

Little Ilford Schools News & Events  
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# Magazine

# INLINE

**COURAGE  
COMMITMENT  
COMPASSION**

In this edition: Art, Jack Petchey Award, School Production and  
much more...

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of this term, I would like to take this opportunity to send my warmest regards to you and your families on behalf of everyone here at Little Ilford School.

The end of the term is naturally a time for reflection and gratitude. Looking back over the past few months, I am struck by the resilience and spirit of our school community. Our students have shown a fantastic commitment to their learning, and I am equally proud of our staff, who have worked tirelessly to create an enriching environment full of unique opportunities beyond the standard curriculum.

This term has been filled with remarkable achievements and enriching experiences for our students:

- Our RP students have embraced the outdoors, participating in canoeing, Valentines Park visits, cycling at the Olympic Park, Cable Car visits over Royal Docks and visiting Mudchute Farm.
- We were proud to see our students represent the school at the Newham Pupil Parliament and engage with history through the “History of Gaming” visit.
- It has been a busy term for PE, with the Year 10 football team reaching the semi-final of the Newham Cup, and fantastic participation in many other sports from Netball, Volleyball, Handball, Basketball and many others.
- The Art department launched the “Art Auction 2026,” showcasing the incredible talent of our 2025 leavers to raise funds for this year’s Prom.
- Our Year 10 students recently completed a successful week of Work Experience, gaining invaluable insights into the professional world.
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The list really could go on!

### **Year 11 Examinations:**

As we approach exam season, please support your child by reviewing their timetable and locations. It is vital that students adhere to strict regulations; **mobile phones are strictly prohibited** in exam halls, and failure to comply can lead to disqualification.

We encourage students to find a revision style that suits them, be it mind maps, cue cards, or

online quizzes via [Oak Academy](#). To help them stay on track, we recommend downloading a revision planning tool to map out topics. [Revision guide for helpful techniques](#).

Please also note the intervention sessions running during the holidays and on Saturdays; the full schedule can be found here: [Holiday Schedule - Saturday sessions](#).

### **Attendance and Support for all students**

To ensure every student reaches their full potential, I would like to reinforce the importance of high attendance. Consistent presence is the foundation of academic success, and we encourage every student to aim for **100% attendance**.

### **Free School Meal Support:**

We are pleased to share that Newham Council is once again providing funding for food vouchers for families eligible for statutory (benefits-related) Free School Meals.

- Students in Reception through to Year 11 who currently receive statutory FSM will be eligible to receive them.
- £10 per child for the holiday period.
- Vouchers will be sent via text and/or email using the Wonde system.
- These will be distributed on the final day of term.

### **Holiday Activity opportunities:**

Please take a moment to review the following resources:

- <https://eequ.org/newhamhaf>
- <https://www.newham.gov.uk/children-families/holiday-activities-food-haf-programme>

We look forward to welcoming all students back to school on: Monday, 13th April 2026 Start Time: 8:20 am (Gates close) Timetable: Week A Thank you for your ongoing trust and support of our school. I wish you a very joyful, peaceful, restful holiday and Happy Easter to all of you who are celebrating.

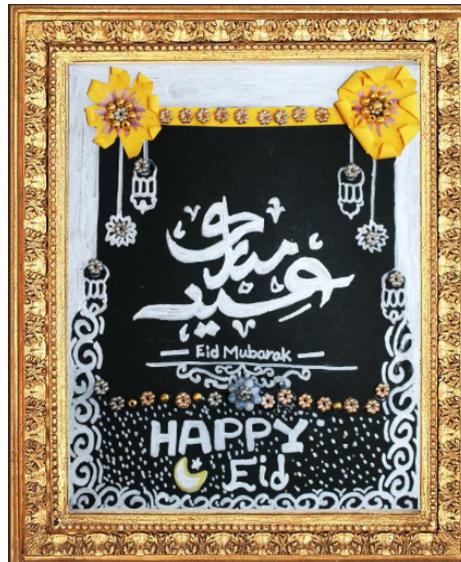
Kind regards,  
Mr Finn  
Headteacher

# EID CARD COMPETITION

Every year, we hold an Eid Card Competition

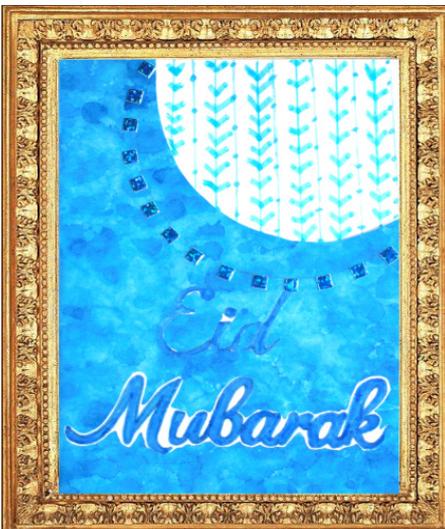


1st Place Winner



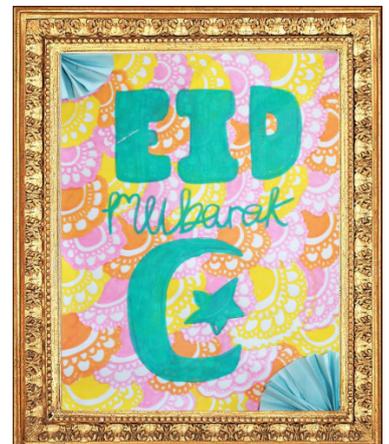
Tazin 10.2

2nd Place Winner



Ayaana 8.10

3rd Place Winner



Siyana 7.3

# LIS ART AUCTION

Auctioning last year's Leavers' artwork to raise money for prom 2026

We are delighted to announce that the Art Auction 2026 raised £130 in support of this year's Prom. Thank you to everyone who

took part and placed a bid, your support is greatly appreciated. Congratulations to all our successful bidders!

A special thank you to Amos, Amjad, Mahian, Kayla and Hawa from the Prom Committee for their enthusiasm and dedication in encouraging staff to get involved.



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The following artworks were successfully sold in support of **Prom 2026!**

# FULHAM VS CHELSEA

Premier League, football, amazing seats and a great atmosphere at Craven Cottage

On Wednesday, January 7th, a group of our students enjoyed a spectacular evening of Premier League football at Craven Cottage, watching the intense West London derby between Fulham and Chelsea.

The atmosphere was electric from the moment we arrived at the historic riverside ground. We were incredibly fortunate to have prime seats right behind the goal, giving the students a “player’s eye” view of every save, tackle, and goal. Being that close

Students expressing their concerns against the cost of living

Council member Nawal, and council member Rita confidently raised important concerns about the cost of living and its impact on families in Newham, showing real awareness and passion for their community.

The afternoon started with some ‘shopping’ with a budget of £100 and then into a debate on the topic of the Cost of Living.

to the action allowed everyone to truly appreciate the speed and physicality of professional football. Beyond the score line, it was a fantastic opportunity for the students to experience the heritage of one of London’s oldest stadiums and witness the debut of Chelsea’s new head coach, Liam Rosenior, watching from the stands.

It was a memorable night of sport and community, and we are already looking forward to our next stadium outing!



## STUDENT PARLIAMENT

We are very proud of our students for representing our school with such confidence and maturity.



# YOUNG ARTISTS SUMMER SHOW - SUBMISSION 2026

**RA** Royal  
Academy  
of Arts

Year 9 students creating portraits to take part in YASS 2026

Year 9 students worked independently to create a powerful series of portraits and slogans exploring identity through social art. They have experimented with typography and composition using watercolours and coloured pencils to create a collaborative piece of art, inspired by Bob Robertha Smith and Shepard Fairey. Their work gives a voice to the issues they care about and the people that inspire them.

Congratulations to all the students selected to take part in YASS 2026!

Roumaissa 9.12

Fathima 9.4

Thisha 9.2

Cawaadhif 9.4

Afreen 9.5

Dev 9.5

Yasmin 9.3

Kanaysa 9.5

Estefania 9.6

Ajwa 9.6

Rukayat 9.8

Sayma 9.7

Salwa 9.8

Marwa 9.7

Sulaiman 9.8

Alishba 9.4

Fahmida 9.5

Mahmuda 9.8

Hana 9.12

Arnav 9.2

**Let's keep our fingers crossed for this year's competition.**



# HEALTHY SCHOOLS WEEK

Encouraging a healthy lifestyle with a variety of sports and food

## A Fresh Take on Nutrition

The canteen served as our nutritional hub, offering a bespoke menu of healthy, appetising meals. The positive feedback from students highlighted a key lesson of the week: what we put into our bodies is just as vital as how we move them. These nutritious options provided the essential fuel for a very active five days.

## Shaking Up the Curriculum

The PE Department redefined the traditional gym lesson by introducing Alternative Activities. By moving away from standard sports, these sessions focused on pure engagement, inspiring students who might not typically enjoy PE to find a form of movement they truly love.

## Competition and Spirit

The competitive energy across our tournaments was outstanding.

**Football:** Incredible teamwork and sportsmanship across all year groups.

**Basketball & Dodgeball:** Fast-paced and wonderfully chaotic, showcasing our students' agility and reflexes.

## Reaching New Heights

Our Wellbeing Trip to the Reach Climbing Wall took many students out of their comfort zones. This excursion was about more than physical strength—it required problem-solving, trust, and courage. Every student pushed their limits, returning with a profound sense of accomplishment.

## Community Finale: Wanstead Flats Parkrun

Despite the morning chill, it was inspiring to see students, staff, and families running, jogging, and walking together.

A massive thank you to all staff and students who made the week a success. Let's keep the momentum going: **Healthier Choices, Happier Minds!**



# LIS ANNUAL SCIENCE FAIR

Hosted yearly for our feeder Primary Schools - showing them the world of Science



National Youth Theatre came in to perform to our Year 8 and 9 students

We were fortunate enough to be able to host the National Youth Theatre to come in and perform 'My Brother's A Genius' in the comfort of our own Auditorium!

This performance was all about navigating and exploring identity, ambition and labels. As an inclusive and diverse school, this performance resonated with our students and sparked conversations of all different topics.

Little Ilford School recently hosted its annual inter-school science fair, organised by Ms. Sultana, providing primary students a prestigious stage to present projects developed within the Science transition programme.

This collaborative event serves as a vital academic bridge between KS2 and KS3 Science, ensuring a smooth curriculum handoff while celebrating the scientific achievements of our local feeder schools.

By showcasing these impressive works to the wider community, the fair reinforces a shared commitment to fostering the next generation of scientific innovators.

It was an enjoyable experience for all and we look forward to next year.

## 'MY BROTHERS A GENIUS'



# SARA SAMRA: ARTIST WORKSHOP

Artist visit teaching our students how to share stories conceptually and creatively



Our Art department had a visiting artist from a charity called 'Never Such Innocence'. Sara Samra led the workshop and students made sculptures of shoes representing different people journey's and stories leaving places of conflict and war.

Artist Sara asked students to imagine the world from another person's perspective.



Year 10 students go out in to the world of work for a week - learning new skills

Our Year 10s have been out in the community getting a taste of professional life for their Work experience week.

We have received wonderful feedback from local businesses and schools. Employers have been particularly impressed by the maturity and work ethic of our students. Most students have absolutely loved the opportunity to step into the working world, gaining confidence and new skills.

We are incredibly proud of how Year 10 has represented our school.

## YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE



# CRAFT CLUB

Students making their own keychains during a weekly extracurricular club

## Year 7 lunchtime Craft Club

Over the past few months, year 7s have been demonstrating their commitment to learning and furthering their creativity by attending craft club every Thursday lunchtime. Here, they have been learning how to create their own amazing keychains and proving that the best accessories aren't bought - they're made!

### The Creative Process

The students followed a full design-and-make process:

- **The Blueprint:** Students started with sketches, planning out everything from miniature food items to snowmen.
- **The Sculpt:** Using polymer clay, they learned how to squash, roll, and shape their designs into 3D charms.
- **The Bake:** Once the designs were perfected, it was time for the oven. This is where the magic happens and the soft clay hardens into a durable masterpiece.
- **The Paint:** After cooling, the students used acrylic paint to add fine details. A final coat of gloss varnish was applied to give each piece a professional, high-shine finish.

- **The Finishing Touches:** Finally, they mastered the fiddly art of attaching jump rings and metal keychains to end up with functional works of amazing, portable art!



# LIBRARY NEWS

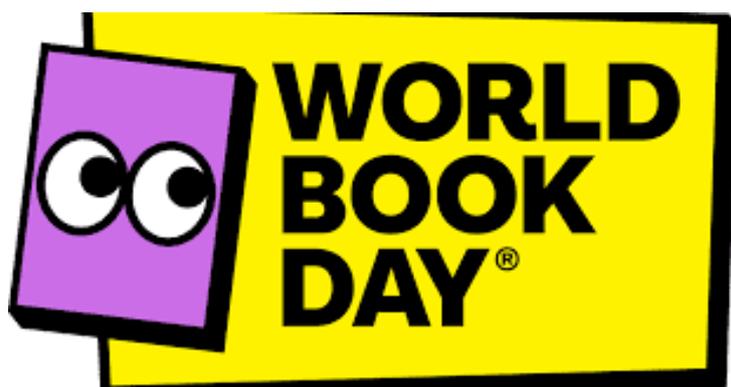
Students regularly make use of our Library to read and learn

Thursday, 5th March 2026, was World Book Day!

Students and members of staff celebrated it by participating in various activities and competitions. Specially made World Book Day Books were given to students at break and at lunchtime on the day.



<https://goallin.org.uk/families-11-plus/>



## Most Popular Books of The Term

<b>Stormbreaker</b> by Horowitz, Anthony	<b>Death In The Spotlight</b> by Stevens, Robin
<b>Smile</b> by Telgemeier, Raina	<b>The Girl Who Speaks Bear</b> by Anderson, Sophie
<b>Dog Man and Cat kid Bk 4</b> by Pilkey, Dav	<b>Mary Shelley's Frankenstein</b> by Burgan, Michael; Calero, Dennis; Shelley, Mary   Wollstonecraft
<b>Stitch Head: The Graphic Novel</b> by Bass, Guy	<b>13-Storey Treehouse</b> by Griffiths, Andy
<b>Cat Kid Comic Club</b> by Beard, George et al	<b>Crocodile Tears</b> by Horowitz, Anthony



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