

EYFS Newsletter

Autumn 1
17th 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



In the final weeks of this half term the Nursery children will be introduced to **Black History Month** through story, art and music.



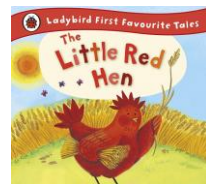
Photo Day

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

This Week in the EYFS

Our word of the week in Sun Nursery has been **Harvest** ahead of our whole school celebration of **Harvest Festival** on Friday. We enjoyed reading and role playing **'The Little Red Hen'**. We made a story map and some character puppets and got very good at the dialogue! We also followed a recipe to make bread rolls – and then we ate them! We

learned the rhymes **'Oats, Peas, Beans and Barley Grow'** and **'Dingle Dangle Scarecrow'**. In mathematics we enjoyed exploring and identifying 2d shapes. This week we have continued the **'Think Equal'** programme by thinking about how unique and special each member of Sun Class is!



Reception classes have begun their **Black History Month** study by looking at the life and art of the British Nigerian artist **Yinka Shonibare** and have been creating their own portraits and sculptures inspired by his work. In the Tower Hamlets phonics programme the children have learned the digraph **ck, e & u** and are continuing to practice reading the Tricky Words **I, the, is, to, no, go & of**. In mathematics they have been focusing on the numbers **1, 2 & 3**. They have been finding and matching and subitising quantities in this range and practising reading and writing the numerals. They have also been learning a song about kindness, which they hope to share with you next Friday. On Friday Reception Classes also enjoyed a drama session led by the Drama4All organisation themed on 'Knights, Dragons and Princesses'. They are part of the Perform organisation who offer drama, dance and singing classes for 4-12 year old children at Victoria Park Baptist Church.

Thank you for all the donations for our Harvest Festival today.

White Rose Maths Reception Jigsaw trial

We are delighted to confirm that Chisenhale Primary School has been selected to take part in the White Rose Maths Reception Jigsaw trial. This means that this year our staff will be receiving training and resources which will develop the mathematics provision and teaching and learning for children in the EYFS.

The programme is underpinned by strong principles of early years mathematics teaching, specifically: learning through play; opportunities to explore and investigate through classroom provision; starting from and building on children's interests; using real objects in meaningful contexts to introduce mathematics learning; and the role of the adult in supporting and enhancing learning through a balance of adult-led and child-initiated activities. It is designed to improve whole class teaching practice within regular class time.

Parent Open Afternoon

Next **Friday 24th October** you are all welcome to attend our **Family Open Afternoon** from 2-3pm.

On this day you will be able to visit your child's classroom and see some of the things that they have been learning and doing during the first half term of this year.

Half Term Holiday

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

Clothing, Water Bottles & Lost Property

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.

We would welcome donations of carrier bags as our stocks are running low!

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