday-camps](https://premier-education.com/holiday-camps)

Trustpilot 4.7/5  
Based on over 19,000 reviews

## PREMIER FUNDED HAF CAMPS NEAR YOU

<b>Roding Primary School</b> Multi-Activity 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 27 <sup>th</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup> , 29 <sup>th</sup> December 9am-3pm	<b>Marsh Green Primary School</b> Multi-Activity 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 27 <sup>th</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup> , 29 <sup>th</sup> December 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> January 9am-3pm
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We have lots of exciting activities planned throughout. Places on our HAF programme include a free meal.

To apply for a funded place, please complete an enquiry form using the following link:  
<https://forms.gle/L2qAqXVQqSQPv3k37>

**Please Bring**  
 Plenty of water  
 Suitable clothing  
 Loads of energy!

Mix it up during the school holidays with our multi-activity holiday camps!

These camps are a perfect blend of activities for all ages, combining different sports with a variety of team games.

Every day is different, with a mix of fun activities that children may not have tried before – from dodgeball to fencing, lacrosse to cheer.

Book now for a Half Term full of fun!

# SEND Local Offer

**Barking & Dagenham Local Offer** | DECEMBER 2023 ISSUE | NELFT NHS NHS Foundation Trust

## Barking & Dagenham SEND LOCAL OFFER Newsletter

<https://localoffer.lbbd.gov.uk/> | [sendlocaloffer@lbbd.gov.uk](mailto:sendlocaloffer@lbbd.gov.uk)

### 1<sup>st</sup> School Term Round-up and Celebration

We hope all children and young people have settled well into their new class, and they have already enjoyed many rich learning experiences in 1<sup>st</sup> term.

Welcome to 2<sup>nd</sup> issue of the Barking and Dagenham SEND Local Offer Newsletter. You will find:

- New SEND Local Offer website – Our Co-Production Journey
- Just Say Parent Carer Forum
- Speak Up Young People Forum
- Something especially for Early Years 0-5 years old
- Children and Young People Clubs
- Useful information to Support Cost of Living

### New SEND Local Offer website Our Co-production Journey

**Partnership and Co-production**  
 It was delightful to meet so many parents, carers and young people at Just Say Forum and Speak Up Forum to co-produce our new SEND Local Offer website.

Our new SEND Local Offer is mobile friendly, easy to understand, and structured in a way that relates to young people's and parents' needs. The content is comprehensive and up to date.

For those who have visited our new website will surely agree with me that our new website not only meets SEND Code of Practice statutory requirements, but also demonstrates how we listen and value your voice, and we put the children and young people at the heart of everything we do.

**FEEDBACK** is the food for champions! Thank you for your participation.  
 (SEND Co-production Lead [si.gi.kwong@lbbd.gov.uk](mailto:si.gi.kwong@lbbd.gov.uk))

### JUST SAY Parent Carer Forum

Just Say Forum aim to influence services in the borough by gathering parent carers' views and sharing those with the Local Authority and other stakeholders. Since September our Open Forum meetings covered "In Case of Emergency" plans, the Local Offer, Transport and Mental Health. Our Annual Conference will be on the 13<sup>th</sup> of February 2024 - details to follow soon.

Our membership is free. We have regular updates on our Facebook group and more information on our website [www.justsayforum.online](http://www.justsayforum.online). You can text us on 07936 851199 or email [justsayforum@gmail.com](mailto:justsayforum@gmail.com).

We'd also love to hear from service providers who support families who have a child or Young Person with a disability and/or additional need – please email us.

Photo: Jaime (Chair) thanking Donna (Mayor) for her long service.

**Barking and Dagenham SEND LOCAL OFFER Newsletter (page 2)**

### SPEAK UP Young People Forum

Speak Up Forum had a very busy term. We started on 1<sup>st</sup> September. See what we have achieved

- ✓ delivered two consultation reports to the council on the borough's library service and parks.
- ✓ held 1<sup>st</sup> Get-Together event with other local youth groups in October to co-produce SEND Local Offer website and Young People subpages.
- ✓ designed our own Speak Up logo and flyer.

**Speak Up Forum** is for Young People (15-25) with a special educational need or disability from Barking and Dagenham.

**\*\* We are actively looking for new young members to join us! \*\***

**Come and meet** with your friends, be involved in getting your views and ideas listened to and create positive changes in the borough.

**All sessions are free.** meeting twice a month, Friday evenings 6.30-8.30pm at The Vibes (RMB 2UT)

**For information or participation,** please contact Andy Murphy, Participation Officer: [forum@bdop.org.uk](mailto:forum@bdop.org.uk) / 07881 247654 / Facebook – Barking and Dagenham Progress Project

### Something especially for Early Years 0-5 years old

**Early Years Team** will hold 2 events for parents and children aged 0-5:

- FHCP Parent Workshop - 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023
- Coffee Morning (Reception Application) - 5<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Please contact [Nichola.Bridge@lbbd.gov.uk](mailto:Nichola.Bridge@lbbd.gov.uk) for details or booking a place.

**Portage Play and Learn Groups** for parents and children aged 0-5 with complex needs, at Marks Gate Community Hub and Thames Community Hub. Contact: [PortageOffice@lbbd.gov.uk](mailto:PortageOffice@lbbd.gov.uk) / 020 8724 8550 for details.

**0-5 years Health and Wellbeing Programme** For more information on any of the above sessions please contact the Healthy Lifestyles Team on: 020 8724 8018 or email [healthy.lifestyles@lbbd.gov.uk](mailto:healthy.lifestyles@lbbd.gov.uk)

### Children and Young People's Clubs

Please click the logos for details and/or upcoming events:

- ab phab Youth Club
- Barking & Dagenham Purple Penguin
- FUTURE Youth Club
- SPEAK UP Youth Club
- PSG Youth Club
- dabbd Celebrating 20 Years
- BAO YOUTH FORUM

### Useful Information to Support Cost of Living (please click images)

- Barking & Dagenham Community Hubs
- Barking & Dagenham MONEY Helping you with your finances
- Our Warm Spaces
- Cost of Living Support Helping you through tough times

## Healthy & Fun Activities



# This Winter

**Get involved in healthy and fun activities**

**From food and football to arts and crafts, there is something for everyone!**

Open to children and young people aged **5 to 18** – **FREE** if they are eligible for free school meals

**EACH ACTIVITY INCLUDES A HEALTHY LUNCH**

To find out more and to book a place, visit [lbbd.gov.uk/free-holiday-activities](http://lbbd.gov.uk/free-holiday-activities)

#HAF2023  
This provision is free for children and young people who live or go to school in Barking and Dagenham and are eligible for benefits related free school meals.

Department for Education  
**Barking & Dagenham**

Location	Venue	Dates	Age Group
RM9 4BL	Premier Education @ Roding Primary School, Cannington Road, Dagenham	22 December, 27 to 29 December and 3 to 4 Jan 2024	5 to 12 years
RM10 9NJ	Premier Education @ Marsh Green Primary School, South Close, Dagenham	22 December, 27 to 29 December and 3 to 4 Jan 2024	5 to 12 years
RM10 7YP	DABD @ Pembroke Garden's, Dagenham	22 December, 27 to 29 December and 2 to 3 Jan 2024	5 to 18 years
IG11 8TA	The Explore the Wild winter programme @ Outdoor Bowls Pavilion, Barking Park, Longbridge Road	20 to 23 December	5 to 12 years
IG11 7DR	Gascoigne Primary School, Gascoigne Road, Barking	21 and 22 December	5 to 12 years
RM10 7FH	Everyone Active @ Becontree Health Leisure Centre Althorne Way, Dagenham	27 to 29 December and 2 to 3 Jan 2024	5 to 8 years
IG11 7HW	Everyone Active @ Abbey Leisure Centre: Bobby Moore Way, Barking	27 to 29 December and 2 to 3 Jan 2024	8+ years
RM9 6UJ	Inspire Minds Through Sports @ St Peter's RC Primary School, Goresbrook Road, Dagenham	20 to 22 December and 27 to 29 December	5 to 12 years
RM9 5TB	Five Elms Primary School, 294 Wood Lane, Dagenham	27 and 28 December	5 to 12 years
RM9 5TB	Dagenham Eagles @ Marks Gate, Rose Lane Community Centre	2 and 3 January 2024	5 to 12 years
RM9 4UN	Westham United Foundation @ Jo Richardson Community School, Castle Green, Gale Street, Dagenham	20 to 22 December	12 to 16 years
RM9 4UN	Malearn @ Jo Richardson Community School, Castle Green	22 December, 28 to 29 December	5 to 12 years
IG11 0FU	Malearn @ Riverside Primary School, Renwick Road, Barking	22 December, 28 to 29 December	5 to 12 years
RM8 3EX	Ultimate Vision Sports @ Grafton Primary School, Grafton Road	21 and 22 December	5 to 12 years
IG11 7FP	Ultimate Vision Sports @ Ripple Primary School, Westbury Site, 225 Ripple Road	27 to 29 December	5 to 12 years
RM8 1DN	Ultimate Vision Sports @ Robert Clack Leisure Centre, Gosfield Road	27 to 29 December	5 to 12 years
IG11 7JA	Ultimate Vision Sports @ Gascoigne Primary School, The Shaftsbury	27 to 29 December and 3 to 5 Jan 2024	5 to 12 years
RM10 7HX	Ultimate Vision Sports @ William Bellamy Primary School, Frizlands Lane	3 to 5 January 2024	5 to 12 years
RM8 3BB	Artbash @ Valence Primary School, Bonham Road	28 and 29 December	5 to 11 years
RM8 3AR	Ballerz @ Valence Primary School, Bonham Road, Dagenham	2 to 5 January 2024	5 to 12 years
IG11 8JA	Ballerz @ Northbury Primary School, Northbury Close, Barking	2 to 5 January 2024	5 to 12 years

## SEND Sessions (Siblings welcome)



### The CYPD Hub invites you to Creative Minds

For Children with Disabilities (SEND)

Aged 6-10 years

Siblings welcome

Monday 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> January, 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024

4.00-5.30pm

Becontree Community Hub, Stevens Road, Dagenham, RM8 2QR  
0208 227 5500

**Arts & Crafts**

Get creative with a variety of activities including painting, drawing, making and exploring senses.

(It may get messy so please wear suitable clothing)

**Outdoor Play Area**

Enjoy our fully equipped outdoor area where you can climb, slide, run, pedal and explore.

**Structured Session Time**

We finish our sessions with structure and routine. This includes visual timetable, structured play and Attention Bucket time.

**Instrument Station**

Enjoy our instrument area where you and your child can explore sounds and music together!

### New Booking Process

Creative Minds is now available to book online.

Please go to <https://cypd-hub.10to8.com/> to book your child's space. If link does not work, please copy and paste into browser.

- 1) Select **Creative Minds**
- 2) Select **Book**
- 3) Please complete **one** booking per child by selecting **Add another booking** (this is important as sessions are limited to 20 spaces)
- 4) Please book on the 8<sup>th</sup> January **ONLY**. We will then add you to future dates.
- 5) For technical support please call the CYPD Hub on 0208 227 5500

# SEND Family Workshops (Siblings welcome)



**Barking & Dagenham**

Get ready for an amazing

## Winter Wonderland

Come to the Children and Young people's Disability hub's elf workshop for exciting seasonal crafts, music, games and more.

December 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> 2023

Hourly sessions bookable for Families with Children & Young People with Disabilities living in Barking & Dagenham

Siblings are welcome



Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December and  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

10am-11am

11:30am-12:30pm

4:30pm-5:30pm

6pm-7pm

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December

10am-11am

11:30am-12:30pm

3pm-4pm

4:30pm-5:30pm

6pm-7pm

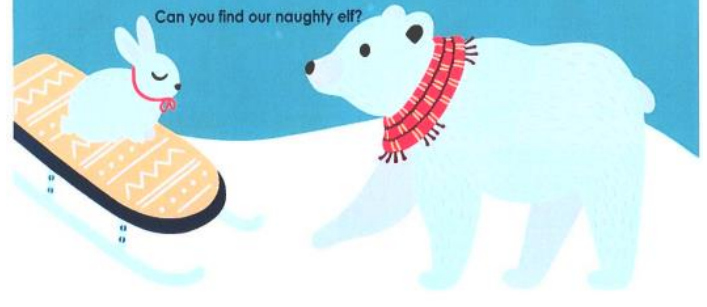


Our elf can't wait to meet all its little helpers at **Becontree Community Hub, Stevens Road, RM8 2QR**

-Please copy and paste the link below for our booking page.

<https://cypd-hub.10to8.com>

Can you find our naughty elf?



## Christmas Events at Valence House

**VALENCE HOUSE**  
A PLACE OF BELONGING



### SEND to Santa

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023

4pm – 6pm



A reduced sensory experience for SEND children to enjoy with their families.

Meet Father Christmas and take part in fun Christmas arts and crafts. £5 per child. Limited spaces available.

**Tickets must be booked in advance by visiting Valence House Reception, or by calling 0208 227 2034.**

(Booking available Tuesday to Saturday 10am – 4.30pm)

Valence House, Becontree Avenue, Dagenham, RM8 3HT  
020 8227 2034  
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**VALENCE HOUSE**  
A PLACE OF BELONGING



### Valence Christmas Market

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2023

11am – 5pm



Join us for a day of festive fun for all the family, pick up special Christmas treats and enjoy festive food and drink while supporting local community stallholders. Free entry. Drop in.



**Over 30 Stalls**



**Mulled Wine and Festive Food**



**Rudolph's Christmas Reindeer Hunt**

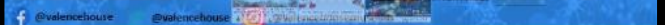


**Christmas Farm**  
Meet the animals from Gemma's Farm.



**Santa's Grotto**  
£3.50 per child. Advanced booking essential. Book at Valence House Reception or call 0208 227 2034.

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# Be a Secret Santa

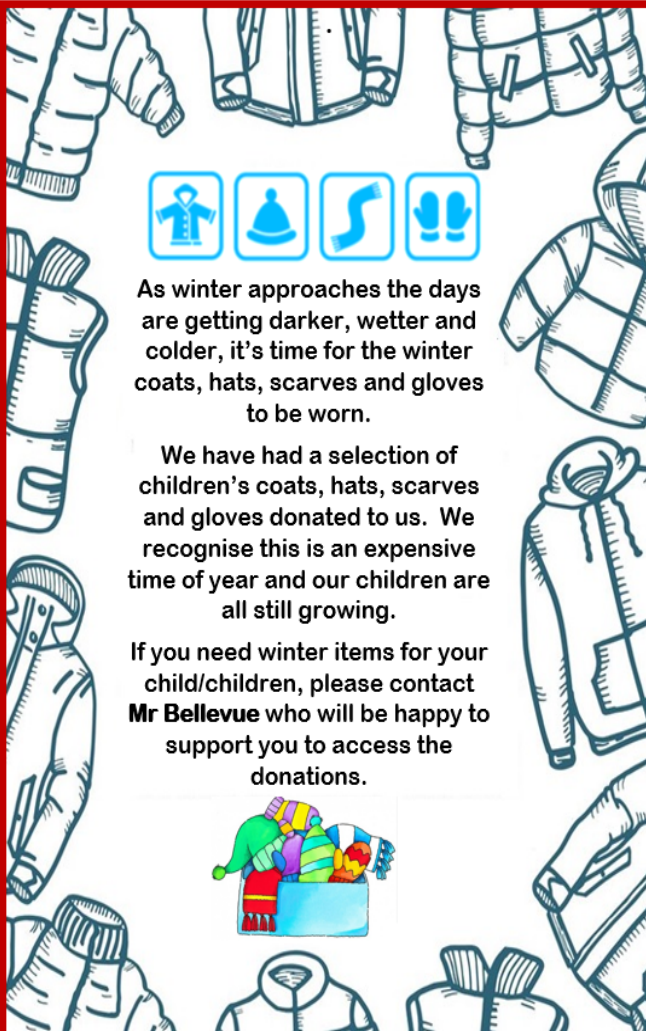
## Christmas Present Appeal


You can help our appeal by donating a new gift to the school which will be presented to a child less fortunate.

For further information, speak to Miss Gosby (Parent Governor)

You can also donate at the following link: <https://gofund.me/cd81801d>

### Warmer Clothing Reminder






As winter approaches the days are getting darker, wetter and colder, it's time for the winter coats, hats, scarves and gloves to be worn.

We have had a selection of children's coats, hats, scarves and gloves donated to us. We recognise this is an expensive time of year and our children are all still growing.

If you need winter items for your child/children, please contact **Mr Bellevue** who will be happy to support you to access the donations.



### Toy Donations



## Second Hand Toy Donation

If you have any unwanted toys in good condition, please donate to the school.

Items such as...



Wooden Puzzles



Fidget toys



Sensory baby & toddler toys



# Mental Health Support Team



## Who are we?

We are four Education Mental Health Practitioner (EMHP), offering early intervention for young people with mild to moderate difficulties. Our team work closely with young people, parents, and school staff to think together about ways to improve mental wellbeing within your school environment

## Who do we work with?

Parents or Carers of pupils from reception to year 6 with mild-moderate levels of:

- **Anxiety** (e.g. fears, phobias, feeling panicky)
- **Challenging behaviour** (e.g. struggling to follow rules, temper tantrums, difficulty following requests)

Whole classes or year groups (delivering assemblies and workshops)



## Aims of our Team

- Provide early psychological support
- Support the school's whole-school approach to wellbeing
- Signposting to specialist service

For more information please speak to your mental health lead or get in touch [MHST.BD@nelft.nhs.uk](mailto:MHST.BD@nelft.nhs.uk)



# 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



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### 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



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# 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**