

NEWINGTON GREEN

NEWSLETTER

14/03/25

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you've had a good week. Years 1, 3, 4 and Early Years started their spring assessments this week. It is great to see the progress that the children have been making in their learning. Pupils and teachers have been working really hard. Senior leaders have been supporting in assessments and have been impressed by the pupil's resilience. Next week, Year 2 and Year 5 will start their assessments and Year 6 will be completing their final mock SATS the week after. We know that they children will do us proud. We will be sending you dates for Parents Evening early in summer 1 so you can find out how the children did in these assessments.

Have a lovely weekend.

COME DINE WITH ME IS BACK!

We are excited to welcome parents and carers back for our Come Dine With Me event! Starting Thursday, 13th March, you will have the opportunity to join your child for a warm and nutritious school lunch. Meals can be booked through Arbor for just £3.40, and the menu is available online.

This week's delicious meal includes Spaghetti Bolognaise with vegetables and bread on the side, followed by fruit or yogurt for dessert. A vegetarian option is always available, and if you have any dietary requirements, please let us know in advance.

Spaces are limited to six parents per lunch, so be sure to book early! Below is the schedule for when you can join your child:

Newington Green Schedule

- Nursery / Reception – 13/03 and 20/03 (11:50 AM - 12:30 PM)
- Year 1 – 27/03 and 03/04 (12:30 PM - 1:00 PM)
- Year 2 – 24/04 and 01/05 (12:30 PM - 1:00 PM)
- Year 3 – 08/05 and 15/05 (12:30 PM - 1:00 PM)
- Year 4 – 22/05 and 05/06 (12:30 PM - 1:00 PM)
- Year 5 – 12/06 and 19/06 (12:30 PM - 1:00 PM)
- Year 6 – 26/06 and 03/07 (12:30 PM - 1:00 PM)



We look forward to sharing a meal with you soon! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

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GREEN FINGERED VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are excited to announce that our school garden project is in full swing, and we need your help to make it a thriving, beautiful space for our children! Thanks to funding, we are able to develop and maintain the garden, but we need volunteers to help with gardening sessions, clearing space, sharing knowledge, and keeping the garden a success.

If you can spare some time, whether it is to dig, plant, or simply lend a helping hand, we would love to have you involved. If you cannot commit time but have gardening advice or expertise, we would still love to hear from you—any ideas are welcome! Contact Cassie, Sandra, or the school office if you are interested in helping out.

Cassie is working with the Eco Squad to choose winners for the Design Your Perfect Garden drawing competition, and we are exploring areas of the school where we can add more planters. If you have spare pots, planters, or gardening tools you would like to donate, they would be greatly appreciated!

Each class has been growing seedlings, and our aim is to plant them in the new garden when it is ready. We are also working towards making part of the garden edible, so children can grow, harvest, and even cook with fresh produce. Just last week, Tiago and Cassie harvested potatoes planted last year and distributed them to the children—to their great amusement! See the photos below



PTA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for PTA volunteers to help support our school in any way they can! Even if you are unable to give your time regularly, there are plenty of other ways to get involved—whether it is helping to create posters, sourcing prizes, or sharing ideas. Every little bit makes a difference! Please take a moment to fill in our questionnaire that will be sent out next week to let us know your availability, what you would like to see more of, or any reasons that may have kept you from getting involved so far. Your input is invaluable, and we would love to have as many voices as possible shaping our PTA efforts!

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PARENTING WORKSHOPS

Understanding and managing sleep in primary school aged children

ONLINE WORKSHOP

For parents and carers of children aged 4-11 years!

The workshop aims to explain:

- why sleep is important
- how much sleep children need
- sleep hygiene, bedtime routines, common problems and helpful strategies.

Date: 31/03/2025
Free Registration!

Scan the QR code for to sign up

Delivered by Islington's Children's Wellbeing Practitioners

IANDS OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

FAMILY WORKSHOPS FOR CHILDREN IN MAINSTREAM SCHOOLS:
WE ARE RUNNING A SERIES OF WORKSHOPS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-2025.

SUPPORTING PARTICIPATION & REGULATION AT HOME FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE WITH SENSORY DIFFERENCES (VIRTUAL):

The workshop is helpful for parents / carers supporting children and young people with sensory processing difficulties impacting on their participation in common childhood occupations such as drawing, bathing, toothbrushing, play, as well as difficulties impacting on their emotional regulation.

What to expect:

- To learn more about how we and children/young people sense and experience the world around us.
- To explore and consider how your child/young person's sensory preferences may be affecting their participation & engagement in everyday tasks and emotional regulation.
- To identify functional goals to focus on at home.
- To identify strategies which will help your child/young person achieve their goals.

SUPPORTING TOILETING DIFFICULTIES AT HOME (VIRTUAL):

The workshop is for parents / carers for children and young people who are experiencing challenges around toileting at home or at school related to sensory, physical or environmental barriers.

What to expect:

- To learn about bladder and bowel health in children with additional needs.
- To understand about typical development with toilet training and when / why things go wrong.
- To learn strategies to support children to use the toilet independently at home.
- Problem solving session to identify goals around toileting, identifying what the barriers are and identifying individualized strategies to try at home.



DATES AND HOW TO BOOK:

DATES:

- Toileting workshop VIRTUAL all at 10-11.30am
- Tuesday 15th October, 2024
- Wednesday 5th Feb, 2025
- Wednesday 15th June, 2025

Supporting participation & regulation at home for children & young people with sensory differences VIRTUAL
8th October 2024, 09-45 am – 11:15 am via TEAMS
OR
6th February 2024, 09:45 am – 11:15 am via TEAMS

HOW TO BOOK:

Email: whib@mainstreamOT@nhs.uk

MCDONALDS FREE FOOTBALL SESSIONS

McDonald's Fun Football sessions will be back in Spring 2025, offering free, fun-filled sessions for children aged 5-11. It is a great opportunity for kids to stay active, build confidence, and enjoy the game in a supportive environment. To find out more and locate your nearest venue, click [here](#) and enter your postcode.



FREE HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES WITH LUNCH

The Lunch Bunch spring programme will run over two weeks during the spring school holidays (dates to be confirmed), offering a fantastic range of activities across Islington. The programme is free for eligible young people, and all attendees will receive a free lunch. Some activities are open to everyone at no cost, while others may require a small payment.

To take part, parents and carers must register their child on the Lunch Bunch booking system. If they have already registered, there is no need to do so again. Do not miss out on this exciting holiday programme!

Click [here](#) to find out more.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Newington Green Primary School After School Club Plan for week beginning 17.03.2025				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Board and/or card Games	Board and/or card Games	Board and/or card Games	Board and/or card Games	Board and/or card Games
Communication and construction	Giant Floor Puzzles	Construction area - Giant Jenga	Construction - Lego	Construction area - Doll houses
Literacy & Mathematics Wordsearches, Crosswords & Maths puzzles	Literacy & Mathematics Wordsearches, Crosswords & Maths puzzles	Literacy & Mathematics Wordsearches, Crosswords & Maths puzzles	Literacy & Mathematics Wordsearches, Crosswords & Maths puzzles	Literacy & Mathematics Wordsearches, Crosswords & Maths puzzles
Self Expression Paper Roll Cat	Cross Stitch with Sannah Fine Motor Skills	Paper Quilling with Sujjeet Fine Motor Skills	Fine Motor Skills Painting with Asmie	Paint Your Own Bookmark with Sujjeet Fine Motor Skills
Free choice artsy area, including colouring, sticking, crafting, collage etc.	Free choice artsy area, including colouring, sticking, crafting, collage etc.	Free choice artsy area, including colouring, sticking, crafting, collage etc.	Free choice artsy area, including colouring, sticking, crafting, collage etc.	Free choice artsy 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 17.03.2025				
Staff who we know will be working at Breakfast Club: Lead: Lisa B Playworkers: Shpelline, Syrus and Asmie				
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 St Patrick's Day Craft	Maths Activities How Many Pairs?	Literacy activities Months of the Year	EYFS Focus CVC Words, Read and Colour Activity	Free Choice artsy area, colouring, sticking, crafting, etc.
Legal Board games Giant jigsaw Puzzles Knitting & Cross stitch Arts & Crafts	Legal Board games Giant jigsaw Puzzles Knitting & Cross stitch Arts & Crafts	Legal Board games Giant jigsaw Puzzles Knitting & Cross stitch Arts & Crafts	Legal Board games Giant jigsaw Puzzles Knitting & Cross stitch Arts & Crafts	Legal 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, bagel with scrambled eggs, beans on toast and toast/ crumpets with jam & English muffins				

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

- Reception, Beech class - Forest School Tuesday 18th of March
- Year 6 - Trip to Jo'burg event Thursday 20th of March
- Year 2, Maple class Assembly (Parents welcome) Thursday 20th of March @ 9.05 to 9.35am
- Travelling Book fair Monday 24th to Friday 28th of March @3.30pm
- Reception, Sycamore class - Forest School Tuesday 25th of March
- Year 5 - Trip to The Science Museum Friday 28th of March
- Year 3 - Walking tour of the Southbank Friday 28th of March
- Last day of term Friday 4th of April
- **Return to school** Tuesday 22nd of April

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 Joshua and Mason

Year 2 Ramzi and Idris

Year 3 Imran

Year 4 Sahro and Amelia G

Year 5 Rimas and Ayoub

Year 6 Iqmot and Jennifer



EASTER HOLIDAY CAMP

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ATTENDANCE STATS

Whole school attendance this year: **93.0%**

Statutory school attendance: **93.8%**

National average this year: **94.6%**

ATTENDANCE STATS

Registration Form	Present R/C: Marks	Late R/C: Students
Elm	98.8%	4
Mulberry	96.4%	7
Silver birch	94.3%	9
Holly	94.1%	8
Cedar	93.3%	7
Willow	92.9%	9
Apple	92.6%	4
Palm	92.3%	12
Ash	92.3%	6
Rowan	90.7%	2
Maple	90%	4
Sycamore	88.7%	5
Pine	85.3%	3
Oak	84.8%	9
Beech	81.7%	5
Cherry	77.5%	

Well done to Elm Class for achieving the highest attendance this week! However, punctuality has been a concern, so late gates will be introduced from Monday, 17th. Please make every effort to arrive on time.

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.