

NEWINGTON GREEN NEWSLETTER

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to thank all our parents and carers for your support and understanding whilst we adjusted to the exceptionally hot weather this week. We appreciate your flexibility when arrangements have changed and for ensuring children have come to school hydrated, wearing sunscreen and ready for the day.

I am super proud of our pupils, who have shown resilience and a positive attitude throughout the week, and equally grateful to our dedicated staff, who have gone above and beyond to keep everyone safe, comfortable, and engaged in their learning. With cooler temperatures forecast for next week, we look forward to a more settled routine.

We are looking forward to seeing you all at Run NG Run this Sunday 28th June in Highbury Fields from 10am-12pm. 175 children have signed up and £1903 has already been raised, which is absolutely amazing! This means we will receive the full £5000 funding from Run Kids Run. Our plan is to spend this on a set of Community Play Things (outdoor wooden blocks) to be used in the playgrounds. If you haven't already, then please donate via our fundraising page:

<https://superkind.org/campaign/newington-green-primary-school-run-newington-green-run>

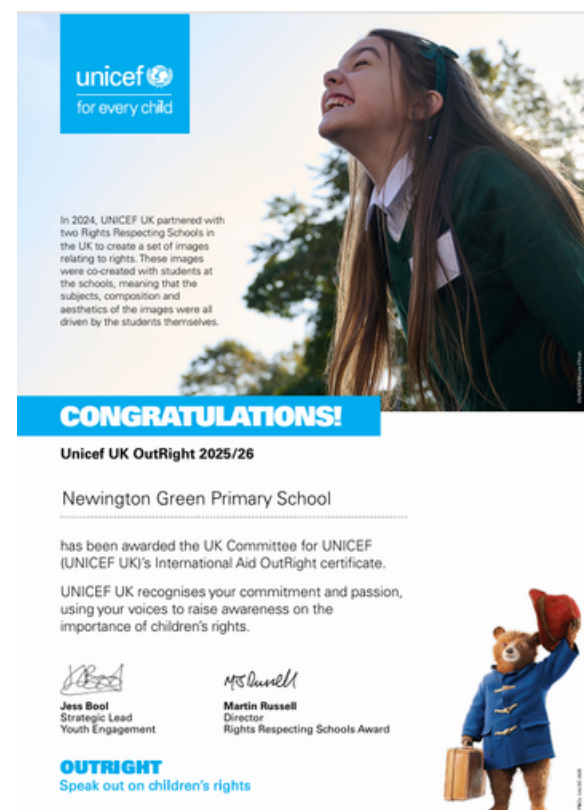
The PTA are finalising plans for the **Summer Fair**, which is taking place on **Saturday 4th July** and promises to be a great community event. All funds raised will support additional resources for the children at school. A big thanks to everyone who has offered to volunteer so far. Any further takers would be much appreciated.

UNICEF OUTRIGHT CAMPAIGN SUCCESS

We are delighted to share that Newington Green Primary School has been awarded the UNICEF UK OutRight 2025/26 Certificate in recognition of our commitment to promoting children's rights and empowering pupils to use their voices to make a difference.

As part of the UNICEF OutRight Campaign, children in Years 3 and 4 learnt about the importance of international aid and how it helps children around the world. They then wrote thoughtful, persuasive letters to Yvette Cooper, sharing their views on why supporting children globally matters and encouraging action to protect children's rights.

We are incredibly proud of our pupils for speaking up on issues that affect children beyond our own community and for demonstrating compassion, empathy and a strong sense of global citizenship. Well done to everyone involved!



The image shows a certificate from UNICEF UK. At the top left is the UNICEF logo with the tagline 'for every child'. On the right is a photograph of a young girl with long brown hair, wearing a school uniform, looking upwards with a smile. Below the photo, text reads: 'In 2024, UNICEF UK partnered with two Rights Respecting Schools in the UK to create a set of images relating to rights. These images were co-created with students at the schools, meaning that the subjects, composition and aesthetics of the images were all driven by the students themselves.' A blue banner with white text says 'CONGRATULATIONS!'. Below that, it says 'Unicef UK OutRight 2025/26' and 'Newington Green Primary School'. Further down, it states: 'has been awarded the UK Committee for UNICEF (UNICEF UK)'s International Aid OutRight certificate. UNICEF UK recognises your commitment and passion, using your voices to raise awareness on the importance of children's rights.' At the bottom left, there are two signatures: 'Jess Bool Strategic Lead Youth Engagement' and 'Martin Russell Director Rights Respecting Schools Award'. At the bottom right is a cartoon illustration of Paddington Bear holding a red hat and a suitcase. The word 'OUTRIGHT' is written in blue, followed by the tagline 'Speak out on children's rights'.

PARENT SURVEY REMINDER

A huge thank you to everyone who has already completed our Parent Survey. If you haven't had a chance yet, please take a few minutes to share your feedback. Your views help us celebrate what is working well and identify ways we can continue to improve for all of our children and families. Thank you for your continued support.

Newington Green Parent Survey
2025-26



SURVIVING THE HEAT @ NG



During the recent heatwave, staff worked creatively to help children stay cool while continuing to enjoy their learning. From making the most of our outdoor spaces to setting up a student-run "beauty salon" with refreshing wet paper towels, there were plenty of imaginative ways to beat the heat. Some classes even enjoyed spontaneous water hose spray-downs, which brought great excitement and laughter.

It has been wonderful to see so many moments of joy and teamwork. Please take a look at the photos to see some of the special memories that have been created.

RECEPTION WRITING COMPETITION

A huge thank you to all the children in Reception, including Sycamore and Beech Class, for taking part in our writing competition and submitting their amazing stories.

The children demonstrated incredible creativity, imagination and determination, producing a wonderful collection of stories filled with exciting adventures, interesting characters and thoughtful ideas. We were delighted by the effort that every child put into planning, illustrating and writing their work.

Reading the entries has been a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the progress the children have made as writers this year. The photographs show our proud young authors and highlight the enthusiasm and pride they have taken in their work.

The winners and prize recipients will be announced next week. However, every child who entered should feel like a winner. Taking part in a writing competition requires courage, creativity and perseverance, and we are incredibly proud of every child who participated.

Well done, Reception– keep writing, creating and sharing your amazing stories!



YEAR 6 TRIP TO HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

Year 6 had a fantastic visit to the Houses of Parliament this week, showing great resilience despite the extremely hot weather. The children remained engaged and enthusiastic throughout, asking thoughtful questions and making the most of this unique opportunity. It was a memorable trip that brought their learning to life and created special memories to take with them into their final weeks at primary school.



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
WEEK**

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.

You have likely heard about the government's legislation to restrict social media access for children under the age of 16. As we navigate this major cultural shift together, I wanted to outline what this means for our families and how we can best support our children through it.

By spring 2027, social media companies will be legally required to block access for anyone under 16. and will apply to TikTok, YouTube, Instagram, Snapchat, Facebook, and X.

We will be updating our policy and education in due course. We already warn families of the risk of these platforms and current age restrictions (many 13+) and the school has policy and best practice on classroom use too.

Further info can be found from the BBC Under-16s social media ban: What parents need to know <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cp3xy.3gq79eo> and Internet Matters <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/uk-social-media-ban-and-new-online-safety-measures>

HELP NEEDED



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JAZZ ON THE GREEN



IMPORTANT DATES

- **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

Educational Experiences in 2025-26

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Freighters City Farm London Bus Tour Florence Nightingale Museum V&A Childhood Museum King Henry's Walk Garden	Tate Modern The Monument Horniman Museum London Zoo Hampstead Heath Museum of Docklands	British Museum Science Museum Pantomime Westminster Walk London Aquarium Kew Gardens Mosque Visit	Science Museum Chocolate Museum Church Visit Ragged School Museum River Lea Highgate Wood	Olympic Park Science Museum British Museum Synagogue Visit London Zoo Southbank	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 makes 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

Due to the heat, we did not hold assembly this week. Instead, we are celebrating our **whole school community as our Stars of the Week.**

Thank you to our children, staff and families for your resilience, kindness and teamwork in making the week so special despite the heat.



ATTENDANCE NEWS



We were delighted to welcome Kati Woods, Head of Access and Engagement Islington, to Newington Green this week, who recognised **NG as the most improved school in Islington for attendance this year.**

This achievement would not be possible without your support as parents – your conversations, trust and commitment make a real difference, and we thank you.

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BREAKFAST CLUB TIMETABLE

Newington Green Primary School Breakfast Club Plan for week beginning 27.04.2024

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 Hedgehog Handprint Craft	Maths Activities Dominoes	Literacy activities Onomatopoeia Word Search	EYF5 Focus Plants Growth Sequencing Activity	Free choice artistry area, colouring, sticking, Crafting, etc. Under the Sea Sensory Tray
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Adaptations
Small groups of children will participate in activities with adult supervision to gain access and support where needed

Weightbells, Rice Kriples, and Comfakes. 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](#)

