

5th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well as we begin another exciting academic year at Chisenhale Primary School. It has been absolutely lovely to see everyone back and to start getting to know our new pupils who have joined our school community.

I am delighted to share that all the children have settled really well into their new classes and routines. There has been a wonderfully calm and productive atmosphere around the school, which speaks volumes about how ready our pupils are to learn and grow together this year.

For our new families, I just wanted to remind you that Fridays are non-uniform days at Chisenhale so children can wear their own clothes. In addition, children can come in their PE kits on the days when they do PE – your child's teacher will let you know when this is. Otherwise, all children should be wearing our school uniform of white or navy-blue polo shirts or white school shirts, navy jumpers, cardigans or hoodies, and navy blue trousers, skirts, shorts or tracksuit bottoms. Navy blue and white gingham dresses can also be worn while the weather is still warm. Children should also bring a jacket, school bag and named water bottle every day.

This week, our children in Years 1-6 have all been reading 'What We'll Build' by Oliver Jeffers. It is lovely to start the year with everyone thinking about the year ahead and what we can achieve together as a school community. Our Early Years pupils will also be enjoying this inspiring book in the coming weeks, ensuring that all our pupils share in this positive start to the academic year. Our assembly today was about National Read a Book Day, which is tomorrow. This day is an opportunity to remind ourselves how nice it is to sit down with a good book and quietly read. I encourage you to share a book together as a family tomorrow - perhaps you could read 'What We'll Build' or choose another favourite to enjoy together.

On our recent staff training day, all staff completed essential training on safeguarding, including learning about the risks of AI and how to keep our pupils safe in an increasingly digital world. Additionally, all staff refreshed their first aid qualifications to ensure we maintain the highest standards of care and safety for your children throughout the school day.

I would like to draw your attention to a valuable resource that may be of interest to your families. You can sign up for the Tower Hamlets Healthy Lives Families Newsletter here: [sign up](#). This newsletter provides useful information and support for families across our local area.

I am thrilled to remind you about the Chisenhale Street Party and Arts Festival taking place next Saturday, 13th September. Following last year's brilliant event, it looks set to be another fantastic day filled with workshops, music, dancing, and so much more. This wonderful community celebration brings together families and local residents for a day of creativity and fun. It should be a great day, and we hope many of you can attend.

Congratulations are in order for Riona in Year 6, who achieved a distinction in her Grade 1 trumpet exam in July. This is a fantastic achievement that demonstrates the dedication and talent of our pupils both in and out of school.

Finally, I would like to wish the very best of luck to the parents and staff members who are running the 'Big Half' marathon this weekend. Their commitment and energy are truly inspiring, and I am particularly pleased that all money raised will be used to support Chisenhale pupils to attend the residential trip in Year 5 to Gorsefield in

Essex, regardless of family circumstances. This ensures that every child has the opportunity to participate in this valuable educational experience. If you would like to support teacher Willow, please contribute here:

<https://2025thebighalf.enthuse.com/pf/willow-clark> And to support parent Joe Ruddock, also running, please look here: <https://2025thebighalf.enthuse.com/pf/joe-ruddock>

Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to working with you all throughout this academic year.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gemma Anidi', written in a cursive style.

Gemma Anidi

Headteacher