

# NEWINGTON GREEN

## NEWSLETTER

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### HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the final half term of the school year. It is always a busy and exciting time, filled with opportunities for learning, reflection and celebration. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and to congratulate our pupils—and you as parents and carers—on our strong attendance data this term. Regular attendance makes such a significant difference to children's progress, confidence and sense of belonging, and your partnership in ensuring children are in school every day is greatly appreciated. There is more information on our percentages later in the newsletter.

As we begin this last stretch, I would like to remind families of the importance of children arriving punctually and wearing full school uniform every day. These expectations help create a positive, purposeful atmosphere and ensure all pupils feel part of our community.

Can we also remind families that children should not bring toys or personal belongings into school. These only cause arguments and upset when they get lost. Toys brought into school will be collected by the teacher and returned at the end of the school day.

Looking ahead, we are also very much looking forward to our **Summer Fair on Saturday 4th July**. To make this a success for our children, we would love the support of as many parent & staff volunteers—whether helping to organise the event, run stalls on the day, or assist with preparation beforehand. Please do get in touch with the school office if you are able to help. Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support.

### RIGHTS RESPECTING ARTICLE OF THE MONTH: ARTICLE 22

This month, we are learning about Article 22 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, which focuses on the rights of children who are refugees or seeking asylum.

Article 22 states that children who have had to leave their home country should receive protection, support and access to education and other essential services. It reminds us that every child has the right to feel safe, included and valued.

This article links closely to Refugee Week (15–21 June), a national celebration of the contributions, resilience and experiences of refugees. Through class discussions and activities, children will explore the importance of kindness, empathy and creating communities where everyone feels they belong.

At Newington Green, we are proud to celebrate diversity and ensure that all children are welcomed, supported and able to thrive.



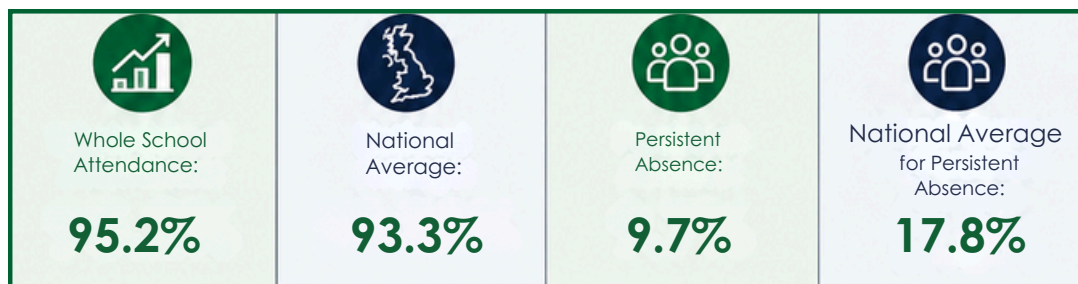
# ATTENDANCE SUCCESS: THANK YOU, NEWINGTON GREEN!

We are incredibly proud to share that Newington Green's current attendance is 95.2%, significantly above the current national average of 93.32%.

Even more impressively, our Persistent Absence rate is just 9.7%, compared to the national average of 17.8%. This means fewer children are missing large amounts of learning and more pupils are benefiting from being in school every day

This reflects our commitment as a Rights Respecting School, where every child has the right to an education. Coming to school regularly supports not only children's learning but also their wellbeing, sense of belonging, and opportunity to take part fully in school life.

This success belongs to our whole community. Thank you to all our families for making attendance a priority and supporting your children to come to school every day.



There are now just 6 weeks of term remaining. Every school day is important as children continue their learning, take part in trips, performances, sports events and celebrations, and prepare for the next stage of their education.

Please take a moment to check your child's attendance on Arbor. If attendance has dipped or you are worried it may fall below 90%, now is the perfect time to act.







Remember, attendance support is available. If you need advice or would like to discuss any barriers to attendance, please speak to Sandra. We know that every family's circumstances are different and we are here to help.

Together, let's finish the year strongly and ensure every child has the best possible chance to succeed.



We are proud to be above the national average for attendance and well below the national average for persistent absence. Thank you for your continued support.

## Every Day Counts

	100%	= 0 days missed
	98%	= 4 days missed
	96%	= 8 days missed
	95%	= 10 days missed
	90%	= 19 days missed
	85%	= 29 days missed



A child is classed as persistently absent when attendance falls below 90%, which means missing around 19 days of school across the year.



### Final 6 Weeks: Let's Finish Strong

There are 6 weeks of term left. This is the final push to keep attendance high and make every school day count. Please check your child's attendance on Arbor and help them finish the year positively.

# YEAR 1 SCIENCE

Year 1 enjoyed a hands-on science lesson this week, potting their own plants and learning about what plants need to grow. The children carefully prepared the soil, planted their seeds and discussed the importance of water, light, warmth and nutrients.

We look forward to watching their plants grow over the coming weeks.

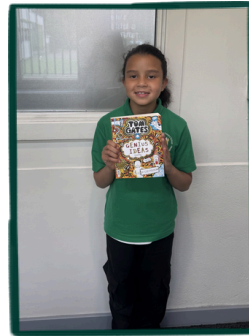


# READING CHALLENGE SUCCESS

Well done to Teya and Tattiana, who have both completed the reading challenge by reading 10 books.

To celebrate their achievement, they each received a special coin to use in our book vending machine and chose a brand-new book as their prize.

It was lovely to see them smiling proudly with their new books. A fantastic achievement. Well done, Teya and Tattiana!



# FOOD COUNCIL NEWS

We are delighted to introduce our new Food Council, made up of pupils from across Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2.

Each class now has a representative who will help ensure that every child's voice is heard when it comes to our school food offer. Pupils can share their ideas, suggestions, and feedback with their classmates, who will bring these to our monthly Food Council meetings.

The Food Council will play an important role in helping us shape menus, improve dining experiences, and encourage positive attitudes towards food throughout the school.

One of our key aims for this year is to reduce food waste by working together. Food Council members will help raise awareness of food waste, encourage their friends to make thoughtful choices at lunchtime, and support initiatives that promote sustainability and environmental responsibility.

By giving pupils a voice and empowering them to take action, we hope to create a school community that values healthy eating, reduces waste, and helps protect our planet for future generations. Well done Food Council!!



# IMPORTANT DATES

- **Phonics Screening Check** w/b 8<sup>th</sup> June
- **Multiplication Times tables Check** w/b 8<sup>th</sup> June
- **Year 6 Residential** 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> June
- **Y5 Elm 2 week swimming course** - 15<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> June
- **Run Islington Run** Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June
- **Summer Fair** Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> of July
- **Sports Day** Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July
- **Y6 swimming** 13<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> July

**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!

# STARS OF THE WEEK

- Year 1** - Jude and Rhian
- Year 2** - Michele
- Year 3** - Tattiana and Salman
- Year 4** - Noelle and Hannah
- Year 5** - Urenna and Sterling
- Year 6** - Giovanna



# ATTENDANCE NEWS

**Whole school attendance this year: 95.2%**  
**Statutory school attendance: 95.1%**  
**This week's average: 93.6%**  
**National average this year: 93.3%**

# RUN ISLINGTON RUN

We now have an amazing 109 people signed up for the fun run! Can we beat last years 140? We would love to see as many of you as possible!  
 Please sign up today using the link:  
<https://forms.gle/rnM7e6PWu475tXZm6>

# BREAKFAST CLUB TIMETABLE

Newington Green Primary School breakfast Club Plan for week beginning 08.04.2024  
 Staff who we know will be working at Breakfast Club: Lead: Lisa B Playworkers: Asmie, Ethan/ 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!
Arts and Craft My Pets	Maths Activities Missing Numbers	Literacy activities The 's' Sound Spell With a 'c' crossword	EVFS Focus 2D Shape Bee Cutting Skills	Free choice art/arty area, colouring, sticking, Crafting, etc.
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**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

# 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](#)

A massive thank you to those who have started fundraising for our school! Please check out our fundraising page:  
<https://superkind.org/campaign/newingt-on-green-primary-school-run-newington-green-run>