

EYFS Newsletter

Autumn 1
10th October 2025



Chisenhale
Primary School

Confidence • Curiosity • Kindness

WE ARE A UNICEF GOLD
RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL

Children's rights are learned, understood
and lived in this school.



Celebrations & Events

We will be celebrating **Harvest Festival** in school on **Friday 17th October**.

Next week we will be collecting **Harvest Festival** donations of **non-perishable food** (tins and packets) and **toiletries** for the Bow Food Bank.



Harvest Festival



Next Friday Reception Classes will have a drama session led by the Drama4All organisation.



A photographer will be in school on **Thursday 23rd October** to take individual and sibling group photographs.

Marvellous Mornings

In the morning we open the Vivian Road gate from **8.45am to 9am**.

Thank you for your support in helping your child separate from you at the gate – it is helping to ensure that all the children in the cohort experience a calm start to their day.

Similarly it would be helpful if children arrive by **9am** as our routines and teaching sessions are timed to begin promptly and all staff are then engaged in supporting the teaching and learning of the class. If children arrive late they will inevitably need help to settle and join their peers.

Reception have their phonics input each day from **9-9.30am** and this is key learning which is built on daily and incrementally. If children are regularly missing part or all of this session they will quickly fall behind their peers.

Parent Open Afternoon

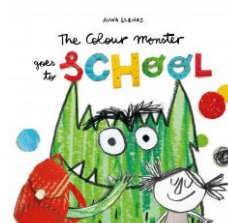
At the end of this half term on **Friday 24th October** from **2-3pm** you will have an opportunity to visit your child's classroom.

All welcome!

Half Term Holiday

The half-term holiday will be from **Monday 27th October** - **Friday 31st October**.

This Week in the EYFS



In Sun Class we have been reading '**The Colour Monster**' & '**The Colour Monster goes to School**' by **Anna Llenas**. Our word of the week has been '**feelings**' as the Colour Monster changes colour in response to his feelings. We have been talking about our own feelings. We worked together to create a 'confused' colour monster (which was rainbow coloured). We learned to sing and signalong to the song '**I Can Sing a Rainbow**'. We have begun the Think Equal PHSE programme by thinking about how we are all special and unique. In mathematics we have explored how to use **pictographs** to record our favourite colour.

This week Reception classes have continued their work related to the book '**Stanley's Stick**' by **John Hegley**. They have been exploring the sequence of events in the story and making predictions about what will happen next. They have also been writing a review of the story. They have been using sticks to write in sand. This week they have created their own stick person and they look amazing! In the Tower Hamlets Phonics Programme the children have continued learning the letter-sound correspondence for letters of the alphabet in turn. This week they have continued their phonics learning **C & K**. We have also introduced the tricky words **A, I, the, is & to**. These are words which we have to learn to read and write as they are not phonically regular. In mathematics they have been making repeating patterns.

Book Bags & Reading

As you may be aware, Reception children now have a daily phonics lesson. This supports them to read simple books independently after the first few weeks of the programme.

Every child in Reception has now been issued with a '**Bug Club**' book. These books include only the letters, sounds and 'tricky words' which the children have encountered in the programme and therefore should be able to read independently.

Please support your child by encouraging them to read you the same book daily. After reading please replace the book in their book bag which should be brought to school each day.

Books will be changed **every Friday**.

NB: New books will not be issued until the previous one has been returned.

Clothing, Water Bottles & Lost Property

Play with water, mud, paint and sand are essential experiences for children in the Early Years which have important developmental learning outcomes. We encourage this exploration, **but it can get messy!**

Therefore, please ensure that your child has a **spare set of clothes** in their changing bag at school in case they get wet or dirty. If your child needs to change we will send the dirty clothes home in a plastic bag in their changing bag for you to return the next day.

Children also need to continue to bring a **water bottle** into school every day. Please make sure it is named.

All personal property should be labelled clearly with your child's name and class!

It will help us to help your child to learn to look after their property.
Friday is non-uniform day at Chisenhale Primary School