



Stebon Primary School's Burdett Gazette

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Key dates:

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

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

Mon 3 - Fri 7 Nov 2025: Parent meetings with teachers

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

Mon 5 Jan 2026: School closed - Staff INSET day

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Congratulations to Y5 Martin Luther King class who had 98.6% attendance this week!

Attendance

Every day matters – Every minute counts!

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

This week's whole school attendance was 93%

Come on Stebon!

School will be closed for half term from Monday 27th to Friday 31st October 2025.

We will be open again from Monday 3rd November 2025.
We hope you have a lovely break!

Harvest Festival

Thank you for your generous donations. The food will be donated to Bow Food Bank! Winning classes will receive a voucher to buy resources for their class.

Most amount of donations

EYFS - **Rec VVG**

LKS2 - **Y4 HK**

UKS2 - **Y6 ARW**

This is the first time Reception classes participated in the Harvest Festival drive!

The winner for the best decorated box was Y4 Helen Keller class!

Whether you won a prize or not, you are all winners, as you helped put a smile on someone's face by giving donations.



Click for the **NEW**

[November 2025 to April 2026 lunch menu](#)

School photos are ready. The deadline for ordering photos for free delivery to school is **Monday 4th November 2025.**

Enter your code(s) to order your photos here: <https://www.getphotos.co.uk/>

Our school [uniform](#) helps pupils to feel like a team and is compulsory from Nursery to Year 6.

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.

For indoor [PE](#), shorts and T-shirts in school colours are required. For outdoor PE, a warm top, jogging bottoms and trainers are needed. Headscarves in school colours may be worn.
Small studs and watches are the only jewellery allowed.

[School Trends](#) has a special 15% discount code 'HALFTERM15' which is valid to use until 2nd November.



Year 5 Disney Performances

Year 5 put on three brilliant performances of Disney's Moana this week. It was fantastic to see the final performances come together with the support of Jen, their class teams and families.

Well done Year 5!





Reception Mosque Visit

In Reception we have been learning about special places as part of our understanding the world learning.

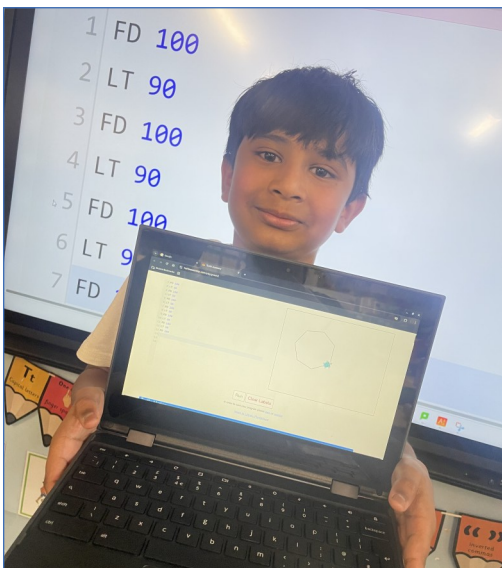
We visited our local mosque. We met the Imam who showed us around. We did a drawing activity and then listened to the call to prayer.

We will be continuing to look at different special places in class and talking about what makes them special.

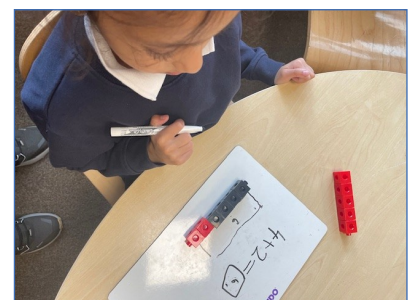
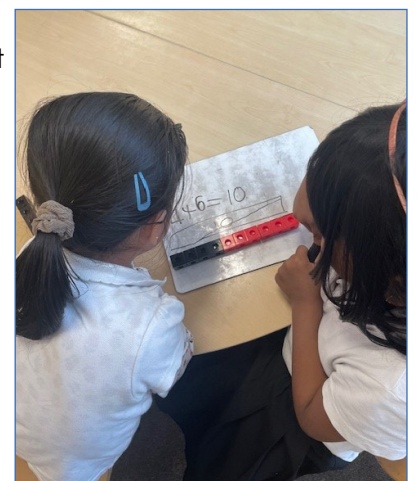
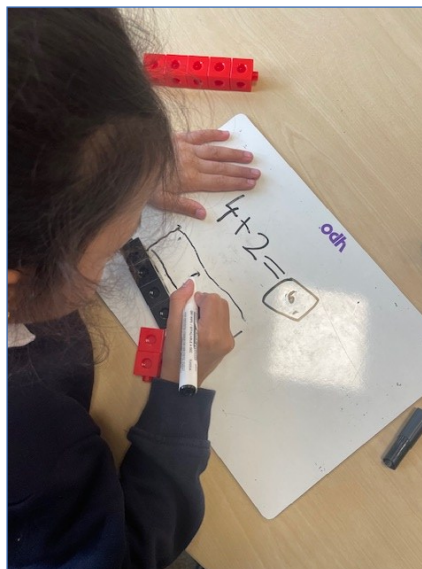


Well done to Dihan in Y4 Helen Keller class! During our computing lessons, we've been coding our 'turtle' to draw simple square shapes - but Dihan went a step further and independently created a heptagon! He's shown fantastic initiative, creativity, and spatial reasoning.

Keep up the brilliant work, Dihan!



This week in maths, Year 1 Margot Fonteyn class have been exploring addition using bar models.



Year 1 had a great time on their Autumn walk in Bartlett Park. We discovered so many signs of the season. We spotted colourful leaves covering the ground, bare tree branches, and felt the cool, crisp breeze in the air.

We had so much fun crunching through the leaves and throwing them up high, what a wonderful autumn adventure! Thank you to all the parents that joined us.



Year 6 have been building their descriptive language the past few weeks. They wrote a narrative based on the Christmas Truce as their final outcome. Here is some work from Danyal and Ilana in Alfred Russel Wallace class.

Year 2 are writing instructions in English. This week, Brian Cox class made chocolate Rice Krispies and then brainstormed time adverbials and imperative verbs for each step they did, to help plan their instructions.



Families from Tower Hamlets schools can use the **discount code 'CHOTTO5'** to get **£5 tickets** for **Chotto Desh** at Sadler's Wells East over October half term.

The Christmas Truce by Danyal

The damp, mud-filled trenches stank of wet earth. The chilly air danced through the broken world. A lone soldier stood at a photograph of his wife, his breath clouding in the air. A quiet smile struck hope in him. Snow covered stakes and barbed-wire surrounded the dark trenches. He formed a tight grip of the chocolate his wife gave him although his fingers were blue-tinged.

Across the still darkness of no man's land, Jim leaned back slightly and was seconds away from falling asleep when he heard a sudden noise. A voice, it was different from all the bombs, explosions and gunfire. Could it really be? Someone was singing from the enemy trench. Faint whispers drifted down no man's land. Dozed, Jim stood up and looked around, smiling faces looked at each other. Soldiers on lookout peered through no man's land but saw nothing but snow covered grass, barbed-wire and stakes. Moment by moment the British soldiers joined in singing with the Germans. They sang all night long.

Christmas morning dawned with stiffness in the air. A lone robin perched on the frozen barbed-wire. Sitting in the damp trench Jim thought about creating a Christmas truce with the Germans. With doubt being inside him, he cautiously climbed the ladder into No man's land. A graveyard of men and metal surrounded him. He desperately lifted his hat to surrender. "Jim! You alright lad?" said a voice behind him. No response.

The Christmas truce by Ilana

Thunder growled angrily, it was Christmas Eve. The stench of stale gunpowder spread across the trenches. The exhausted soldier smiled as he stared at a photo of his wife, wondering why he's in this horrible place. His teeth chattered in the cold. Staring at the sky, rats scurried by causing pitter-patter noises all across the trench. The strong smell of rotten corpses filled the atmosphere.

Just as Jim closed his eyes, a sound other than screams appeared. A gentle German voice began to sing. The soldier decided to join in. A sudden silence appeared, no explosions. The fragile, hopeful harmony grew louder and louder until both British and Germans all sang. The cloudy sky grew brighter as they sang.

The sun jumped, a robin tweeted joyfully, it was Christmas morning. Jim wondered why no one had their guns out yet. Thinking about what happened last night, he did the unthinkable. In the snowy wind, he thought what should I do? He took a deep breath. He stood up and walked over to the ladder. "What are you doing?" His mate asked, but no answer from Jim. Eyes darted on the ladder, hands gripped on. A desperate whimpering escaped his lips, his stomach curdled. He climbed up, lifted his hat higher than ever and slowly walked into No-mans-land.

A shiver ran through him as he entered the field of hell. He couldn't go back. The German soldiers jaw clenched so tightly it ached, without hesitation he screamed so loud it filled the trenches.



PARENT COFFEE MORNING: EDP LAUNCH: ORACY

WHAT ARE WE WORKING ON THIS YEAR?

DATE Thursday 6th November

TIME 9:30AM – 10.00 AM

LOCATION Family Learning Room

LED BY Tara & Salma (Assistant headteachers)

