



Newsletter

Friday 23rd January

2026



To Parents and Carers,

We have had a brilliant week here at Pelham. On Monday 40 of our children from years 3 to 6 went to the O2 in Greenwich to take part in Young Voices. They were joined by other schools to form a choir of 9000 children. Yes you read that correctly 9000 children all forming one choir putting a performance on in the O2 arena. This was such a fantastic experience that was enjoyed by all children and staff that attended. Below are just a few photos from the event.



A big thank you to all parents that came and supported us in the crowd, it really was a spectacular event.

I am also pleased to share some of our parent responses from the parent questionnaires you all filled out before Christmas. Some of the highlights were;

- 98% of you said your child is happy at school
- 98% of you said your child feels safe at school
- 97% of said your child does well at school
- 99% of you said you would recommend Pelham Primary to others.

I will share more of your responses over the next few weeks in the newsletter including what you would like to see more of and how we will address that for you.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend. We look forward to seeing you all next week.

Kind Regards,

Miss Took

Term Dates



Monday 26th January 2026	Tuesday 27th January 2026	Wednesday 28th January 2026	Thursday 29th January 2026	Friday 30th January 2026
	Y2 Koalas Trip to Spitalfields City Farm Pokemon Club Year 1&2	Y2 Kangaroos Trip to Spitalfields City Farm Y1 Trip to The London Eye Pokemon Club Year 3&4 Movie Club Year R, 1&2	YR Ladybirds Trip to The Postal Museum Board Games Year 5&6	Football Team Training

Attendance % & Number of Children Lates

For W/E 23/01/2026



Challenge- Let's hit the 96% mark for all classes. Those classes who have had the biggest improvement will win a prize!

Class	Attendance	Lates
Caterpillars	91.9%	5
Bumblebees	95.0%	4
Ladybirds	97.4%	2
Butterflies	94.5%	1
Dragonflies	81.9%	4
Kangaroos	93.7%	4
Koalas	91.7%	3
Penguins	99.3%	2
Polar Bears	94.4%	5
Flamingos	82.4%	4
Pelicans	97.9%	3
Giraffes	95.7%	3
Zebra	93.8%	1
Parakeets	97.9%	3
Starlings	94.8%	3

Term Dates



Illuminateminds Trust - Term Dates 2025/26

September 2025							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
36	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
37	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
38	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
39	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
40	29	30					

October 2025							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
40			1	2	3	4	5
41	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
42	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
43	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
44	27	28	29	30	31		

November 2025							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
44						1	2
45	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
46	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
47	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
48	24	25	26	27	28	29	30

December 2025							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
48	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
50	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
51	15	16	17	18	*19	20	21
52	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
1	29	30	31				

January 2026							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
1				1	2	3	4
2	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
3	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
4	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
5	26	27	28	29	30	31	

February 2026							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
5							1
6	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
7	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
8	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
9	23	24	25	26	27	28	

March 2026							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
9							1
10	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
11	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
12	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
13	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
14	30	31					

April 2026							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
14			1	2	3	4	5
15	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
16	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
17	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
18	27	28	29	30			

May 2026							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
18					1	2	3
19	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
20	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
21	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
22	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

June 2026							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
23	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
24	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
25	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
26	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
27	29	30					

July 2026							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
27			1	2	3	4	5
28	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
29	13	14	15	16	*17	18	19
30	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
31	27	28	29	30	31		

August 2026							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
31						1	2
32	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
33	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
34	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
35	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
36	31						

INSET DAYS

HOLIDAYS

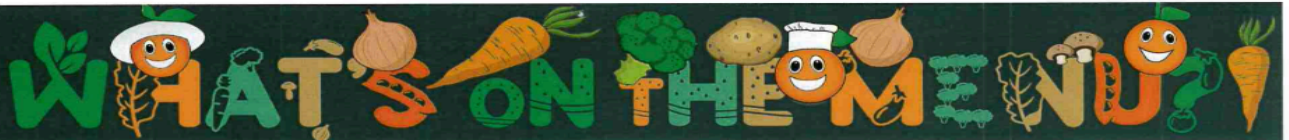
*School finishes at 1pm on 19/12/25 & 17/07/26



Lunch Menu



NOVEMBER TO MARCH 2026
NOURISH
GROW WITH US



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK ONE	Chicken Pie 1 Pesto & Pea Pasta 1,7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Crushed Potato Cauliflower, Carrots Strawberry Mousse 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG	Margherita Pizza 1,3,7 V Bean Biryani VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Rainbow Pasta 1 Seasonal Vegetables Toffee Apple Pudding 1 VG & Custard 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG	Roast Gammon & Gravy Broccoli Tot 1,7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Rustic Roast Potatoes, Cabbage, Peas Fruit Jelly VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG	Beef Bolognese Pasta Bake 1,7 Loaded Bean Chilli Wedges VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Green Beans Grated Carrots Parsnip Brownie 1 VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG	Pork Sausages 1,6 Vegetable Sausage VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Chips, Sweetcorn, Baked Beans Cucumber Sticks Oaty Cookie 1,15 VG Yoghurt 3,7 Fruit Pots VG
WEEK TWO	Caribbean Brown Chicken Tomato Spaghetti 1 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Rice, Carrots, Peas Chocolate Ice Cream 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG	Cheese & Broccoli Pasta Bake 1,7 V Buffalo Cauliflower Wings & Wedges VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Seasonal Vegetables Plum Pudding 1VG & Custard 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG	Roast Chicken & Gravy Ratatouille Puff 1,3 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Rustic Roast Potatoes Broccoli, Carrots Crispy Cake 1,3,7,16 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG	Beef Stew & Dumpling 1 Pesto Pasta Bake 1,7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Cauliflower, Green Beans Apple & Cinnamon Pinwheel 1 VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG	Salmon Bites 1,8 Margherita Pizza 1,3,7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Chips, Peas, Coleslaw 9 Marble Cookie 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7 Fruit Pots VG
WEEK THREE	Macaroni Cheese 1,7 V Sweet Potato & Chick Pea Curry VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Rice, Green Beans, Mixed Salad Peach Crumble 1 VG & Custard 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG	Chicken Noodles 1 BBQ Vegetable Burrito 1 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Sweetcorn, Peppers Chocolate Rice Pudding 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG	Roast Pork & Gravy Vegan Sausage Roll 1 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Rustic Roast Potatoes, Green Beans, Carrots Fruit Jelly VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG	Beef Cottage Pie Herby Tomato Pasta 1 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Seasonal Vegetables Beetroot Cake 1 VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG	Fish Fingers 1,8 Cheese, Carrot & Tomato Swirl 1,7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Chips, Peas, Baked Beans, Grated Carrot Caramel Flapjack 1,7,15 V Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG

1 Whear Gluten 2 Crustaceans 3 Soybean 4 Mustard 5 Sesame 6 Sulphites/Sulphur Dioxide 7 Milk 8 Fish 9 Egg 10 Peanuts 11 Molluscs 12 Celeriac/Celery 13 Nuts 14 Lupins 15 Oat Gluten 16 Barley Gluten VG Vegan V Vegetarian

AVAILABLE DAILY

Selection of Salads 9, Homemade Bread 1,3. Some of our schools may use pre prepped potatoes or vegetables on occasions. These may contain sulphites and celeriac. Please discuss with your manager.



Information



Admission to Nursery in September 2026

Children born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023 will be due to start Nursery in September 2026. The application period is now open and closes on 6th April 2026.

Apply on line at:
<https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>

More information visit:
<https://www.bexley.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/primary-schools/starting-primary-school>

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about ROBLOX

Roblox is an online platform where users can play and create games known as "experiences" made by other users. Roblox has a large UK audience. ITV News has reported that millions of people in Britain use the platform regularly, with children forming a significant proportion of its users. The sheer scale of it makes it extremely difficult to moderate effectively, creating risks for unsupervised children.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- A PLATFORM RATHER THAN A GAME**
Roblox differs from traditional video games as there is no single game. It offers a vast range of user-created experiences rather than a fixed set of developer-provided content. Each experience is self-made by its creator rather than being developed by a professional studio. In the case with PEGI-rated games, with millions of user-created experiences, moderation is very difficult. Roblox has a moderation team that monitors user-generated content and reports it to the relevant authorities.
- MATURE CONTENT**
With most of Roblox's moderation automated through AI and creators self-certifying suitability, inappropriate content frequently appears on the platform. Some experiences appear to be created specifically for other players. While Roblox has tools to restrict access based on age settings, these systems are not always perfect. Younger players are likely to encounter content that is not age-appropriate.
- IN-GAME SPENDING**
Roblox is free to play, but many experiences and experiences include optional purchases using Robux, the platform's virtual currency, to get advantages in games. This business model is common across online games, but reporting how high school boys with Robux accounts have spent large amounts of money unprofessionally or without understanding the real-world costs.
- RISK OF ADDICTION**
Roblox encourages repeated and extended play. Many experiences are made of short levels, rewards, and progression systems that can prompt users to keep playing for longer periods of time. Some games also use "autoplay" or "auto-play" features that can keep users playing for long periods of time without their input. Roblox has a moderation team that monitors user-generated content and reports it to the relevant authorities.
- COMMUNICATION WITH OTHER USERS**
Roblox includes text and voice features that allow players to chat in shared game sessions. While the platform uses automated filters and moderation tools, many games have found that inappropriate and potentially harmful messages can slip through. There are also many experiences that are designed to be played with other players. Roblox has a moderation team that monitors user-generated content and reports it to the relevant authorities.

Advice for Parents & Educators

- USE PARENTAL CONTROLS**
Roblox's parental controls provide an important starting point. Linking a child's account to an adult account allows parents to apply spending controls, limit communication features, and review recent activity. Regular updates, use of parental controls, and conversations with children about what they see online can help reduce the risk of exposure to inappropriate content.
- PLAY TOGETHER WHERE POSSIBLE**
Playing Roblox with a child can help adults understand the types of experiences available, how interactions work, and what other children are doing. This shared engagement can also make it easier for children to raise concerns if something feels wrong. Parents and educators should monitor all games played on Roblox due to its self-rating nature.
- CONSIDER LIMITING OR DISABLING CHAT**
Although Roblox is introducing higher age-related chat restrictions, some parents and educators may prefer to disable chat entirely for younger children. Children will still have access to communicating with friends that they know through other supervised platforms.
- ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATIONS**
Using Roblox experiences and a creative role-play experience, and for many children, the platform is an important way to socialize with friends. Rather than banning it outright, parents and educators should talk openly with children about online safety, spending, and how to respond to inappropriate behaviour. Roblox has a moderation team that monitors user-generated content and reports it to the relevant authorities.

Meet Our Expert
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Attached with this week's Newsletter in ParentMail is the Wake Up Wednesdays guide on "Conspiracy Theories"

When dropping off and collecting your children to and from school, please can you be mindful of our neighbours. They have contacted the school and asked that you do not block their driveways and more importantly do not park on them. Thank you in advance for your support.

Information



Hello and Happy New Year to you all.

Across LA Children's Services, we are actively working on the delivery plan for the Best Start in Life Programme that will link in with our current and future Family Hubs. At the end of March our local plan will be published.

The attached survey is being shared with parents, ~~carers~~ and the early years workforce. We would appreciate feedback from colleagues working in the sector as you understand the needs of the children and families you work with.

Can you kindly forward this to the parents with children under 5, that you work with so we can consider as many voices as possible when we put together our local plan.

Below is the survey link and QR code to the Best Start Family Hub survey. It is open from now until **7th February**.

[Bexley - Best Start in Life Hubs survey – Fill in form](#)



If you would like to speak to a member of the school leadership team please email pelhamadmin@illuminateminds.org

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