

NEWINGTON GREEN

NEWSLETTER

15/05/26

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are incredibly proud of our Year 6 pupils for successfully completing their SATs this week. They have shown outstanding resilience, determination, and commitment, persevering even when the tests were challenging. Their positive attitude and hard work have truly shone through, and they should all feel very proud of their achievements. A big thank you goes to our Year 6 staff team, and all staff who supported the children this week and throughout the year, whose support, guidance and preparation have ensured the children were ready and confident. Thank you to our parents and carers for their ongoing encouragement and support throughout this important period.

Packed lunch Policy:

We would like to thank Chef Tiago for the positive impact he has made through the introduction of our packed lunch policy. It has been wonderful to see children making healthier choices and talking with greater understanding about what makes a balanced lunch. We are also pleased that more children are choosing to move over to school meals.

While the majority of families are supporting the policy well, there is still a small minority of packed lunches that do not meet our guidelines. This includes items such as crisps, chocolate spreads, sweets and sugary drinks.

From September, we will be fully enforcing the packed lunch policy, and these items will no longer be permitted in school. We would encourage families to begin making these changes now to support a smooth transition.

Thank you for your continued support in promoting healthy habits for our children.

ANIMATION SHOW OF SHOWS AT NEW UNITY

New-Unity.org

Families may be interested in an exciting local event taking place this weekend at New Unity.

The internationally celebrated Animation Show of Shows will be coming to the UK for the very first time, tomorrow **Saturday 16th May**. The showcase has been running for 23 years across the US and Canada and features a collection of award-winning animated short films from around the world.

Adam, the Minister at New Unity and a school governor, has kindly arranged a special discount for Newington Green Primary School families. **Families can receive 20% off tickets by using the code NGPS20 when booking.**

Further information, including the trailer and booking details, can be found here: [Animation Show of Shows Event Page](#)



READING REWARD

Here is a lovely photo of Manha from Silver Birch, who has read 10 books and completed a book review to earn a free book from the vending machine. What a fantastic achievement and a wonderful example of a love of reading. Well done, Manha!



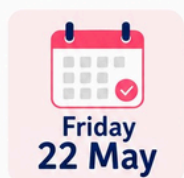
YEAR 4 AUTHORS AT WORK

A huge well done to Tia and Shamsa, who were inspired by The Varmints, the core text being explored in Year 4, to write their own creative version of the story.

We are very proud of the effort they have put into developing their ideas and bringing their own story to life!



PHONICS SCREENING WORKSHOP



Join us for a helpful workshop about the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check.

We will explain:

- ★ What the phonics screening check is
- ★ How children are assessed
- ★ What real and alien words are
- ★ How you can support your child at home
- ★ Useful games and resources to practise phonics



This workshop is for Year 1 parents and carers.

We look forward to seeing you there! ❤️



RUN ISLINGTON RUN SIGN UP

We are excited to share that Run Islington Run 2026 will be returning to Highbury Fields for their annual community event on:

Sunday 28 June

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Highbury Fields



Newington Green will be taking part in this fun and energetic event, which gives pupils the chance to enjoy a morning of fitness and fundraising while supporting the school. Families are warmly encouraged to attend and cheer on the runners.

Please sign up using the form below and join the fun:

[Run Islington Run Sign-Up Form](#)

Please save the date and start getting excited for a fantastic community event!

Bright Futures Outreach timetable

May half term 2026

For Islington residents with children aged 5 – 19 (25 with SEND)

May half term timetable 2026

| Monday | Wednesday | 12noon - 1.30pm | Friday |
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| 25 May Bank holiday | 27 May 10am - 2.30pm Drop in - Let's get Bubbly. Make your own bubbles and bubble wand. Museum of Order of St John, St John's Gate 26 St John's Lane London EC4M 4DA | 1 - 2.30pm Access to Sport session, Finbury Park Athletics, N4 1EE (register on access to sport website.) 1.30 - 3pm Islington Boat Club, Kayaking or Canoeing 16-34 Graham St, London N1 8JX (Booking required - limited spaces) 8-17yrs - Requirements discussed upon booking, email brightfuturesactivities@islington.gov.uk | 29 May 10am - 12noon 222 Upper Street Education drop in 222 Upper Street, N1 0PQ 10.30 - 12noon Lumley Hill Adventure Playground, Parent Surgery (Age 6-12) 15 Market Road, London N7 9PL 12.30 - 3pm Crumbles Castle Adventure playground, Parent surgery (Age 6-12) Binglefield Park, Pembroke St, N1 |
| 26 May 12noon - 1.30pm Zio Lucia Pizzas Making session, 157 Holloway Rd, N7 8LX (Booking required - limited spaces. Email brightfuturesactivities@islington.gov.uk) 10am - 12noon 222 Upper Street community drop in 222 Upper Street, N1 0PQ 1 - 2.30pm Access to Sport session, Finbury Park Athletics, N4 1EE (register on access to sport website.) 4.30 - 6.30pm Andover Youth Club, Information drop-in session 55 Corker Walk, N7 7RZ 7 - 8pm Elthorne Youth Club, Information drop-in session 85-88 Holland Walk, N19 3KX | 30 May 10.30am - 12.30pm Three Corners Adventure playground, Parent surgery, (Age 6-12) Northampton Rd, London EC1R 0HU 11am - 2.30pm Access to Sport session, Finbury Park Athletics, N4 1EE (register on access to sport website.) 3.30 - 6pm Mildmay Community Centre drop in Woodville Road, Islington N19 5NA 4.30 - 7.30pm Highbury Youth Club, Information drop-in, 71 Ronalds Road, N5 7JX | 2 - 4pm Arts and Crafts Community Event Whittington Park Hocking Hall, Verbury Rd, Archway, London N19 4ES 3 - 6pm Timbuktu Adventure Playground, Information drop-in 31 Grenville Rd, N19 4EU 3.30 - 6.30pm Waterside Adventure Playground parent surgery, (Age 6-12) Dame Street, N1 7FR | 31 May 10am - 12noon 222 Upper Street Education drop in 222 Upper Street, N1 0PQ 10.30 - 12noon Lumley Hill Adventure Playground, Parent Surgery (Age 6-12) 15 Market Road, London N7 9PL 12.30 - 3pm Crumbles Castle Adventure playground, Parent surgery (Age 6-12) Binglefield Park, Pembroke St, N1 2.30 - 4pm Cornwallis Adventure Playground, Information drop-in 44 Cornwallis Road, N19 4LT 3.30 - 5.30pm Barnard Park Adventure playground, Parent surgery (Age 6-12) Copenhagen Street, N1 0FB 4.30 - 6pm Martin Luther King Adventure Playground, Information drop-in, 23 Streatham Road, N7 8PF |

Half term highlights

Pizza Making at Zio Lucia

Join us for a hands on pizza making experience where you'll craft your own authentic Italian pizza from scratch. Fun, interactive, and delicious - get creative, learn something new, and enjoy amazing food together.



(Email brightfuturesactivities@islington.gov.uk to book as spaces are limited.)

Keyaking at Islington Boat Club

Come and join us at Islington Boat Club for an exciting kayaking session (8-17yrs) led by qualified instructors in a safe and supportive environment.



- All levels welcome - from beginners to experienced paddlers
 - All equipment provided, including buoyancy aids
 - A great way to build skills, stay active, and make friends
- Parents must remain on site while the session is running if children are under 12 years.
- Additional paperwork will need to be completed once booking is confirmed with BF.
- Email brightfuturesactivities@islington.gov.uk for more information

Films for the family



Join us on Sat & Sun mornings and in the school holidays for our favourite family films + free activity on Sundays.

Clermont-Ferrand 2026: Short Films for the Family (Various Years)
SAT 9 MAY / SUN 10 MAY

Honey I Shrunk The Kids (1989)
SAT 16 MAY / SUN 17 MAY

Brave (2012)
SAT 23 MAY / SUN 24 MAY / MON 25 MAY

Ernest and Celestine (2012)
FRI 29 MAY / SAT 30 MAY / SUN 31 MAY

WALL-E (2008)
SAT 6 JUN / SUN 7 JUN

Brilliant Animated Shorts for 3-12 year-olds (Various Years)
SAT 13 JUN / SUN 14 JUN

Brother Bear (2003)
SAT 20 JUN / SUN 21 JUN

How To Train Your Dragon (2010)
SAT 27 JUN / SUN 28 JUN

Dr. Seuss' Horton Hears a Who! (2008)
SAT 4 JUL / SUN 5 JUL

James and the Giant Peach (1996)
SAT 11 JUL / SUN 12 JUL



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DRAMA FOR ALL WORKSHOP

TRY A FULL CLASS FOR FREE

Well, THAT WAS FUN!

We loved introducing your child to the confidence building world of Perform today. And guess what, it's just the beginning...

We were very pleased to receive a visit from Perform on Thursday 14th May. The children had a wonderful time exploring the theme of Peter Pan and using drama, dance and singing to help develop their confidence, concentration and social skills.

To complement the workshop, there is a free educational app for iPhones and iPads based around the theme of Peter Pan. It contains fun games, creative tasks and videos of the themed songs and dances. Click [here](#) to download it free or [here](#) to find out more about the Peter Pan theme.

Perform run regular weekly classes in the local area and they are offering a special introductory discount to all parents of Newington Green Primary School if they come along for a free trial session before Friday 3rd July.

To claim your discount, just call Perform on 020 7255 9120 quoting NGSF030726 or book a Free Trial Session online at perform.org.uk/try.

[Here](#) are some of the nearest Perform classes to the school.

Fly to Neverland THIS SUMMER

Drama, dance & singing holiday courses for 4-10 year olds

THIS JULY & AUGUST

"It's amazing to see how much confidence and joy my son gets from these camps." - Agata Duarte

PERFORM

Find your nearest venue perform.co.uk/peterpan 020 7255 9120

PERFORM PRODUCTIONS proudly presents

MERMAIDS & PIRATES

A SWISHY-WASHBUCKLING MUSICAL ADVENTURE!

Mermaids & Pirates is a one-hour musical packed full of catchy songs, energetic dancing, laugh-out-loud humour and larger than life characters.

mermaids.show

21-26 JULY
ST. MARTIN'S THEATRE
West Street, London WC2E 8RZ

THE ST. MARTIN'S THEATRE

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Phonics Screening Workshop** Friday 22nd of May @ 9am
- **Half term** Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May
- **Children back at school** **Monday** 1st of June
- **Run Islington Run** Sunday 28th June

Educational Experiences in 2025-26

| Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 |
|--|--|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Freightliner's City Farm London Bus Tour Florence Nightingale Museum V&A Childhood Museum King Henry's Walk Garden | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tate Modern The Monument Horniman Museum London Zoo Hampstead Heath Museum of Docklands | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> British Museum Science Museum Pantomime Westminster Walk London Aquarium Kew Gardens Mosque Visit | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Science Museum Chocolate Museum Church Visit Ragged School Museum River Lea Highgate Wood |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Olympic Park Science Museum British Museum Synagogue Visit London Zoo Southbank | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HMS Belfast Jewish Museum Ben Kinsella Workshop Theatre Trips National Portrait Gallery | |

A voluntary donation of £24 via Arbor helps fund all the educational visits we offer over the year.

Your generous donations help make trips like these possible, and mean we can offer a range of fantastic learning opportunities!

For more details, or if you have any questions, please speak to us in the office!

STARS OF THE WEEK

- Year 1** - Berra and Ayaan
- Year 2** - Paisley, Ayla and Faith
- Year 3** - Tattiana and Jayce
- Year 4** - Meryem and Jannah
- Year 5** - Sterling and Ahmet
- Year 6** - Aaleyah B and Ayoub



ATTENDANCE NEWS

Whole school attendance this year: 95.3%
Statutory school attendance: 95.1%
This week's average: 93.6%
National average this year: 94.7%

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|----------|--------|
| Ash | 98.50% |
| Elm | 98.00% |
| Mulberry | 97.70% |
| Cedar | 97.50% |
| Silver | 97.20% |
| Sycamore | 96.70% |
| Palm | 95.30% |
| Willow | 93.60% |
| Oak | 92.30% |
| Apple | 92.10% |
| Rowan | 91.70% |
| Beech | 91.60% |
| Maple | 89.70% |
| Pine | 89.70% |
| Holly | 88.00% |
| Cherry | 77.50% |

BREAKFAST AND AFTERSCHOOL CLUB

Newington Green Primary School Breakfast Club Plan for week beginning 18.05.2024

Staff who we know will be working of Breakfast Club: Lead: Lisa B Playworkers: Amie, Ethan, Tracey

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 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! |
| Arts and Craft | Maths Activities Sorting Odd and Even Ladybirds | Literacy activities Sun Safety Word Search | Reading Day If you would like to read to me, please bring in your take home reading book | EYFS Focus The Picture Under the Sea Cutting Skills |
| Legal Board games Giant Jigsaw Puzzles Knitting & Cross stitch Arts & Crafts | Legal Board games Giant Jigsaw Puzzles Knitting & Cross stitch Arts & Crafts | Legal Board games Giant Jigsaw Puzzles Knitting & Cross stitch Arts & Crafts | Legal Board games Giant Jigsaw Puzzles Knitting & Cross stitch Arts & Crafts | Legal Board games Giant Jigsaw Puzzles Knitting & Cross stitch Arts & Crafts |

Adaptations
 Small groups of children will participate in activities with adult supervision to gain access and support where needed

Menu
 Weetabix, Rice Krispies, and Cornflakes. Hot food will be one of the following: Pancakes with syrup, bagel with scrambled eggs, beans on toast and toast/ crumpets with jam & English muffins

Newington Green Primary School After School Club Plan for week be 18.05.24

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|--|--|--|--|--|
| Board games and card games | Board games and card games | Board games and card games | Board games and card games | Board games and card games |
| Communication and construction | Construction area - Giant Jenga | Giant Floor Puzzles | Construction - Lego | Construction area - Doll houses |
| Literacy & Mathematics Wordsearches, Crosswords & Maths puzzles | Literacy & Mathematics Wordsearches, Crosswords & Maths puzzles | Literacy & Mathematics Wordsearches, Crosswords & Maths puzzles | Literacy & Mathematics Wordsearches, Crosswords & Maths puzzles | Literacy & Mathematics Wordsearches, Crosswords & Maths puzzles |
| Self Expression with Meria Create a Yarn Bird | Painting with Soniah Fine Motor Skills | Home Beads with Surjeet Fine Motor Skills | Fine Motor Skills Painting with Amie | Paper Craft with Surjeet 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 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](#)

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

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Important Notice for Parents and Carers

RE: TERM TIME LEAVE, UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE AND MEDICAL ABSENCE

Dear Parent/Carer,

Along with all Islington schools, Newington Green Primary has a legal duty to ensure that pupils' attendance is as good as possible, and to investigate all absence so that the reasons are fully understood. Regular school attendance is essential to upholding children's right to education under Article 28 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. Persistent absence also conflicts with Article 3 of the UNCRC, which states that all decisions concerning children should prioritise their best interests, including ensuring consistent access to learning and development.

We are pleased to see that attendance at Newington Green Primary has been improving, and we are grateful to the many parents and carers who consistently support the school by ensuring their children are present and punctual every day.

However, one of the most frequent causes of absence continues to be unauthorised holidays and leave during term time, including travel abroad. These absences most commonly occur at the beginning or end of each term, and they significantly disrupt children's learning.

Please be reminded that it is against the law for parents or carers to take children out of school for holidays or other unauthorised leave during term time. Leave can only be granted in exceptional circumstances, in line with Islington guidance. Please note that exceptional circumstances do not typically include travelling abroad to visit sick relatives. Any requests for leave must be made in advance and will be considered on an individual basis.

We strongly advise parents not to book holidays, travel, or flights during term time under any circumstances. The school will closely review all absence requests, and where applicable, consider any evidence submitted regarding exceptional circumstances. Parents who choose to take unauthorised leave, including overseas travel, may be issued with a warning and a penalty notice by the Local Authority of £80 (rising to £160 if unpaid on time) per parent per student.

In addition, please be aware of our strengthened procedures regarding illness.

The school will not authorise illness-related absences lasting more than three days unless medical evidence is provided by a healthcare professional. Acceptable forms of evidence include:

- A medical certificate or sick note (if issued), or
- A printout from the clinic or GP reception confirming the date of your child's appointment or visit.

If you are unable to secure a medical appointment or leave your property, please inform the school. In these cases, we can arrange a home visit from our safeguarding team to support you and verify your child's wellbeing.

Our aim is to avoid any parent or carer being placed in a position where penalty notices or attendance actions become necessary. This letter is to ensure that all families are fully aware of the rules and expectations around attendance, term-time leave, and illness evidence requirements.

If you have any questions, or if you would like to discuss any part of this letter with a member of staff, please contact the school office or email the school and a member of staff will contact you back at a mutually agreeable time.

Yours sincerely,

Newington Green Primary School