

NEWINGTON GREEN

NEWSLETTER

22/05/26

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a glorious day to finish the half term on! The forecast is sunny for next week too. Please remember to ensure that on sunny days your child comes to school wearing a sun hat, sunscreen and with a water bottle to stay hydrated. Children are still expected to come to school in uniform. Children are allowed to wear black shorts or skirts, green school uniform t-shirt and green gingham uniform dresses.

As we go into the half-term holidays, we would like to remind parents and carers of the importance of keeping children safe online. With more free time, children may be spending longer on devices, so we encourage families to check privacy settings, talk openly about safe online behaviour, and supervise internet use where possible. To help balance screen time, why not enjoy some outdoor activities together—such as visiting a local park, going on a nature walk, cycling, or having a picnic? Fresh air and active play are great ways to support children's wellbeing and make the most of the holiday break.

Can we remind families that children should not bring toys or personal belongings into school. These only cause arguments and upset when they get lost. After half term, if children bring toys into school they will be taken by the teacher and returned at the end of the school day.

And finally, a heartfelt thank you to all our staff for their hard work and commitment to the children at Newington Green and to our families for your ongoing support and encouragement. Have a wonderful half term holiday.

RUN ISLINGTON RUN

We are excited to share that Newington Green will be taking part in Run Islington Run 2026, which will return to Highbury Fields on Sunday 28 June from 10:00am to 12:00pm.

This is a fun and energetic community event that 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.

There is still time to sign up [here](#), and we would love as many pupils and families as possible to take part. All participants can purchase a personalised t-shirt for £5, with sizes available from ages 3–4 up to 14–15. Please bring cash into school by 12 June to ensure t-shirts can be ordered in time for the event.

We also have a fundraising page where donations can be made. Families can choose to donate directly or set up their own personal fundraising page using the link [here](#) to help raise additional funds for the school for more information on how to do this click [here](#).

Please join us for what promises to be a fantastic community event.



DON'T BE FOOLED BY "HEALTHY" PACKAGING

Many snacks marketed to children appear healthy at first glance. Bright colours, cartoon characters, words like "natural", "fruit-based", "wholegrain", or "no added sugar" can make products seem like good choices for lunchboxes. However, the nutrition label on the back often tells a very different story.

A useful habit is to check the traffic light labels and ingredients list rather than relying on the front of the packet. Some products aimed at children contain surprisingly high levels of sugar, salt, flavourings, and additives, even when advertised as healthy snacks.

As a general guide:

- * Green traffic lights usually indicate lower amounts of fat, salt, and sugar.
- * Amber means moderate amounts.
- * Red means high amounts and should be eaten occasionally.

It is also important to remember that "no added sugar" does not always mean low sugar. Fruit concentrates and purées can still contain large amounts of natural sugars, especially in sticky snacks such as fruit strips or fruit rolls.

Simple foods are often the healthiest choices:

- * Fresh fruit
- * Plain yoghurt
- * Cheese
- * Homemade sandwiches or wraps
- * Vegetable sticks
- * Boiled eggs
- * Oatcakes or crackers



Healthy eating does not need to be expensive or complicated. Small, consistent changes help children develop lifelong eating habits, support concentration in class, and improve overall wellbeing.

STORY GROUP

The educational psychotherapist in school, Katy Singer, and Marcia Carey, LSA, ran a story group together this term. A group of children became the crew members on a metaphorical journey and the adults were the captains. Together, we faced all sorts of adventures and obstacles on the way and came home with stories to tell.

The children took home a copy of the book they created along with their amazing artwork. They celebrated their success with a book launch party, attended by their teachers, families and friends.



LUNCH MENU SUMMER TERM

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

WEEK 1

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN (OPTION 1)	Tomato & Beef Pate WHEAT (GLUTEN) & SOYBEAN	Chicken Caesar Salad	Fresh Tomato & Mozzarella Pate WHEAT (GLUTEN), CELERY, SOYBEAN & MILK	Chicken Sausages GLUTEN & SOYBEAN	Lemon and Butter Chicken DUMPLINGS
MAIN (OPTION 2)	Spicy Fried Rice with Sweetcorn, spring onions and prawns WHEAT (GLUTEN), SOY & SOYBEAN	Hullfenn (MILK) or Tofu (SOYA) Caesar Salad	Pizza with mushrooms	Veg Sausages SOYBEAN	Sheep Pate with gilled potatoes SOYBEAN, & Dairy
SIDES <small>Where main includes, portion will be offered as optional extra</small>	Piccacio WHEAT (GLUTEN)	Hulled Lentils WHEAT (GLUTEN)	Warm Couscous with Pesto WHEAT (GLUTEN)	Roasted Potatoes Roasted Carrots	Filo Rice
VEGETABLES	Hearty Five Beans Aubergine and Spinach	Sweetcorn and Roasted Peppers Optional: Balsamic Vinegar Capers, Spring Onions, tomatoes, cucumbers WHEAT (GLUTEN)	Lettuce and Tomato salad Mushrooms, herbs and roasted onions SOYBEAN	Fennel and Spinach Gravy SOYBEAN	Seasoned Tofu and Sweetcorn Roasted Cauliflower and Red Onions
EXTRAS	Monday/Tuesday/Thursday = Yoghurt with Fruit Composite or Homemade Smoothie Wednesday = Spicy Curry w/ COCO SOUS (WHEAT) (GLUTEN) Friday = Herb's Cake (WHEAT) (GLUTEN), EGGS All meals and portions served in our school are Halal Week 1 Menu starting 14 th , 15 th , 29 th of June and 13 th July 2024				

Wherever possible, all food is homemade on site from local, British ingredients. Allergen free options will always be available

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

WEEK 2

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN (OPTION 1)	Pasta 'al Pomodoro' GLUTEN, SOYBEAN	Thai Chicken Curry with Chickpeas SOYBEAN, WHEAT (GLUTEN)	Mix 'N' Cheese CELERY, SOYBEAN, GLUTEN AND MILK	Chilli con Carne SOYBEAN	Fish & Chips WHEAT (GLUTEN)
MAIN (OPTION 2)	Tuna Bake MILK, SOYBEAN, FISH, GLUTEN	Thai Veg Curry with Spinach and Chickpeas SOYBEAN, GLUTEN	Salmon Pate with Cherry Tomatoes, Peas, Lemon and Garlic GLUTEN, FISH	Chilli Sin Curry (Spicy, Sweet, Spicy, Spicy) MILK, SOYBEAN	Pasta (or Lentils) & Peas with Milk MILK
SIDES <small>Where main includes, portion will be offered as optional extra</small>	80/80 Ragout WHEAT (GLUTEN)	80/80 Rice Nash Bread GLUTEN	Wholemeal Bread GLUTEN	Long Grain Rice	Chips Tartare Sauce Homemade Ketchup SOYBEAN
VEGETABLES	Sweetcorn and Spinach Salad Chef's Special Veg	Roasted Carrots with Parsley SOYBEAN	Mixed Leaves and Cucumber SOYBEAN Roasted Butternut Squash	Green Beans and Sweetcorn Homemade Spicy Sauce (Spicy) SOYBEAN	Garden Peas with Butter Pickled Onion SOYBEAN Couscous with Garlic and Chilli Pates
EXTRAS	Fresh Fruit Patcher and Greek Yoghurt/Smoothie with Fruit Composite Available Daily Wednesday = Apple Cake with Lemon (WHEAT) (GLUTEN) Friday = Special Fruit Salad (GLUTEN) All meals and portions served in our school are Halal Week 2 Menu starting 20 th , 22 nd June and 6 th July 2024				

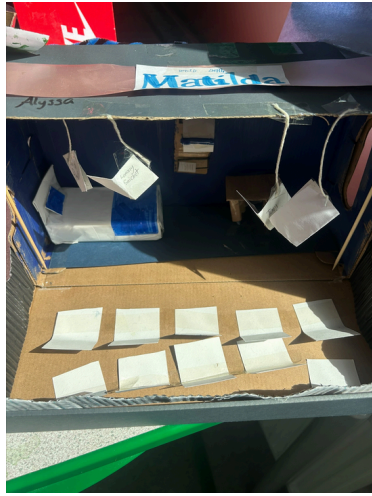
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CREATIVE SET DESIGN IN YEAR 5

Year 5 have been busy exploring their creativity in Art, designing and creating their own imaginative set designs. The children showed fantastic enthusiasm and originality, experimenting with different ideas, materials and layouts to bring their concepts to life.

From bold colours to detailed backdrops, it was wonderful to see such a wide range of creative thinking on display. The pride and effort that went into each piece truly stood out.

Take a look at the photos to see some of their brilliant work!



YEAR 2 TRIP TO HAMPSTEAD HEATH

Year 2 enjoyed a wonderful trip to Hampstead Heath as part of their Science learning on plants and growing. The children explored the natural environment, observing different plants and thinking about what they need to grow and thrive.

The sunshine made it a perfect day for learning outdoors, and the children were enthusiastic and engaged throughout the visit. They asked thoughtful questions and made great connections to their classroom learning.

Take a look at the photos to see Year 2 in action and enjoying their day in the sunshine!



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
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 EC4A 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 3KZ	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, 31 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 Shrank 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.

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

THE ST. MARTIN'S THEATRE

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Half term** Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May
- **Children back at school Monday** 1st of June
- **Phonics Screening Check** w/b 8th June
- **Multiplication Times tables Check** w/b 8th June
- **Year 6 Residential** 15th, 16th & 17th June
- **Y5 Elm 2 week swimming course** - 15th - 26th June
- **Run Islington Run** Sunday 28th June
- **Sports Day** Friday 10th July
- **Y6 swimming** 13th -17th July

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
<p>A voluntary donation of £24 via Arbor helps fund all the educational visits we offer over the year.</p> <p>Your generous donations help make trips like these possible, and mean we can offer a range of fantastic learning opportunities!</p> <p>For more details, or if you have any questions, please speak to us in the office!</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5 Olympic Park Science Museum British Museum Synagogue Visit London Zoo Southbank 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 HMS Belfast Jewish Museum Ben Kinsella Workshop Theatre Trips National Portrait Gallery

STARS OF THE WEEK

- Year 1** - Ahmed
- Year 2** - Mohammed, Amelia and Suleyma
- Year 3** - Carmen and Shuab
- Year 4** - Hazal and Zakariya
- Year 5** - Enes and Ahmet
- Year 6** - Ayoub and Muhammad

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%

Mulberry	100.00%
Ash	99.20%
Silver birch	98.60%
Elm	96.70%
Oak	96.20%
Palm	95.30%
Maple	95.20%
Rowan	95.00%
Willow	93.90%
Beech	93.70%
Apple	93.00%
Sycamore	91.30%
Holly	90.30%
Cedar	89.60%
Cherry	88.80%
Pine	87.90%

ENRICHMENT CLUB TIMETABLE

Newington Green Primary - After School Clubs

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast Club 7:30 - 8:55	Breakfast Club 7:30 - 8:55	Breakfast Club 7:30 - 8:55	Breakfast Club 7:30 - 8:55	Breakfast Club 7:30 - 8:55
Multi-sports Y1&2 (S. Hall)	Gymnastics Y2-Y3 (S. Hall)	S.T.E.M CLUB Y3-Y6	Dance Club Rec-Y6 (P. Hall)	Gymnastics Rec-Y1 (S. Hall)
Spanish Y4-Y5	Turkish Club Y1-6	Football Y3-5	Gymnastics Y4-Y6 (S. Hall)	Mindfulness Rec-Y4
		Drama and Public Speaking Club (book online with provider)		
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Bookings for enrichment clubs are made through Arbor.

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 Mulberry for achieving the highest attendance this week.