

Today concludes the final week of the autumn term! It has been an event filled half-term that you can read all about by reading our **Autumn term School Development Newsletter** (see below).

But before reading that do enjoy reading the final update newsletter of the term and watching our annual Christmas video

<https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/events/blossom-christmas-video-2025>



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Home learning conversations

Golden Expectation of the Week: **Learn brilliantly**

Word of the Week: Debate of the Week: **Different**

Breathing exercise of the Week: **Hot Chocolate breath**



Curriculum Feature - Autumn School Development newsletter

This week rather than reading a brief snapshot of a curriculum area, we will usher you in the direction of our first School Development Newsletter of the year (see link below) for an in depth look at how we are doing across all our subject areas. Please take time to read the newsletter and recap on our School Development Priorities; read about the plans our subject leaders have and what our junior subject leaders have been up to and much more. <https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/viewer/1099#sitelive-viewer/>

Blossom Federation Daubeney Primary School
Autumn School Development Newsletter

What's this all about?

Welcome to the first of our School Development Newsletters for the year. The purpose of this newsletter is to keep you, our parents and the wider community, informed of our progress against our School Development Priorities (SDP's) and other successes that we enjoy as a school community. We hope that you find this newsletter informative. However, if you have any questions about our SDP's or our school improvement journey, please feel free to strike up a conversation with SLT, you know where to find us every morning and afternoon at the gates, or email your query to admin@daubeney.hackney.sch.uk

Our School Development Priorities (SDP's)

1. Continue to improve outcomes for the lowest attaining pupils (25%) across all areas of the curriculum.
2. To further improve writing outcomes, with an explicit focus on spellings.
3. To further improve maths outcomes, with an explicit focus on early maths.
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Looking back – The week started on Monday with our **Junior SEND team** visiting 'Flip Out' as a Christmas reward in the guise of their team trip as a reward of their hard work that you can read about in the Inclusion article of our School Development Newsletter. The visit was led by our inimitable **Mr Dharma**.

Tuesday was a relatively standard teaching and learning day with everyone preparing for their **History WOW Day** on Thursday. Please ask your child(ren) about this experience as it may have got lost in their memory due to all of the Christmas events!

Wednesday had mirrored Tuesday except for the rehearsal of our Christmas Carol concert.

Thursday was the day it all came together! At 11am we hosted our parents for the first performance of our **Christmas Carol concert**, and we hosted our second showing at 2pm, which I attended for the entirety of the show, and what a show it was! It was certainly worthy of an admittance fee and now has me thinking that we need to organise a Daubeney or Blossom Federation music festival!

The week concluded with a family day of movies, games, parties and an early lunch to bring 2025 to a close and a well needed break.

Please take a few moments to look back at our highlights for this year, and previous years if you wish. It is great to see how children have grown and matured over the years, and over a period of months in the case of our Reception children. <https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/highlights>

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>

Make a note in your calendars that **pupils return to school on Tuesday 6th January 2026 at 08:45**

If you would d like to look further ahead, please access our **online calendar** <https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/about-us/calendar>

House Keeping – As we bring the term to a close and break for the Christmas holidays, I implore you to monitor your child(ren)'s use of electronic devices over the festive period when many may receive such gifts and engage with online games such as Roblox. Please access the link below to gain advice and guidance on how to **keep your child(ren) safe online**. <https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/about-us/safeguarding>

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

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

Thank you for the kind and complementary words. Rest assured we will not rest on our laurels and will continue to develop and refine our practice in this regard with a desire to continually learn and improve. And if anyone says they're bored during the holiday, usher them in the direction of our **Dream Catcher holiday activity!**

<https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/viewer/1098#sitelive-viewer/>

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

Name is Ms Cátia, I am from Cape Verde and love family time, reading a book, travelling and enjoying good food.

My cooking passion started when I was in primary school and I joined the Little Cooking Club. After that I could not stop cooking!

I'm very grateful to see the happiness on children's faces after enjoying a comforting meal.

I really enjoy being part of the Daubeney family, I feel like I have always been here! Children and adults are very kind and respectful. We have a great family, bless you all.

Merry Christmas and Happy 2026!



The graphic is titled 'Autumn School Development Newsletter' and features a large orange speech bubble containing a welcome message. Below the speech bubble is a sign that reads 'Our School Development Priorities (SDP's)'. To the right of the sign is a cartoon character of a man wearing a colorful patterned suit and a turban. Below the sign are five yellow rounded rectangles, each containing a numbered priority. The background is decorated with autumn leaves.

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Enjoy a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year,

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