

Friday 13th February 2026

The Shoreditch Park Scoop



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of the first half of the Spring Term, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to our whole school community for another fantastic half-term here at Shoreditch Park Primary School.

Across the school, children have taken part in a wide range of engaging classroom activities and enriching experiences to enhance their learning. Pupils have particularly enjoyed educational visits to places of worship, museums and the Discover Story Centre, where they were able to bring their learning to life through hands-on experiences and real-world connections.

Number Day was a fantastic event, with pupils thoroughly enjoying the engaging and interactive workshops that took place. It was wonderful to see such enthusiasm for maths, with children embracing the challenges and activities.

I'd particularly like to acknowledge the effort and dedication of all our staff and pupils for the positive learning environment they help create every day.

Thank you also to you, our parents and carers, for your support and partnership — your involvement truly enriches our school life.

I would like to extend my warmest wishes to our families who are observing these important seasons of faith. To those marking Ramadan, we wish you a peaceful and blessed time — Ramadan Mubarak.

To those observing Lent, we hope this season brings reflection, renewal and hope as you journey towards Easter. May this be a time of peace and togetherness for all in our school community.





RECEPTION TRIP TO THE FARM

This week, Reception had an exciting visit to Spitalfields City Farm. Despite the rainy weather, the children arrived full of enthusiasm and ready for adventure! This term in Reception, we have been learning all about animals and their habitats as part of our topic work, alongside exploring a range of animal stories in our literacy sessions. The trip provided a fantastic real-life opportunity to bring our learning to life.

The children were thrilled to see so many of the animals we have been reading and writing about in class. We talked about the different habitats the animals live in and how the farm makes sure they are safe, warm and well looked after. The children were excited to notice features we had discussed in class, such as wool on the sheep and feathers on the chickens. It was a wonderful way to deepen the children's understanding of our topic and create a memorable learning experience.



ATTENDANCE FOR W/C 2ND FEBRUARY - 6TH FEBRUARY

Class	Attendance %
Rosen AM	85.0
Rosen FT	88.2
Donaldson	95.5
Browne	97.2
Grey	99.0
Deacon	91.7
Jeffers	96.0
Hoffman	99.3
Briggs	95.0
King-Smith	97.6
Almond	98.0
Morpurgo	90.3
Tan	91.0
Dahl	95.9
Milligan	94.0
Zephaniah	90.4



Browne Class

lifting the attendance trophy!



Hoffman Class

lifting the KS1 attendance trophy



Class	Number of lates
Rosen	3
Donaldson	9
Browne	9
Grey	15
Deacon	4
Jeffers	6
Hoffman	4
Briggs	11
King-Smith	8
Almond	10
Morpurgo	14
Tan	1
Dahl	6
Milligan	9
Zephaniah	12

Gold standard
punctuality goes
to... **TAN** class



Congratulations to the classes
with the best attendance.

BROWNE class in EYFS

HOFFMAN KS1

Grey Class came a close second
with an excellent 99%!

ALMOND class in KS2

ATTENDANCE

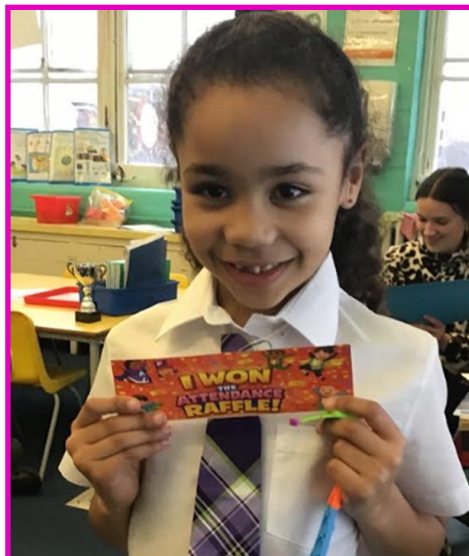
This table shows how quickly lost learning adds up when attendance drops. Even 95% attendance means around 9 days of school missed- the equivalent of 2 weeks of learning. At 90%, pupils miss nearly 4 weeks of school and at 80% this increases to around 8 weeks of missed education.

Regular attendance supports progress, confidence, and wellbeing. Attending school every day helps pupils stay on track with their learning and reach their full potential. If your child is experiencing difficulties with attendance, please contact the school so we can work together to provide support.

Attendance During a School Year	Equivalent Days Absent	Equivalent Weeks Absent	Equivalent Number of Lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	45 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	95 Lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	145 Lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	190 Lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	240 Lessons
70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	285 Lessons
65%	67 Days	13.5 Weeks	335 Lessons

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 KS2 punctuality raffle winner



LUNAR NEW YEAR LUNCH

To celebrate Lunar New Year, pupils enjoyed a special themed lunch filled. As part of the celebration, pupils opened fortune cookies to discover their fortunes, bringing excitement and curiosity to the occasion. The event provided a wonderful opportunity to learn about cultural traditions, share in the celebrations and enjoy a fun and memorable experience together.





SCHOOL GARDENS

The gardens are showing more and more signs of spring that we have been observing during our visits. Bulbs are bursting from the soil, flowers are starting to bloom and we've had lots of squirrel and bird visitors making themselves at home.

If you'd like to look for signs of spring during your half-term break, the Woodland Trust has excellent checklists and family-friendly activities to help you explore the changing season:

<https://treetoolsforschools.org.uk/categorymenu/?cat=seasons&name=Seasons%20and%20festivals&col=F3859B>



First signs of spring

Track down blossom, leaf buds and other clues that spring is on the way.



Spring spotter sheet

How many of these sights can you find in spring?



Sounds of spring

Head outside and listen for busy birds and buzzing bees.



Spring scavenger hunt

Set out to see what you can find on a super spring scavenger hunt.



Spring flowers spotter sheet

Learn to identify these beautiful spring blooms.



Spring hunt

Go exploring with your class - which springtime spots will you discover?



FREE HALF TERM ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

The following places have low cost and free activities happening for over the half term break.

- * <https://www.southbankcentre.co.uk/events/imagine/>
- * <https://coramsfields.org/>
- * <https://www.rmg.co.uk/whats-on/national-maritime-museum/lunar-new-year>
- * <https://www.london.gov.uk/events/lunar-new-year-festival-spring>
- * <https://batterseapowerstation.co.uk/events/february-half-term-workshops/>
- * <https://www.lovehackney.uk/hackney-libraries>

Many of the free activities celebrate Lunar New Year, which takes place on 17th February this year. Have a look at the chart to discover which animal represents you in the Chinese zodiac.



FREE FRUIT AND VEG

Free food from the Felix Project



Felix Fresh rescues surplus food, which would otherwise have gone in the bin, and shares it with the community for free.

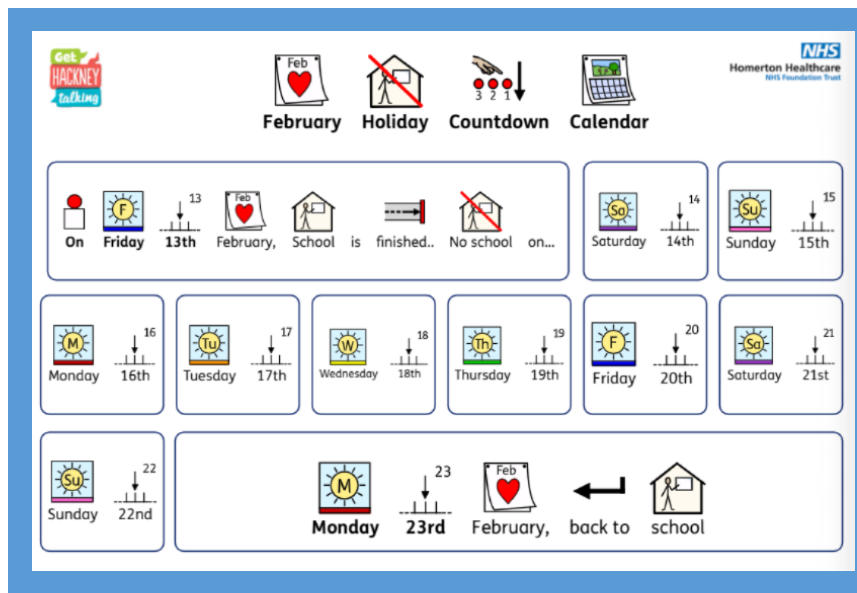
So, head to the Britannia Leisure Centre this Friday, 13th February, 12-2pm. Just bring a bag, fill it up and take the food home!



Please see the school website for a countdown calendar for February half term. The calendar can be used to help your child understand how long the holidays last for and when they have to come back to school.

<https://www.shoreditchpark.hackney.sch.uk/viewer/1499#sitelive-viewer/>

COUNTDOWN CALENDAR



SAFEGUARDING TIP OF THE WEEK



London Fire Brigade have excellent resources to support families to make an escape plan in case of an emergency:

<https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/safety/the-home/escape-plan/>

Escape plan. Do you know how you would escape in an emergency?

What is an escape plan?

In a nutshell, it's the plan that could save your life in an emergency. In a smoky, scary atmosphere, it's easy to freeze, panic and become disorientated. By planning and practising how you will escape with the whole family, you can be more confident about a safe escape.

Here you can find out more about how to make an escape plan, and where to get help and extra support if you need it – this is especially important if you (or someone in your home) might find it difficult to escape quickly without assistance.



COSTUME SALE



Shoreditch Park Primary

WORLD BOOK DAY

COSTUME SWAP & SALE

Bring any unwanted costumes in on:
24th, 25th & 26th February!

Costume Sale
27th February
In the playground
All costumes **£1**

Find a costume for
WORLD BOOK DAY!
All donated costumes for sale in
the playground for **just £1 each!**