

NEWINGTON GREEN

NEWSLETTER

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

A big thank you to our school community for supporting Mason's Fun Day last Sunday, which was a really successful event! There are still some unclaimed raffle prizes so please check you tickets.

Year 5 have had a busy week at school. Mulberry Class started their 2 week intensive swimming course and have impressed staff with their efforts in the pool. Elm Class showcased their learning on Rainforests in their assembly Wednesday morning. Thank you to all parents and carers who attended. Yesterday, Elm Class visited Into University and did a workshop with the Royal College of Music. They had a fantastic trip and they won the prize for the most engaged class from Into Uni. Well done Elm for representing the school so well!

Finally, I want to wish our Year 6 pupils the best of luck in their SATs next week. They have been working so hard all year in preparation for their exams and the teachers and support staff have supported them so well. Please ensure that the children go to bed early on Sunday night and are at school on Monday for 8.15am for SATs breakfast. We want to ensure they are fed, focused and ready to give it 100% in their tests.

ALETHEA HEADS TO THE GRAND FINALE!



A huge well done to Alethea, who played as goalkeeper for Vicky Park Rangers U11s in the UK's biggest grassroots football tournament this weekend.

Her team won all their matches, and Alethea only conceded two goals — even with an injured knee! They will now play in the Grand Finale at St George's Park in July.

Go Alethea! We are so proud!

MASON'S FUNDAY SUCCESS




We are so pleased to share that Mason's Fun Day was a huge success! Families came together to enjoy games, food, music, and more — all in a joyful celebration of community and support.

Thanks to everyone's incredible generosity, they raised over £3,000. A big thank you to all who helped organise, donated, or took part. It was a day filled with love, fun, and purpose — and a reminder of just how strong our school community is.

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RECIPE FROM TIAGO



What's for Tea? A Simple Spring Chicken Bake


Looking for an easy, family-friendly dinner? Try this Lemon & Herb Chicken Rice Bake – it is tasty, budget-friendly, and all cooked in one dish! Juicy chicken, soft herby rice, sweet carrots, and peas make it a hit with children – even the fussy ones! It has a light lemony flavour and is perfect for spring evenings.

Ingredients

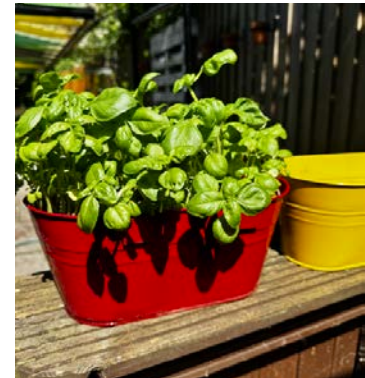
- 6 chicken thighs
- 1 onion, 2 garlic cloves
- 200g rice
- 500ml low-salt stock
- 1 lemon (zest and juice)
- 1 tsp dried herbs
- 2 carrots, 100g frozen peas
- 2 tbsp olive oil, pepper

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 180°C (fan).
2. Heat 1 tbsp of oil in a pan, season chicken lightly with pepper, and brown on both sides (about 3–4 mins per side). Set aside.
3. In the same pan, add another tbsp of oil, then sauté onion and garlic until soft.
4. Stir in rice, carrots, lemon zest, herbs, and stock. Bring to a simmer.
5. Pour the rice mixture into a baking dish, nestle the browned chicken on top, cover lightly with foil, and bake for 30 minutes.
6. Remove foil, scatter peas over the top, and return to the oven for another 15 minutes, uncovered, until the rice is tender and chicken cooked through.
7. Optional: Top with a sprinkle of cheese or parsley before serving.



GARDEN NEWS



This week, pupils enjoyed a delicious tomato pasta dish made entirely from scratch — including a special ingredient: fresh basil picked straight from our Newington Green school garden! Chef Tiago worked his magic in the kitchen, turning garden herbs into a fragrant tomato sauce that had everyone asking for seconds. The children were amazed to learn the basil came from just outside their classroom doors! A brilliant example of garden-to-table learning in action.

MORE GARDEN UPDATES



This week in our ELSA group, pupils explored their strengths and talents as part of building self-esteem and emotional awareness. Through thoughtful discussions, they identified what makes them unique and talked about how different emotions feel.

They then put their talents to good use by decorating garden planters with drawings and positive messages. Pupils also created emoji faces to show how they were feeling, helping them express emotions in a fun and practical way. The planters will soon be added to the school garden for everyone to enjoy.

MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Next week is Mental Health Awareness Week, and the theme is community. To mark the occasion, every class will take part in a special Wellbeing Stone Painting Project.

Children will paint stones with positive words, colours, and calming designs that reflect kindness and mindfulness. These will be placed in our sensory garden as a lasting reminder of the importance of looking after our mental health and supporting one another.

We look forward to seeing everyone's creativity — and we would love to feature some of the artwork in next week's newsletter.



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PTA HELP NEEDED




JOIN OUR PTA

YOUR HELP MAKES A HUGE DIFFERENCE!

We're looking for amazing parents and carers to join our Parent Teacher Association and help make school life even more special for our children!

Whether you can give a few hours or take on a bigger role, we'd love to have you. Every bit of help counts!

- Help run bake sales
- Support with the summer fair
- Reach out to businesses for raffle prizes
- Be a treasurer and help manage funds
- Or just lend a hand wherever you can!

Interested?

Email us at:
Friendsofnewingtongreenprimary@gmail.com
 Or leave your details with Katie at reception

Let's work together to make great things happen for our school! ❤️

Thank you for your support!

FIRE STATION OPEN DAY



OPEN DAY

Islington Fire Station
 Saturday, 17 May 2025 11am-3pm

- Your chance to meet local firefighters and get fire safety advice.
- Watch rescue demonstrations with our latest fire and rescue service equipment.
- Fire engine and Fire Rescue Unit (FRU), Fire Investigation dogs, Control, Education team, Fire Drone team, Outreach (recruitment), A< charity (blood cancer database registrars), Met Police and London Ambulance Service (N&RT teams), rope rescue drill, food and entertainment including badge making and face painting.

278 Upper Street Islington London N1 2TZ
 For more info contact Amit Malde:
 T 0208 555 1200 x84150
 E amit.malde@london-fire.gov.uk



RSHE PARENT WORKSHOPS

Join us in the Parent Hub (3:00-3:30 PM) to find out more about RSHE lessons for your child:

- Monday 12 May – Year 4
- Wednesday 14 May – Year 2
- Thursday 15 May – Year 6

All parents and carers welcome!

BREAKFAST CLUB



APTITUDE TEST 2025 – KEY DATES FOR YEAR 5 FAMILIES

Registration for the 2025 Aptitude Test opens on Monday 12 May and closes at noon on Monday 30 June. The test will take place on Friday 3 October 2025, when your child is in Year 6.

Please check the full timeline and details carefully before applying. View the full document [here](#).

BREAKFAST CLUB

Newington Green Primary School Breakfast Club Plan for week beginning 12.05.2025				
Staff who we know will be working at Breakfast Club: Lead: Lisa B Playworkers: Aamie & Syrus				
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 Handprint Sun Art	Maths Activities Animals Face Value Mosaic	Literacy activities Colour by Words	EYF5 Focus Butterfly Life Cycle	Free choice artistry area, including colouring, sticking, Crafting, etc Design a Fruit Kabab
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				

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Newington Green Primary School After School Club Plan for week beginning 28.04.2025				
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	Construction area – Giant Jenga	Giant Floor Puzzles	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 – Glue Art	Cross stitch with Hannah Fine Motor skills	Paper Quilling with Surjeet Fine Motor skills	Fine Motor skills Painting with Asmie	Paint Your Own Bookmark with Surjeet Fine Motor skills
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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**.

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

- **Year 6 SATs Week** Monday 12th to Friday 16th May
- **Year 3 Trip to Kew Gardens** Monday 12th of May
- **Year 4 RSHE parent workshop** Monday 12th of May 3.00-3.30pm
- **Year 2 RSHE parent workshop** Wednesday 14th of May 3.00-3.30pm
- **Year 6 RSHE parent workshop** Thursday 15th of May 3.00-3.30pm
- **Year 1 - Trip to the V&A Museum of childhood** Friday 16th of May
- **Year 2, Pine - Trip to Gillespie Park** Friday 16th of May
- **Last day of term** - Friday 23rd May

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 Dion and Karter

Year 2 Luca and Kaiylah-Rae

Year 3 Eleni and Fidele

Year 4 Dina and Ronny

Year 5 Whole class Elm

Year 6 Finn and Diora



TERM DATES FINALISED

Please Check Before You Book

We would like to remind all families that holidays during term time will not be authorised unless there are exceptional circumstances. Our attendance policy, which follows national guidance, states that penalty fines will be issued for unauthorised leave. We have now finalised term dates for the next three academic years:

You can download the term dates here:



ATTENDANCE STATS

Whole school attendance this year: **92.7%**

Statutory school attendance: **93.5%**

National average this year: **94.5%**

Registration Form	Present (%)	Lates
Beech	97.08%	6
Rowan	96.17%	
Silver birch	94.12%	8
Ash	93.48%	1
Pine	93.33%	1
Willow	93.22%	2
Mulberry	93.02%	7
Elm	92.84%	5
Holly	92.08%	3
Oak	91.07%	8
Palm	90.83%	6
Cedar	90.83%	6
Sycamore	90.23%	5
Apple	90.04%	3
Cherry	89.06%	
Maple	87.92%	6

Well done to Beech, who will be enjoying a popcorn party next week!

We are concerned about the number of late arrivals in the morning. If there are specific barriers preventing your child from arriving on time, please contact Sandra.