



Celebrations & Events



Photo Day

Next **Tuesday** (21st April) the photographer will be in school to take class group photographs of all the children with their teachers. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately (in school uniform).

Sun Nursery classes are going to **Mudchute City Farm** for a farm tour. As we are such a large class we will be going in two groups on **Thursday 23rd & Tuesday 28th April**. Both groups will be leaving around 9.15am and will return to school after lunch.

We would welcome parent volunteers to accompany us. **Please let the EYFS team know if you are willing and able to join.**



Reception Classes will be visiting **Stepney City Farm** this half term. **Caperillies** will be going on **Tuesday 12th May**, and **Crossbills** on **Wednesday 13th May**. Both classes plan to leave school around 11.15am and return for the end of the school day. They will therefore require either a home or school packed lunch on the day of their trip **More information to follow.**

No toys from home please!

Please remind your children not to bring in their toys from home. These invariably get mislaid and this leads to distress.

Half Term

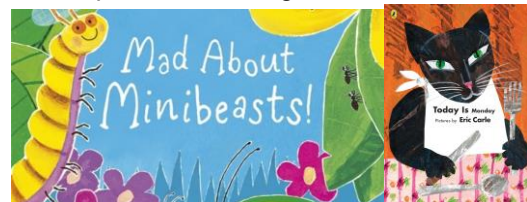
School will be closed for **Half Term** from **Monday 25th May**. School reopens on **Monday 1st June**.

We are also closed on **Monday 4th May** (Bank Holiday) & **Thursday 7th May** (Local Elections)

This Week in the EYFS

We have welcomed three new children to Sun Nursery this week. We also sadly had to say farewell to Stevie on Friday, as his family are moving out of the area. We wish them every happiness in their new home and school.

In **Nursery** our word of the week has been **letters** as we have been thinking about the progress we have been making in reading and writing our names. We enjoyed reading some books by **Eric Carle** – **'Today is Monday'** & **'From Head to Toe'** and had fun learning the songs and the actions together. We thought about our favourite foods and collaged a plate to decorate the lunch area. In the Think Equal programme we have been thinking about how we can use our **'Helping Hands'** to be kind and helpful to everyone. We also thought about all the people who help us. We talked about what we wanted to do when we grow up. We have added **Rr** to the letters that we can name and sound in our phonic knowledge.



Reception classes topic work has been all about **'Minibeasts'** this week. They have gained new knowledge through non-fiction texts, reading stories, singing songs and performing. They enjoyed a Minibeast themed 'Now Press Play' experience and also participated in an Artemis workshop which included singing and movement. Their phonics focus has been the words ending **-air** and **-ure**. In mathematics they have been exploring repeating patterns.

Financial implications of trips

Although we are able to access local sites (such as Victoria Park) for free, in the EYFS we like to take children on trips that enrich our curriculum.

This often involves a cost: e.g the recent Sun Nursery Class trip to the Soanes Centre at Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park cost £250 altogether. As you may be aware, school budgets are currently under unprecedented pressure. We now need to undertake more careful financial planning before booking any trips or visits.

If you have over-looked any payments for trips/visits that your child has participated in during this year we would welcome late payment via Arbor/cash or ask at the office.

Reception Classes 2026-2027

If you have a child in Nursery who is due to be starting Reception at Chisenhale Primary School in September 2026 you should have received a letter confirming that you have a place and informing you of some of the key dates to support this transition that are coming up in the second half of the Summer Term.

We thank you for choosing Chisenhale and look forward to continuing our partnership to support your child over the next academic year.

Clothing & Lost Property

Please ensure spare clothes are replenished and returned in their changing bags.

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