NEWINGTON GREEN
NEWSLETTER

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, children in Early Years and Years 1, 3 and 4 have been completing their end of year assessments this. Next week, children in Years 2 and 5 will be doing theirs. The outcomes of these will be reported to you in your child's end of year report, which will be sent out to parents in the last week of term.

Next weekend, Run NG Run takes place in Highbury Fields on Sunday 28th June 10am-12pm. 125 children have signed up, which is fantastic and lots of you have been fundraising in preparation for this event. If you haven't already, then please donate via our fundraising page: https://superkind.org/campaign/newington-green-primary-school-run-newington-green-run

The PTA have been working tirelessly on plans for the **Summer Fair**, which is taking place on **Saturday 4th July** and promises to be a great community event. All funds raised will support additional resources for the children at school. We still need some more volunteers, so if you can you spare a few hours to help set up, run a stall or clean up. Anytime you can give will be appreciated and will have an impact on the children in our school.

Yesterday, I attended a training session on the importance of play by **Ben Kingston Hughes.** It got me thinking about how as adults we sometimes forgot the joy and value of play, so my homework for all parents/carers this weekend is to go outside, enjoy the fresh air, and share simple moments of fun with your child/ren — whether that's running in the park, playing games, or exploring nature. Play is one of the most powerful ways parents/carers can connect with their children, helping to build strong relationships, boost confidence, and support emotional and social development. These shared experiences create lasting memories and strengthen bonds.

As child psychologist Fred Rogers once said, "Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children, play is serious learning."

IMPORTANT FREE SCHOOL MEAL UPDATE

Funding for Free School Meal holiday vouchers has **now ended**, no additional vouchers will be issued during the holidays.

A new grant called the **Crisis and Resilience Fund (CRF)** has been set up to replace the previous scheme. The CRF will support households facing financial crisis, its focus also shifts from providing blanket awards to help with the cost of living towards boosting support to help residents improve their longer-term financial position e.g. through help to claim benefits, tackle debt and move into employment.

Islington Council still continues to offer the Holiday Activities and Food Fund programme, providing activities and a healthy meal for children during school holidays. To find out more about this scheme, visit: **Free holiday activities with lunch.**

Additionally, to enquire about any of the other schemes and support offered by Islington Council, please see below:

Call: Contact Islington on 020 7527 8222

Email: heretohelp@islington.gov.uk

Or alternatively, drop into one of three Access Islington Hubs, where you can talk to a member of the team about your individual circumstances and get assistance with a range of support: Access Islington Hubs | Islington Council

- Central Hub: 222 Upper Street
- North Hub: 6-9 Manor Gardens
- South Hub: Finsbury Library, 245 St John's Street

YEAR SIX RESIDENTIAL 2026

Our Year 6 pupils had a fantastic time on their residential trip to Grosvenor Hall. From the moment they arrived, they threw themselves into a wide range of exciting activities, including the giant swing, raft building, fencing, high ropes, and outdoor problem-solving challenges.

The children showed great enthusiasm, resilience and teamwork throughout, supporting one another and embracing every new experience. They also enjoyed evenings together, with a fun quiz providing the perfect end to a busy day.

We are so proud of how well they represented the school and of the confidence and independence they demonstrated. It is clear that the trip has created many wonderful memories for them all.

UNICEF VIRTUAL VISIT & PARENT ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITY

Newington Green will be welcoming UNICEF for a virtual visit as part of our journey as a Rights Respecting School. During this visit, we will be sharing the work we have done towards achieving the next stage of the award.

As part of this process, we would really value hearing from our pupils about their experience as a Bronze Rights Respecting School. We have created a short survey for children, which should take no more than two minutes to complete. Please support your child in answering the questions, your input will help us work towards our Silver Award. Link: **NG Rights Respecting School Pupil Survey – Fill in form**

Thank you in advance for your support!

We are also looking for 2–3 parents or carers who would be willing to join a virtual meeting on the afternoon of Thursday 9th July. This will be an opportunity to talk with a UNICEF representative and members of staff about the school's Rights Respecting journey and the impact it has had on your child.

You might reflect on areas such as:

- Rights of the Month
- Assemblies
- Communication through newsletters
- Fundraising for local and global charities

If you are interested in taking part, please email **admin@newingtongreen.co.uk** and we will get back to you with further details.

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ONLINE SAFETY: SOCIAL MEDIA SURVIVAL – PARENT COFFEE MORNING

We warmly invite parents and carers to join us for an upcoming coffee morning focused on supporting children to navigate social media safely.

Date: Thursday 2nd July
Time: 9:00 am
Location: MUR Room

This session will be delivered by Dave Barnard from Minds Matter Islington, who has previously run well-received workshops for parents in schools, including sessions on children's access to social media.

What will the session cover?

- Recent changes in social media guidelines and what they mean for families
- Practical advice to help keep children safe online
- Understanding the risks and pressures children may face on social media
- Preparing for the long summer holidays, when screen time and online access often increase

This is a supportive and informative session, with opportunities to ask questions and share experiences with other parents.

HELP NEEDED

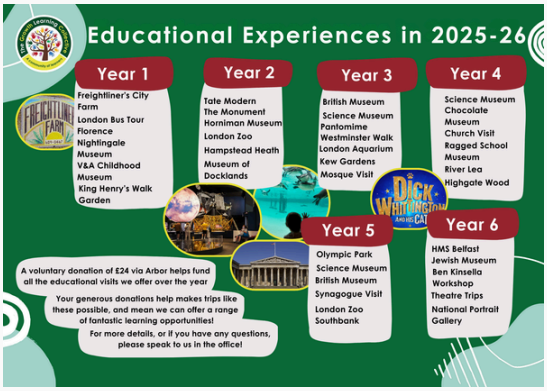
RUN ISLINGTON RUN

We now have an amazing 125 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

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

IMPORTANT DATES

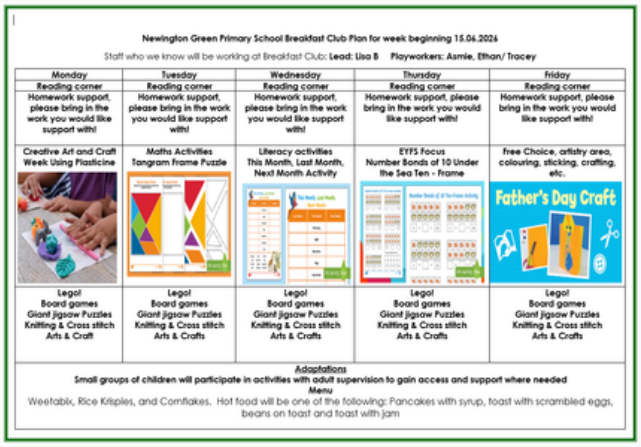
- **Y5 Elm 2 week swimming course** - 15th - 26th June
- **Ash Class trip to Houses of Parliament** Monday 22nd of June
- **Cedar Class trip to Houses of Parliament** Tuesday 23rd of June
- **Run Islington Run** Sunday 28th June
- **Social Media Survival Coffee Morning** Thursday 2nd of July @ 9am
- **Summer Fair** Saturday 4th of July
- **Early Years Sports** Day 6th July
- **Sports Day** Friday 10th July
- **Y6 swimming** 13th -17th July



STARS OF THE WEEK

Year 1 - Caleb and Maxim
Year 2 - Mateo and Maryam
Year 3 - Evie-Leigh and Sofia
Year 4 - Whole class of Rowan and Isabella
Year 5 - Skylah-Rae
Year 6 - Angelo and Rimas

BREAKFAST CLUB TIMETABLE



Newington Green Primary School Breakfast Club Plan for week beginning 15.06.2026

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!
Creative Art and Craft Week Using Plasticine	Maths Activities Tangram Frame Puzzle	Literacy activities This Month, Last Month, Next Month Activity	EYFS focus Number Bonds of 10 Under the Sea Ten - Frame	free Choice, artistry area, colouring, sticking, crafting, etc. Father's Day Craft
Lego! Board games Giant jigsaw Puzzles Knitting & Cross stitch Arts & Craft	Lego! Board games Giant jigsaw Puzzles Knitting & Cross stitch Arts & Crafts	Lego! Board games Giant jigsaw Puzzles Knitting & Cross stitch Arts & Crafts	Lego! Board games Giant jigsaw Puzzles Knitting & Cross stitch Arts & Crafts	Lego! 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, toast with scrambled eggs, beans on toast and toast with jam

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

ATTENDANCE NEWS

Whole school attendance this year: 95.2%
Statutory school attendance: 95.1%
This week's average: 93.7%
National average this year: 93.3%

Rowan	97.90%
Mulberry	96.70%
Holly	96.30%
Palm	96.00%
Silver birch	95.70%
Maple	95.20%
Oak	95.00%
Sycamore	94.70%
Elm	94.00%
Pine	93.80%
Willow	92.50%
Cedar	92.50%
Ash	91.90%
Apple	90.40%
Beech	88.30%
Cherry	76.30%