

BANGABANDHU WEEKLY

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WEEK ENDING 9TH OCTOBER 2026



A message from Carly

I hope you have all had a good week.

It was lovely to see so many children taking part in Hello Yellow Day today, with a sea of yellow and bright clothing across the school! Hello Yellow Day raises awareness of children's mental health and reminds us of the importance of looking after our own wellbeing and supporting one another. It was wonderful to see our school community coming together to show their support for such an important cause.

The majority of our Year 6 children are currently travelling to PGL Marchants Hill (school journey), where they have the opportunity to try exciting outdoor activities, develop their independence, build confidence and challenge themselves in new ways. We look forward to welcoming them back on Monday and hearing all about the fun they have had, the memories they have made and the challenges they have overcome.

Looking ahead, we will be holding a Year 5 parent meeting next Wednesday to share information about next academic year's school journey. This will give families the opportunity to find out more, sign up early and spread the cost of the trip over a longer period.

Wishing you all a lovely and restful weekend!

Carly Lawrence, Headteacher

ATTENDANCE

95.52% this week

Well done to **Helen Zughaib Class** who had the highest attendance this week at **99.63%** 🎉

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 – 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 12th OCTOBER	• 9am: Reading in reception workshop in the small hall. • Y6 School Journey to PGL Marchants Hill – leaving at 2pm and returning at 3pm
TUESDAY 13th OCTOBER	• 9am: Maths interactive board game morning for Y3 & Y4 Banksy in main hall.
WEDNESDAY 14th OCTOBER	• 9am: Discoverers Class coffee morning & class meeting.

	9am: Y5 PGL School Journey meeting for parents and children led by Candice in the main hall. 9am: Stay and Read for Y1 and Y2 in the classrooms.
THURSDAY 15th OCTOBER	9am: Maths interactive board game morning for Y3 & Y4 William Morris Class in main hall. - Year 5/6 Helen Zughuib Class to IMAX Science Museum.
FRIDAY 16th OCTOBER	Individual and sibling school photos

LOOKING AHEAD – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Monday 19th October – Friday 23rd October – Y6 Into University Week
- Wednesday 21st October at 9.00am - Explorers Class coffee morning & class meeting
- Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October – Half term
- Wednesday 16th December - Class Ambassadors visit to the Houses of Parliament
- Half term Monday 26th October – Friday 20th October
- Monday 2nd November – INSET DAY – School closed for staff training
- Tuesday 17th November - Y1 & Y2 Portrait Gallery

Bangabandhu Parent Workshops – Autumn Term 2026

Date, Time & Location	Workshop	Year Group(s)	Description	Led by
12.10.26 9.00 in the small hall	Reading In Reception	Reception parents	This workshop will give an overview of the daily phonics and reading programme and how children are taught to read. It will help parents to support their children in learning to read.	Katie
13.10.26 9am in the main hall	Maths interactive board game morning Y3 & Y4	Year 3 & Year 4 Banksy	Come along to join in with some maths with your child in this interactive maths workshop. Learn how your child tackles maths problems while playing the new home learning maths board game.	Class teachers
14.10.26 9am in the classrooms	Stay and Read	Year 1 and 2	Stay and read with your child in class. We would like to welcome you in to share some wonderful stories with your child.	Class teachers and Melissa English Lead
14.10.26 9am in the main hall	Year 5 Parents – PGL Residential Meeting	Year 5 parents	The PGL residential is a fantastic opportunity for the children to develop their independence, confidence and teamwork, while enjoying an exciting experience with their friends that we hope they will never forget. Signing up early, will give you a longer period of time to spread the cost through manageable payments and will allow us to secure the correct amount of places. Join us at this meeting to find out more.	Candice
15.10.26 9am in classrooms	Maths interactive board game morning	Y3 & Y4 William Morris	Come along to join in with some maths with your child in this interactive maths workshop. Learn how your child tackles maths problems while playing the new home learning maths board game.	Class teachers

16.10.26 9am in classrooms	Maths interactive board game morning	Year 5 & Year6 James Rizzi	Come along to join in with some maths with your child in this interactive maths workshop. Learn how your child tackles maths problems while playing the new home learning maths board games.	Class teachers
20.10.26 9am in the main hall	THEWS Coffee Morning	All parents	Introduction to THEWS service, how to make referrals.	Nabilah/Katie/ Naz
21.10.26 9am in classrooms	Maths interactive board game morning	Year 5 & Year6 Jen Aranyi	Come along to join in with some maths with your child in this interactive maths workshop. Learn how your child tackles maths problems while playing the new home learning maths board games.	Class teachers
21.10.26 2.30 in the reception classroom	Stay and Read	Reception	Stay and read with your child in class. We would like to welcome you in to share some wonderful stories with your child.	Imrean, Shuhana, Katie and Melissa English Lead
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 development and mark making skills	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 learning and show you how you can continue this at home.	Nazma, Katie and Melissa English Lead
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

Strictly Come Dancing

On Saturday, 5 of our KS2 children along with some children from Globe, had an incredible visit to watch the Strictly Come Dancing dress rehearsals. We had an incredible time meeting the celebrities, dancing and singing along to the live performances. We are incredibly grateful for this experience.



Image quality has been adjusted to protect pupils' privacy.

School Building Works – Update

I would like to let families know that building materials are now expected to be delivered on Monday, in preparation for the next phase of improvement works at our school.

The materials and contractors' facilities will be located on the sports pitch, with contractors accessing the site through the Braintree Street gate. The area will be sectioned off to ensure the safety of children, families and staff.

At this stage, I do not anticipate any disruption to morning drop-off or afternoon collection arrangements, but I will continue to monitor the arrangements closely and keep parents informed of any changes.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we carry out these important improvements to our school environment.

THIS WEEK'S FAMILY FOCUS

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN

For Parents - Gaming Safety for Neurodivergent Children

Online gaming can provide friendship, enjoyment and a strong sense of community for neurodivergent children, but some children may also need extra support around social cues, scams, communication, rules and recognising when an interaction is becoming unsafe.

Internet Matters has produced a practical guide for parents and carers of neurodivergent children, with advice on supporting safe and positive gaming experiences.

It is particularly useful because it recognises the benefits of gaming rather than treating gaming itself as the problem.

Link:

Internet Matters – Gaming and Neurodivergent Children <https://www.internetmatters.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/Internet-Matters-Neurodivergent-children-bans-guide-June-2026.pdf>

For Parents - WhatsApp's New Teen Controls

WhatsApp is introducing new parental controls for teenagers aged 13–17.

Parents and teenagers will be able to link their accounts and choose settings around privacy, groups, Channels, Status and Meta AI. Parents will not be able to read their teenager's private messages or listen to calls.

The features are being introduced gradually, so they may not appear just yet.

WhatsApp is also developing parent-managed accounts for younger children, but these have not yet had a full rollout.

Links:

WhatsApp – New Controls for Teens https://blog.whatsapp.com/new-controls-to-help-parents-guide-their-teens-on-whatsapp?lang=en&utm_source=chatgpt.com

WhatsApp Help Centre – Parental Controls
https://faq.whatsapp.com/995969869955972?utm_source=chatgpt.com

CHILDREN'S WELLBEING

Wellbeing Focus – Spending Quality Time Together

This week, I would like to remind families of the importance of spending quality time together and making time for meaningful conversations.

One of the simplest ways to support your child's wellbeing is to talk to them about their school day. Ask what they enjoyed, what they learnt, who they played with or whether anything made them feel happy, proud or worried. Taking time to listen helps children feel valued, understood and supported.

Quality time doesn't need to involve expensive outings or special activities. Everyday moments can be just as meaningful. Why not try:

- Sharing household chores – cooking, tidying or preparing a meal together can be fun and helps children develop independence and responsibility.
- Playing board games – enjoy a family game or revisit the maths games shared by school to practise learning in a fun way.
- Eating together – where possible, sit down for a family meal and make it a screen-free time so everyone can talk and listen to one another.
- Enjoying simple activities – go for a walk, read together or spend time chatting without distractions.

These small moments help strengthen relationships, build children's confidence and create a sense of belonging.

Remember, it's not about how much time you have, but making the time you spend together count.

A QUICK REMINDER

Breakfast Club – Important Information and Registration Arrangements

Our Breakfast Club runs every school day from 8.00am to 8.55am and is open to children from Reception to Year 6. Children can enjoy a selection of cereal, toast and fruit, alongside a range of activities, including games and sports. Breakfast Club staff ensure that children are taken to their classrooms in time for the start of the school day.

Breakfast Club Charges

- £2.00 per day for the first child
- £1.00 per day for each additional sibling attending

Update on the Government's Free Breakfast Club Programme

We applied to join the Government's free breakfast club programme but have not yet been selected. The programme is being introduced gradually across the country, and not all schools that applied were included in the initial rollout even though they met the criteria. We hope to be included in a future phase and will keep families updated as soon as we receive further information. In the meantime, our existing charges remain in place to help cover the additional staffing and food costs.

Registration and Booking Arrangements

To ensure we have accurate registers, appropriate staffing and sufficient food, all parents wishing to use Breakfast Club must visit the school office to complete a registration form, confirming the days their child will usually attend. Your child will then be added to the Breakfast Club register on Arbor.

Once registered, there is no need to notify us each week if your child attends on their agreed days.

Breakfast Club remains flexible for families who require occasional childcare. However, if you wish to book an additional day, change your child's usual attendance days or arrange occasional attendance, please inform the school office by the previous school day so that we can update the register.

If your child is already attending Breakfast Club but has not yet completed a registration form, please visit the school office to do so.

These arrangements help us keep all children safe and ensure Breakfast Club runs smoothly.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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/>