



NEWINGTON GREEN

NEWSLETTER

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you already know, we have a big focus on manners at Newington Green and each week we celebrate children for their marvellous manners in Golden assembly. This week, one of our nominations came from the dance teacher, who wanted to give a shout out to one of our Y6 pupils for being so kind, considerate and polite when supporting some younger children in the class. It is fantastic to hear that visitors notice what lovely manners our children have too. Well done Adele for representing the school so well!



I am really pleased with the efforts everyone is going to in response to our policy on healthy packed lunches. The team in the kitchen and dining hall have been talking to the children about healthy alternatives to sweet treats and many children are returning the next day to say what healthy option they have swapped for a treat. Tiago, our Chef, has also reported an increase in the number of children eating schools dinners each week. Tiago will be at Newington Green more regularly from next week so he will continue this conversation with you and the children.

This week, the PTA held a coffee morning to talk to parents about how they could get involved with the PTA and support their fundraising efforts. Sadly, it was really poorly attended. We are going to send out a questionnaire to get your views on how we can gain better support. Please do take the time to complete it so we can take your views into account. On Friday 14th February, the PTA holding a bake sale and a non uniform day to raise money for extra equipment for the playground. Please look out for the posters with more information.

Next Wednesday, 5th February, we have the second meeting of our communications working group with Donna, our Chair of Governors, between 10 and 11am. This will be a virtual Teams meeting. Please email the office if you would like to be sent the meeting invite.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend!

BE IN, TO WIN WINNERS

We are very excited to announce the winners of last term's 'Be in, to win' competition!

Congratulations to Alina Salayi in Year 5, who achieved 97.92% attendance, and Aria Aliqj in Year 2, who reached an impressive 98.61% attendance. Both pupils had zero lates, which is a fantastic achievement! They have each received a £50 Lifestyle Eat voucher to enjoy with their families.

The competition is ongoing for the spring term, so keep aiming high! To qualify, your child must have above 97% attendance and no more than three lates. You can check your child's attendance via Arbor. Stay committed, and you could be our next winner!



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YEAR 3 AUTHOR WORKSHOP



Last week, Year 3 took part in an exciting creative writing workshop with children's author Annabelle Sami. The session sparked their imaginations as they explored storytelling techniques and developed their own ideas with expert guidance. The children loved the experience and left feeling inspired to write their own stories!

MORE YEAR 3 AQUARIUM TRIP PHOTOS



Year 3 had a fantastic time on their trip to the London Aquarium, where they explored the wonders of marine life. The children were captivated by the mesmerising jellyfish, majestic sharks, and playful penguins. It was a memorable experience that sparked curiosity and excitement about the ocean and its incredible creatures!

STAFF VACANCIES

We currently have a few staff vacancies across the federation. Click the links to find out more.

Class Teacher – Newington Green Primary School:
[Class Teacher in Islington, London - Islington Council](#)

School Sous Chef – Rotherfield Primary School:
<https://jobs.islington.gov.uk/vacancies/1320/school-sous-chef.html>

Premises Assistant – Newington Green Primary School
[Premises Assistant in Islington, London - Islington Council](#)

FAMILY SWIMMING LESSONS

FREE FAMILY SWIMMING LESSONS
CALLY POOL AND GYM

8 WEEKS OF LESSONS

Learn to swim for free with your family. Take part in 8 weeks of lessons with a qualified teacher. Improve your swimming skills and water confidence while learning fun games to play in the pool.

Dates: 15th February - 5th April 2023
Day: Every Saturday
Time: 11:30am - 2:00pm

A maximum of 4 people per family can attend and children must be aged 16 or over. Each lesson may include at least one adult and one child.

For more information, please contact:
Mikael.kuliam@lgb.org

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TIAGO'S TOP TIPS (PART 2)

This week, Tiago has some tips on how to keep fruits and vegetables fresh for longer. By following these clever food storage hacks, you can extend the freshness of your produce and reduce food waste in your kitchen. Try these tips today and enjoy fresher fruits and vegetables for weeks!

<p>1 SMART TIPS FOR STORING FOOD LONGER AND MAXIMISING FRESHNESS!</p> <p>Bananas: Separate and Wrap</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep them separated: Storing bananas in a bunch can speed up ripening due to the release of ethylene gas. Instead, break them apart. This can help slow the process and prolong freshness. Wrap the stems: To slow down ripening, wrap the stems with plastic wrap. This traps the ethylene gas at the top of the bunch, preventing it from affecting the rest of the bananas. <p>Avocados: To Fridge or Not to Fridge?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unripe avocados: Store them at room temperature until ripe. Once they soften, move them to the fridge to prevent over-ripening. Ripe avocados: If you've already cut into one, sprinkle lemon or lime juice on the exposed flesh, cover tightly with plastic wrap, and store it in the fridge to prevent browning. Freeze for later: If you have overripe avocados, mash them and store in an airtight container or ice cube trays in the freezer for smoothies or recipes later! 	<p>2 SMART TIPS FOR STORING FOOD LONGER AND MAXIMISING FRESHNESS!</p> <p>Tomatoes: No Fridge, Please!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Room temperature: Tomatoes do best when stored at room temperature, away from direct sunlight. Cold storage can alter their flavour and texture, making them mealy. Upside down: To preserve freshness, store tomatoes with their stems facing down. This prevents air from entering through the stem seal, extending their shelf life. <p>Berries: Keep Them Dry and Ventilated</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dry before storage: Berries are incredibly sensitive to moisture. Store them in a container lined with paper towels to absorb any excess moisture that could lead to mould. Use a ventilated container: If the original packaging isn't vented, transfer berries to a container with ventilation holes, or use a berry basket to allow air circulation. 	<p>3 SMART TIPS FOR STORING FOOD LONGER AND MAXIMISING FRESHNESS!</p> <p>Lettuce & Greens: Keep Them Crisp</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use paper towels: Moisture is the enemy of leafy greens. After washing, dry the leaves thoroughly and wrap them in a paper towel before storing them in an airtight container or resealable bag. Crisper drawer: Store greens in the fridge's crisper drawer, but not too tightly packed. This helps maintain airflow and moisture balance. <p>Cucumbers: Avoid the Cold</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Room temperature: Cucumbers are best stored at room temperature. The fridge can cause them to become mushy and waterlogged due to their high water content. Wrap in paper towels: If you must store them in the fridge, wrap cucumbers in paper towels to absorb excess moisture and prevent softening.
<p>4 SMART TIPS FOR STORING FOOD LONGER AND MAXIMISING FRESHNESS!</p> <p>Potatoes: Keep Them in the Dark</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cool, dark place: Store potatoes in a paper bag or a breathable container, away from light. Light causes them to turn green, which can make them bitter and potentially toxic. Avoid the fridge: Storing potatoes in the fridge can cause starches to turn into sugar, affecting taste and texture. Stick to a cool, dry pantry for best results. <p>Onions: No Fridge, No Plastic Bags</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Air circulation: Onions need airflow to last longer. Store them in mesh bags or baskets in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight. Keep them separate: Never store onions with potatoes. The gases released by onions can cause potatoes to sprout faster, and vice versa. 	<p>5 SMART TIPS FOR STORING FOOD LONGER AND MAXIMISING FRESHNESS!</p> <p>Apples: Keep Them Cold and Separate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Store in a cool place: Apples last longer in the fridge, but if you store them at room temperature, do so away from other fruits. Apples emit ethylene gas, which speeds up ripening in other produce. Use a produce drawer: If storing in the fridge, keep them in the crisper drawer where they're less likely to absorb moisture. <p>Carrots: Keep the Tops Off</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trim the greens: If you buy carrots with the tops still attached, cut them off before storing. The greens draw moisture from the root, causing the carrots to dry out faster. Moisture balance: Store carrots in a container with a damp paper towel or submerge them in water in the fridge to keep them crisp. 	<p>6 SMART TIPS FOR STORING FOOD LONGER AND MAXIMISING FRESHNESS!</p> <p>Citrus Fruits: Keep Them Ventilated</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Store loosely: Citrus fruits like oranges, lemons, and limes last longer in the fridge, but make sure they're in a ventilated bag or container, not a sealed plastic one, to prevent moisture buildup and mold. Room temperature: If you plan to use them within a week, you can store them at room temperature, but for longer storage, the fridge is your best bet. <p>Herbs: Water Them Like a Plant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Treat herbs like fresh flowers: For herbs like cilantro, parsley, and basil, trim the stems and place them in a glass of water, like a bouquet. Cover the leaves with a plastic bag and refrigerate. Basil is an exception—store it on the counter in a vase, as it doesn't like cold temperatures. Alternative: You can also freeze herbs in ice cube trays with olive oil for easy use in cooking.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Newington Green Primary School After School Club Plan for week beginning 27.01.2025				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Board games and Games	Board games and Games	Board games and Games	Board games and Games	Board games and Games
Communication and construction	Communication and Giant Jenga	Giant Floor Kubbler	Communication and Lego	Communication and Dot markers
Library & non-fictional worksheets, Crosswords & maths puzzles	Library & non-fictional worksheets, Crosswords & maths puzzles	Library & non-fictional worksheets, Crosswords & maths puzzles	Library & non-fictional worksheets, Crosswords & maths puzzles	Library & non-fictional worksheets, Crosswords & maths puzzles
Self Expression Draw a 3D Line Road	weaving Fine motor skills	Fine motor skills Flower Making	Fine motor skills Cutting Skills Practice	Sensory Play Fine motor skills
Free choice activity area, including colouring, sticking, crafting, collage etc.	Free choice activity area, including colouring, sticking, crafting, collage etc.	Free choice activity area, including colouring, sticking, crafting, collage etc.	Free choice activity area, including colouring, sticking, crafting, collage etc.	Free choice activity area, including colouring, sticking, crafting, collage etc.

In case of an emergency after 4 PM concerning your child at the after-school club (such as late collection), please call this number for assistance **07342567061**.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Newington Green Primary School Breakfast Club Plan for week beginning 03.02.2025				
Staff who will be working at Breakfast Club: Lead: Lisa B Playworkers: Shaelma, Tyrus and Aomie				
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 Pom Pom Craft all Week	Maths Activities Winter Themed I Spy Counting	Library activities Contraction	EYFS focus Teddy Bears Picnic	Free Choice activity area, colouring, sticking, crafting, etc.
Legal Board games Giant Jigsaw Puzzles Knitting & Cross stitch Arts & Craft	Legal Board games Giant Jigsaw Puzzles Knitting & Cross stitch Arts & Craft	Legal Board games Giant Jigsaw Puzzles Knitting & Cross stitch Arts & Craft	Legal Board games Giant Jigsaw Puzzles Knitting & Cross stitch Arts & Craft	Legal Board games Giant Jigsaw Puzzles Knitting & Cross stitch Arts & Craft
<p>Adaptations</p> <p>Small groups of children will participate in activities with adult supervision to gain access and support where needed</p> <p>Menu</p> <p>Weetabix, Rice Krispies, and Cornflakes. Hot food will be one of the following: Pancakes with syrup, bogel with scrambled eggs, beans on toast and toast/crumplets with jam & English muffins</p>				



ISLINGTON HEALTHY SCHOOL ADVISOR

Please click here to see community food services available within Islington

Community Food Services - Islington Food Partnership



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IMPORTANT DATES

- **Mulberry Mildmay Library visit** Monday 3rd of February
- **Holly - Forest School** Tuesday 4th of February
- **Apple - Mildmay Library visit** Tuesday 4th of February
- **Y1-6 Computing Workshop Online Safety 3Discovery** Thursday 6th of February
- **Elm Mildmay Library visit** Thursday 6th of February
- **Elm into University trip** Monday 10th of February
- **Year 1 - Forest School (Final session)** Tuesday 11th of February
- **Beech - Mildmay Library visit** Tuesday 11th of February
- **Mulberry into University trip** Friday 14th of February
- **PTA Bake Sale (non-uniform)** Friday 14th of February
- **Holly - Mildmay Library visit** Friday 14th of February
- **Half-term** Monday 17th to Friday 21st of February
- **INSET day** (School **closed** to pupils) Monday 24th of February
- **Back to school** Tuesday 25th of February @8.55am

To access the school calendar click [here](#).

For a full list of term dates for the academic year please click [here](#).

STARS OF THE WEEK

Year 1 Michele and Azaan

Year 2 On a trip

Year 3 Elvan and Israel

Year 4 On a trip

Year 5 Aaleyah and Adil

Year 6 Alethea, Barlin, Tia and Hussain



ATTENDANCE STATS

Whole school attendance this year: **93.3%**

Statutory school attendance: **94.2%**

National average this year: **94.6%**

Registration Form	Present R/C: Marks	Late R/C: Students
Beech	95.6%	4
Elm	95.6%	5
Ash	94.3%	1
Rowan	94.3%	
Mulberry	93.8%	9
Cedar	93.3%	4
Patm	92%	5
Maple	87.7%	4
Sycamore	87%	6
Willow	86.9%	10
Silver birch	86.2%	5
Oak	84.6%	6
Holly	80.7%	9
Apple	80.3%	2
Pine	80.3%	7
Cherry	69.2%	

Well done, **Beech and Elm**, for achieving the highest attendance this week! Both classes will be enjoying a popcorn party next Friday.

DON'T FORGET. BE IN, TO WIN

New term, new chance to win a £50 voucher! Remember, maintain 97% attendance with no more than 3 late arrivals throughout the entire term to qualify.

HALF TERM CAMP

ON THE BALL
Holiday Camps

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CAMP**

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TERM TIME LEAVE REMINDER

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Family Holidays and Special Leave During Term Time

I am writing to remind you of Newington Green School's policy regarding holidays or special leave during term time. The law requires parents to ensure their child attends school regularly. We generally do not expect you to take your child out of school for holidays or term time leave. Please note, there is no automatic right to a holiday during term time. Head teachers can grant leave in exceptional circumstances, but holidays are never considered exceptional.

Before requesting leave, please consider the following:

- A two-week absence means your child will miss 10 literacy lessons and 10 numeracy lessons.
- Research shows that children often struggle to catch up on missed work, which could affect their learning and progress.
- Your child's absence may impact other students, as teachers will need to spend extra time helping your child catch up.
- There are 175 non-school days each year for holidays, cultural experiences, and family time.

If, after careful consideration, you feel it is unavoidable to take your child out of school during term time, you must apply in advance. Application forms are available at the school office, and we request you submit them before booking any travel, ideally at least 4 weeks before the proposed leave.

Both the local education authority and national government strongly discourage schools from allowing holidays during term time. While each request will be reviewed individually, we will only grant leave in exceptional circumstances.

If leave is granted, it is important your child returns to school on the agreed date. Failure to do so may result in your child being removed from the school roll or legal action for unauthorised absence. To support your request, we may ask for return flight tickets and other documentation to confirm the reason for the leave.

If you withdraw your child from school for this leave it may be recorded as unauthorised absence. You may be served with a Penalty Notice by Access and Engagement Team (a fine of £80–£160 per parent per child) or a summons to court for your child's unauthorised absence. Parents have a duty to ensure their child's regular attendance at school and failure to do so is an offence under Section 444(1) of the Education Act 1996. We want to ensure every pupil gets the most from their education, and we hope we can count on your support in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Mairead McDonnell