



Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your **continued support** during another busy half term. The whole school year is passing by very quickly and I cannot quite believe we are heading towards the final few weeks of the school year, already.

Mrs Stock has been leading developments on **behaviour and relationships** this year and sent out a series of questions for us to get your views. Your views are important to ensure we work collaboratively to make our school the best it can be. We have two more things we want to consult with you about after the half term break. Please look out for the emails and respond to the questions. Many thanks.

Zen Den children and parents/carers already know, but today we sadly say **goodbye to Mrs Dobbs**. Mrs Dobbs has worked at Becontree for 13 years, most recently working with children in our Zen Den classrooms. I am sure you all join me in sending our best wishes to Mrs Dobbs for the future. We will all miss her dearly.



Marie Ziane

Wishing you all a great half term break and we look forward to seeing children back at school on **Tuesday 2nd June**.

Becontree's Got Talent 2026

On Wednesday evening, our school was full of excitement, as children took part in our very own "Becontree's Got Talent" competition. The event showcased the talent of children across all year groups. Children wowed the audience with a wide variety of acts, including singing, dancing, piano playing, comedy and even a football routine. Every performer brought energy and enthusiasm to the stage. The audience played their part brilliantly, cheering on every act and creating a fantastic atmosphere throughout the show. The judges played a key role in providing feedback to each act. At the end of the night, our girls' group, **Katseye Juniors**, took the title. A special thank you to the staff members who organised the event, the judges for giving up their time, and all children who took part. Events like these remind us of the wonderful talent within our school community and help build confidence and friendships. Congratulations to all our performers and especially to this year's winners! We are already looking forward to the next show.



School Sport

It's been an extremely busy half-term in terms of sports and being active. We had a number of festivals at the start of the term with some KS1 children attending a **Gymnastics Festival** and KS2 children attending an **American Football Festival** which they all had lots of fun going to!

We then had around 40 children take part in the **Mini Marathon at St James Park, London**. This was a fantastic event; it was amazing to see so many parents and children dedicating their Saturday to being active and pushing themselves to run in either the 1 mile or 2.6 kilometre race.

Hopefully, some of the children would have felt inspired to continue their passion for running and take part in future London Marathons!





School Improvement Plan 2025-26

At Becontree Primary School, we believe that ALL children have learning, well-being and safeguarding needs; these principles underpin our exemplary inclusive practices throughout the school.



This year, we have a focus on further developing:

Behaviour, Relationships and Learning

We have been working hard on developing our **Relational Practice** approach which focuses on ALL adults and children building strong relationships with one other and thus enabling children to recognise their emotions, reflect on their behaviour choices and repair relationships when things go wrong.

Our focus this half term has been on developing a shared language across the school when we are supporting children to repair relationships. This is called **Restorative Justice**.

Restorative justice allows children to reflect by:

- thinking about their actions;
- understanding the effect, it had on others;
- thinking about what is needed to put things right;
- learning what to do in the future if it happens again.

Conversations are supported by an adult with key questions used to help children develop their awareness of others and know what to do to repair the relationship.



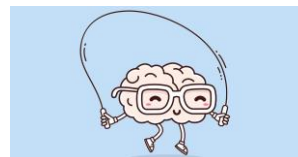
Thank you to parents/carers who have already responded to the consultation that has been sent out to you via email. Deadline for responses is **Friday 22nd May 2026**. Thank you.

Meeting the needs of all children

At Becontree, we use movement breaks to support children's attention and engagement in learning. But what are movement breaks?

Movement breaks are short, fun opportunities for children to move during the school day through activities such as stretching, dancing, jumping, or simple games. These breaks are designed to help children feel calm, focused, and ready to engage in lessons. Research shows that physical activity can improve attention, memory, mood, and problem-solving skills. Children are often more engaged and productive after moving because their brains are better prepared for learning.

If you would like to try out movement breaks at home, there are many on Youtube that you can access for free including Danny Go, Go Noodle and Cosmic Kids Yoga.





EYFS

In EYFS, we have enjoyed watching animals grow and change. The nursery children have watched their caterpillars grow and turn into butterflies. In reception, the children loved seeing the ducklings hatch and watching them take Their first dip in the water!



The ARP

The ARP children had a lovely time when the fire fighters visited. The children squirted the hose and tried on the fire fighter's helmets.



Zen Dens

The Zen Dens visited our local community café. The children ordered an item from the menu and enjoyed it with their friends.



Year 1

Year 1 have been learning about plants in their science lessons. Children really enjoyed finding out about what plants need to survive and then planting some seeds in their outdoor garden area.



Year 2

Year 2 have enjoyed learning more about Bangladesh in their geography lessons. They have spent time comparing Bangladesh with the UK. They compared physical geographic features.



Year 3

Year 3 have had a fantastic time bringing their history learning to life with a Roman themed dress up day. The children enjoyed immersing themselves in life in Ancient Rome and sharing their knowledge in class. They also created their own Roman mosaic artwork, carefully designing colourful patterns inspired by Roman Designs.



Year 4

Year 4 have enjoyed their recent food technology unit as part of DT, where they firstly tasted a variety of salad ingredients before designing and making their own healthy salad. They safely and hygienically prepared their salads using knives.



Year 5

Year 5 have enjoyed learning about forces this half term. During their lessons, they have carried out a range of experiments to investigate how different forces work. They also had the opportunity to watch fascinating demonstrations during their visit to the Wondelab at the Science Museum, where they explored scientific concepts in a fun and interactive way.



Year 6

Year 6 recently enjoyed an inspiring visit from Kasper an architect from Archio, who taught us about the journey to becoming an architect and the variety of work the profession involves. We explored the design process and built our own architectural designs using LEGO. This experience linked perfectly with our current art topic on perspective, where we have been developing our drawing skills by creating detailed interior scenes and street views.





Pupil Leadership 2025-26

Our children continue to play a huge part in the day to day running and development of our school. We hope you enjoy reading below about some of the things they have achieved this year and their plans for the future.

Our **School Council**

Congratulations to our School Council team, who designed a device to make the Mini Marathon more accessible for people with additional needs.

The children confidently pitched their idea to industry professionals in Liverpool Street and beat over 300 entries, including secondary schools, before going on to win against 13 finalist teams.

We are incredibly proud of their creativity, teamwork and achievement!



Congratulations!

Our Year 6 **Prefects**

Prefects are continuing to carry out their roles in helping to support other children and doing tasks to help in the smooth running of the school. They are going to be taking on their final roles after the half-term break before they support the next group of children, from Year 5, who will apply and be chosen to take over for the new term, in September.



The **Playground Leaders**

In addition to the playground leaders supervising and supporting the children in the playgrounds, they will also be supporting with our **World Cup** preparations. Each class will draw a country playing in the World Cup and our leaders will be updating an interactive display board in the halls to check to see which country scores the most goals. Who's going to win? Come on England!



The **Maths Ambassadors** present the class who win the Times tables Rock Stars battle with an inflatable guitar during Friday assembly. The battle runs each week and for the last few weeks 4P have become regular winners. It would be good to see other classes trying to beat their score.



The ambassadors have also delivered certificates to the children who have made impressive progress in their times table score in the half termly Becontree Times Tables Challenge. Please encourage your child to use TTRS or Numbots at least 3 times a week.



Digital Leaders

Our Digital Leaders have recently met to re-establish their roles and responsibilities for the term ahead. The group discussed how they can continue to support both staff and children in the safe and effective use of technology across the school. As part of their updated responsibilities, Digital Leaders will now ensure that the screens in the Ada Lovelace Suite are switched off every Friday. This initiative supports our Eco Schools work by helping to reduce energy consumption and promote greater environmental awareness across the school.

THINK GREEN 

Turn off your
computer at
the end of
the day

The Eco Committee

The Eco Committee have started litter picking in the KS1 and KS2 playgrounds every Monday to help keep the playgrounds neat, tidy, and free from litter. Every Tuesday lunchtime, the Eco Committee also take part in litter picking in the local area with Mrs Ziane, helping to keep our community clean and tidy. The children are all doing a fantastic job. The Eco Committee would like everyone to remember to help keep our school and local area free of litter by putting all rubbish in the bins provided both in and outside of school.

The Travel Ambassadors

The Travel Ambassadors and Eco Committee have helped organise Walk to School Week by designing posters and giving a presentation to their class to help promote the event. Each class will record how many children have travelled actively to school throughout the week. The classes with the highest numbers in EYFS, KS1 and KS2 will each win 15 minutes of active time with their class teacher. Good luck to everyone taking part and remember to travel actively whenever possible!



Our new **Health and Well-Being Champions** want to thank everyone who entered their design a logo competition. They had a challenging task of choosing a winner from all the entries. Congratulations to Ali in Year 5, whose winning design has now been made into a logo and badge for the health and well-being champions to wear.



The team are now planning their next activity ahead of next academic year, linked to healthy packed lunches.

Rights Respecting School Ambassadors

Our Rights Respecting School Ambassadors have found out about the views of other children in our school by asking their classes to complete a rights respecting questionnaire.

After looking at the answers from the questionnaire, they have decided to find ways of promoting kindness in school.





Pupil, Parent and Community Partnerships CONNECT – COMMUNICATE – COLLABORATE



Congratulations to **Rhea** on progressing to a green white belt in Jujitsu! Not only this, but she passed her Stage 4 swimming, too! Well done, Rhea, we are all enormously proud of your achievements.



Many congratulations to **Ali** on passing Stage 6 in swimming! What a great achievement; we are all extremely proud of you, too!



Congratulations to Mr Latif (father of Emaan in 4P)

Mr Latif has been selected to play for the Essex Over-50s county cricket team; what an achievement!

His first match was against Middlesex in the England Over-50s County Championship on Wednesday, 6th May 2026 at Hornchurch Cricket Club. What a first match he had! The team won by 68 runs and Mr Latif scored 4 overs and 23 runs!



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Mr Latif is very grateful for this opportunity. It is a proud moment for him and his family.



Barking & Dagenham

Speech and Language Strategy of the Month:



Use Plenty of Repetition

Why? It makes words familiar. The more children hear a word, the easier it is to learn, remember and use it.

How? Say words again and again in different ways. The more they hear it, the more it becomes part of their vocabulary.

When? Sprinkle repetition into your day – when playing, naming objects or giving instructions.



Language of the Term

This term's language is **Punjabi**

Did you know?

The Punjabi language has a rich tradition in music and poetry. For example, Sufi songs and Bhangra music and dance.

Click on the link below to learn some Bhangra dance moves.

[BHANGRA DANCE For BEGINNERS | FUN And EASY Kids DANCE LESSON | Indian Dance | Miss Jessica's World](#)



Makaton



May Signs of the Week (Makaton)



This May, our Signs of the Week helped us explore feelings, routines, and everyday experiences through the signs "Mine," "Change," "Bag," and "School." These signs encouraged lots of meaningful communication and discussions throughout the month.

Using Makaton regularly helps support understanding, language development, and inclusion for all children. The children have shown fantastic enthusiasm and are becoming more confident each week when using signs independently.



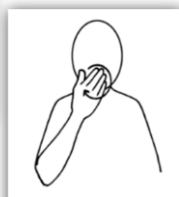
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Parents and carers can continue practising these signs at home to help reinforce learning, encourage communication, and make signing a fun part of everyday life for the whole family!

Year 6 SATs

SATs measure what children have learned and remembered during their time in primary school in maths, reading and grammar.



Our Year 6 children did themselves proud during SATs Week (11th – 14th May) by showing positivity and resilience during what can be a challenging week. They now await their results.





Online Safety/AI

We have recently been made aware of a small number of cases where children have made **significant online purchases** at home through gaming platforms, in some instances amounting to hundreds of pounds. These have involved games such as Roblox, where in-game currency can be bought. While parental controls are available, we understand that these can sometimes be bypassed. We would encourage all families to ensure spending restrictions are in place, payment details are secure, and to talk with children about responsible online behaviour and the value of money.



Alongside this, we are continuing to develop our work around Artificial Intelligence (AI) in school. Staff have engaged with current research and best practice, with a focus on using AI to support workload reduction and enhance teaching and learning, particularly in areas such as writing. A staff working group has been established and is beginning to explore safe and practical applications of AI.

Governors - Marie

Governors continue to meet each term to discuss key aspects of the school's work, particularly in relation to *finance, health and safety and the quality of education* we provide.



Governors will be visiting school on **Thursday 4th June** to review the impact of our most recent work on behaviour and relationships and maths. We look forward to welcoming governors into school.

WHAT'S NEXT?



Week beginning 8th June

National tests
Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
Year 1 Phonics Check

24th June

Year 1-6 Sports Day

26th June

Reception Sports Day

10th July

End of Year Reports shared with parents

14th July

New teachers for next year shared with children and parents

15th July

Summer Fete

17th July

Last day of the school year
School finishes at 2.15 p.m.

Reminders

Lost Property

We continue to have lots of lost items which are not collected. These will be taken into the playground every Friday (weather permitting).

At any other time, you are invited to pop into the office, if you have anything that you wish to have a search for and claim from the Lost Property box.

