

PRINCESS MAY

NEWS!

October 3rd, 2025 | Princess May Primary School, Hackney



Head's Message

Dear parents and carers,

We are now well in the thick of the autumn term, with a whirlwind September leading us into October. With three weeks left until half-term, we are working hard to ensure each child meets their potential, which brings me onto the importance of ensuring your child comes to school each day, including in the run up to holidays and half-term breaks. Studies have shown that primary school attendance is crucial for a child's academic, social, and emotional development, with strong links between regular attendance and higher attainment in reading, writing, and maths, as well as better long-term social skills and well-being. This is why we are so focussed on ensuring children come in each day. Holidays during term-time are never allowed at Princess May for this reason.

Our first parent and carer tours for Reception 2026 are taking place on Tuesday 14 October at 9:30am: <https://tinyurl.com/2wsjs45w> Please do encourage anyone you know looking for a school place for their child in September 2026 to come along for a school tour and question and answer session with the senior leadership team. Once our building works are complete, we will also be inviting our existing parents to come in and see what's new in school.

Have a great weekend.

Mr Reynolds
Headteacher

Class Dojo Winners



EYFS	Shadi	Ayan	4MW
1SM	Sumeja	Jason,	5DM
2ML	Zara	Adonai	5EY
3PA	Roshni	Olivia, Sophie	6JH

Gold Certificate Winners



EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Ercan	Maggie	Rosie	Keren	Dioren	Akkshith Precious Riola Suraiya	Waseem
Orla	Keylani	Kristian	Roshni	Nermin		Olivia

Secret Agent Awards

TOP SECRET

EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Izhaan	Aiden A	Zara	Amjed	Sofia	Jose Enes	Mimi

School Dojo Winner

This week's School Dojo Winner is **EYFS!** Well done to all the pupils in this class for doing a great job! Keep it up!

Star Writer

This week's Star Writer is **Rosie** in **2ML!** In literacy, Rosie identified how a character's feelings change as the story goes on. Rosie used a range of vocabulary to describe the characters. Very impressive!



Times Tables Rock Stars

Congratulations to **Pronob** (2ML) and **Leena** (3PA) who are this week's Times Tables Rock Stars! Keep it up!



Spanish word of the week:

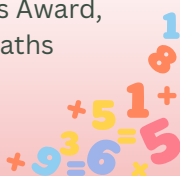
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Poderoso



Maths Award

Ondrej in **6JH** wins this week's Maths Award, for working extremely hard during maths booster sessions and using his mathematical skills when answering questions. Well done!



Black History Month 2025 – Standing Firm in Power and Pride

This October, we are celebrating Black History Month with the theme “**Standing Firm in Power and Pride.**”

Across the school, children will be learning about identity, resilience, and the achievements of inspirational Black figures. From exploring pride in diversity in the Early Years, to learning about Mary Seacole and Walter Tull in KS1, and changemakers such as Rosa Parks, Nelson Mandela, Maya Angelou, and Wangari Maathai in KS2, pupils will reflect on what it means to stand firm in power and pride today.

To mark the occasion, there will be a special themed lunch during the month and a Showcase Assembly on **Wednesday 22nd October, 10:45–11:15**, where each year group will share their learning with parents and carers.

We look forward to celebrating together and highlighting the many contributions of Black individuals across history and society.



IMPORTANT - Online Safety

To ensure children's online safety, parents should actively supervise internet use, educate children about risks like cyberbullying and inappropriate content, use privacy settings on devices and apps, set clear boundaries for screen time as well as modelling responsible online behaviour themselves. You should maintain open communication with your child about their online experiences, encouraging them to discuss any worries with a trusted adult. There have been several incidents this year, involving Roblox and social media. In all cases, children were unsupervised. Please ensure this is not the case in your household.

Workshop:

As part of our commitment to online safety, we will be running an internet safety day on **Monday 20 October**. As part of this, parents and carers are invited to a parent workshop at **2:30pm**. Further details will follow nearer the time, however please put this in your diaries now to ensure you do not miss this very important event.



IS MY CHILD WELL ENOUGH TO ATTEND SCHOOL?

YES!

Mild cough, tiredness, runny nose, tonsillitis, conjunctivitis, hand, foot and mouth, mild cold.

If your child is...

- Up and walking about
- Feeling well enough to eat
- Playing at home
- Well enough to watch TV

They are well enough to come in! We can offer them a quiet space and extra support if needed. They will be looked after!



NO!

Vomiting, diarrhea, high fever, chickenpox, flu, whooping cough.

If your child is...

- In bed sleeping
- Not well enough to watch TV/read

They are not well enough to come in and should stay home for the day.



Book Bags

A reminder that all children in KS1 need to bring in their book bag and their reading pack to school **every day**. This is so that teachers can read with your children throughout the day.

Phonics books will be changed every Thursday, a reminder will be sent out each week via text. Daily reading at home should be logged in their reading records by a parent/carer.

HAPPY WEEKEND