

Newsletter

Friday 26th September 2025

YEAR 3 / 4 WALL DISPLAYS

Our Year 3/4 class have been busy creating a beautiful wall display all about belonging! Through art and creativity, pupils expressed who they are, celebrating their individuality while showing how we all come together as a class family. The display is a daily reminder that at Solebay everyone belongs and every voice matters.

#Belonging

#Creativity

#PrimarySchool #TogetherWeShine

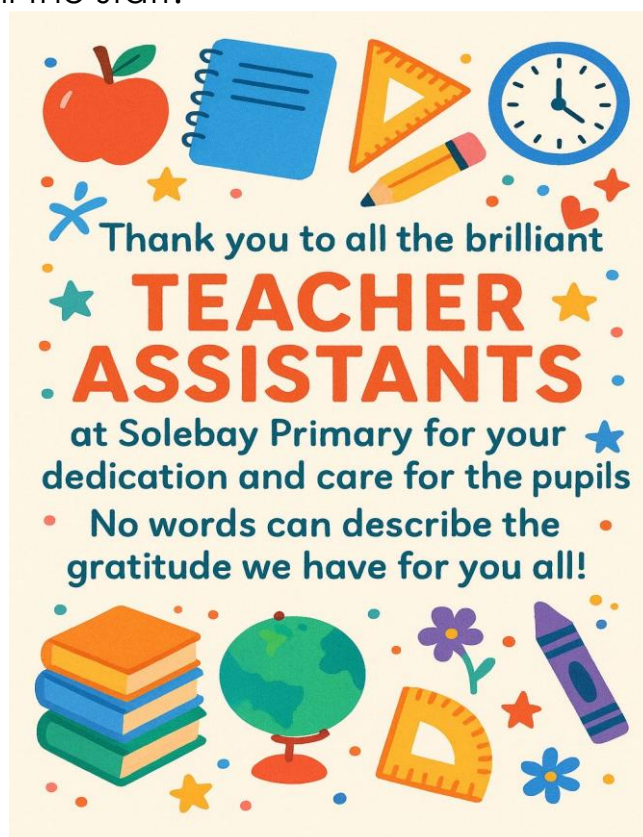


SCHOOL ABSENCES

We understand that sometimes children can feel unwell in the mornings but we would encourage you to send them to school if they have a minor cough or cold. Since the start of term, we have had quite a number of pupils absent due to very minor illnesses. Please see guidance below from the NHS website with further detail on this. Thank you for your cooperation.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/#:~:text=It's%20fine%20to%20send%20your,until%20the%20temperature%20has%20gone>

Today, on International TA Appreciation Day, we want to shine the spotlight on our incredible Teaching Assistants — the unsung heroes of our school. You are carers, first aiders, lunchtime supervisors, and comfort-givers. You offer cuddles when they're needed most, a listening ear when little voices need to be heard, and endless patience when minds are learning and growing. You support teachers, guide children with kindness, and make a difference every single day. To our wonderful TAs: you are appreciated more than words can say. Thank you for everything you do — you truly are the heart of our school community. Nominated by Reine and all the staff.



Important Notice

The next Academy Council Meeting will take place on **Tuesday 7th October at 9:10am.** We look forward to seeing you there!



Next Academy Council Meeting:

Tuesday 7th October at 9:10am

School Photo Day:

Tuesday 14th October

Flu Vaccination Day:

Monday 20th October

Last day of term: Friday 24th October

Half Term Break: Monday 27th – Friday 31st October

Pupils return to school: Monday 3rd November

STAR PUPILS – w/c 15th September 2025

Nursery/Reception

Umair - For settling really well into Reception.

Aasiyah - For settling really well into Nursery.

1/2 Red

Mira - Mira is star pupil for showing fantastic independence in her learning! She has worked confidently and independently in completing her tasks. Keep it up Mira!

Muayid - Muayid has made a fantastic start to Year 1. He has settled in really well and become a special part of our class. Well done Muayid!

2/3 Red

Mariyah - Mariyah shows Integrity when no one is watching. she is honest, makes the right choices and is always kind and trustworthy!

Amelia - Amelia is new to Solebay and has settled in really quickly.

she has been working really hard in Maths and challenges herself every lesson! Well done!

3/4 Red

Ibrahim - Ibrahim has made a great effort in showing off excellence and he should be really proud of himself!

Zenaiya - Zenaiya showed excellence in maths by contributing and trying really hard to work with greater numbers. You should be proud!

5 Red

Maddison (excellence) - Maddison has been working extremely hard in literacy and language. She has created some really beautiful pieces of poetry - following all the techniques we have been focusing on in class. Well done Maddison!

Jidan (excellence) - Jidan has demonstrated a strong understanding in rounding during maths. He has been extremely enthusiastic and is always willing to contribute. Thank you Jidan and well done!

6 Red

Ilyas - Ilyas is star pupil for always showing 100% in class. He is on task and works really hard to improve his outcome. Well done Ilyas!

Yapha - This week in literacy and language the class has been making their own rap. Yapha has used various techniques to make her rap fun and exciting. Well done Yapha!

Attendance and punctuality expectations



It is important for all our pupils to come to school every day and on time ! Regular attendance and punctuality helps us learn well in school, make friends, and have fun. When we miss school, it is easy to fall behind and miss out on exciting lessons and activities. Poor attendance can also affect our friendships, making it harder to join in class discussions and group projects.



Please note, we are able to administer medication to your child if they are in school and require medication. Please bring the medication to the school office and a member of staff will provide you with a consent form to complete.

If you are having trouble getting your child/ren to school for other reasons, please speak to the class teacher or the office staff to see what support we can offer. We are all here to help!



Every School Day Counts and Every Minute Matters!

Being 10 minutes late for school
everyday = 5 school days missed
and 36 lost lessons!



We will not be authorising any holidays during term time, absences that are not illness related will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. Please book any holidays outside of term time and book medical and dental appointments outside school hours if possible – and if not possible, ensure your child attends school before and after the appointment. If your child has a medical appointment during the school day, we shall need to see evidence in order to authorise the absence (hospital, appointment card, etc)

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You need to inform us on the first day of your child's absence and continue to keep us updated on a daily basis if they are absent for consecutive days. The school can be contacted on **020 8980 2414**, or you can leave a message via the **MCAS app** or email info@solebayacademy.org

We will try to contact you if we are not made aware of your child's absence by 09:00am. Failure to respond to any of these will result in an unauthorised absence.

Term Dates 2025/2026

Term	Start	End	Half - term holidays	Start	End	Dates for term holiday
Autumn 2025	Monday 1 st September 2025 (Staff only, on Monday 1 st – Wednesday 3 rd - see INSET days below. Pupils return on Thursday 4th September 2025)	Friday 24 th October 2025	Monday 27 th October – Friday 31 st October 2025	Monday 3 rd November 2025	Friday 19 th December 2025	Monday 22 nd December 2025 – Friday 2 nd January 2026
Spring 2026	Monday 5 th January 2026 (Staff only, on Monday 5 th January 2026 - see INSET days below. Pupils return on Tuesday 6th January 2026)	Friday 13 th February 2026	Monday 16 th February – Friday 20 th February 2026	Monday 23 rd February 2026	Friday 27 th March 2026	Monday 30 th March 2026 – Friday 10 th April 2026
Summer 2026	Monday 13 th April 2026	Friday 22 nd May 2026	Monday 25 th May – Friday 29 th May 2026	Monday 1 st June 2026	Tuesday 21 st July 2026	Wednesday 22 nd July – Monday 31 st August 2026

INSET Days

- ❖ **INSET 1:** Monday 1st September 2025
- ❖ **INSET 2:** Tuesday 2nd September 2025
- ❖ **INSET 3:** Wednesday 3rd September 2025
- ❖ **INSET 4:** Monday 5th January 2026
- ❖ **INSET 5:** TBC

EID

Tower Hamlets have advised the **provisional** dates below for School closures for the celebration of Eid:

- ❖ **Eid Ul-Fitr:** Friday 20th March 2026 provisional date
- ❖ **Eid Ul-Adha:** Wednesday 27th May 2026 provisional date

Bank Holidays – 2025/26

- ❖ **Christmas Day:** Thursday 25th December 2025
- ❖ **Boxing Day:** Friday 26th December 2025
- ❖ **New Year's Day:** Thursday 1st January 2026
- ❖ **Good Friday:** Friday 3rd April 2026
- ❖ **Easter Monday:** Monday 6th April 2026
- ❖ **May Bank Holiday:** Monday 4th May 2026
- ❖ **Spring Bank Holiday:** Monday 25th May 2026
- ❖ **Summer Bank Holiday:** Monday 31st August 2026

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

MAIN MEAL

Margherita wholemeal pizza served with baked potato wedges, peas & sweetcorn

Chicken curry served with turmeric rice, naan bread finger & mixed vegetables

Roast chicken served with roast potatoes, carrots, cabbage and gravy

Quorn lasagne served with wholemeal garlic & herb bread, mixed vegetables or salad

Fillet of fish served with chips, garden peas or baked beans & ketchup

MEAT FREE

Roasted vegetable quiche served with potato wedges, peas and sweetcorn

Lentil dahl served with turmeric rice, naan bread finger & mixed vegetables

Creamy diced quorn Wellington served with roast potatoes, carrots, cabbage and gravy

Vegetable lasagne served with wholemeal garlic & herb bread, mixed vegetables or salad

Vegan sausage roll served with chips, garden peas or baked beans & ketchup

Pasta and jackets

Jacket potato with choice of toppings served with fresh salad

Pasta twists with homemade tomato and vegetable sauce served with fresh salad

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Pasta twists with cheddar cheese Sauce served with fresh salad

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DESSERTS

Ice cream Mondays
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Spanish-style vegetable pasta bake served with wholemeal garlic & herb bread, seasonal vegetables

Chicken nuggets served with homemade wedges and mixed vegetables

Chicken sausages served with roast potatoes, carrots, broccoli and gravy

Chicken pasta served with broccoli and peas

Fillet of fish served with chips, garden peas or baked beans & ketchup

MEAT FREE

Traditional macaroni cheese served with wholemeal garlic & herb bread, seasonal vegetables

Vegetarian nuggets served with homemade wedges and mixed vegetables

Vegan sausage roll served with roast potatoes, carrots, broccoli and gravy

Vegan meatballs served with pasta and vegetables

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Jerk chicken thigh served with rice & beans, seasonal vegetable

Chicken drumsticks served with potatoes, yorkshire pudding, carrots, broccoli & gravy

Beef bolognese pasta served with garlic & herb bread, mixed vegetables

Fillet of fish served with chips, garden peas or baked beans & ketchup

MEAT FREE

Vegetable wholemeal pizza served with baked potato wedges, peas & sweetcorn

Lentil, chickpea & vegetable stew served with rice & beans, seasonal vegetable

Cheese and onion quiche served with potatoes, carrots & broccoli

Vegetable bolognese served with spaghetti, garlic & herb bread, seasonal vegetables

Cheese and onion roll served with chips, garden peas or baked beans & ketchup

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