BANGABANDHU WEEKLY

Everyone Belongs • Everyone Achieves • Everyone Thrives

WEEK ENDING 23RD OCTOBER 2026

A message from Carly

As we come to the end of our first half term, I would like to thank all our parents and carers for your continued support. We are incredibly proud of our children and how hard they have worked since the beginning of the school year. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm for learning, growing confidence and achievements.

This week, our Year 6 children enjoyed a fantastic university experience at Northeastern University London. They explored the history of the Windrush generation through university-style learning and discovered more about university life, including the different subjects they could study and the opportunities available to them in the future. They even had the opportunity to explore a university and take part in their very own graduation ceremony! What a wonderful way to inspire aspirations for the future. Well done, Year 6!

We have lots to look forward to next half term, including the return of specialist music lessons, parent meetings and, of course, our Christmas performances. It promises to be another exciting and busy half term!

For now, I hope all our children and families enjoy a well-deserved break. Take time to rest, recharge and enjoy being together.

Wishing you all a happy and restful half term. We look forward to welcoming everyone back!

Carly Lawrence, Headteacher

ATTENDANCE

92.97% this week

Our target: 97% - We need to try harder to come to school every day when you are well enough!

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 – parents say goodbye in the playground and children are taken to class.
- 8.55am – Registration is taken and learning begins promptly.
- 8.56am onwards – Children are marked late.
- If your child is absent, please let the school office know each day.

NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER	• INSET DAY – School closed for staff training
TUESDAY 3RD NOVEMBER	
WEDNESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER	
THURSDAY 5TH NOVEMBER	

FRIDAY 6TH NOVEMBER	

LOOKING AHEAD – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October – Half term
- Monday 9th November and Tuesday 10th November – parent meetings - school closes at 2.45pm.
- Monday 9th November - 3pm - 6pm. Mainstream classes, Discovers, Adventurers and Explorers Classes parent meetings – please book via Arbor.
- Monday 9th November 3pm – 4.30pm: Pioneers Class parent meetings – please book via Arbor.
- Tuesday 10th November - 3pm - 6pm. Mainstream classes parent meetings – please book via Arbor.
- Tuesday 10th November - 3pm – 4.30pm: Pioneers Class parent meetings – please book via Arbor.
- Tuesday 17th November - Y1 & Y2 Portrait Gallery.
- Friday 4th December - Christmas Fair 3.30pm - 4.45pm in the main hall.
- Wednesday 8th December – Nursery and Reception Class Christmas Show at 9.30am in the main hall.
- Tuesday 15th December – Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Show at 9.30am in the main hall.
- Wednesday 16th December - Class Ambassadors visit to the Houses of Parliament
- Wednesday 16th December – Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Show at 9.30am in the main hall.
- Thursday 17th December – all classes Christmas parties in the afternoon (except nursery).
- Thursday 17th December – nursery Christmas party in the morning.
- Friday 18th December – last day of term. School closes at 1pm.

Bangabandhu Parent Workshops – Autumn Term 2026

Date, Time & Location	Workshop	Year Group(s)	Description	Led by
04.11.26 08.50 - 9.10am in the computing room	Device Awareness	All parents	Come along to our Device Advice workshop where Sameer will advise you on internet safety at home and show you how to put restrictions on your devices.	Sameer
10.11.26 11.30 in the nursery classroom	Stay and Read	Nursery	Stay and read with your child in class. We would like to welcome you in to share some wonderful stories with your child.	Nazma and Katie
25.11.26 2.30 in the reception classroom	Stay and play - How to support your child's physical development and writing skills	Reception	There will be activities what we do in school to encourage and support your child's physical development, including writing in all areas of learning and show you how you can continue this at home.	Imrean, Shuhana, Katie and Melissa English Lead
02.12.26 08.50 - 9.10am in the computing room	Device Awareness	All parents	Come along to our Device Advice workshop where Sameer will advise you on internet safety at home and show you how to put restrictions on your devices.	Sameer
02.12.26 11.30 in the nursery classroom	Stay and play - How to support your child's physical	Nursery	There will be activities what we do in school to encourage and support your child's physical development, including mark making in all areas of	Nazma, Katie and Melissa English Lead

	development and mark making skills		learning and show you how you can continue this at home.	
01.12.26 9am in the main hall	Supporting Children's Mental Health & Wellbeing – strategies.	All parents	Strategies to help children build resilience and signposting to local mental health support.	COMPASS

BANGABANDHU NEWS AND UPDATES

Specialist Music Lessons Are Back!

I am delighted to be bringing specialist music lessons back to Bangabandhu, giving children more opportunities to explore music, develop new skills and discover their musical talents.

Violin lessons will begin on Wednesday 11 November for children in Years 3 and 4.

I am also pleased to welcome back Corin Pennington, an experienced Early Years music specialist who has been teaching music for over 20 years. Corin will be working with children in Reception and our specialist inclusion classes. He has extensive experience of supporting children with special educational needs and uses songs, instruments, rhythm, movement and signing, including Makaton, to make music accessible and enjoyable for everyone.

I am also planning to introduce African drumming for Years 1 and 2 and keyboard lessons for Years 5 and 6. I hope these will begin next half term and will share further details soon.

Music is an important part of children's education. It develops creativity, confidence, listening, concentration and teamwork, while also supporting communication, self-expression and emotional well-being. Above all, music brings children together and gives everyone an opportunity to participate, achieve and experience the joy of making music.

We are all excited to see music becoming an even bigger part of life at Bangabandhu!

Parent Meetings Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th November

Bookings are now open!

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you are well. We will be holding our parent meetings in school on Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th November. These meetings are an important opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher, discuss their progress this academic year and raise any questions you may have about the year ahead. We expect at least one parent/carer to attend. Each appointment will last up to 10 minutes.

Parent Meeting Dates and Times

- Year 1–Year 6 (Mainstream) and Nursery and Reception (Early Years): Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th November, between 3:00pm and 5:40pm
- Discovers, Adventurers and Explorers: Monday 9th November only, between 3:00pm and 5:40pm.
- Pioneers: Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th November, between 3:00pm and 4:30pm.

How to Book Your Appointment on the Arbor Parent App

Please book your appointment in advance by following these steps:

1. Open the Arbor Parent App on your phone.
2. On the bottom left-hand side, tap the three lines (☰) to open the menu.

3. Scroll down until you find Guardian Consultations and select it.
4. Select the relevant parent meeting for your child.
5. You will see the available appointment times with your child's class teacher.
6. Choose your preferred time and confirm your booking.

Please Remember

- You must book your appointment in advance through Arbor.
- If you require an interpreter, we suggest arranging for someone to attend the meeting with you to interpret.
- School will close at 2:45pm on both Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th November. Children must be collected at 2:45pm so that teachers can start the meetings promptly at 3:00pm.
- If you have any difficulties booking your appointment on Arbor, please come into the school office or give us a call as soon as possible. We will be happy to help.

We look forward to seeing you at the parent meetings and working together to support your child's progress.

THIS WEEK'S FAMILY FOCUS

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN

For Parents- Online Safety for Under-5s

Children are experiencing digital technology from increasingly younger ages, whether that's watching videos, playing simple games or using tablets and other connected devices.
To help with this, Internet Matters has a dedicated online safety resource for parents and carers of children aged **0–5**.
The guidance covers topics including:

- choosing age-appropriate apps, games and content;
- setting up parental controls;
- managing screen time and developing healthy habits;
- sharing photographs and information about young children;
- helping children begin to understand online safety.

The advice is particularly useful because it focuses on building positive digital habits from the beginning, rather than waiting until children are older before discussing online safety.
Link:
Internet Matters – Online Safety Advice for Children Aged 0–5

Safeguarding – Keeping Children Safe

If you have any concerns about a child's safety or wellbeing, please speak to our **Designated Safeguarding Lead, Naz Begum**, who oversees safeguarding and supports children and families.
If Naz is unavailable, please speak to one of our **Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads: Katie Mik, Aysha Khanom or Carly Lawrence**.
No concern is too small to share.

CHILDREN'S WELLBEING

Children's wellbeing during the half term break

Half term is a wonderful opportunity for children to rest, recharge and enjoy time with family and friends. After a busy few weeks of learning, having time to relax, play and simply be children is important for their emotional well-being.

You don't need expensive days out or planned activities to make the holiday special. Simple things like visiting the park, playing games, reading together, cooking or going for a walk can help children feel happy, connected and secure.

Try to balance screen time with opportunities for outdoor play, creativity and conversation. Maintaining some familiar routines, particularly around sleep, can also help children feel settled and ready to return to school.

Most importantly, enjoy spending time together, making memories and having fun. We wish all our families a happy, restful half-term break!

A QUICK REMINDER

Daily Reading Reminder

Please encourage your child to read at home for 15–20 minutes every evening. Reading regularly helps develop fluency, vocabulary, comprehension and a love of books. For younger children, sharing a story and reading together is just as valuable. A little reading every day makes a big difference!

ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Enrichment Clubs – Something for Everyone!

Here is our club offer for this term (if clubs are full, we will notify you when spaces become available)

Club	Year Group	Date and Time
Hobbies and Special interests – Music Enrichment Club led by Sam	Y3, Y4, Y5 or Y6	Mondays 3.15 – 4.00
Sports and Wellness – Doodling Enrichment Club led Amina	Reception, Y1 or Y2	Tuesdays 3.15 – 4.00
Academic – Spanish Enrichment Club led Yolanda	Y1 or Y2	Tuesdays 3.15 – 4.00
Hobbies and Special interests – Arts and Crafts Enrichment Club led by Nazma	Reception, Y1 or Y2	Tuesdays 3.15 – 4.15
Academic – Computer Coding Enrichment Club led Charlene	Y3, Y4, Y5 or Y6	Tuesdays 3.15 – 4.15
Sports and Wellness – Girls Football Enrichment Club led Candice	Y3, Y4, Y5 or Y6	Tuesdays 3.15 – 4.15
Sports and Wellness – Doodling Enrichment Club led Nadia	Y3, Y4, Y5 or Y6	Tuesdays 3.15 – 4.15
Sports and Wellness – Football Enrichment Club led Hasna	Y5 or Y6	Wednesdays 3.15 – 4.15
Hobbies and Special interests – Board Games Enrichment Club led by Jaheda	Y1, Y2, Y3 or Y4	Wednesdays 3.15 – 4.15
Sports and Wellness – Football Enrichment Club led Yamin	Y3 or Y4	Thursdays 3.15 – 4.25

DON'T FORGET

Book bag every day	**Named water bottle**	**Check Arbor**	**Arrive by 8.50am**

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/

Holiday Homework

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our holiday home learning project this half term is Unsung Heroes!

We would like the children to celebrate someone who makes a difference in their everyday lives. This could be a family member, school staff member, nurse, cleaner, bus driver or anyone who helps others.

Children can present their work however they like – a poster, model, diorama, poem, collage or mini-book. We would love them to be as creative as possible!

Please return projects by Friday 6th November.

All home learning projects will be proudly displayed in the school's front entrance for everyone to enjoy and admire!

Every child who takes part will receive a certificate, and there will be a prize for each phase. However, the prize isn't what matters – it's all about taking part, being creative and having the chance to proudly display your wonderful work for the whole school to see!

We can't wait to see their wonderful creations!

Click on this link to access our PowerPoint to explain in more detail

https://www.bangabandhu.towerhamlets.sch.uk/docs/Holiday_Home_Learning_Autumn_1_2026.pdf

