

Newsletter

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Update from Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of the Autumn Term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and partnership with the school.

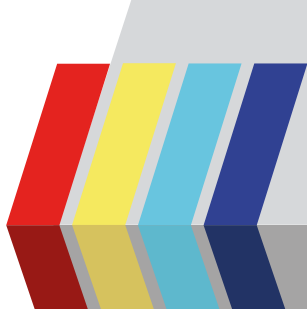
This half term has been an extremely positive one. It has been wonderful to see how well the pupils have settled into their routines, demonstrating enthusiasm, resilience, and a growing sense of confidence in their learning. Staff have been very pleased with the progress pupils are making, both academically and socially, and it has been a joy to see the school community working so well together.

Looking ahead to the Spring Term, when we return on Monday, 5th January 2026, there will be some changes to literacy groupings. Pupils will be moved between groups to ensure teachers can provide the most targeted and effective support for teaching and learning. These decisions are made carefully, based on assessment and professional judgement, and are designed to help every child make the best possible progress. We appreciate your understanding and support with these changes.

Community Police

I would also like to address a matter raised by several parents regarding reports of some unrest and antisocial behaviour within the local community. We have met with the community police team, who have asked that any incidents or concerns are reported directly using the **QR code below**.





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Once scanned, you will need to accept the link to submit a report. The police have advised that even if an issue seems small, it is important to report it, as this information often contributes to a broader understanding and helps them take appropriate action.

Finally, as we approach the festive season, I would like to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and, for those who do not celebrate Christmas, Happy Holidays. We wish everyone a safe, restful, and enjoyable break, and a Blessed New Year.

We look forward to welcoming pupils back to school on 5th January 2026 and continuing our work together in the new term.

Warm regards,
Miss Whittington

Headteachers Award

1DM Noel Mazrreku	4FW Aroosh Ahmed	RHH David Dauda
1LH Ruby Gill	4OO Marta Stoica	RLE Irtaza Hussain
1ZA Tazkiya Oishi	4PJ Zabira Siddiqui	RON Kiaan Misra
2FT Maya Constantin	5AW Alizay Qadri	NAD Meraal Qadri
2LS Rayhana Boudina El Gharbaoui	5CR Joshua Onuoha	NAM Mirha Umar
2NH Era Hoxha	5KS Akshita Rentala	NPM Oheema Baah
3SS Veer Bains	6DC Lukas Marozas	Apollo Suel Dida
3SY Ruxandra-Maria Galan	6EW Ivy Genz	Atlantis Lukas Beck
3WA Amanda Bagdonaite	6RT Isabella Rose	AQ Nathan Yanou Fong
Music Alexa Basheva	Sport Becky Boadi Amoah	Art Sonny Coveley



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Updates from class -

Year 6 – Year 6 have recently taken part in their forensic day workshop, where they solved a case using a range of scientific methods such as finger print analysis and forensic composite drawing. Following this, the second part of the workshop involved the children immersing themselves in a mock court case, in which they took up the roles of suspects, lawyers, jury and even a judge. This learning has aided the children's understanding for their history topic of how crime and punishment has changed over a period of time.

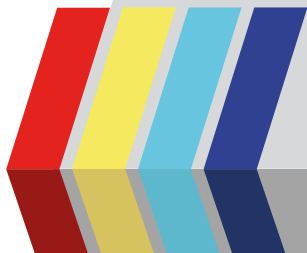
Pupils have also used this knowledge to write a newspaper report regarding the recent release of a wrongfully convicted man, the dramatic ending to their study of novel 'The Faraway Truth' in literacy. Elsewhere, the children have started learning about evolution in science and looking at different religious views regarding life after death.

Year 5 – The children have enjoyed a busy and rewarding autumn term, taking part in a wide range of positive learning experiences across the curriculum. Through hands-on activities and thoughtful discussions, they have risen to challenges and demonstrated determination in everything they have undertaken.

The term concluded on a joyful and festive high with the pupils' fantastic production of The Sound of the Underground. Performing with confidence, enthusiasm, and excellent teamwork, they thoroughly entertained the audience and had everyone singing along. It has been a happy and fulfilling term, filled with smiles and special memories.

We wish all our pupils a safe, restful, and joyful Christmas break.





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Year 4 – This has been a very busy half term with children continuing to develop their mathematical skills especially in multiplication and division. Whilst in literacy, they used the stimulus of 'The Iron Man' text to create their own adventure.

In science, the children explored electricity, constructing simple circuits using cells, wires, bulbs, switches, and buzzers. They investigate which materials conduct electricity and learn to draw and interpret circuit diagrams.

As part of our history topic, Life in Dagenham Village, we visited Valence House Museum where children were able to learn about how Dagenham has changed throughout the years. They particularly enjoyed creating a timeline through the ages.



Year 3 - This term in Year 3, we have been busy learning and having fun! In PE, we have been practicing our football skills, including dribbling, passing, and working as a team. Everyone has shown great effort and improvement.

We also prepared for our School Christmas Production. The children learnt their lines, sang songs, and helped with costumes and props. They thoroughly enjoyed performing and did a fantastic job sharing their hard work with families. Thank you for your continued support at home.

Year 2 – This term, our Year 2 children have been busy deepening their learning across the curriculum. In maths, they explored a range of efficient strategies for addition and subtraction, developing flexibility and confidence in their number work.

In literacy, the children produced wonderful retells of a story inspired by *Zog*, showcasing their creativity and growing writing skills. Science lessons saw them investigating different materials through hands-on experiments, while in geography they learned about a variety of climates and how animals and humans adapt to living in different environments.

We are incredibly proud of the children for their excellent Christmas production, where they truly demonstrated our school values of striving and community





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Year 1 - As we near the end of the second half of the autumn term, Year 1 have been very busy across the curriculum. In science, we explored different materials, using our senses to describe their properties and learning whether they are natural or manufactured. In history, we compared Victorian schools with our modern classrooms, focusing on the experiences of boys, girls, rich and poor.

In geography, we learned about our school by drawing route maps, identifying human and physical features, and acting as tour guides for Year 6. In RE, we explored Christianity and the importance of belonging, including a visit to Dagenham Parish Church to learn about christenings.

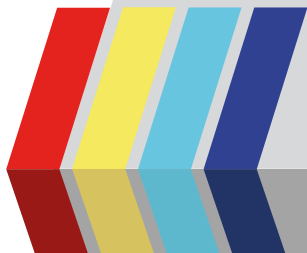
In PE, we developed throwing, catching and teamwork skills through dodgeball. In literacy, we built confidence using phonics for reading and writing, explored *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*, and wrote instructions to make chocolate Rudolph cakes. In maths, we focused on addition and subtraction within 10 using part-whole models.

To end the autumn term, Year 1 sang and danced their hearts out to wish everyone a Merry Christmas!



Reception – This half term in Reception, the children have greatly enjoyed learning about and exploring a range of religious and cultural celebrations, including Diwali, Hanukkah, Christmas and birthdays. They have shown wonderful curiosity as they discovered the different ways people celebrate. The children have settled well into Reception and are thriving within their space, with their enthusiasm for new learning evident each day. Thank you for your ongoing support at home.





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Nursery – What a wonderful and busy half term we have had in Nursery! The children have shown great curiosity, confidence and independence, and we are so proud of all they have achieved. Here are some highlights from this term:

Creative Learning - The children enjoyed exploring a range of materials, including dough, puffy paint, clay and playdough. They learnt to roll and cut dough to make Christmas biscuits and experimented with different textures. Many also enjoyed mark making, with some beginning to practise writing their names.

Understanding the World - We celebrated Culture Day, learning about the different cultures in our Nursery, and explored a range of celebrations including Bonfire Night, Diwali and the Christmas story.

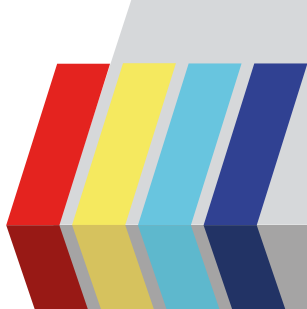
Early Maths - In maths, the children focused on numbers 1–3 and explored how shapes fit into spaces, developing early problem-solving skills through hands-on activities.

Phonics and Early Literacy - Phonics sessions have been full of enthusiasm, with children blending sounds, joining in with songs and listening for rhyming words in stories and poems.

Growing Independence - We have seen fantastic progress in independence, with most children confidently using the toilet and working together to tidy up.

Special Moments - A highlight of the term was practising and performing our Christmas show. The children loved learning the songs and actions and did a wonderful job performing.





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Pupil Events

Christmas Production – Our Christmas performances were a huge success across the school.

Year 1–6 delighted audiences with *A No. 1 Christmas*, performing a range of Christmas number one hits from through the years.

Reception presented a cosy and joyful Christmas performance, singing well-known festive songs, and even getting parents up dancing alongside the children!

Nursery proudly performed their Nativity play for parents, showcasing their confidence and enthusiasm on stage.

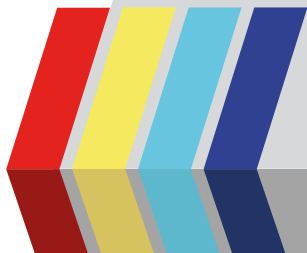
Well done to all of our children for their fantastic performances and thank you to families for your continued support.

Remembrance Day Assembly – On Remembrance Day, our school came together to remember and reflect on the sacrifices made by those who served in times of conflict. A group of pupils thoughtfully prepared and delivered a special assembly.

Following the assembly, the whole school observed a two-minute silence. This was a calm and respectful moment, with pupils showing great maturity and understanding as they paid their respects.

We are very proud of the children who took part in the assembly and of all pupils for the respect they showed during this important occasion.

Christmas Jumper and Dinner Day – On 11th December, pupils and staff enjoyed getting into the festive spirit by wearing their Christmas jumpers to school. The day was made even more special with a delicious Christmas dinner, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed. It was a lovely opportunity for the school community to celebrate together and share some festive cheer.



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Sports Events

The Y4/5 football team have spent every Monday of the autumn term preparing for the Ballerz League competition. They have trained with real intensity and embraced high levels of competition throughout. Over the term, the children have developed their ball mastery, 1v1 defending, and passing skills, with a key focus on creating space when in possession and taking space away from opponents when out of possession.

A selected squad of eight represented the school in our first competitive fixture against Rush Green, where Beam secured an impressive 7–2 win.

A special mention must also go to the boys who were not selected for this match but continued to attend training every week. Their commitment and high standards have played a huge part in raising the overall level of the group, directly contributing to the team's strong performance.



Upcoming Dates

Wednesday 14th January – Parent Coffee Morning – Sensory Regulation

Tuesday 20th January – Sportshall Borough Finals

Friday 23rd January – School Class Photo Day – **Please complete consent form emailed ASAP**

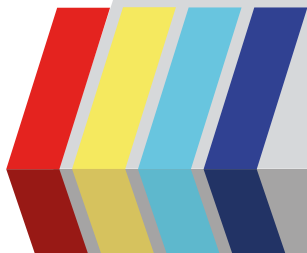
Thursday 29th January – Parent Coffee Morning – Toileting Strategies

School Nurse Drop in

Monday 2nd February – Friday 6th February – DT Week

Wednesday 11th February – Parent Coffee Morning – Promoting Good Oral Health





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Safeguarding

NSPCC

Helpline

For any concerns about a child
help@nspcc.org.uk | 0808 800 5000



Concerned about a child? Talk to us.

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 Search **NSPCC Helpline**

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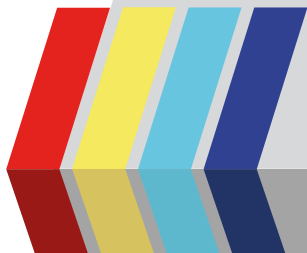
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Parent Support Advisors

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas break. The Lifeline Coffee Mornings have been well supported and will continue in the New Year. Please look out for an email from the School Office for the next date.

Parents that attended the Coffee Mornings met in the PSA Room for a fun Christmas gathering, sharing food and playing party games. It was a memorable afternoon with lots of laughter.



If you need any support during the Holidays please contact the LBBD Family Navigators:
Community Navigators

https://ourhubsbd.london/community-navigators/?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=

Look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Little Recyclers

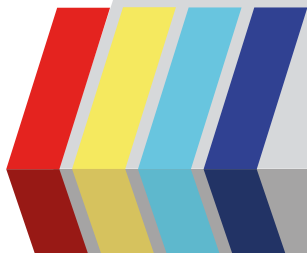
Last Collection raised £54.50 towards School Funds !!!!

Please continue to help us raise funds for our school and at the same time protect the environment by donating unwanted clothes and other items such as paired shoes/jewellery/bags/belts etc.

Little Recyclers Clothing Bank is on site here at Beam County Primary School, situated to the left of the school office, opposite our breakfast club\after school entrance.

Should you have any pre-loved school uniform that you wish to donate, please continue to send in to our school office.





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Ready, Respectful, Safe

At Beam, we expect and encourage good behaviour and self-discipline from all pupils to cultivate an environment that promotes emotional development, effective learning and high standards. Through visible consistency, we are restorative in our approach, using a range of methods and strategies to maintain positive relationships. Our three simplified core rules: Ready, Respectful, Safe, ensure that we are consistent in our approach.

You will find our updated Behaviour Policy here: <https://beamcountyprimaryschool.org/policies>

We aim to provide an inclusive, calm, quiet atmosphere in the school and encourage children to move around responsibly. Our expectations of the children can only be realised through the cooperation and support between home and school. Should any difficulties be encountered, we invite parents to work with us to resolve them. Positive behaviour is a collective responsibility within the school. This extends beyond the individual classroom to cover every child and every area of the school and playground.

Attendance

Medical appointments

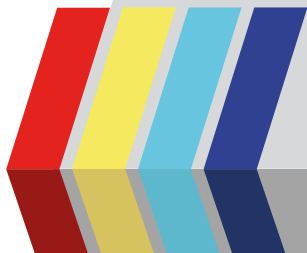
Parents will be expected to make medical or dental appointments outside of school hours wherever possible. Where this is not possible, a copy of the appointment letter or text must be shown to the school office. Parents will be expected to obtain approval for their child's absence to attend such appointments as far in advance as is practicable. Parents will be responsible for ensuring their child misses only the amount of time necessary to attend the appointment.

Punctuality

School starts at 8:30 and gates shut at 8:40 prompt. Arriving late disrupts the class and children's learning.

Arriving 5 minutes late every day adds up to over 3 learning days lost each year





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Special Christmas Visitor

This December, we have been joined by a cheeky festive guest! Elvis the Elf has been spotted around the school and has even been making appearances in this newsletter, causing a little trouble and mischief along the way.

The children have had great fun searching for Elvis each day and discovering what he has been up to, adding extra excitement and Christmas cheer to the school.



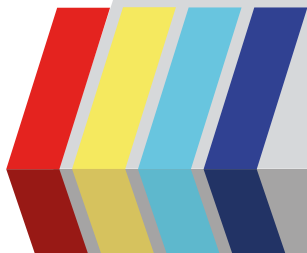
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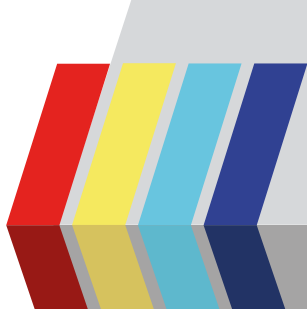
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Thank you to Dagenham United

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to **Dagenham United Charity** for their continued support of **Beam** and our local community. Their ongoing commitment makes a real difference, helping us to strengthen opportunities, support families, and create positive change where it matters most.

We are incredibly grateful for their partnership and generosity, and we look forward to continuing this valued relationship for the benefit of our community.





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School Catering

REMINDER: Parents are now required to pre-select meals in advance using our online system, **ParentPay**. (Please note: NO payment is needed to order school dinners). If you are unable to access ParentPay please contact the front office in order to obtain the login details The link below explains how to select a meal for your child using ParentPay.

<https://parent-support.parentpaygroup.com/hc/en-gb/articles/6265244826257--VIDEO-How-to-book-a-meal>

The 3 week Menu's are now available for you on the schools website. Please note at the bottom of each menu is the week commencing dates

We have reviewed our safe practices as we move over to new, delicious menus in addition to a different way of ordering school lunches. Lanyards are to be worn in the lunch hall for children with allergies to indicate allergens that children are to avoid. Those with a health care plan (HCP) are wearing their lanyard daily, they have been fantastic with independently putting on their lanyard and then returning it when they have finished their lunch. We are in the process of contacting all parents with children with an allergy logged on our system to ascertain if a lanyard is needed.

Contact Information

IMPORTANT - If you have changed any contact or address details please inform the school by email at Office@beam.bardaglea.org.uk

Term Dates

Monday 5th January 2026 – Friday 13th February 2026

