

BANGABANDHU WEEKLY

Everyone Belongs • Everyone Achieves • Everyone Thrives

WEEK ENDING 11TH SEPTEMBER 2026



A message from Carly

It has been a great first week back, and it has been wonderful to see the children settling in so well and enjoying getting to know the adults who will be working with them this year.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who have been able to spend a little time in the playground in the mornings and get to know their child's class teacher. Please continue to do this when you can. Building positive relationships between home and school is really important to us – we are all part of the Bangabandhu community, working together for our children.

Our KS2 playground resurfacing is now complete, and the children are enjoying having a spacious area to play in with the range of equipment we use at lunchtime. We have already ordered some additional equipment and, later in the academic year, we will explore fundraising opportunities for new playground markings too.

You may also have noticed that we have changed the order of our school values to **Everyone Belongs, Everyone Achieves, Everyone Thrives**. We have deliberately put belonging first because we believe children are best placed to achieve and thrive when they feel safe, valued, included and that they truly belong to their school community.

Thank you for such a positive start to the year. I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Carly Lawrence, Headteacher

ATTENDANCE

95.5% this week

Well done to **Year 5 & Year 6 Jen Arayni Class** who had the highest attendance this week at

98.39% 🎉

Our target: 97%

Every day and every minute of learning matters:

- 8.45am – Gates open – come into the playground, say hello and help us start the day together!
- 8.50am – Classroom doors open – time to settle in and get ready.
- 8.55am – Registration and learning begin.
- 8.56am onwards – Children are marked late.
- If your child is absent, please let the School Office know each day.
- Our attendance target is 97% – thank you for helping us get there together.

NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY 14th SEPTEMBER	• Year 1 Megan Aroon Class Welcome Meeting at 9am, with Shahnaz. • Bikeability lessons for Y5 & Y6 Jen Arayni Class.
TUESDAY 15th SEPTEMBER	• Year 2 Lubaina Himid Class Welcome Meeting at 9am, with Nancy. • Bikeability lessons for Y5 & Y6 Jen Arayni Class.
WEDNESDAY 16th SEPTEMBER	• Year 3 and Year 4 Banksy Class Welcome Meeting at 9am, with Shamim. • Bikeability lessons for Y5 & Y6 Jen Arayni Class.
THURSDAY 17th SEPTEMBER	• Year 3 and Year 4 William Morris Class Welcome Meeting at 9am, with Sabina. • Bikeability lessons for Y5 & Y6 Jen Arayni Class.
FRIDAY 18th SEPTEMBER	• Year 5 and Year 6 Jen Arayni Class Welcome Meeting at 9am, with Candice. • Bikeability lessons for Y5 & Y6 Jen Arayni Class.

LOOKING AHEAD – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Week beginning 21st September – Bikeability lessons for Y5 & Y6 Helen Zughaib Class
- Week beginning 28th September – clubs begin. Look out for clubs on Arbor the week before
- Week beginning 28th September – Bikeability lessons for Y5 & Y6 6 James Rizzi Class
- Monday 21st September at 9.15am - 12.25pm - Y6 to Tower Hamlets Junior Citizenship Scheme
- Tuesday 22nd September – Year 5 and Year 6 James Rizzi Class Welcome Meeting at 9am, with Nadia

- Wednesday 23rd September – Year 5 and Year 6 Helen Zughaib Class Welcome Meeting at 9am, with Shahana
- Monday 28th September – Swimming lessons at York Hall begin for Y5 and Y6 Jen Arayni Class and the Specialist Classes
- Wednesday 30th September at 9.30am - Pioneers Class coffee morning & class meeting
- Wednesday 7th October at 9.30am - Adventurers Class coffee morning & class meeting
- Friday 9th October – Monday 12th October – Y6 School Journey to PGL Marchants Hill – leaving at 2pm and returning at 3pm
- Wednesday 14th October at 9.30am - Discoverers Class coffee morning & class meeting
- Friday 16th October – Individual and sibling school photos
- Monday 19th October – Friday 23rd October – Y6 Into University Week
- Wednesday 21st October at 9.30am - Explorers Class coffee morning & class meeting
- 26th October – 30th October – Half term

BANGABANDHU NEWS AND UPDATES

A Warm Welcome to Our New Staff

We are delighted to welcome some new members of staff to our Bangabandhu school community this year.

Farhad – School Business Leader

Farhad is our new School Business Leader and works across both Bangabandhu and Globe. He has worked in Tower Hamlets schools for a number of years and brings a wealth of experience to the role. Farhad is very happy to have joined our federation and already has lots of ideas! You may see him out on gate duty, so please do say hello and introduce yourself. He is keen to get to know our children and families and become part of our school community.

Nancy – Year 2 Teacher

Nancy has joined us as our new Year 2 teacher. She is passionate about teaching and is very excited to be working at Bangabandhu and getting to know our children and families.

Sonia – Teaching Assistant

Sonia joined us towards the end of the summer term and has already settled in brilliantly. She is working as a Teaching Assistant in Adventurers Class and is very happy to be part of the Bangabandhu team.

We hope you will join us in giving Farhad, Nancy and Sonia a very warm welcome. We are really pleased to have them as part of our Bangabandhu school community.

School Building Improvements

We are pleased to let families know that a programme of building improvements will be taking place at the school during this academic year. This will include new accessible toilet and changing facilities for our specialist provision, alongside a decarbonisation programme to improve the energy efficiency of our school, including new boilers, triple-glazed windows and improved insulation.

Preparatory work will begin from Tuesday 15th September. There may be some noise and disruption at different points during the year, but work will be carefully planned to minimise the impact on children and school life wherever possible.

The safety of our children remains our priority, and contractors will work within clearly separated areas of the school site. Teachers have spoken to their classes about the upcoming works, including the changes they may notice around school and how we will all help to keep everyone safe while the work is taking place.

We will keep families updated as the work progresses and let you know in advance about any changes that may affect usual school arrangements.

We are looking forward to seeing these improvements to our school building take shape!

ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Enrichment Clubs – Something for Everyone!

We are currently putting together our enrichment club offer for this academic year, and we are looking forward to providing children with a wide range of opportunities beyond the classroom.

Our clubs will include a mixture of academic, sports and wellbeing, hobbies and specialist-interest activities, giving children opportunities to develop their talents, discover new interests and try something different.

Clubs will begin week commencing 28th September. Look out for messages on Arbor the week before, when we will share the clubs available and information about how to sign up.

Our aim is for every child to take part in at least one enrichment club during this academic year. We want every child to have the opportunity to find something they enjoy, develop new skills and take part in the wider life of our school.

THIS WEEK'S FAMILY FOCUS

CHILDREN'S WELLBEING

Supporting Your Child This September

The jump into a new school year takes a lot of mental and physical energy. Here are four quick ways to support your child's wellbeing this month:

- **Expect after-school meltdowns.** Children work hard to follow routines all day. When they get home, they often release their exhaustion. Give them a healthy snack and 30 minutes of quiet downtime before asking how their day was.
- **Prioritise rest over activities.** The change in routine is draining. Consider keeping after-school activities and weekend plans light for the first few weeks. A slightly earlier bedtime can make a massive difference.
- **Connect before giving orders.** Morning rushes can easily become a stream of commands ("*Put your shoes on, "Get your bag"*"). Spend just two minutes cuddling or chatting before the rush starts to fill their emotional tank.
- **Normalise the butterflies.** It is completely normal for primary school children to still feel nervous about new teachers or peer groups. Validate them by saying: "*It's okay to feel nervous, new routines take time to get used to.*"

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN

ChatGPT Parental Controls (teenagers)

ChatGPT has parental controls which allow a parent or guardian to link their account with a teenager's account and manage a range of settings.

Parents can control things such as:

- additional safeguards around sensitive content;
- Voice Mode;
- image generation;
- memory;
- quiet hours;
- and some other ChatGPT features.

Importantly, linking the accounts does not allow a parent to read their teenager's conversations or monitor their chat history.

Link: [Managing parental controls in ChatGPT https://help-lb.openai.com/en/articles/12315553-managing-parental-controls-in-chatgpt](https://help-lb.openai.com/en/articles/12315553-managing-parental-controls-in-chatgpt)

USEFUL INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

Looking for information about school uniform, attendance and absence, medication, healthy snacks, the curriculum, school policies or the start and end of the school day? You can find these, along with other useful information and guidance for families, on the Bangabandhu Primary School website <https://www.bangabandhu.towerhamlets.sch.uk/>

A QUICK REMINDER

Medication in School

A reminder that all medication must be handed directly to the School Office by an adult. Please never place medication in your child's book bag, PE bag or other belongings, as this could present a serious safety risk to your child or other children.

If your child needs medication during the school day, please speak to the School Office so that the appropriate consent forms can be completed and arrangements can be put in place. Medication should be clearly labelled and in its original packaging, with the pharmacy label where applicable. Thank you for helping us to keep all children safe.

Please Park Considerately

A gentle reminder to families who drive to school to park safely and considerately at drop-off and collection times. Please do not block the road, parking bays or the area needed by our school transport.

Our school buses need clear and safe access so that children can get on and off safely, including children who may need additional support. Blocking these areas can make this difficult and unsafe.

Thank you for helping us keep the area outside school safe and accessible for everyone.

DON'T FORGET

Book bag every day

Named water bottle

Check Arbor

Arrive by 8.50am

Support our school community

- Volunteer on a school trip - Trips bring learning to life and family volunteers help us provide more opportunities.
- Family workshops - Come and find out more about how and what your child learns.
- School celebrations - Join us for assemblies, performances and special events.

Thank you for being part of our Bangabandhu community. Have a lovely weekend!