Hunters Hall Primary School Snippets

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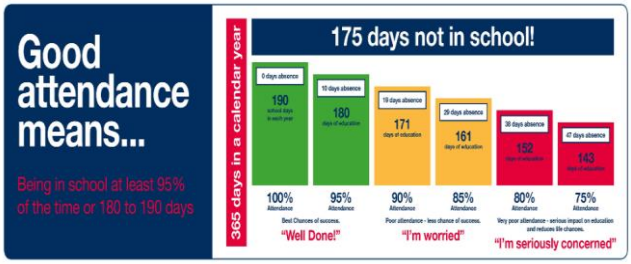
June 2025

Dates for the Diary

Spring Term

Tuesday 24th June – 6AM St Paul's visit
Wednesday 25th June – RIM visit to Mudchute Farm
Thursday 26th June – REL visit to Mudchute Farm
Friday 27th June – Sports Day
Thursday 3rd July – ARP Trip to Kidspace
Thursday 10th July – Yr6 Enterprise Day
Monday 14th July – Nursery Sing-a-long performances 10:40am and 2:30pm
Thursday 17th July – Last day/Party day for Nursery



Attendance Matters

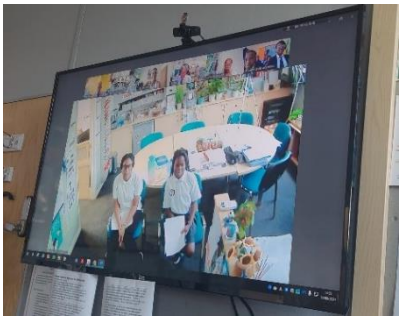
Congratulations to the classes in green 96%+:

Class	Attendance % Present
1DL	99.1
4LG	98.9
3ST	98.4
4DR	98.2
1VR	97.9
REL	97.6
3OZ	96.5
2MR	96.4
RIM	95.4
3MA	95.0
5MK	95.0
6AM	94.5
2FK	94.1
5TH	94.1
RGM	94.0
1GS	93.5
6JN	93.5
4GR	93.4
6AD	93.2
5VE	93.0
2CH	90.0

Dear Parent/Carer,

This week, I have been beaming with pride as a range of events and positive outcomes have occurred.

Yesterday, two very eloquent and passionate year 5s took part in an online global debate where they had to argue against the statement: "Poverty is caused by policy and systemic reasons, not resources." We will find out the result when we attend a global conference on 30th June.



Also taking place yesterday was the Inspire Festive held at Dagenham Park School. This saw members of our school band perform alongside four other schools. The hard-work and dedication that has led up to this performance was evident. I would like to thank Mrs Bright for her expert music tuition.

Meanwhile around the school premises, teachers have been motivating and engaging their children in fun, effective ways. I spotted Miss Liburd carrying out an energetic compass point lesson in the playground, Miss Ede teaching a small group in the school garden, and Miss Thomas and our visiting sports champion – Courtney Tulloch engaging children from Reception through to Year 6 in a physical array of activity.

Next week, I am excited to announce that we will be hosting young people from our partner schools in Nigeria – they will be spending their days with us from Monday until Friday and get to experience the UK education system. Next year, we will be hoping to carry out a reciprocal visit whereby staff and pupils from Hunters Hall will visit Nigeria.

Finally, the school photographers will be in school on two dates (1st & 4th July) this will be to take class and group photos.

Please stay safe in the sun and heat.

https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/seasonal-health/sunscreen-and-sun-safety/

Michael Kaitell,
Headteacher

Team Points

TEAM POINTS		
	Tigers	339
	Bears	446
	Wolves	373
	Sharks	531
	Komodo Dragon	461

Uniform Shop Dates

School uniform can be purchased from 3:00-4:00pm in the dining hall on the following dates:

SCHOOL UNIFORM DIRECT

Wednesday 2nd July
Wednesday 16th July

School Uniform Shop Open
Friday 22nd August – 11:00am-2:00pm
Wednesday 3rd September – 3:00pm-5:00pm

Gold Award Debit Card Recipients

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

Gold Award Recipients

Name	Class	Name	Class
Laicie-Mae Thomas	5TH	Elliott Dias	5TH
Nikodem Budlewski	RGM	Eric Patrick	RGM

Sports Day ~ Friday 27th June

Where: Pondfield

Year 1 & 2 – 9:15-10:00am
Reception –10:15-11:00am
Year 3 & 5 – 11:15-12:00pm
Year 4 & 6 – 1:30-2:15pm

Parent/Carer Handbook

Scan the QR code or visit https://sway.cloud.microsoft/BeyF4UlXJ7lWwliv?ref=Link

School Uniform

School uniform can be purchased from 3:00-4:00pm in the dining hall. The dates vary throughout the year.

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/

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:

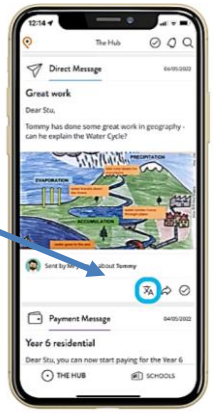
@HuntersHallPS

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.



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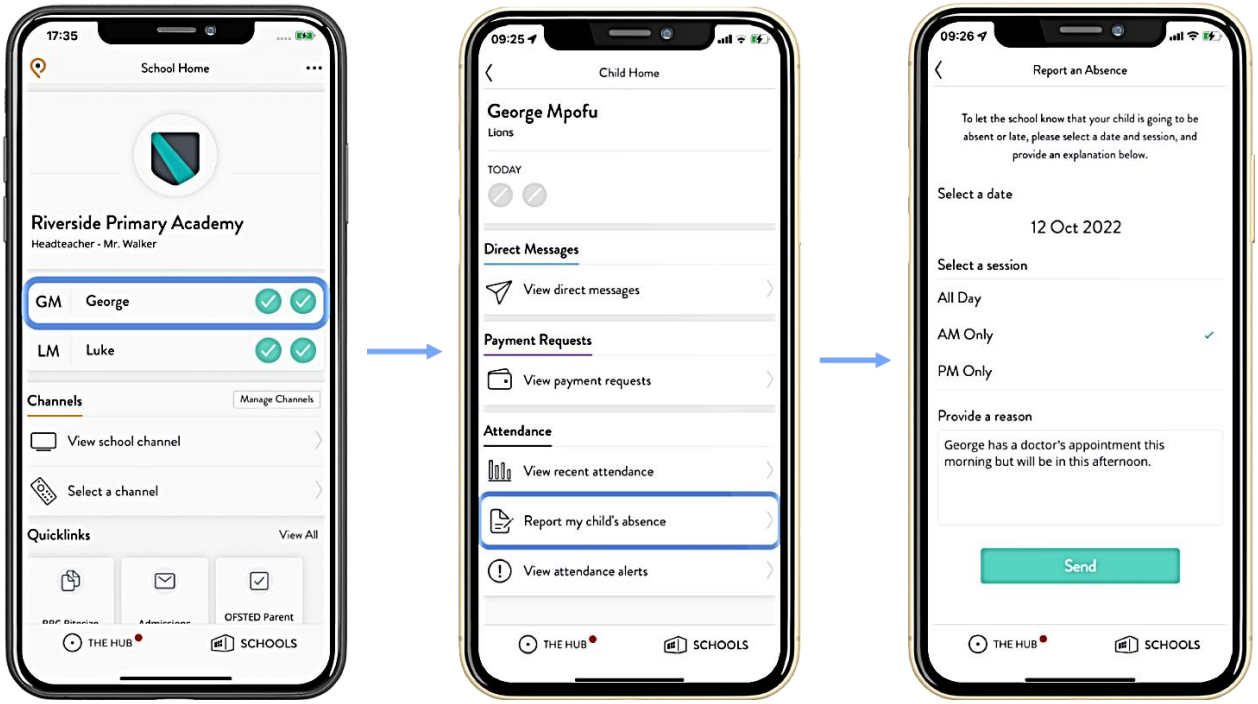
Reporting absence



Uniform Reminder & PE Days 2024-2025

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 (only 2 branded clothing items necessary & 1 branded book bag)

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

More and more children are wearing the incorrect P.E. kit. Proper clothing and footwear are essential in all P.E. lessons for reasons of health and safety and comfort.

◄ The permitted kit is advertised here.

PE Days

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

Swimming is part of the national curriculum. Children in Year 4 & non-swimmers from Year 6 are offered swimming lessons. From time to time, other selected pupils are given this opportunity.

Children must wear suitable and appropriate swimwear and a swimming hat. They must also have a towel, dressing gown and waterproof footwear.

This year, we will operate a mobile swimming pool on the school site.

ATTENDANCE AWARD

Congratulations to Class: 6JN

Your attendance has been rewarded with a non-uniform day on Monday 23rd June.

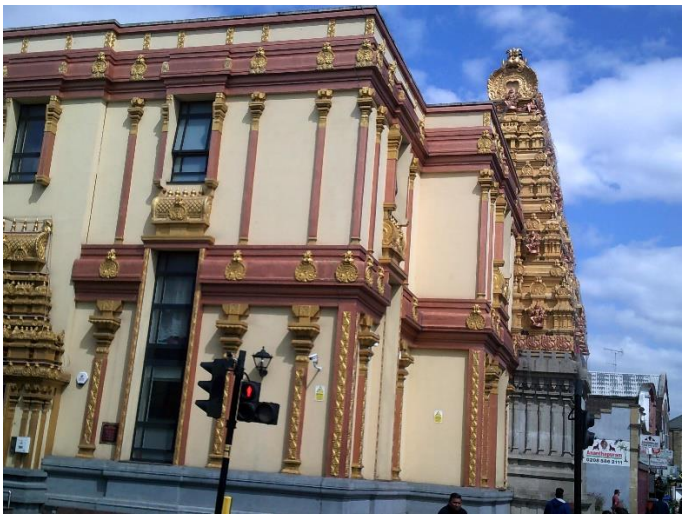
Signature:

Date: 20/06/2025

Well done 6JN

Year 1

On Monday, Year One visited the Sri Mahalakshmi temple. We enjoyed learning about the different deities.



Outdoor Learning

Research has suggested that outdoor learning boosts confidence, social skills, communication, motivation, physical skills, knowledge and

understanding. It has also been found to boost children's self-esteem, self-confidence, ability to work cooperatively and positive attitude to learning.

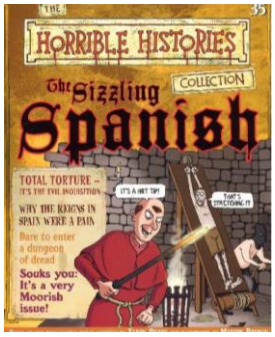
Sun Safety

6AD St Paul's Cathedral Visit

Yesterday, 6AD visited St Paul's Cathedral. It was a good day, we created mosaics, learned about how they made the mosaics in the cathedral and the story behind them ~ Lysandro (6AD)

Reading for Pleasure Matters at Hunters Hall

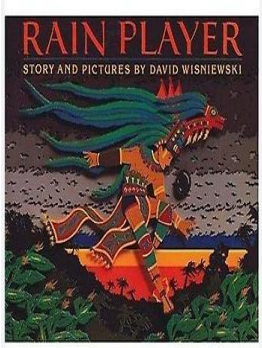
Welcome back to our summer term! As part of our commitment to our school values (Collaboration, Motivation, Preparation, Resilience, Creativity & Curiosity), children continue to experience a broad and balanced curriculum based on our carefully considered topics. In every year group, pupils can be historians, geographers, artists, philosophers, empathisers and critical thinkers. Each week we will showcase a different year group, suggesting books that will support and extend current learning. This week we are focusing on the Year 5!



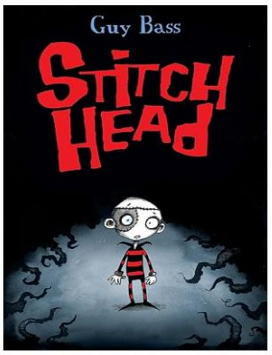
Geography:

In our Geography lessons we are learning about Spain. This book gives information about the Spanish and their old torture techniques. It also includes:

- Total Torture - it's the evil inquisition
- Why the reigns in Spain were a pain
- Dare to enter a dungeon of dread
- Souks you: It's a very Moorish issue!



Last term, we read the 'Rainplayer' by David Wisniewski.
The ancient Maya civilisation is the setting for this original tale, inspired by the Maya belief that fate is divinely decreed and cannot be changed. When a terrible drought is predicted, a young ball player challenges the rain god to a game of pok-a-tok, hoping to win the rain and save his people. If you enjoyed this book, you might enjoy Sumo Mouse and Golem.



Storytime:

In class, the children have been enjoying the story Stitch Head by Guy Bass. Stitch Head is about a tiny boy who was Professor Erasmus's first ever creation. Erasmus makes all kinds of monsters with multiple limbs or missing eyes, and he does all this within the walls of Castle Grotteskew in the town of Grubbers Nubbin. Why not read the other books in the same collection?

2025/2026 School Calendar

LONDON BOROUGH OF BARKING AND DAGENHAM SCHOOL TERM DATES AND HOLIDAYS 2025/2026

3 September 2025 – First Day of Autumn Term for Pupils

INSET Days (No Pupils)

Friday 17th July 2026 = Last Day of Summer Term

SEPTEMBER 2025

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AUGUST 2026

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Bank Holidays

School Holidays

Active Future and Barking & Dagenham Council

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FREE HAF CAMP

Book Your FREE Days Now!

Active Future and Barking & Dagenham Council are bringing you a FREE holiday camp for children on benefits-related Free School Meals!
Packed with NERF battles, dodgeball, team challenges, and healthy cooking workshops, kids will stay active, build confidence, and have fun. Plus, a hot meal and breakfast are provided daily. Spaces are limited so sign up now!

WHEN

Monday to Thursday, 10am–2pm

28th July – 21st August 2025
(4 weeks)

WHERE

Goresbrook Primary School, Cook Road, Dagenham, London, RM9 6XW

AGE

5-12 years

BOOK NOW

To book, scan the QR code and complete your registration form:

bit.ly/4jQyuRF

CONTACT US

afeastlondon@activefuture.info

07435700515 (WhatsApp Available)

Active Future East London

Barking & Dagenham

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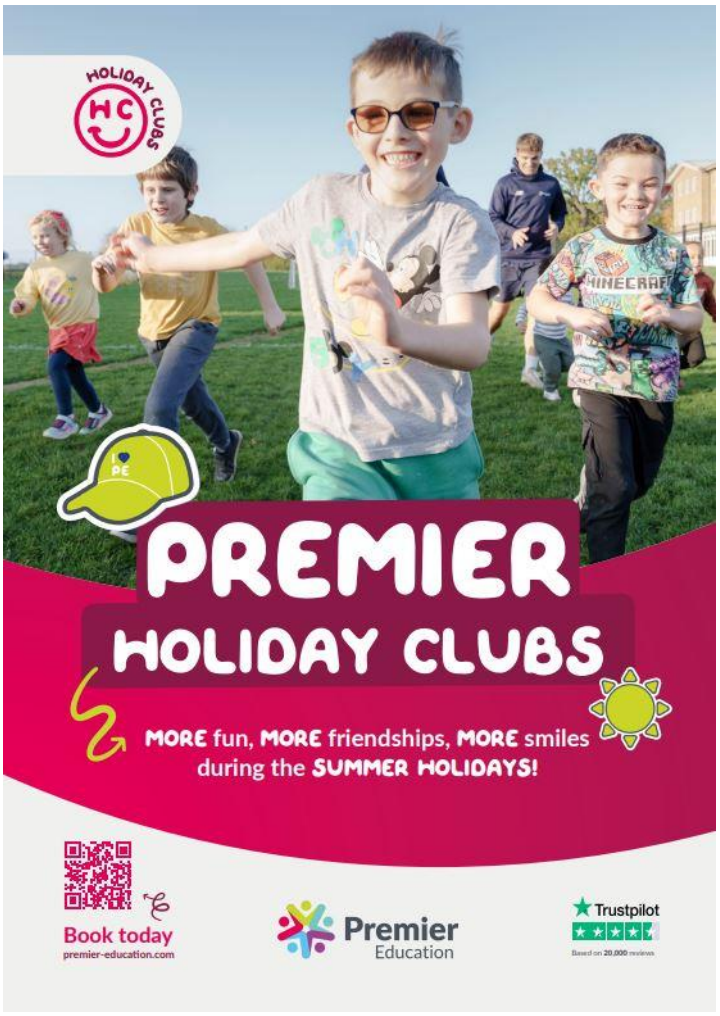
HAF Summer Activities

Take part in a Summer holiday to remember in Barking and Dagenham

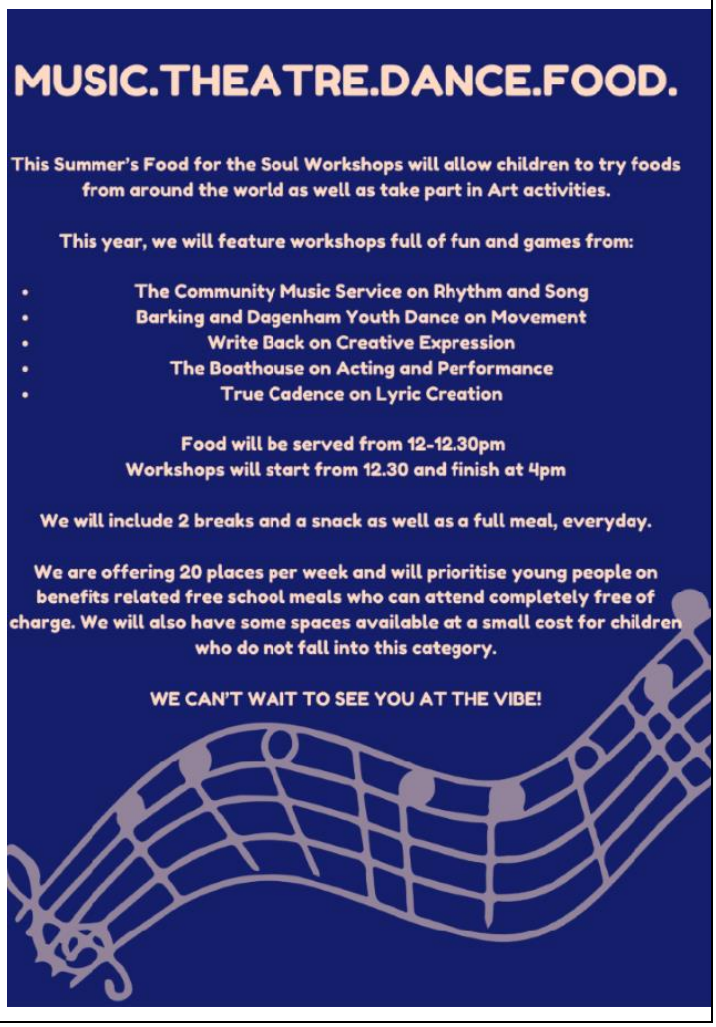
Location	Venue	Dates	Age Group
RM9 6XW	Active Future – Summer Camp @ Goresbrook School	28/7/25 to 21/8/25	5 to 12
RM8 2FL	ARTBASH Camp OXYGEN @ Manor Longbridge School	28/7/25 to 7/8/25	5 to 11
RM8 3AR	Ballerz Summer Camp @ Valence Primary School	28/7/25 to 14/8/25	5 to 11
IG11 8JA	Ballerz Summer Camp @ Northbury Primary School	28/7/25 to 14/8/25	5 to 11
IG11 7JR	Carter Productions & Co - Frames & Movement @ Galleon Arts Centre	4/8/25 to 8/8/25	8 to 11 (KS2)
IG11 7JR	Carter Productions & Co - Frames & Movement @ Galleon Arts Centre Boundary Road, Barking	28/07/25 to 15/08/25	11 to 16 (KS2/KS3)
IG11 0AN	Holiday Musical Theatre Club – Super Summer Edition! @ The Wilds Barking Riverside	28/07/25 to 21/08/25	5 to 11
RM8 2UT	Music.Theatre.Dance.Food @ The Vibe Youth Centre	28/07/25 to 14/08/25	5 to 12
IG11 8TA	Explore the Wild @ Outdoor Bowls Pavilion	28/07/25 to 07/08/25	7 to 11
RM9 5YX	The Future Youth Zone Summer Camp @ Future Youth Zone	28/07/25 to 21/08/25	8 to 12
RM6 5NR	Premier Education Summer Camp @ Rose Lane Primary School	28/07/25 to 21/08/25	4 to 12
IG11 9AG	Premier Education Summer Camp @ Manor Junior School	28/07/25 to 21/08/25	4 to 12
RM9 4BL	Premier Education Summer Camp @ Roding Primary School	28/07/25 to 21/08/25	4 to 12
RM10 9NJ	Premier Education Summer Camp @ Marsh Green Primary School	28/07/25 to 21/08/25	4 to 12
RM9 6UU	Inspire Minds Through Sports Summer Camp @ St Peter's RC Primary School	28/07/25 to 14/08/25	4 to 12
IG11 0LG	Inspire Minds Through Sports Summer Camp @ Thames View Infants School	28/07/25 to 07/08/25	5 to 8
RM9 6XW	Active Future Summer Camp @ Goresbrook School	28/07/25 to 21/08/25	5 to 13
RM10 9JS	Kick Summer Dance Camp @ William Ford CE Dagenham	28/07/25 to 21/08/25	6 to 13
RM10 9JS	Kick Summer Football Camp @ William Ford CE Dagenham	28/07/25 to 21/08/25	6 to 13
IG11 7DR	Learning Hive Summer Camp @ Gascoigne Primary school	28/07/25 to 21/08/25	5 to11
RM9 6NH	Malearn @ Thomas Arnold Primary School, Dagenham	28/07/25 to 21/08/25	4 to 11
RM10 8UR	Omega Sportz LTD Summer Camp @ John Perry Primary School	28/07/25 to 21/08/25	4 to 12
IG11 0FJ	Pullums Dance Academy Summer Camp @ George Carey Primary School	28/07/25 to 21/08/25	5 to 16
RM10 7FH	Everyone Active Summer Camp @ Becontree Heath Leisure Centre	28/07/25 to 21/08/25	Under 8's
RM10 7FH	Everyone Active Summer Camp @ Becontree Heath Leisure Centre	28/07/25 to 21/08/25	Over 8's
RM10 9YR	Sportworks Summer Camp @ Leys Primary School (SEND Provision)	28/07/25 to 21/08/25	6 to 14
RM10 7YP	DABD – HAF Summer Camp for SEND children @ Pembroke Gardens	28/07/25 to 21/08/25	5 to 16
RM7 0XU	The Football Fun Factory Summer Camp @ Barking & Dagenham College, Rush Green campus	28/07/25 to 14/08/25	5 to 12
RM9 4UN	The Football Fun Factory Summer Camp @ The Jo Richardson Community School	18/08/25 to 21/08/25	5 to 12
RM8 2JR	TKO Summer Sports HAF Camp @ TKO Boxing Club, Jim Peters Stadium	28/07/25 to 21/08/25	11 to 16
RM10 7PR	True Cadence Summer Camp @ Heath Park Community Centre	04/08/25 to 07/08/25	8 to 11
RM10 7HX	Ultimate Vision Sports Summer Camp @ William Bellamy Primary School	28/07/25 to 31/07/25	5 to 12
IG11 7FP	Ultimate Vision Sports Summer Camp @ Ripple Primary School	04/08/25 to 07/08/25	5 to 12
IG11 7DR	Ultimate Vision Sports Summer Camp @ Gascoigne Primary School	18/08/25 to 21/08/25	5 to 12
RM8 3EX	Ultimate Vision Sports Summer Camp @ Grafton Primary School	11/08/25 to 14/08/25	5 to 12
RM6 5NR	Urban Promise Summer Camp @ St Marks Church Centre	04/08/25 to 07/08/25	5 to 11
RM8 1AL	Your Sport Summer Camp @ Robert Clack School	04/08/25 to 07/08/25	5 to 11
RM8 1AL	Your Sport Summer Camp @ Robert Clack School (Secondary pupils)	28/07/25 to 31/07/25	12 to 16
RM8 2XJ	Your Sport Summer Camp @ St. Teresa RC Primary School	11/08/25 to 14/08/25	5 to 11

Learning Hive – Summer Camp

Premier Holiday Clubs



Summer Food for the Soul Workshops



NHS
Providing NHS services

Most pharmacies can help you with seven common conditions without needing a GP appointment

- **Sinusitis**
  (adults and children aged 12 years and over)
- **Sore throat**
  (adults and children aged 5 years and over)
- **Earache**
  (children and young adults aged 1 year to 17 years)
- **Infected insect bite**
  (adults and children aged 1 year and over)
- **Impetigo**
  (adults and children aged 1 year and over)
- **Shingles**
  (adults aged 18 years and over)
- **Urinary tract infection**
  (women, aged 16 to 64 years)

Ask your pharmacy for more information about this free* NHS service

Visit your Pharmacy First!

*NHS prescription charge rules apply where a medicine is supplied

New After School Club from September 3pm-6pm

https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/4077/?location=dagenham&distance=1.0&distance=1.0&type%5b%5d=WAC

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 assembles 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

Barking and Dagenham Primary school Staff

Breakfast Club

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.

Donations Wanted

WANTED

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM

DONATIONS NEEDED

A big thank you to everyone who has previously donated. We always need more good quality pre-loved 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

RockSteady

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

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