ROKEBY RECORDER

DARE TO BE THE BEST

Issue 23 Autumn Term 2026

Save The Date
Upcoming Events for the Autumn Term



13th November 2026
School Photo Day

20th November 2026
NCL Staff Learning Day (school closed to students)

18th December 2026
Last Day of term

A full list of term dates and events can be found on our website.

[Thoughts of the Week]

Dare to Be the Best Award Winners



Clash of the Titans Basketball Tournament



Overseen by Greenhouse Sports Coach, the Rokeby boys' basketball team battled hard in The Clash of the Titans tournament held at Newham College in the week before half. The team finished in fourth place out of 7 teams.

Ms Bland, Head of PE



Information for Parents/Carers

London Verbal Maths Challenge

KING'S College LONDON

we×solve problems

We Solve Problems is a charity that runs free weekly Maths Circles for pupils in Years 7–10. The sessions are held at weekends on the King's College London and UCL campuses, and are led by mathematicians and university students.

Pupils can win a place through the **London Verbal Maths Challenge** at King's College London on Sunday 7 February 2027. Selection begins online in January. No particular grades are needed: if your child enjoys solving puzzles, they'll enjoy this.

How to apply: https://wesolveproblems.org.uk/london-verbal-maths-challenge/

About Maths Circles: https://wesolveproblems.org.uk/maths-circles/

If you have any questions, then please feel free to email us at p-and-s@wesolveproblems.org.uk

Rokeby PE Clubs

	Morning 7.30-8.30 am	Lunch 1.30-2pm	After School 3.15-4:15pm
Monday	Basketball coach K	Table Tennis Greenhouse	Table Tennis Greenhouse **all ages** Mr Mckenzie to 4.45 pm
Tuesday	Table Tennis Greenhouse sportshall		Table Tennis Greenhouse **all ages** Mr Mckenzie to 4.45 pm sportshall Basketball coach K sportshall **all ages**
Wednesday	Basketball coach K Table Tennis Greenhouse	Table Tennis Greenhouse	Football **year 10** Astro - Mr Sheriyar Table Tennis Greenhouse all ages Mr Mckenzie to 4.45 pm Football **year 9** Astro - Mr Seidu Futsal - **open to all** 4.15pm onwards invite only
Thursday	Basketball coach K	**Gym** Mrs Bland	Table Tennis Greenhouse **all ages** Mr Mckenzie to 4.45 pm
Friday	Basketball coach K	Table Tennis Greenhouse	Football **year 7, 8 Astro** - Mr Sheriyar
Saturday	Basketball coach K 10.30-12.30 **must sign up to attend** *Football, Years 7, 8 & 9 - Saturdays, 10.00 to 11.30am* **must sign up to attend** *Football, Years 10 & 11 - Saturdays, 11.30am to 1.00pm* **must sign up to attend** *Badminton, Years 7 to 11 - Saturdays, 10.00am to 12.00pm (only 18 places)* **must sign up to attend**		

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Sixth Form Open Evening for 2027 Admissions

Thursday 19th November 2026

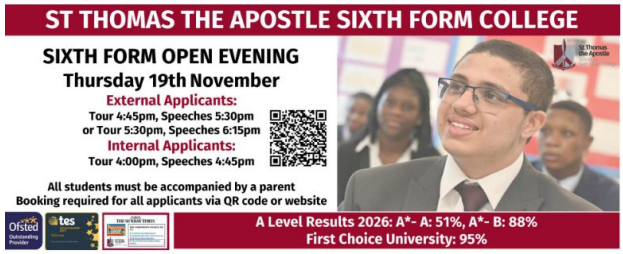
Sign up to open evening will be available in the new academic year.

Students must come with a parent or carer.

Internal Students 4.00pm

External Students 4.45pm and 5.30pm

Apply here: https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/LNtLh7Hjjh?origin=lprLink









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Newham London

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Your Service Updates

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WE ARE NEWHAM.

Ready for Nursery

Free online workshop for parents and carers of children aged 0-5



Tuesday 8 December, 10-11am

Part of the Ready to...Workshop series.

Starting nursery is a big step for both children and families. It can bring excitement as well as lots of questions about how to apply, what children need, and what support is available.

At this workshop, we'll share clear information about childcare entitlements, including the funded hours available to eligible families, and guide you through the process of registering for a nursery place in Newham.

With the right information and support, starting nursery can be a positive and smooth experience, and we're here to help you every step of the way.

Scan the QR code to book

newham.gov.uk/familyhubnetwork

Ready to Potty Train

Free online workshop for parents and carers of children aged 0-5



Wednesday 9 December, 10am-12pm

Part of the Ready to...Workshop series.

There are no set rules when it comes to toilet training. Every child is unique, and what works for one may not work for another.

At this workshop, we'll share practical ideas, helpful guidelines, and proven strategies to help you get started, tackle common challenges, and support your child on their journey to dryness.

With time, patience, and the right approach, your child will get there and we're here to help you every step of the way.

Scan the QR code to book

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Ready to Sleep

Free online workshop for parents and carers of children aged 0-5



Wednesday 2 December, 10-11am

Part of the Ready to...Workshop series.

Is bedtime a nightly battle? Are you struggling to settle you little ones and searching for solutions? You are not alone! Join our gentle, expert-led workshop designed to help your little ones (and you!) get the restful sleep you need.

With the right information and support, getting your little ones to sleep can be a positive and smooth experience, and we're here to help you every step of the way.

What You Will Learn

- **Age-Appropriate Routines:** Perfecting sleep schedules for newborns up to age 5.
- **Settling Techniques:** Gentle methods to help your child fall asleep independently.

Scan the QR code to book

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Ready to Practical Advice and Guidance

Free online workshop for parents and carers of children conception to 18 (25 with SEND)



Monday 14 December, 10-11am

Part of the Ready to...Workshop series.

Not sure where to start? Family Navigators can help.

This free online workshop will provide practical advice, guidance and information on a range of topics including finances and benefits, housing, SEND support, childcare, education, employment, health and wellbeing, and accessing local services.

Learn about the support available in Newham, ask questions, and find out how Family Navigators can help you access the right services for your family's needs.

Scan the QR code to book

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Ready to Communicate

Free online workshop for parents and carers of children aged 0-5



Tuesday 8 December, 10-11am

Part of the Ready to...Workshop series.

Would you like to find out how to support your child's early communication skills?

'Ready to Communicate' is a new parent workshop. Learn tips and techniques to help your child uild their skills, whether they are talking yet or not.

Young children learn to communicate through play, so Speech and Language Therapists Alice and Becky will help you to develop your shared play skills

Scan the QR code to book

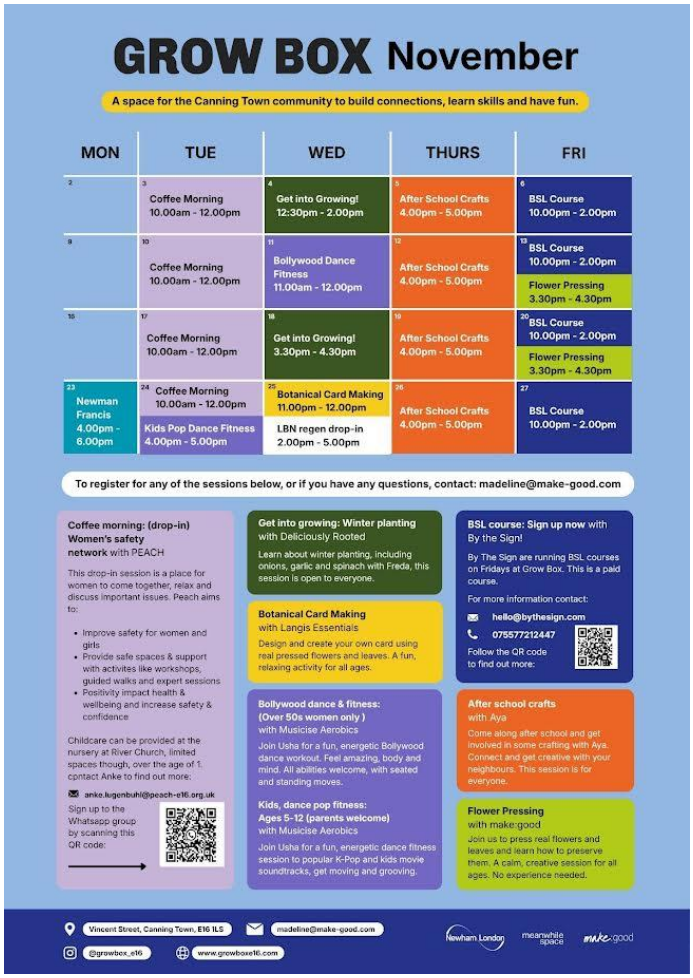
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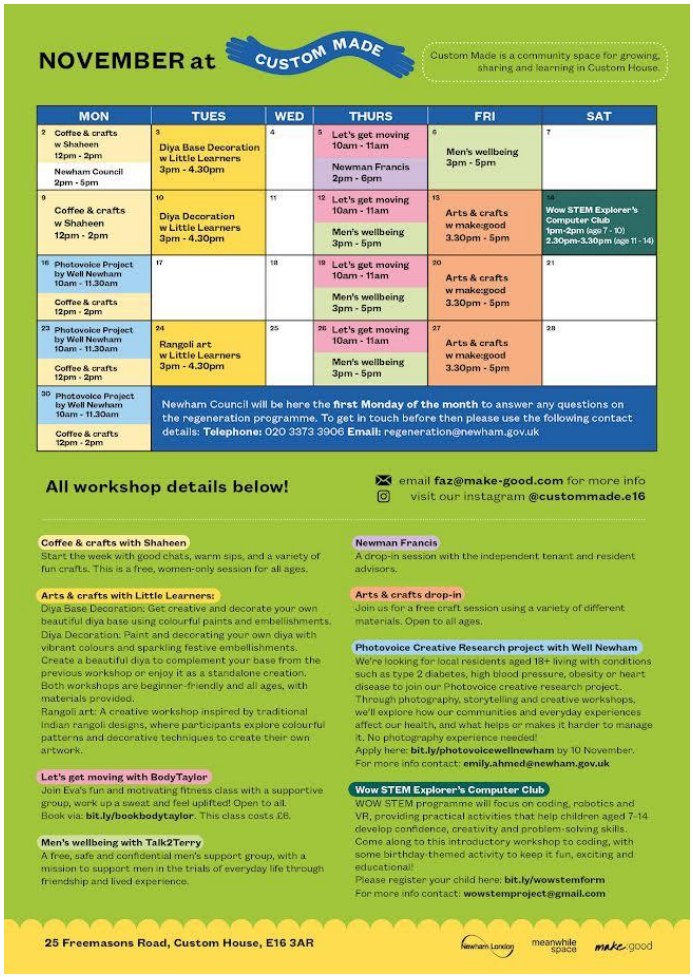
To find out more and register

Ready to .... Booking link

Use the booking link above or scan the QR code on the relevant flyer to find out more and register for the online sessions. For more information, please email parenting@newham.gov.uk.

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Respect Success Passion for Learning Personal Challenge Harmony

INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

Term dates and calendar

A reminder that our term dates and calendar, which includes all key dates for the year can be found on our website.

Term dates for 2026-27

Autumn Term	
Autumn Term 1	Wednesday, 2nd September 2026 to Friday, 16th October 2026
Half Term Holiday	Monday 19th October 2026 to Friday 30th October 2026
Autumn Term 2	Monday, 2nd November 2026 to Friday, 18th December 2026
Additional Closures	Tuesday, 1st September 2026: School Staff Learning Day Friday, 20th November 2026: NCL Training Day
Spring Term	
Spring Term 1	Monday, 4th January 2027 to Friday 12th February 2027
Half Term Holiday	Monday 15th February 2027 to Friday, 19th February 2027
Spring Term 2	Monday, 22nd February 2027 to Thursday, 25th March 2027
Summer Term	
Summer Term 1	Monday, 12th April 2027 to Friday, 28th May 2027
Half Term Holiday	Monday, 31st May 2027 to Friday, 4th June 2027
Summer Term 2	Monday, 7th June 2027 to Friday, 16th July 2027
Additional Closures	3rd May 2027: May Day Bank Holiday

FREE BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club runs from 7.30am to 8.30am and students wishing to attend Breakfast Club should arrive via the Main Gate entrance.



GENERAL SCHOOL LINKS:

Term Dates 2026-27



LUNCH MENU

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Innovate Menu Autumn/Winter 2026

SCHOOLWEARUNITED.CO.UK FASHION STOP SCHOOLWEAR

You may like to know that the school's uniform supplier, Fashion Shop, now has a website where you can order uniform. Here is the link to the website.

PARENTING SUPPORT & RESOURCES

Mental health support: adults
Mental health support: children & young people Free Money Management Courses for Adults
Support for those struggling financially
Support for those worried about winter fuel costs Community Health Champions:
Help With Money NHS Talking Therapies
Well Newham Directory of Services
Newham Parenting Programmes
Moving Up: Support for parents of children moving up to a new school
NEW Best Start in Life Parent Hub Website
'What I wish my parents or carers knew …': A guide for parents and carers on managing children's digital lives