

NEWINGTON GREEN

NEWSLETTER

01/05/26

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a lovely week it has been at school, with the warm weather bringing a real sense of energy and positivity across the playground and classrooms. It has been wonderful to see children enjoying the sunshine while continuing to engage so well in their learning. Year 3 have also enjoyed a trip to Kew Gardens today, and it has been fantastic to see Year 5 taking full advantage of the weather during their daily swimming sessions.

A particular highlight was our pupils taking part in the London Mini Marathon last weekend. It was a fantastic day with a brilliant atmosphere, and we are incredibly proud of all the children who took part. The runners were sponsored as part of our Rights Champions' fundraising efforts for Save the Children, supporting children affected by the crisis in Ukraine. We are delighted to have raised £410 of our £500 target so far. Thank you to everyone who has supported this important cause.

As the weather continues to improve, please ensure that your child comes to school with a hat, a water bottle, and sunscreen already applied. Staff will remind children to reapply sunscreen during the day and we ask that any sunscreen brought into school is clearly labelled.

With the bank holiday weekend ahead, we hope you enjoy the extra time with family and friends and we look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

NG @ THE LONDON MINI MARATHON

Newington Green runners did an incredible job representing the school at this year's London Mini Marathon. The energy on the day was fantastic, and it was great to see such determination, teamwork and enthusiasm from all involved. Joe Wicks was spotted at the start leading the warm-up to music, and staff and parents ran alongside the children, although some struggled to keep up.

Through sponsorship, pupils have been raising money as part of the Rights Champions' campaign to support Save the Children. £410 of the £500 target has been raised so far, with a particularly impressive contribution from Ahlaam and her sponsors.

There is still time to support this important cause by donating here: <https://gofund.me/5ad0e4d01>

A big thank you to everyone who contributed and supported the pupils.



YEAR 5 LONDON ZOO TRIP

Here are some more photos from last week's Year 5 trip to London Zoo. As you can see, it was a thoroughly enjoyable experience for all involved.



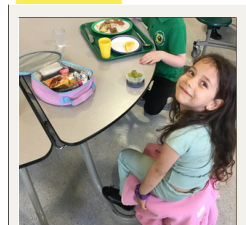
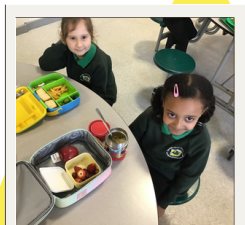
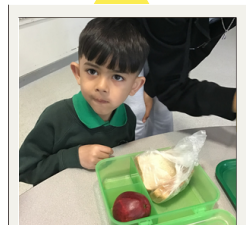
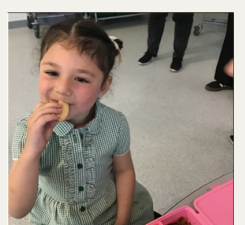
HEALTHY PACKED LUNCHES STARS

Some of our children are truly raising the bar with their packed lunches - full of fruit, vegetables and real, nourishing food.

They have shown that healthy can also be colourful, fun and delicious.

A big thank you to all the parents making the effort to help the children being healthy, focused and motivated throughout the school day. Good food really makes the difference!

Children, we are proud of you — you are setting the standard.



FREE FAMILY SWIMMING LESSONS

Islington Council is offering free family swimming lessons, with a focus on encouraging participation from Black and Asian families.

Data from the Black Swimming Association highlights that many adults and children from these communities do not swim, reinforcing the importance of accessible opportunities like this.

The eight-week course starts in January 2026, taking place on Saturdays from 1:30 to 2:30 PM at Cally Pool. Each participant will receive free equipment, including a swim cap, goggles and a kit bag.

This is a great opportunity for families to learn a vital life skill together while having fun.

Spaces are limited, so if you would like to take part in these swimming lessons please complete this [Family swimming lessons entry form](#)



ARTS AND CRAFTS CLUB NEWS

In a recent session, pupils created colourful self-portraits using a range of materials to reflect their personalities. They also designed imaginative '3D glasses', showing where they would most like to be right now, from sunny beaches to magical worlds.

It was lovely to see such creativity and enthusiasm. With a different focus each week, there is plenty more to come.



VOTE FOR OUR SCHOOL AT TESCO

Newington Green Primary School has been selected for the Tesco Stronger Starts Programme.

Our Growth Learning Cooking Club could receive up to £1,500 if we win the public vote. From 28 April to July 2026, you can support us in selected Tesco stores by making a purchase, collecting a token, and voting.

Every token counts. Thank you for your support.



RUN ISLINGTON RUN

We are excited to share that Run Kids Run will be returning to Highbury Fields for their annual Run Islington Run event.

Sunday 28 June

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Highbury Fields

This fun and energetic event gives pupils the chance to take part in a morning of fitness and fundraising while supporting the school. Families are warmly encouraged to attend and cheer on the runners.

Further details, including how to register, will be shared soon. In the meantime, please save the date and start getting excited for a fantastic community event.



COFFEE MORNING: WAYS TO WELLBEING WORKSHOP

To mark Mental Health Awareness Week 2026 (11–17 May), parents and carers are invited to a special coffee morning workshop on **Thursday 7th May at 9:00 am**.

Join Minds Matter Islington for an engaging session exploring the 5 Ways to Wellbeing – The Importance of Me. This workshop offers a gentle and practical introduction to mental health and wellbeing through activities and discussion.

The session will explore simple, evidence-based strategies to support everyday wellbeing, including:

- taking notice and being present
- staying active
- connecting with others
- learning new skills
- giving to others

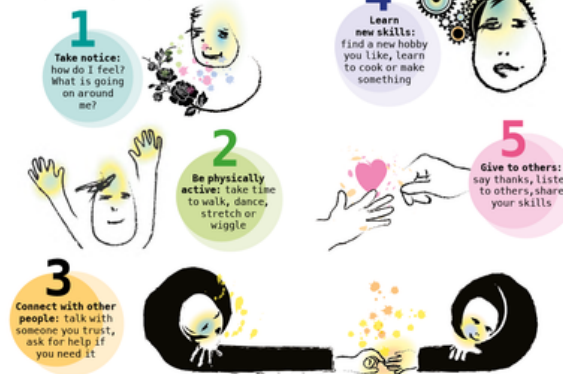
Parents will also have the opportunity to try stress-reducing techniques such as breathwork and mindfulness, which can be used both at home and in daily life. This is particularly important with SATs approaching, and the session will also provide useful strategies that can be used to support your own children during this time.

Minds Matter Islington works with young people, families and professionals to raise awareness of mental health and provide practical tools to support wellbeing. Their sessions are informal, interactive and supportive, making this a valuable opportunity for all parents and carers.

We strongly encourage attendance and look forward to welcoming you.

Five ways to wellbeing

Any or all of these actions you can take yourself have been proven to help how you feel.



Wellbeing

PTA NEED YOUR HELP

CALLING ALL PARENTS & CARERS!
Friends of Newington Green PTA are looking for **volunteers** to help us with any event – little or big, your help will make a difference to our events.

Plan Organise Bake Promote Help on the day

No experience needed Any amount of time is appreciated Get involved, meet others, and make a difference

Interested in helping at an upcoming event? Please contact us at: Friendsofnewingtongreen@gmail.com

Together, we can make our events even better!

CALLING ALL MEMBERS OF STAFF!
Newington Green PTA are looking for **VOLUNTEERS** to help out at our **SUMMER FAIR!** **SATURDAY 4TH JULY**

We would appreciate any help to make this a success!

Please email us at Friendsofnewingtongreen@gmail.com

FOOD STALLS RAFFLE & MORE!

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY!

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Year 5 Mulberry 2 week swimming course** - 27th April - 8th May
- **Year 4 River Lea Field trip** Wednesday 6th of May
- **Coffee morning: Ways to Wellbeing** Thursday 7th of May @ 9am
- **KS2 SATs Week** Monday 11th - Friday 15th May
- **Half term** Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May
- **Children back at school Monday** 1st of June
- **Run Islington Run** Sunday 28th June

STARS OF THE WEEK

- Year 1** - Oscar and Asel
- Year 2** - Paisley and Azaan
- Year 3** - On a trip
- Year 4** - Ikram and Eliza-Mae
- Year 5** - Dina
- Year 6** - Re'Daviah and Kisean



ATTENDANCE NEWS

Whole school attendance this year: **95.3%**

Statutory school attendance: **95.1%**

This week's average: **94.5**

National average this year: **94.6%**

BREAKFAST AND AFTERSCHOOL CLUB

Newington Green Primary School Breakfast Club Plan for week beginning 04.05.2024				
Staff who we know will be working at Breakfast Club: Lead: Lisa B Playworkers: Amie, Elham, Tracey				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Reading corner Homework support, please bring in the work you would like support with!	Reading corner Homework support, please bring in the work you would like support with!	Reading corner Homework support, please bring in the work you would like support with!	Reading corner Homework support, please bring in the work you would like support with!	Reading corner Homework support, please bring in the work you would like support with!
Bank Holiday	Maths Activities Adding to 20 Activity	Literacy Activities Constructions Worksheet	Arts and Craft Animal Safari Craft	If you would like to read with me, please bring in your favourite home reading book.
Legal Board games Giant Jigsaw Puzzles Knitting & Cross stitch Arts & Craft	Legal Board games Giant Jigsaw Puzzles Knitting & Cross stitch Arts & Craft	Legal Board games Giant Jigsaw Puzzles Knitting & Cross stitch Arts & Craft	Legal Board games Giant Jigsaw Puzzles Knitting & Cross stitch Arts & Craft	Legal Board games Giant Jigsaw Puzzles Knitting & Cross stitch Arts & Craft
<p>Adaptations</p> <p>Small groups of children will participate in activities with adult supervision to gain access and support where needed</p> <p>Menu Weetabix, Rice Krispies, and Cornflakes. Hot food will be one of the following: Pancakes with syrup, toast with scrambled eggs, beans on toast and toast with jam</p>				

Newington Green Primary School After School Club Plan for week beginning 04.05.24				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Bank Holiday	Board games and card games	Board and/or card games	Board games and card games	Board games and card games
	Construction area- Giant jenga	Giant Jigsaw Puzzles	Construction area- Giant jenga	Construction area- Giant jenga
	Literacy & Mathematics Wordsearches, Crosswords & Maths puzzles	Literacy & Mathematics Wordsearches, Crosswords & Maths puzzles	Literacy & Mathematics Wordsearches, Crosswords & Maths puzzles	Literacy & Mathematics Wordsearches, Crosswords & Maths puzzles
	Needlecraft with Sannah Fine Motor Skills	Crafting with Sujat Fine Motor Skills	Fine Motor Skills	Paper Craft with Sujat Fine Motor Skills
	Free choice activity area, including colouring, sticking, crafting, collage etc.	Free choice activity area, including colouring, sticking, crafting, collage etc.	Free choice activity area, including colouring, sticking, crafting, collage etc.	Free choice activity area, including colouring, sticking, crafting, collage etc.

FREE SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHERS DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Do you qualify for free school meals (FSM) status. Anyone who hasn't applied or whose circumstances may have changed please apply on Islington's Citizen portal to see if you are eligible.
[Free school meals | Islington Council](#)

SUPPORT WITH CHILDCARE

If you are a working parent and require help with Childcare please use the links to see what help is available.

[Eligibility checker | Best Start in Life](#)

[Tax-Free Childcare - GOV.UK](#)

[Free Childcare for Working Parents: Overview - GOV.UK](#)

Beech	99.00%
Oak	97.40%
Holly	97.00%
Ash	96.90%
Silver birch	96.90%
Maple	95.70%
Willow	95.30%
Elm	95.20%
Palm	94.70%
Mulberry	94.10%
Apple	93.70%
Rowan	93.30%
Cedar	92.10%
Pine	91.70%
Sycamore	87.70%
Cherry	83.80%

Congratulations to Beech Class for achieving the highest attendance this week. A well-deserved popcorn party is coming your way!