

25th April 2025

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to the Summer 1 half-term! This half-term we become **time travelling historians**, and we must be travelling at the speed of light as this week has absolutely flown by, as will the next four weeks!

Our history topics for Summer 1 are:

Year 1	History of Transport
Year 2	Great Fire of London
Year 3	Romans
Year 4	Anglo Saxons versus Vikings
Year 5	Windrush
Year 6	Ancient Kingdom of Benin

In our usual fashion, please find below our **Golden Expectation** and **Word of the Week** to facilitate those home learning conversations.

Golden Expectation: **Be kind helpful and gentle**

Word of the Week: **Relationship**

To recap on the week, on Tuesday our staff had an **INSET day**. The training focused primarily on embedding and developing the use of our floor books and sharing best practice. Our secondary focus was to review our School Development Priorities (SDP's) and how we are making progress against these targets as we embark on the concluding term of the year. We shared with you our Spring **SDP newsletter** prior to the holiday, if you have not had the opportunity to read it yet, please do so at your convenience via the link below. <https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/viewer/993#sitelive-viewer/>

Wednesday was the first day back for our pupils who were all very eager for the gates to be opened at 8:45am on Tuesday. As the pupils dashed off to class with angelic smiles on their faces, parents sauntered off to work etc, with smiles just as big as their children's!

We hit the ground running on Wednesday by conducting two pupil progress reviews, one for Y6 and the other for our Reception cohort. Our **Y6 PPR** was attended by our Local School Committee Chair, Annwen Johnson BEM. I'm pleased to say that we are looking forward to a successful SATs week w/c 12th May. Our Y6's have shown great dedication and ambition as we rapidly approach SATs week including their willingness to attend Saturday School, which has now become a rite of passage at Daubeney!

Our **Y4's** were fortunate enough to have a class trip on Thursday. They visited **St Barnabas Church** on Homerton High Road. Please speak with your child(ren) about their experience as we are firm believers in having learning conversations to consolidate children's learning.

Today brings our week to a close in what will be a very short half-term! As such, we encourage you to visit our **online calendar** to stay abreast of all things Daubeney especially for the summer 2 half-term.

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

With that in mind, there are two upcoming events I'd like to highlight here, and encourage you to attend:

- 1.) **Nursery Fun Day** – Saturday 26th April
- 2.) **VE Day Street Party** – Thursday 8th May

As we close this week's letter, the temperature will increase next week, with temperatures of 26 degrees Celsius expected from Wednesday onwards so please apply sun lotion to your children where appropriate, provide sun hats etc, etc.

Finally, please enjoy a great weekend whatever you and good luck if you're running the London Marathon on Sunday 😊

Yours sincerely,



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Head of School



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Executive Head Teacher

