

NEWINGTON GREEN

NEWSLETTER

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we welcomed our Islington Professional Partner for his last visit of the year. Together we focused on writing provision across the school and I am pleased to share some of the positive comments he made. He was impressed with how engaged the children were in their writing lessons, how well the adults supported groups of children within the lesson and with the engaging texts used to inspire the children. We talked about the improvement in whole school attendance and he was really impressed with the positive increase in the percentage since his last visit.

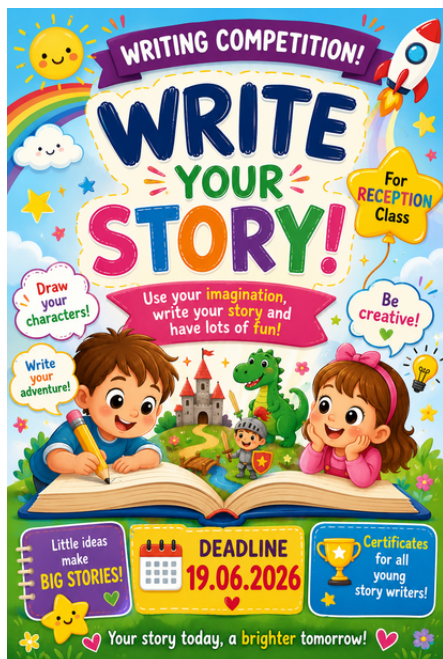
A big well done to all our Year 1 children who completed their Phonics Screening Check this week and to our Year 4 pupils who completed their Multiplication Times tables Check. We are so impressed with your focus and hard work. I also want to thank the staff team in both years for preparing the children so well. Well done everyone!

Today, we held our reception admissions morning to welcome all the new children and families who will be joining us in September. We are pleased that we have a full cohort of 60 pupils again with a waiting list of children who want to join our school.

Year 6 are heading off on their residential trip to PGL first thing on Monday morning. I have seen the itinerary for the 3 days and they are in for an action packed few days. Please ensure that when you are packing that you have appropriate clothing for the weather, including a rain jacket.

Finally, another reminder about the **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.

RECEPTION WRITING COMPETITION



We are excited to launch a fun writing competition to help develop a love of writing in Reception!

All children are encouraged to take part. Every piece of writing will be celebrated, and the winning story will be shared in assembly. Most importantly, every child is a winner for having a go.

Deadline: Friday 19 June 2026

How to help at home:

- Encourage your child to write independently
- Support them using sound mats and their phonics
- Do not worry about perfect spelling—just “have a go”
- Praise their ideas and effort

We look forward to celebrating their wonderful writing!

NEWINGTON GREEN FIGHTS FOOD WASTE!

Our Food Council may have only launched last week, but it is already making an impact!

After their first meeting, representatives across years 1,2 and 3 introduced themselves to the school and led a KS1 assembly, with a KS2 assembly planned next week. Their first mission is helping our school reduce food waste and understand its impact on climate change.

Children learned how much food is wasted each day - and they were impressed with how little food is wasted daily. We then discussed simple ways to help, including taking smaller portions and saving properly unfinished packed lunch items for later.

The Food Council also has posters, badges, and a suggestion box built by Julia in Year 4, where pupils can share ideas about food, sustainability, and reducing waste.

Well done to our Food Council representatives for such a great start. We can't wait to see what they achieve next!



BUILD YOUR OWN BURGER RETURNS!

Our After School Club pupils were the first to enjoy this year's Build Your Own Burger experience, and it was a huge success!

Following the popularity of last year's event, we are exploring the possibility of bringing this special one-off meal back to the whole school later this summer term.

Children enjoyed burgers made with freshly prepared minced beef patties, rather than ultra-processed alternatives, served with salad and roasted potatoes. We also offered a delicious vegetarian option made from peas and feta cheese, which proved just as popular.

For both burgers, children could choose whether to add cheese, creating their perfect combination.

To finish, fresh fruit was served for dessert, proving that burgers can be both healthy and delicious when made with quality ingredients and enjoyed as part of a balanced meal.

The smiles around the tables suggested we may have another summer favourite on our hands!



THE BEST OF BOTH WORLDS



Isabella is a wonderful example of how packed lunches and school meals can work together.

She regularly brings one of the healthiest packed lunches in the school, including a nutritious sandwich with a protein filling, vegetables, yoghurt, and water. One of her favourite treats is a tiny bottle of passion fruit pulp, which she happily enjoys straight from it!

At the same time, there are days when Bella is excited to have a school lunch instead. She especially loves our Chilli Con Carne and is often keen to come back for seconds.

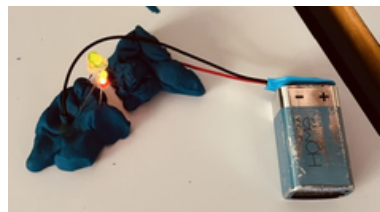
Bella shows that families can enjoy the flexibility of both options, knowing that whenever children choose a school meal, they will be offered a balanced, warm, nutritious lunch.

Head Chef Tiago would also like to remind families that support and advice are always available. If you have any questions about healthy lunches or school meals, please don't hesitate to stop for a chat. He is always happy to help!



STEM CLUB

Last week's STEM Club was a hands-on and exciting session led by Megan Begley, Islington's roving scientist. Pupils made conductive dough from scratch before using it to build their own simple electrical circuits. It was fantastic to see their creativity and problem-solving skills in action as their designs came to life.

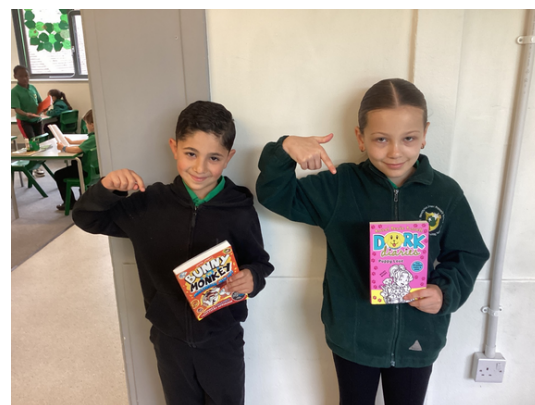


READING CHALLENGE SUCCESS

Well done to Merich and Alessia, 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.



HELP NEEDED

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:
Friends of Newington Green@gmail.com

Together, we can make our events even better!

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

- **Year 6 Residential** 15th, 16th & 17th June
- **Y5 Elm 2 week swimming course** - 15th - 26th June
- **Run Islington Run** Sunday 28th June
- **Summer Fair** Saturday 4th of July
- **Early Years Sports** Day 6th July
- **Sports Day** Friday 10th July
- **Y6 swimming** 13th -17th July

Educational Experiences in 2025-26

Year 1

- Freightliner's City Farm
- London Bus Tour
- Florence Nightingale Museum
- V&A Childhood Museum
- King Henry's Walk Garden

Year 2

- Tate Modern
- The Monument
- Horniman Museum
- London Zoo
- Hampstead Heath
- Museum of Docklands

Year 3

- British Museum
- Science Museum
- Pantomime
- Westminster Walk
- London Aquarium
- Kew Gardens
- Mosque Visit

Year 4

- Science Museum
- Chocolate Museum
- Church Visit
- Ragged School Museum
- River Lea
- Highgate Wood

Year 5

- Olympic Park
- Science Museum
- British Museum
- Synagogue Visit
- London Zoo
- Southbank

Year 6

- 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** - Whole class of Oak and Ariella
- Year 2** - Anas and Dylan
- Year 3** - Jake and Ahlam
- Year 4** - Julia and the whole class of Willow
- Year 5** - Berkin and Damla
- Year 6** - Servan and



ATTENDANCE NEWS

Whole school attendance this year: **95.3%**
Statutory school attendance: **95.2%**
This week's average: **95.4%**
National average this year: **93.3%**

Rowan	97.90%
Palm	97.00%
Willow	96.40%
Mulberry	96.00%
Silver birch	95.90%
Ash	95.40%
Sycamore	95.00%
Elm	94.70%
Holly	94.30%
Maple	93.80%
Cedar	93.60%
Beech	93.30%
Pine	92.90%
Apple	92.40%
Oak	91.50%
Cherry	80.00%

BREAKFAST CLUB TIMETABLE

Newington Green Primary School Breakfast Club Plan for week beginning 15.06.2024				
Staff who we know will be working at Breakfast Club: Lead: Lisa B Playworkers: Amie, 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	EYF5 Focus Number Bonds of 10 Under the Sea Ten - Frame	Free Choice, activity area, colouring, sticking, crafting, etc.
Legal Board games Glitter Jigsaw Puzzles Knitting & Cross stitch Arts & Crafts	Legal Board games Glitter Jigsaw Puzzles Knitting & Cross stitch Arts & Crafts	Legal Board games Glitter Jigsaw Puzzles Knitting & Cross stitch Arts & Crafts	Legal Board games Glitter Jigsaw Puzzles Knitting & Cross stitch Arts & Crafts	Legal Board games Glitter 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](#)