



TEBAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Friday 17th April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to school for the start of our summer term. We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable break. As we move into this new term, we are looking forward to brighter days, lighter evenings, and hopefully some warmer weather ahead!

Attendance Celebration

We are absolutely delighted to share that we have achieved **100% attendance across the entire school for the first week of term**. This is an incredible accomplishment and sets such a positive tone for learning behaviours moving forward. Thank you to all our families for continuing to prioritise attendance—it is really paying off for our children. To celebrate this fantastic achievement, we enjoyed an extra playtime and a sweet treat for all pupils. Well done, everyone!

Launching Team Tebay Talks

This week, we have launched our new initiative: *Team Tebay Talks*. At Tebay, we have always valued the sense of community created by our mixed-age lunchtime tables, where children from Year 1 through to Year 6 eat together. This has always been a special part of our school day.

We are now building on this by introducing purposeful dialogue during lunchtime to further develop communication and language skills, while also deepening our understanding of British values. Each week, we hold a Picture News assembly, where a current global topic is introduced alongside a linked British value and protected characteristic.

During lunchtime, children—led by our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils—engage in short, focused discussions based on this theme. Each day includes a question linked to the assembly, with just five minutes dedicated to discussion while eating. Key thoughts from each table are then shared. At the end of the week, the focus turns to how we, as a school, demonstrate that British value in action.

We are really excited to see how this initiative develops over the coming weeks and the positive impact it will have on our pupils.

Our topic this week is: What makes a great place to live?



Mutual Respect and Tolerance

Barking Riverside will have shared spaces where people will come together as one big community. When neighbours show mutual respect and tolerance, it creates a place where everyone feels they belong.

Protected Characteristics

Barking Riverside will be a community for everyone. It has been designed so every person is valued and included, no matter their religion or belief.



Curriculum Information for Parents

We have listened carefully to feedback from families that it can sometimes be difficult to find out what children have been learning in school. We recognise how important these conversations at home are in supporting learning.

To help with this, we will now be sharing not only our topic overviews (coming out this Friday), but also the **key learning questions and core knowledge** your child will be focusing on each week in Science and History. We hope this will support more meaningful conversations at home and give you a clearer insight into your child's learning.

We would really value your feedback on this approach, as we want to ensure we are getting it right for both our children and families. This information will also be shared on our social media platforms, including Facebook and Instagram.

Welcome to Mr Harrison

We are delighted to warmly welcome Mr Harrison to Team Tebay this week. He has already made a valued contribution, sharing his experience from his role as a leader in international schools.

Over the next few weeks, his focus will be on building relationships with both children and families. Mr Harrison will be outside at the end of each day supporting dismissal, and he is very keen to meet our parents and carers. Please do take a few moments to introduce yourself and say hello.

There will also be opportunities to meet him at the various events taking place over the summer term. We are very pleased to have him as part of our team.

Finally, we will of course keep you updated with any baby news from the Collinson family!

Stars of the week:



Harriet – for settling back into school so positively and confidently.

Imogen – for amazing maths scores and being a magical mathematician.

Eden – for always behaving politely and kindly in the classroom.

Hollie – for kindly supporting Mr Harrison and her classmates in their learning.

Core values:

In recognition of displaying the skills of a super active listener.



Fred, Ambrose, Annie and Rocco.

Dates for diaries

Thurs 23rd April - Year 2 children to QKS to take part in athletics festival (packed lunch needed), form on Parentmail.

Fri 24th April - Year 3 to 6 children to Upper Eden Rugby Club to take part in a TAG rugby festival, this is a morning activity the children will be back for lunch, form on Parentmail.

Mon 11th May to Thurs 14th May - Year 6 SATS week.

Fri 22nd May - Break up. NO after school club.

Mon 1st June - Back to school.

Wed 10th June - Whole school sports day.

Mon 22nd June to Wed 24th June - Year 4, 5 and 6 residential.

Mon 29th June to Fri 3rd July - Whole school swimming (after lunch)

Sat 11th July - Village sports day.

Fri 17th July - 2.30pm Year 6 leavers/celebration assembly. Break up at the normal time. NO after school club.