

Today concludes the penultimate week of the autumn term! This means we now only have 5 school days before **we break for the Christmas holiday at 1pm on Friday 19th December.**

It has been an absolutely fantastic term that we will celebrate and elaborate on in our Autumn School Development Newsletter next week – keep your eyes peeled!



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Home learning conversations

Golden Expectation of the Week: **Stay safe and care for people and property**

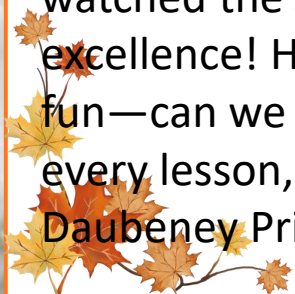
Word of the Week: **Distinctive**

Debate of the Week: **Respect should be given to everyone**



Curriculum Feature – Sustainability in Action!

At Daubeney, sustainability isn't just a topic—it's a way of life! This year, our curriculum is buzzing with opportunities for pupils to become real ECO Warriors, making learning meaningful and impactful. From Science and Geography to Art and Design Technology, pupils explore how everyday choices affect our planet and discover creative ways to protect it. They've designed posters to save energy, learned forest school skills in the Hop Garden, and planned food waste initiatives with the Arsenal Foundation. Recently, pupils from Years 3–6 rolled up their sleeves at Daubeney Fields during an exciting "meadowing" event. They sowed seeds to create a vibrant green space, met Hackney's Mayor Caroline Woodley and Deputy Mayor Cllr Anntoinette Bramble, and proudly watched the Green Flag being raised—a symbol of environmental excellence! Hadley in Year 3 summed it up perfectly: "That was so much fun—can we help again?" This is just the beginning of our journey. With every lesson, project, and seed planted, we're building a future where Daubeney Primary shines as a truly sustainable school.



Looking back – The week started on Monday with a packed house for our morning **Y1 Nativity performance**, and the same was true for our afternoon performance too! Thank you to all the family members, (especially the grandparents) that attended to make the day a special one for the children as the show would not be the same without you!

On Tuesday we had a quiet T&L day, but for leadership and management we hosted our **pupil progress reviews** for years 2 and 4 to ensure that all of our children are making expected or accelerated progress against their **end of year expectations** which were shared with you at your recent parent consultation.

Wednesday had our youngest cohort of pupils in **Reception** deliver their **Nativity performance** to a hall of adoring parents and carers for both their am and pm performances. I now find myself walking around singing ‘Feliz Navidad’! I must thank all the family members who attended to make the day a special one for the performers. Similarly, I must express the same sentiment of gratitude for all the parents who remained on site for our Stay & Play event on Wednesday.

Arguably, our cutest Christmas performance happened on Thursday when our **Nursery and 2 year-old provision** delivered their Christmas performance to their parents and carers. Thursday also saw us host our Whole school **RE Day**, which for me is integral to our practice and aligns with the British values we mentioned last week including being tolerant of those from other faiths and religions. Thursday also saw a group of **Y6 boys** go to Queensbridge sports centre to play four games of football against other local schools.

The week concluded with us enjoying our **Christmas lunch** and our **Winter jumper** non-uniform day.

Looking forward - If you would like your child(ren) to attend our **Winter Holiday Club** please access the link below to register.

<https://eequ.org/book/apex-daubeney-holiday-club-and-trips-with-apex-17230>

If you'd like to look further ahead, please access our **online calendar**

<https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/about-us/calendar>

House Keeping – Next week, our final week of the autumn term, there will be no **after-school clubs**. These will resume in the Spring term w/c 12.1.26.

Looking ahead to next Friday, please note that **school will close at 1pm on Friday 19th December** to break for the Christmas holidays.

Many of you have commended us on our recent accolade of being awarded **Mental Health and Well-Being School of the Year**. If you'd like to read more about this, access the link below.

<https://www.hacknecitizen.co.uk/2025/12/10/daubeney-primary-school-mental-health-award/>

Staff feature – This week we are celebrating **Ms Sarah**

Hello Daubeney Family. My name is Mrs. Sarah Buckman, and I am truly passionate about cooking and creating delicious, nutritious meals for our school community. I have had the privilege of working at Daubeney for 18 years, starting in 2007 and gradually progressing to my current role as **Head Chef** of our kitchen.

During my time here, I've been fortunate to achieve many successes, the most notable being receiving **The Hackney Star Award**, presented to me at Hackney Town Hall, a moment I will always cherish.

What I love most about my job is bringing joy to both children and adults through food. There's always a buzz in the kitchen corridor during the first break as children eagerly check the lunch menu. Seeing their smiles when they ask for seconds and feeling the warmth of their hugs after a satisfying meal is incredibly rewarding. The staff and children make me feel valued, appreciated, and truly part of the Daubeney family, every single day. The love and appreciation I get is endless.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Pupil Spotlight – Meet Our ECO Warriors!

At Daubeney, we believe every child can make a difference—and this year, everyone is invited to join our ECO Warriors team! Together, we're on a mission to make our school and community greener, cleaner, and ready for the future.

Our pupils have already shown incredible enthusiasm—sharing ideas during lessons and even at playtime about how we can protect our planet. Teachers have been quick to notice those passionate voices in class, nominating pupils who are leading the way in sustainability.

Thanks to this energy, we've launched two exciting groups: **Greening Eco Team** – hands-on projects like sowing seeds along the new Daubeney Fields path. Big shout-out to **Bennie, Hadley, Thea, Leoni, Phoebe, Sky, Jamilah, and Harley J** for getting stuck in! **Curriculum Eco Team** – helping shape lessons that keep sustainability at the heart of learning. **Asia, Ada, Damien, Omari, Phoebe, Jamilah, Mehrab, Said Ahmed and Wyn.**

From caring for our Hop Garden to making classrooms eco-friendly (lights off, windows closed, radiators down), our **ECO Warriors** are proving that small actions lead to big changes.

And guess what? This is just the beginning! We can't wait to welcome even more members to our ECO Warriors tribe. Together, we'll make Daubeney Primary a shining example of sustainability!



Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gregory Logan'.

Mr **Gregory Logan**, Head of School & Mr **Robin Warren**, Executive Head Teacher

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