

March 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,

As we come to the end of the Spring Term, I would like to thank you for your continued support throughout what has been a very busy and eventful month at Ben Jonson. The term has been full of learning, celebration and community spirit, and it has been wonderful to see our school come together in so many positive ways.

March has included a range of special events that have enriched pupils' experiences and strengthened our school community. The Book Fair was well supported and helped to promote a love of reading across the school. We also enjoyed Red Nose Day, which brought plenty of smiles while reminding us of the importance of kindness and helping others. We end the term on a real high with our Easter Bonnet Parade — thank you to families for the creativity, effort and enthusiasm that have made this such a joyful occasion for the children.

I would also like to thank parents and carers for your strong engagement with school life this term. It has been a pleasure to see such high attendance at assemblies and school events, and your support helps to strengthen children's confidence, pride and sense of belonging.

Alongside these events, our pupils have continued to work hard in class, and staff have remained focused on providing high-quality teaching and support. We are proud of the way pupils have approached their learning, and grateful to our staff team for their dedication and care.

I would like to wish all children and families a restful and enjoyable break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 13th April, refreshed and ready for the summer term ahead.

Warm regards, and stay safe,

Norma Marshall (Headteacher)



Brave, Kind & Curious

World Book Day

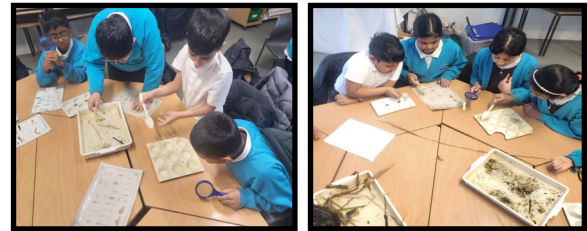
Children dressed in their best red outfits and raised money for Comic Relief. This year we also had another talent show at Ben Jonson! The whole school have been working hard to prepare their acts which included singing, reciting poetry, dancing, playing instruments, telling jokes and more. Well done to the children making a huge effort to keep us entertained!

Thank you to everyone that contributed we have raised £206. The donations will be going to Comic Relief who support people facing poverty in the UK and around the world .



Year 4 trip to Soanne Centre

In the Spring term, Year 4 were biologists for the day when they went to the Soanes Centre. While they were there, they took part in some pond-dipping before classifying the organisms they found using a picture key and everyone had a great time!



Book Fair at Ben Jonson

Our book fair has been great, thank you for coming along to browse and to purchase books for your children. It was lovely to see so many children excited about books!



Year 1 to St James's Park and Buckingham Palace

Year 1 enjoyed an exciting, educational visit to St James's Park and Buckingham Palace to explore some famous landmarks of London, just like Paddington! Children enjoyed a relaxing walk through St James's Park, discovering the diverse wild life, colourful flowerbeds, and stunning views across the lake towards the Palace. They also saw the official London residence of the King, Buckingham Palace, and learnt more about the Changing of the Guard. Luckily enough children watched the event too!



School Events & Calender

School Calendar

Term dates 2025-2026

General Parent/Carer Trips Bank Holiday School Closed

Calendar

List

Combined

Event	Date
 Easter Holiday	Monday 30th March 2026 - Sunday 12th April 2026
 Bank Holiday - School Closed	Friday 3rd April 2026
 Bank Holiday - School Closed	Monday 6th April 2026
 Term starts	Monday 13th April 2026
 NCMP Reception Vision and Hearing tests	Monday 13th April 2026
 NCMP Reception Vision and Hearing tests	Tuesday 14th April 2026
 NCMP Reception Vision and Hearing tests	Thursday 16th April 2026
 Flouride Varnish Programme Nursery/Rec/Year 1 2nd Coating	Wednesday 22nd April 2026
 Bank Holiday - School Closed	Monday 4th May 2026
 Tower Hamlets Mayor and Local Elections - School Closed TBC	Thursday 7th May 2026
 Bank Holiday - School Closed	Monday 25th May 2026
 Half Term	Tuesday 26th May 2026 - Friday 29th May 2026
 Eid Al-Adha - School Closed	Wednesday 27th May 2026
 Last day of Summer Term 2	Friday 17th July 2026
 Inset Day - School Closed	Monday 20th July 2026
 Inset Day - School Closed	Tuesday 21st July 2026
 Inset Day - School Closed	Wednesday 22nd July 2026
 Summer Holiday	Thursday 23rd July 2026 - Sunday 30th August 2026
 Bank Holiday - School Closed	Monday 31st August 2026

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Your child's attendance is important

Our whole school attendance for this month is 93% We know there has been some illnesses, please try and bring your child into school as soon as they are well. Thank you for your support in working with us to improve attendance and let's make it even better next year.

Just a reminder, there have been significant changes to the government's attendance guidelines. [Working together to Improve School Attendance \(DFE August 2024\)](#). Please note the fines are now higher and lateness can be fined too. It is important to become familiar with the new changes. Please see below guidance of the new penalty notices.

Lateness

Please ensure your child arrives to school on time every day. Prompt arrival in school is important for every year group from Nursery to Year 6. Lateness disrupts the teaching in the classroom and results in your child missing out on their learning time.

Please note the following to ensure your child starts school on time everyday:

- **8.45am to 8.55am Drop off**—school gates open and children can go straight to class
- Parents are not allowed through the gates after 8.55am

Thank you for bringing your children to school on time!

PENALTY NOTICES

New National Framework for Penalty Notices for poor school attendance and unauthorised leave in term time effective from 19 August 2024.



Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notices will still be issued to each parent for each absent child.

For example – 2 siblings being absent for unauthorised leave in term time, will result in each parent receiving two separate fines.

Penalty Notices will be issued for:

- Term Time Leave: 5 consecutive days or more
- 10 sessions of unauthorised absence and/or lateness in a 10 week period

First Offence

The first time a penalty notice is issued, the amount will be £160 per parent, per child, if paid within 28 days.

(Reduced to £80 per parent, per child, if paid within 21 days.)

Second Offence

The second time a penalty notice is issued, the amount will be £160 per parent, per child, if paid within 28 days.

(There is no reduction for any early payment.)

Third Offence

The third time a penalty notice is issued, the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates Court.

Fines of up to £2500 per parent, per child, can be issued by the courts.

BEHAVIOUR AND ATTENDANCE SUPPORT SERVICE
London Borough of Tower Hamlets, Town Hall, 160 Whitechapel Road, London E1 1BJ

Email: LBTHAttendance&WelfareServiceAdmin@towerhamlets.gov.uk Telephone: 020 7364 3450



FREE FOOD
Just bring bags!

FELIX FRESH

The Felix Project, in partnership with All Saints Church Poplar, will be distributing free fresh fruit and vegetables.

WHEN

Wednesday 1st
April
12-2pm

WHERE

All Saints Church Poplar, Newby
Pl, London E14 0EY
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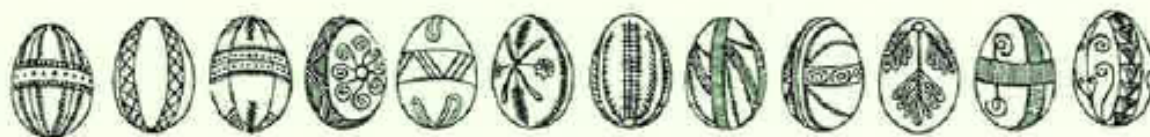
BRING YOUR BAGS, BOXES, TROLLEYS AND STRONG ARMS, AND TAKE HOME WITH YOU A VARIETY OF DELICIOUS, FRESH FOOD!

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EASTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

RAGGED SCHOOL MUSEUM



April 2026

Family Activities

Wednesday 1st and 8th

Thursday 2nd and 9th



Victorian Lessons

11am and 12am

Wednesday 1st

Thursday 2nd

10.30am-3.30pm

Admission Free for Children

Family activities suitable for ages 2-12

Victorian Lesson suitable for 7+



www.raggedschoolmuseum.org.uk
0208 980 6405

46-50 Copperfield Road, London, E3 4RR

Tube – Mile End, DLR – Limehouse, Buses – 277, 25, 309, 323, D7, D6
Ringo mobile phone parking available on Copperfield Rd.

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