

Friday 30th January 2026

The Shoreditch Park Scoop



LETTER FROM KING CHARLES III

We were delighted to receive a letter from His Majesty King Charles III, who shared his interest in our school garden and the work taking place there. The letter recognised the importance of gardening and sustainability; it was wonderful to know that our pupils' efforts have been noticed at the very highest level.

The children were thrilled to hear about the letter and it has been a fantastic opportunity to talk about caring for the environment and the impact small actions can have.



BUCKINGHAM PALACE



Private and Confidential

26th January, 2026

To: The Staff and Pupils, Shoreditch Park Primary School

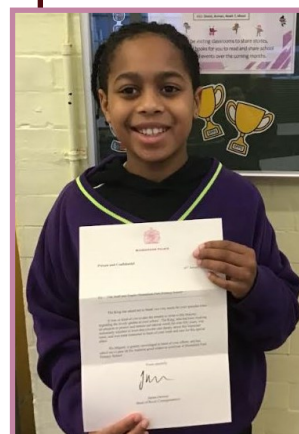
The King has asked me to thank you very much for your splendid letter.

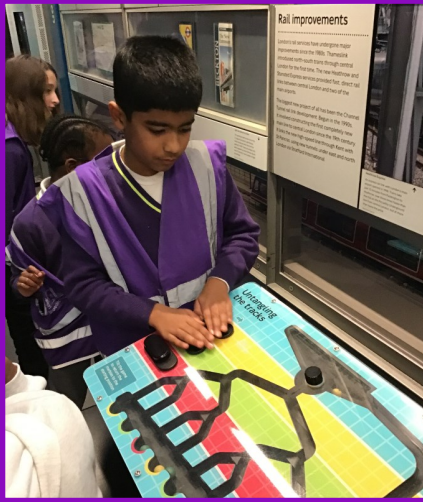
It was so kind of you to take the trouble to write to His Majesty, regarding the lovely garden at your school. The King, who has been working on projects to protect and restore our natural world for over fifty years, was immensely touched to learn that you too care deeply about this important issue, and was most interested to learn of your work and care for this special place.

His Majesty is greatly encouraged to learn of your efforts, and has asked me to pass on his warmest good wishes to everyone at Shoreditch Park Primary School.

Yours sincerely,

James Dawson
Head of Royal Correspondence





SEUSS CLASS TRIP TO THE LONDON TRANSPORT MUSEUM

Last week, Seuss Class had a fantastic trip to the London Transport Museum. The pupils took part in an exciting sensory workshop that transported them back in time, where they learned about the first vehicles used in the 1800s. They also had the opportunity to explore the museum, climb aboard different modes of transport, and make comparisons between transport from the past and present. It was a great day out and we will certainly visit again.





YEAR 1 TRIP- DISCOVER STORY CENTRE

Year 1 had a fantastic trip to the Discover Story Centre in Stratford this week. The children took part in interactive storytelling sessions, explored imaginative story worlds and enjoyed bringing books to life through drama and play. They were wonderfully curious, asked thoughtful questions and represented the school brilliantly throughout the day.

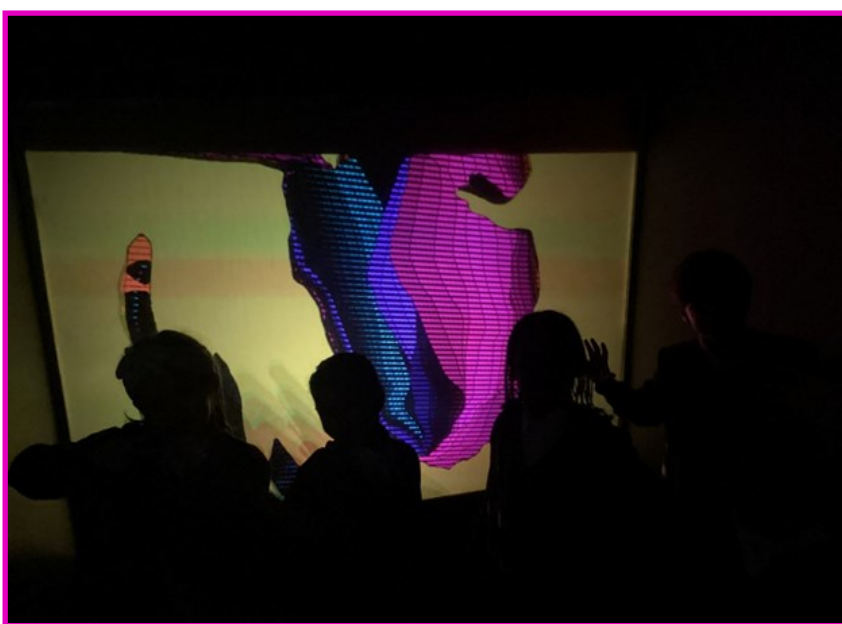




YEAR 2 TRIP TO THE SCIENCE MUSEUM



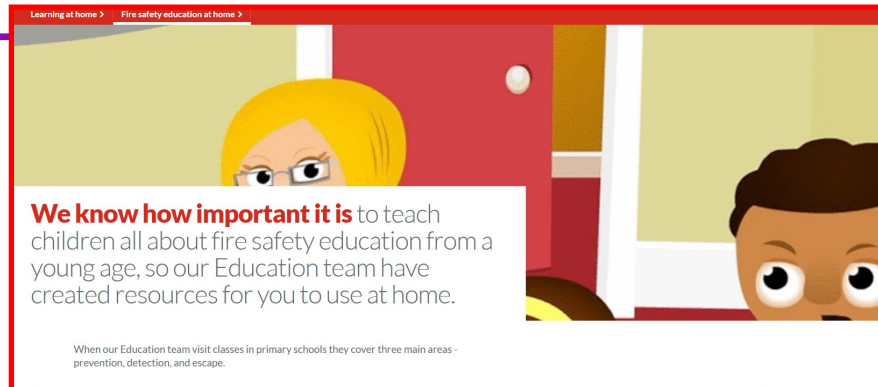
Year 2 had an exciting trip to the Science Museum! We learned all about patterns in the Pattern Pod by exploring how to identify, make and change patterns. We worked as a team to explore the museum and find patterns in the world around us. It was a fun and hands-on day full of curiosity and learning!





SAFEGUARDING TIP OF THE WEEK

London Fire Brigade have excellent resources to support families to teach their children about fire safety: <https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/schools/learning-at-home/fire-safety-education-at-home/>

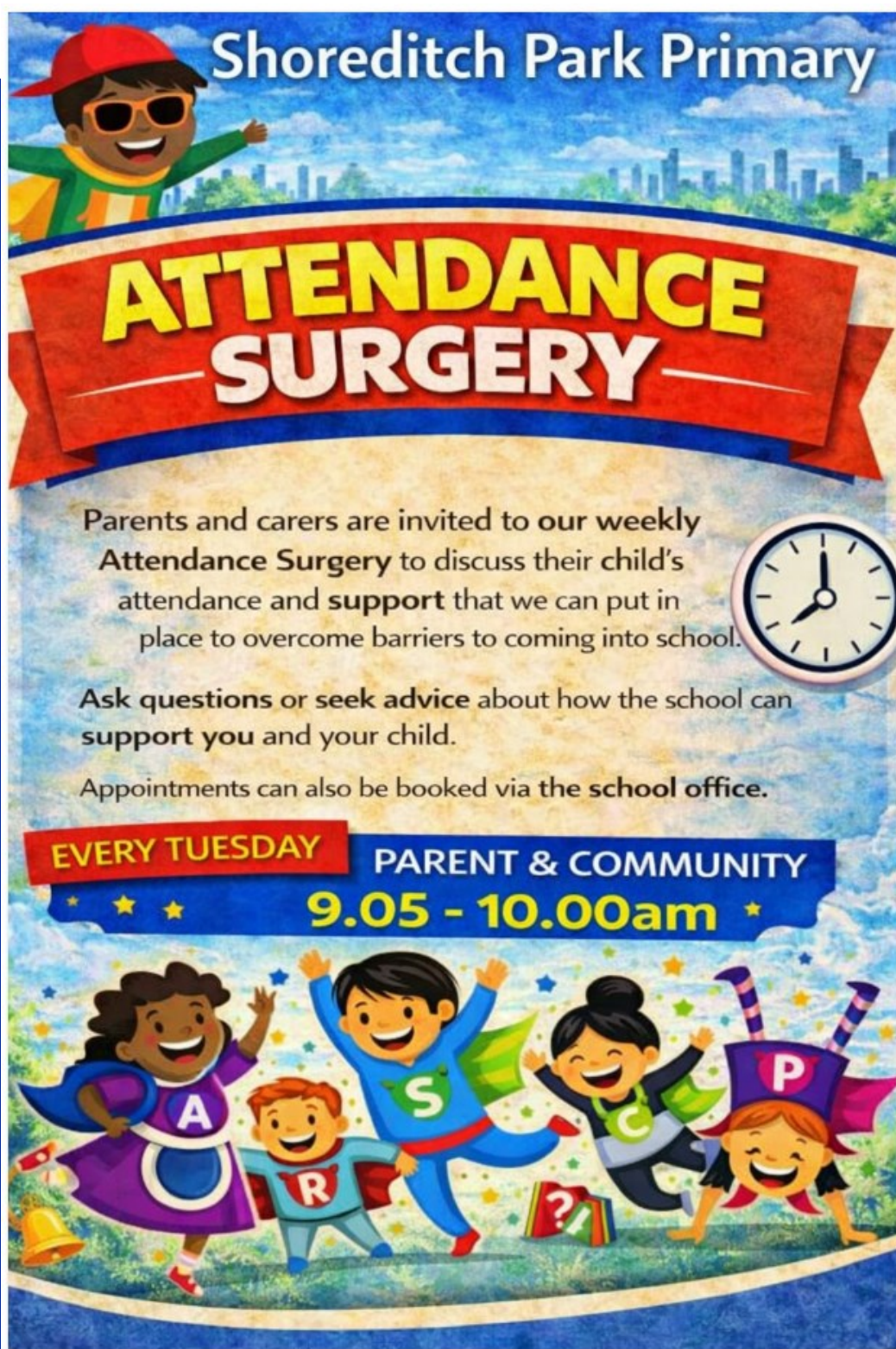


ANXIETY WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS

We recently hosted a valuable workshop on supporting children with anxiety, led by Dr Zoe Tweeddale from First Steps alongside Selin Degmenlibey from the Mental Health in Schools Team. The session provided parents and carers with a deeper understanding of anxiety in children, practical strategies to support emotional wellbeing at home and school and guidance on when and how to seek further help. Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to such an open and thoughtful discussion. We are grateful to our guest speakers for sharing their expertise and for supporting our school community in prioritising children's mental health.



ATTENDANCE SURGERY



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Parents and carers are invited to our weekly **Attendance Surgery** to discuss their child's attendance and **support** that we can put in place to overcome barriers to coming into school.



Ask questions or seek advice about how the school can **support** you and your child.

Appointments can also be booked via the **school office**.

EVERY TUESDAY PARENT & COMMUNITY
9.05 - 10.00am



ATTENDANCE FOR W/C 19TH JANUARY- 23RD JANUARY

Class	Attendance %
Rosen AM	82.0
Rosen FT	92.4
Donaldson	92.5
Browne	83.4
Grey	96.9
Deacon	97.9
Jeffers	96.0
Hoffman	100.0
Briggs	97.3
King-Smith	98.6
Almond	93.7
Morpurgo	79.3
Tan	98.7
Dahl	94.3
Milligan	97.3
Zephaniah	90.0

Hoffman Class

lifting the attendance trophy once again!



They have proudly held the trophy every single week so far in 2026, which is a fantastic achievement and reflects their brilliant commitment to coming to school every day. Huge congratulations to Hoffman Class — and a friendly challenge to the rest of Key Stage One... we'd love to see another class take a turn soon!



Donaldson Class

lifting the attendance trophy!

Class	Number of lates
Rosen AM	1
Rosen FT	1
Donaldson	11
Browne	6
Grey	14
Deacon	6
Jeffers	4
Hoffman	8
Briggs	12
King-Smith	9
Almond	11
Morpurgo	9
Tan	2
Dahl	2
Milligan	6
Zephaniah	11

THE CLASSES WITH THE FEWEST LATES WAS TAN & DAHL CLASS

CONGRATULATION to the classes with the best attendance this week...

DONALDSON class in EYFS

HOFFMAN class in KS1

TAN class in KS2



INSET DAYS 2026-2027 ACADEMIC YEAR

The following days have been designated as INSET days for the 2026–2027 academic year.

- Wednesday 2nd September 2026
- Thursday 3rd September 2026
- Friday 4th September 2026
- Friday 12th February 2027
- Friday 28th May 2027

On these days, the school will be closed to pupils while staff take part in training and development to support teaching, learning and pupil wellbeing.



ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY RAFFLES

Well done to our EYFS, KS1 and KS2 attendance and punctuality raffle winners! Thank you to all our families for supporting good attendance and helping children be in school every day and ready to learn



The KS1 raffle winner



The KS2 punctuality raffle winner

FREE HOT MEALS IN HACKNEY



Shoreditch Trust

Hackney Foodbank
Together with Trussell

Where to find free food & hot meals in Hackney every day of the week.

The Shoreditch Trust website has a list of locations where Hackney residents can get free food and hot meals on every day of the week:

<https://www.shoreditchtrust.org.uk/assets/Uploads/ShoreditchTrust-HackneyFoodBank-FreeLocalFood-Folded-A4-Download-3.pdf>



PLAYGROUNDS

Playtimes have been full of energy and creativity this week. Pupils have been enjoying friendly games of ping pong, developing coordination, turn-taking and teamwork. Others have been busy using construction materials to design and build exciting creations, showing fantastic imagination and problem-solving skills.

It's been lovely to see pupils so engaged, active and having fun during their playtimes.



SCHOOL GARDENS

There are signs of spring beginning to appear in our school gardens. Buds have started to show on some of our climbing plants and pupils have been enjoying spotting these small but exciting changes. We have also been checking the apple bird feeders each day, looking out for signs of the animals that have been visiting for a snack.

If you would like to make your own apple bird feeder at home the instructions are here:

How to make apple bird feeders

What you will need

- An apple
- An apple corer
- Sunflower seeds
- 3 thin sticks
- String



Instructions

1. Ask an adult to help you remove the core with an apple corer.
2. Push the sunflower seeds into the apple for the birds to eat.
3. Make a perch for the birds by pushing a stick into either end of the bottom of the apple (it doesn't have to be all the way through).
4. With your last stick, tie the string around it, then push the string through the core of the apple to the top.
5. You can now hang your apple from a tree using the string!





Hackney WellFamily Plus

Mental health & wellbeing support for City and Hackney residents experiencing mild to moderate mental health difficulties



Hackney WellFamily Plus offers mental health support for Hackney residents which can be accessed via self-referral.

Email: hackneywellfamilyplus@family-action.org.uk **Telephone:** 020 3846 6777