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# MALMESBURY NEWSLETTER



## COMING UP...

Thursday 30th January:  
Y1 Lunar New Year  
Assembly @ 9:15am

wb 3rd February:  
Children's Mental  
Health Week

100% attendance  
week

Tuesday 11th  
February: Safer  
Internet day

Half term holiday:  
Monday 17th - Friday  
21st February

Thursday 6th March:  
World Book Day

On Thursday, our school lunch will be a themed lunch to celebrate too. This is usually very popular with staff and children.

## LUNAR NEW YEAR

We are getting ready for next week's Lunar New Year. As with every other festival

and special event, this is a brilliant opportunity to live our values: **pride** for our children and staff who are celebrating their cultural heritage. For others, we are living our value of **curiosity** as we learn together about who celebrates the lunar new year, when and how. For all of us, we are continuing to show our value of **care** as we are interested in others and what is important to them.

Next week we will be learning about the Lunar New Year assemblies in school. Our year 1 children will also be sharing their Lunar New Year Learning in an assembly for parents/carers on Thursday 30th January.



Children have been enjoying our pop-up Lunar New Year display as they come and go to our library. They have enjoyed borrowing the books and learning more.



HEALTHY MINDS. HEALTHY BODIES

*Lunch MENU*

Monday

**Option 1** - Spinach & Tomato Pasta Bake

**Option 2** - Vegetable Strips Stir Fried with Noodles

**On the side** - Slided carrots and Peas


**Salads** - Mixed Green Salad

**DAILY OPTIONS** - Daily Salad / Fresh Bread / Seasonal Fresh Fruit Platter / Yoghurt

**Dessert**  
Fruity Yoghurt Bar with Toppings

\* PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR ALLERGY BADGE

Which superpower would you have, if you could have just one?



FamiliesMatter

**Share your views!**  
**Free School Meals Parent Focus Group**

Parents and carers are invited to participate in a Parent and Carer Council focus group at the Town Hall to share your thoughts on the free school meals at your child's primary and/or secondary school.

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025**  
**9.30am-11:30am**  
**Tower Hamlets Town Hall,**  
**160 Whitechapel Road,**  
**E1 1BJ**



It has been over a year since Tower Hamlets Council became the first local authority in England to rollout universal free school meals to all primary and secondary pupils. Universal free school meals provide financial, health and educational benefits to children and the council is committed to ensuring as many pupils as possible can benefit. The Children and Education Scrutiny Sub-Committee is reviewing the borough's free school meal provision to explore how the council can continue working with schools, parents and pupils to increase uptake and satisfaction. The session aims to focus on strengths, areas for improvement, balancing nutrition and appeal, accessibility, and communication in relation to free school meals. Refreshments will be provided. Places are limited and booking is required.

To book your place, email your name and your child's school to [parentalengagement@towerhamlets.gov.uk](mailto:parentalengagement@towerhamlets.gov.uk)

This Parent and Carer Council Family Voice Event will be facilitated by the Tower Hamlets Parental Engagement Team and Corporate Strategy and Communities Service.  
[www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/parentfamilysupport](http://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/parentfamilysupport)

**Booking required**

Did you know that children spend equivalent of 1.4 years at lunchtime (over their primary school life) – almost 20% of their day? We want to make lunchtime as positive as possible and so are working on our playground/lunch hall offer for children. We are working with Tower Hamlets new 'Fantastic Food in School team' to make lunch as healthy as it possibly can be.

Eating a healthy and delicious school meal every day is better for our children's health, weight and teeth, leading to better focus, concentration and achieving more academically.

School is often a place where children will try new foods as they eat alongside their friends.

We have been speaking to a couple of parents about joining a healthy eating working party as we get ready to update our healthy eating policy. If you are interested in being part of that group, please email [admin@malmesbury.towerhamlets.sch.uk](mailto:admin@malmesbury.towerhamlets.sch.uk) or speak to me (Ms Stewart) on the gate.

TOWER HAMLETS

**Holiday Childcare Scheme**

Bookings now open

Ages 3-13 years old

The Tower Hamlets Childcare Scheme offers Ofsted registered childcare.  
**020 7364 0523**  
[www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/hcs](http://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/hcs)

February scheme Monday 17 to Friday 21 February 2025 (5 days)



**WHEN IS SICK TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?**



Scan the QR code to check advice on:  
When children can/should be in school  
When children are too sick and should be at home.



**This week's attendance**

Whole school attendance this week: 91.6%

The top 3 classes this week:  
Y1 Saxons - 99.6%  
Y4 Elizabethans - 96.0%  
Y1 Romans - 95.7%