



Lawdale Junior School

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our last newsletter of the half term. Again, it has been very eventful. Our Year 6 pupils have completed their SATs tests and, whilst nervous to begin with, they became confident and relaxed once they realised the tests were very similar to everything they have practised in class. We hope they all do well and will let you know the results in July, when all the papers will have been marked by the external assessors.

This term we have participated in lots of local and national events such as the Mini Marathon, Walk to School week, the School Games Programme and watched sports such as the Basketball Play-Offs at the O2 Arena.

Parents have also been involved in a wide range of activities to support better health and wellbeing as well as confidence building. For example, a group of parents have been out Bell Boating down at Shadwell Docks.

A big thank you to Tesco who have donated food for our breakfast club, which is now funded by the DfE. During the holidays, there will be Eid and we hope you all have a wonderful celebration. We will have Eid parties on the first Monday back on the 1st June. If you would like to contribute food, please remember we only allow healthy snacks and food e.g. low fat and low sugar.

I wish you all a relaxing and wonderful holiday with lots of sunshine and warmth, promised by the weather forecasters.

All the best,
Annette Rook (Headteacher)

Year 5 & 6 - Tennis competition

Massive congratulations to our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils who took part in a tennis competition against local schools at Malcolm Place on Tuesday 19th May. They had an amazing time and truly showcased outstanding sportsmanship throughout the day.



Mini Marathon

While we watched the main marathon, the children of Lawdale brought the energy to life by running their own mini-marathon at school.



A Spectacular Day for Families at the Basketball Play-Off Finals

Families headed to London's [O2 Arena](#) on Sunday 17th May and enjoyed an exceptional experience watching the thrilling [Super League Basketball \(SLB\) Play-Off Finals](#) live.



TESCO School Donation



TCS Mini London Marathon in Schools

Our pupils proudly completed the **TCS Mini Marathon** and the school was delighted to receive a trophy in recognition of their achievement and teamwork. This experience promotes healthy lifestyles, physical wellbeing, and resilience, linking to the **UNICEF** UNCRC Article 24 (the right to health) and Article 29 (developing children's talents and abilities).



School Games Programme

This year we have become an active participant in the School Games Programme, which is designed to put physical activity, school sports, and PE at the heart of schools. The programme has provided opportunities for pupils at Lawdale, across all year groups, to take part in various sporting events and competitions along with other schools across Tower Hamlets. These have included tennis, cricket, football, and sitting volleyball. Our participation in these events and competitions, along with developing our own offer of physical activity in the school, has led to us receiving the **Bronze Award for 2025/26**.

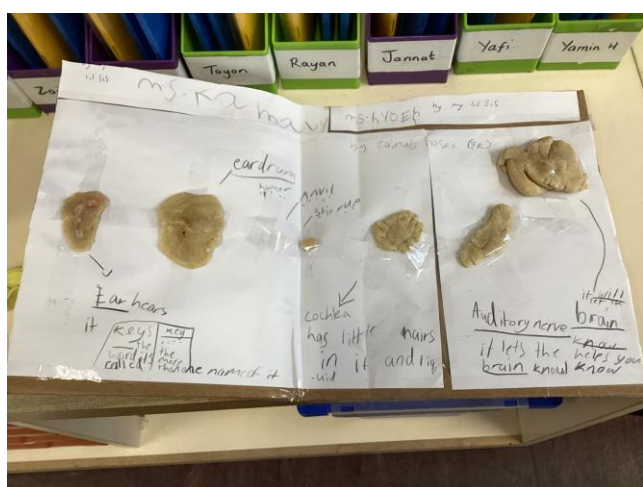


Year 4's Home Learning

Science – Ear Models

Year 4 created ear models to learn how sound travels through the ear. This linked to **Article 28 (Right to Education)** and **Article 24 (Right to Health)** as children explored how to care for their hearing through practical learning.





History – Viking Swords

Children designed and created Viking swords as part of their history learning. This supported **Article 31 (Right to Creativity and Play)** and **Article 29 (Developing Talents and Skills)** through creative and collaborative activities.



Parents Build Teamwork Skills During Bell Boating Session

On **Tuesday 5th May 2026**, a group of our parents participated in a Bell Boating activity. The session offered a unique, hands-on environment for parents to step out of their comfort zones and support one another.

The day focused on practical skill-building, allowing the parents to develop:

- **Safety and leadership:** Understanding water awareness and taking charge.
- **Helm skills:** Learning how to steer and control the watercraft.
- **Teamwork and coordination:** Synchronising paddling to move together efficiently.
- **Community connection:** Gaining a wonderful, shared experience with other local parents.

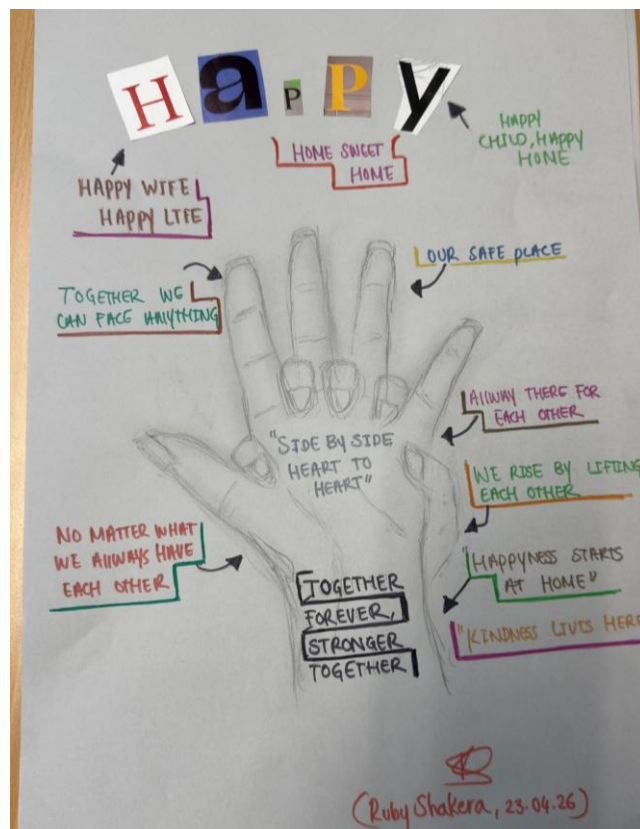
The event was a huge success, and all the participants really enjoyed themselves, while bonding as a group.





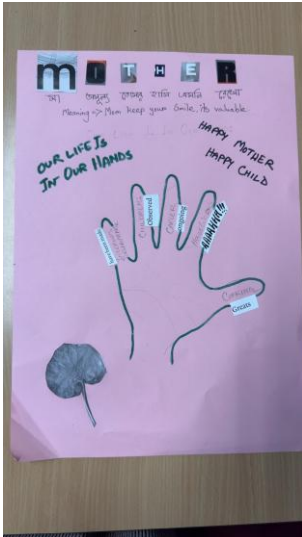
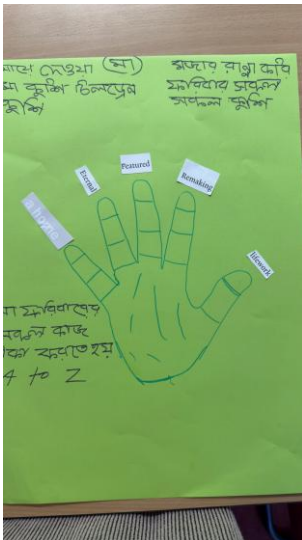
Oxford House Banner Project: Celebrating Identity and Community continued

Banner printing workshops continued this week. These photographs showcase the ongoing work from the Banner Project, a collaborative initiative between local parents and Oxford House.



In the coming weeks, participants will stitch their individual pieces together into a single, large-scale banner. The final artwork is designed to represent self, family, community and unity. Also featured are the initial mind maps displaying the creative ideas that inspired their designs.





Academic Year 2025 – 2026 Dates to Remember

Dates	Events
MONDAY 25th - FRIDAY 29th MAY 2026 - SCHOOL CLOSED - HALF TERM	
Monday 1 st June	SCHOOL OPEN & Green Shoots Singing Project
Monday 1 st June	EID Parties
Tuesday 2 nd June	Switch Number and Career Workshop Y6 and Y5
Wednesday 10 th June	Year 4 Transport Museum
Thursday 11 th June	Parasports: Team of 5 SEN to John Scurr & Year 4 Multiplication Test
Monday 15 th June	Refugee Week & Science Week Yr 3 Class Trip: British Museum
Tuesday 16 th June	Science Workshop - Wonder Dome Workshop
Friday 19 th June	Yr 3 Class Trip: British Museum
Monday 22 nd June	Healthy School Event – 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm
Tuesday 23 rd June	Daily Mile Event at Mile End
Friday 26 th June	Year 5/6 Trip to City of London
Monday 29 th June	Parent Conference – School finishes at 1:30 pm
Tuesday 30 th June	Children meet the new class teacher & classroom
Wednesday 1 st July	Year 6 Gorsefield Trip & RRS Gold Accreditation visit
Friday 3 rd July	Parents meet new Year 3 teachers 1:1 – all day Year 6 out at secondary schools
Monday 6 th July	Year 6 Gorsefield Trip
Monday 13 th July	Attendance Certificates Year 3 & 4, & Year 6 Leavers Assembly – 2:30 pm
Tuesday 14 th July	Attendance Certificates Year 5 & 6, & Year 6 Performance – 2:30 pm
Friday 17 th July	End of year Parties AM - School finishes at 1:30 pm
Monday 20 th July	SCHOOL CLOSED – INSET DAY
Tuesday 21 st July	SCHOOL CLOSED – INSET DAY
WEDNESDAY 22nd JULY 2026 – 31st AUGUST 2026 - SCHOOL CLOSED - END OF TERM	