



Stebon Primary School's Burdett Gazette

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Dear mums, dads and carers

I wanted to write to welcome everyone back to the start of a new year and to extend an especially warm welcome to any new children & families joining our school for the first time. You will discover very quickly that Stebon is a wonderful place for your children to learn and grow & for you to feel included and supported.

We want everyone - old and new - to feel a strong sense of belonging; to feel that this is your place and that you are amongst people who care. Together we are key partners in the same goals - that your children love coming to school, that they do well & learn loads and that they grow into good, kind people.

It's been a lovely start to the term so far. I think the children - and the staff! - have really enjoyed their first few days together. I saw so many children skipping through the gates this morning on their way in, often dragging parents behind them!

The beginning of the new school year is a chance to start afresh. It's a good time to talk to your children about how important it is to come to school every day, to arrive on time, to work hard - especially when the work is tough, to never give up and ... most of all, to be kind to one another and to their teachers.

A reminder that the gate opens in the morning at 8:55am and children go directly into classes where they are welcomed by their teachers and peers and they start work straight away. This work is called 'early work' & often involves reinforcing key skills like handwriting, spelling, number bonds, times tables. While the gates technically don't close until 9:10, arriving at that time - especially regularly - means your child misses out on those opportunities. Ideally, we'd like every child to be at their desk learning by 9:00 (or at the sand tray learning, if they're in the early years!)

Your children's teachers are really looking forward to meeting you all properly next week when our parents' welcome meetings begin. At those meetings, you'll get lots of information about the upcoming term & what your child's learning will be - you'll be emailed a copy of your child's curriculum booklet for the autumn term beforehand so you can have a sneak preview. You'll also have the chance to ask teachers any questions you may still have.

Until then, enjoy the weekend. It's good to have you back!

Kind regards,

Jeremy Iver
Headteacher



Key dates:

Wed 3 Sept – Fri 24 Oct 2025:
School open for Autumn Term

Mon 27 Oct - Fri 31 Oct 2025:
School closed for half term

Wed 10 & Wed 17 Oct 2025:
Individual & sibling photos

Wed 8 - Wed 15 Oct 2025:
Travelling Book Fair

Mon 3 Nov – Fri 19 Dec 2025:
School open for Autumn Term

Mon 22 Dec 2025 – Fri 2 Jan
2026: Christmas Holiday

Mon 5 Jan 2025: INSET Day -
School closed for pupils

Click below for:

[Term dates for 2025-2026
academic year](#)

[PE & Swimming Timetables](#)

[Lunch menu for April-October
2025](#)

[Home learning links](#)

[Tower Hamlets Bulletin](#)

Attendance

**Every day matters – Every
minute counts!**

Stebon's magic number is
97%. This is because we are
aiming for 97% attendance.

Come on Stebon!

Welcome and welcome back to school!

Each year, we run welcome meetings for each class. These are an opportunity for you to meet your child's class team, for us to talk to you about what is coming up this year for your child and to answer any questions you may have.

These will take place in your child's classroom at **3:45pm** on the following days:

Reception - Thursday 11th September

Year 1 - Thursday 11th September

Year 2 - Friday 12th September

Year 3 - Friday 12th September

Year 4 - Monday 15th September

Year 5 - Monday 15th September

Year 6 (DA class & ARW class) - Tuesday 9th September

Year 6 (JA class) - Thursday 11th September

On the day of the meeting, your child will not be dismissed from the playground; instead, they will stay in the classroom ready for the beginning of the meeting.

Times of the school day

For Reception to Year 6:

The main pupil & Reception gates are open in the morning from 8:55-9:10am. Only the main pupil gates are open at home time from 3:30-3:45pm.

For 2 year olds and Nursery children:

Morning session drop off is 8:45-9am & pick up is 11:30-11:40am
Afternoon session drop off is 12:30-12:45pm & pick up is 3:30pm

School Uniform



The school colours are navy blue to be worn with grey, black and white. A grey or white shirt, navy blue jumper, cardigan or sweatshirt with the Stebon logo, black or grey trousers or skirts are all acceptable. Footwear is trainers or flat-heeled shoes or sandals in black.

School uniforms can be purchased [online](#) or at Khalsa Schoolwear in Bethnal Green. You can order **swimming caps & book bags** on [ParentPay](#). Please come to the school office to collect your orders.

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Saturday School

FREE for Y3-6 pupils at your school!



**Starts on Sat
27th Sept at
10am**



**At Stebon
Primary School**

**Don't be bored on Saturdays - come
and SHINE[★] with us!**

**Come and register on Saturday 13th September
at 10am. We will tell you all about it!!**

Successful applications will be given an invite
to start on the 27th September

Spaces are limited so you must come and register!!!
We hope to see you very soon

For more information, email admin@stebon.org.uk

FLU IMMUNISATION FOR PUPILS IN SCHOOL YEARS RECEPTION - YEAR 11

Prevent your child from being seriously ill this winter!
Vaccinating is crucial in protecting them and
vulnerable friends and family from flu.

NASAL VACCINE



No needles - just quick,
painless, effective flu
protection
(contains gelatine)

OR

THE INJECTION



We offer a **PORK-FREE,
GELATINE-FREE** injection
considered a
faith-friendly alternative.

Complete this form, even if you do not want the vaccine.

<https://london.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/towerhamlets>

Secondary School students only: Young people under the age of 16 can give or refuse consent themselves if considered competent to do so by nursing staff.

CONTACT THE TEAM



Towerhamlets@v-uk.co.uk



0207 613 9146

Need more
information?
Please see our FAQs
sheet attached with
this letter.

Or visit our
website:



We endeavour to come to your child's school twice.
If your child is absent or unable to be vaccinated at
school, they can still receive this important vaccine by
attending one of our community clinics for the vaccine.

Details of these can be found on our website or you
can contact the team above.

Your consent will remain in place for the entire flu season.
If your child misses a first visit, you do not need to
complete a second form.

LEARN MORE 

<https://www.schoolvaccination.uk/flu>
www.youtube.com/@vaccinationuk

PRIVACY POLICY

Our 2024/25 policy can be viewed here: www.schoolvaccination.uk/privacy-policy
For data protection queries, please contact: dpo@vaccinationuk.co.uk



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q WHY ARE CHILDREN BEING OFFERED THE FLU VACCINE?

Flu can make children feel very unwell and can sometimes lead to serious complications like pneumonia or ear infections. Some may even need hospital treatment. It's especially important for children with long-term conditions like asthma or diabetes, as flu can be more dangerous for them.

Q HOW DOES THE FLU VACCINE FOR CHILDREN WORK?

The nasal spray contains weakened flu viruses that help your child build protection without causing illness. Because flu strains change each year, the vaccine needs to be given annually. Most children only need one dose.

Q IS THE FLU VACCINE SAFE FOR CHILDREN?

Yes, it has a very good safety record and has been used for over 10 years in countries like the US without any major concerns. All vaccines available in United Kingdom must pass strict safety testing before being approved for use. The Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) only approve vaccines that have gone through rigorous safety testing measures. The regulators continually monitor them all the time.

Q SHOULD ANYONE NOT HAVE THE VACCINE?

Let us know if your child:

- Has a severe allergy to eggs, gelatine, or certain antibiotics
- Has recently had severe asthma symptoms or is wheezy on the day
- Has a seriously weakened immune system

Also, after vaccination, children should avoid close contact with people who have very weak immune systems for about two weeks—everyone else is fine to be around.

Q ARE THERE ANY SIDE EFFECTS?

Side effects from the nasal spray are usually mild and short-lived. These may include a runny or blocked nose, headache, reduced appetite, or a slight temperature. Paracetamol or ibuprofen can help if needed.

Q WE DO NOT EAT PORK PRODUCTS. CAN MY CHILD HAVE A DIFFERENT FLU VACCINE?

Yes. There is an injectable flu vaccine is available that contains no pork (porcine gelatine).

While the nasal spray is generally more effective and painless, we respect your preferences. Just complete the consent form for the injection—no need to fill out both.

CONSENT INFORMATION

The consent form needs to be signed by a person with parental responsibility which includes:

- Mother: automatic
- Father: if married to the mother either when baby is born or marries subsequently
- Unmarried father: if name appears on birth certificate (since 1/12/03) or legally acquired
- Others: if parental responsibility is legally acquired
- Parental Responsibility Agreement: signed, properly witnessed and sent for registration to Principle Registry or the Family Division (High Court)
- Residence Order: granted by the Court

Please note that young people under the age of 16 can give or refuse consent if considered competent to do so by nursing staff.

Q NATURAL IMMUNITY

While natural immunity from the flu can occur, it's not generally considered better than vaccine-induced immunity. Natural infection carries the risk of severe illness and complications, whereas the flu vaccine offers protection with significantly less risk. Natural immunity can be long-lasting against specific strains, but we know that the flu virus changes (mutates) overtime so natural immunity to one strain might not protect against a different strain that emerges later. Vaccines are a safer and more reliable way to protect against a wider range of flu viruses.

Flu vaccines are updated for each winter to give protection against the strains of flu that are most likely to be going around. For this reason, we strongly recommend that even if your child was vaccinated last year, they should be vaccinated again this year.

Q MY CHILD NEEDS A DIFFERENT VACCINE

If your child needs another vaccine you can speak to our team or attend one of our community clinics, all information can be found on our website:

www.schoolvaccination.uk/catch-up-clinics

Q I HAVE MORE QUESTIONS

We run Q&A webinars which address frequently asked questions and gives parents an opportunity to ask their questions. You can find information and how to join on our website.



16th October 2025

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Let's Talk SEND 'SURGERY'

An opportunity to have a meeting with a member of the Special Educational Needs Assessment and Review Team (SENAR) to discuss your child/young person's Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) and special educational needs.

If you would like to book a 20 minute appointment with a member of SENAR to discuss any issues in relation to your child/young person's EHCP please scan the QR code below or email:

towerhamlets&city.sendiass@towerhamlets.gov.uk

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When? Thursday 16th October 2025

Where? Parents Advice Centre 30 Greatorex St. E1 5NP