



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our final newsletter of this academic year! I hope you enjoy reading about the many achievements we have had throughout the year. Please do look at our website over the summer break as this provides you with much more detailed information about our work across our whole school community.

We couldn't do what we do without your support, and we are grateful for the positive partnership we have with you and the wider community in our locality. Teamwork makes the dream work! We had some problems accessing some of the messages you sent in on Thank a Teacher Day recently but wanted you to know that we were very grateful to you for taking time to think of us all.

As you all know, we are saying goodbye to both Miss and Mrs Beckett tomorrow. I am sure you all join me in thanking them for the contribution they have made to Becontree during their time here and wishing them the very best for the future.

We have some new staff joining our team in September and I look forward to introducing them to you after the summer break.

I hope you all have a safe and fun summer break, and we all look forward to welcoming children back to school on

Wednesday 3rd September 2025.

Marie Ziane (Headteacher)

Communication Corner

Barking & Dagenham

Speech and Language Strategy of the Month for June: Expanding

Match and Add

Why? When we add a little extra to what a child says or shows us, we help them hear and see what the "next step" looks like. It builds their understanding and gives a natural model for new words and ideas to add to what they already are doing.

How? Copy what the child communicates- then add a little more!

- If they say "ball" → you say "blue ball"
- If they point at a cat → you point **and** say "cat"
- If they wave → you wave **and** say "bye-bye!"

You can do this with words, sounds, gestures, signs, or even facial expressions.

Change4Change Team

Our Change4Change Fundraisers, with your support, have raised a massive **£495.60** this year for Save the Children.

They already have plans for the next school year, starting with our School Centenary.

I am proud of the team's efforts and their selflessness in giving up time to raise money for those less fortunate than themselves.



Travel Ambassadors



After The Great Space Walk Challenge, the Travel Ambassadors randomly selected 20 children who had completed the challenge. The winners got to take part in a fun 30-minute sports activity with the Travel Ambassadors. On Friday 20th June the Travel Ambassadors and the Eco Committee took part in an Active and Sustainable Travel workshop delivered by Ian and Anna from SYSTRA. The children had to think about active and sustainable travel and reasons why it is important. They then worked in small groups to plan ways to improve the local area around our school to promote active and sustainable travel.

Year 6

SATs Result Headlines

Please see below, the **provisional** data for percentages of our Year 6 children who achieved expected levels in their SATs.

%	Reading	Writing	SPaG	Maths
School	68	65	77	65
National	75	72	73	74



School Improvement Plan Update

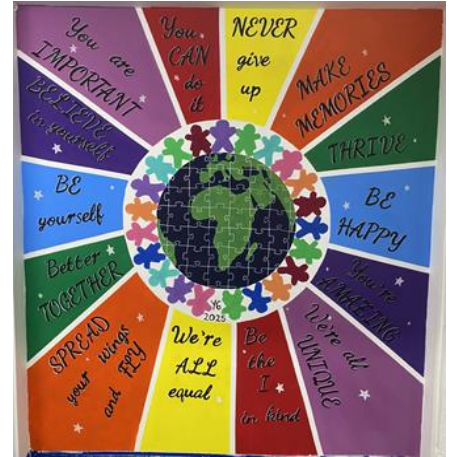
Relationships and Collaboration

We have made great strides in strengthening the partnership we have with all stakeholders, this year! I am proud to lead and be part of such a cohesive and collaborative school community.

There are many examples where parents, children and staff have worked together to ensure children and families get the very best education and wider experiences we can offer.

Parent support for school curriculum workshops has been higher than ever, collaboration to plan and deliver whole school events has been strong and children most definitely have a voice and role to play as leaders in our school.

I look forward to building on this even further next year as part of our centenary celebrations and beyond!



A beautiful mural designed and painted by Year 6 children.

Maths We have had a very successful year in maths. In a recent survey, 80% of children said that they feel confident in maths lessons and all said they knew what they should do if they are unsure how to answer a question in a maths lessons.

Maths is full of fun and it is really enjoyable at our school

A year 6 pupil said,

It's my favourite subject!

A year 4 pupil said,

Please support your child over the summer holiday by encouraging them to use Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS) or Numbots.



Language and Communication/Oracy

We have continued our development of language and communication with training sessions for all our **support staff** this term, to ensure that all new approaches and developments are promoted by all staff who work with our children.

We **monitored** the implementation of oracy and collaboration in classrooms recently. Teachers could be seen and heard deliberately teaching vocabulary and getting children to echo correct pronunciation. Teachers were using sentence stems to model good sentences and using strategies such as 'my turn, your turn'.

Teachers were using a range of questions types and attempting to engage as many children as possible in answering these.

Teachers were giving children enough thinking time before expecting an answer.

Next year, we will be looking at the **social and emotional** aspect of oracy development.





Curriculum Highlights

Children at Becontree have access to a wide and exciting range of curriculum experiences each year. The top three highlights of the year are below from each year group. Take some time over the summer to have a look at all of the photos on the Gallery at [Gallery | Becontree Primary School](#)

Nursery

1. Foxburrows Farm
2. Little City Role Play
3. Visit to Dagenham Fire Station

Reception

1. Welcoming our new chickens
2. Discover Story Centre
3. Baking and catching the Gingerbread man!

Year 1

1. Toy Museum Trip
2. Call of the Wild Zoo Trip
3. Going to the park to look at various plants

Year 2

1. Tower of London Trip
2. Eastbrookend Country Park Trip
3. Florence Nightingale Workshop

Year 3

1. Trip to Colchester Castle
2. Pizza making day
3. Day trip to the Chalkwell Beach

Year 4

1. Strawberry picking at Cammas Hall
2. British Museum trip to see Egyptian artifacts
3. Archery workshop

Year 5

1. Wicked Theatre trip
2. WonderLab Science Museum
3. Year 5 Sleepover

Year 6

1. Chessington Reward Trip after SATs
2. Trewern Residential and Bread and Soup making
3. Platinum trip

ARP/Zen Den

1. Forest Trip
 2. VE Day picnic
 3. Beach Trip
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1. Superhero Day
 2. Forest Picnic
 3. Pirate Treasure Hunt



Language of the Term

In September, the new language of the term will be Bengali.

A message from me:

After 23 amazing years working at Becontree, I have made the decision to retire. I spend my school day supporting children on their journey to learn English and this is something I am passionate about.

I have thoroughly enjoyed working with so many of your children across the school, throughout my time here and I will cherish the memories dearly. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and children for your continued support, kindness and love.

Mrs Beckett

Online Safety

This term, all children took part in an online safety lesson and attended an assembly to help them understand how to stay safe online. A key reminder for children is to be aware of the age restrictions on social media apps. Many of these are designed for older users and are not suitable for primary-aged children.



As we head into the summer holidays, please continue to talk to your child about staying safe online. Keep personal information private, be kind and respectful to others, and tell a trusted adult if anything online makes them feel uncomfortable or worried. Have a safe and happy summer!

All things Sports Related

What an exciting finish to the year we've had here at Becontree!

Children have been enjoying and making the most of their sporting opportunities this half-term and that's exactly what we like to see. We've had football, golf and gymnastic festivals which some children from different year groups got to attend. These are always such fantastic events for all our children to learn new skills within a range of sports.



And finally, I would like to mention how wonderful it was to have so many parents, carers and families come over to watch the children's sports days. This is always such a great event, but there seemed to be something special about this year's atmosphere; thanks to you all!

Mr Crowther

Rights Respecting School Award

Knowing about how our bodies grow and change is extremely important for children to learn about so this half term, all children have been learning about this in their RHE/PSHE lessons

Article 24 of the UNCRC states that ***'Every child has the right to the best possible health. They must be provided education on health and wellbeing so children can stay healthy.'***

In their lessons, children have built on previous learning from last year as well as learning about new, age appropriate, changes that will affect them.

Miss Beckett





Other Achievements: Becontree's Got Talent

On Wednesday the 18th of June, we had our Becontree's Got Talent Final. Eight semi-finalists competed, and after an exciting evening, including bouncers, judges and special acts, our winner was crowned. Well done to Amani, Arwen, Elija and Kaylah – the **Summer Vibes** Dance Act – for being the overall winners of the night.

Please visit our school website to see videos of all 8 finalists/groups performing their acts.

[Becontree Primary School](https://www.becontreeprimaryschool.co.uk/)



Other Achievements: Awards and Events

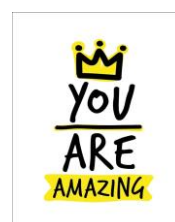
Five Becontree pupils won awards in a LA Anti-Racism Competition. We are so proud that our children are confident to share their thoughts and opinions in this way. Congratulations to Illarion (Year 6), Anastasia (Year 5) and Nana, Ahmed and Logan (ARP).



Our **Year 6 production** of "What a Knight!" was incredible. It was wonderful to watch such confident performers entertain the audience with their acting, comedy and singing and to see the whole year group working as a team with lighting, music and prop management. A perfect end to their time here at Becontree! It really was a night to remember!



Other Achievements: Outside of School



From left to right, we celebrate:
Charlotte (Year 3) for her horse-riding achievements;
Sara (Year 5) for her self-taught knitting skills;
Anastasia (Year 5) for winning GOLD at a gymnastics competition.



School Council

The Hello Health Team has won the national TCS GoIT competition! They impressed the judges with their innovative app designed to encourage children to live healthier lifestyles. As part of their well-deserved victory, the team received exciting prizes and a special trip to TCS's offices at Liverpool Street, where they had the opportunity to meet with industry experts, further explore their ideas and learn about AI.



Partnerships

Dolce Disco Day

Thank you to the Doco Kitchen Team for organising a fun, end of term lunch for us all! The team looked the part for the day!



Park Charitable Trust for Girls



A huge thank you to Park Charitable Trust for Girls and their generous donation of FREE hygiene products for our Year 5 girls!

Year 6, it's



Although we're sad to see you all leave, we know that you are ready for the new challenges ahead at secondary school!

Be brave; be kind; be proud of who you are and be happy!



You're off to Great Places!
Today is your day!
Your mountain is waiting.
So... get on your way!

-- Dr. Seuss

WHAT'S NEXT?



Becontree Primary School Centenary

We are very excited about our upcoming Centenary Celebration in September. Plans are well-underway and will include a range of activities such as class trips to Valence house, a centenary park run, Bow Arts workshops to create a school memorial display, collating time capsules to bury in the school playground, activities in class, such as creating a memorial tea towel and meeting former Becontree pupils.

We will be researching every decade of our school's existence and exploring how things have changed over time. Every class will also be learning a dance/poem representing a different decade and performing it.

Finally, on Friday 26th September, we will be inviting the whole school community to join us for a final celebration event. More information will be shared



Remember to check out the **Themes and Events Overview** for other activities next term.