

Language of the Month **September 2026 – August 2027**

Recognising and Celebrating the Home, Heritage and Community Languages spoken in Hackney schools

*While English has the highest number of speakers with 19,165, there are in total 169
languages spoken across our schools, from Adangme to Zulu
(Oct 2025 census).*

*We have chosen the languages with the highest number of speakers in our schools. Please
celebrate each one and ask these language speakers in your school to teach you greetings,
numbers and simple phrases. You can use Duolingo to help. Many of these are the official
languages of more than one country*

SEPTEMBER Turkish 1994 speakers  	OCTOBER Bengali & Sylheti 924 speakers   	NOVEMBER Spanish 778 speakers 
DECEMBER Portuguese & Brazilian 677 speakers 	JANUARY Arabic 567 speakers 	FEBRUARY French 523 speakers 
MARCH Yoruba 494 speakers    	APRIL Somali 466 speakers     	MAY Akan (Fante/Twi-Fanti/ Twi-Asante) 461 speakers 
JUNE Polish 376 speakers 	JULY Gujarati 330 speakers 	AUGUST Lingala 261 speakers 