

# NEWINGTON GREEN

## NEWSLETTER

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## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the last half term of this academic year! I hope you all had a great half term holiday.

This week, you received a letter from Ana, our Rights Respecting School Lead, about Newington Green going for the Bronze Award. Please can you speak to your child about whether they would like to become a Rights Champion. The deadline for applications is Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June.

As usual, our children have had a rich range of experiences this week. Year 5 Elm started their 2 week intensive swimming course, Year 6 attended Into University for a workshop and Year 3 had a Virtual Volcanoes workshop with the Natural History Museum.

Palm Tree delivered a fantastic assembly about their learning on Thursday morning. Thank you to all parents and carers who attended. Thank you to Saskia and the Y3 support staff for preparing the children so well.

Eid Mubarak to all our families who are celebrating this weekend.

## RUN NEWINGTON GREEN RUN

**RUN NEWINGTON GREEN RUN**

A RUNNING CHALLENGE FOR ALL THE FAMILY TO RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR SCHOOL

WARM UPS • GAMES • MEDALS • SNACKS

**6 July 2025**  
10AM-12PM  
Highbury Fields

REGISTER HERE!

SCAN ME

www.runkidsrun.org

We are excited to be taking part in the Run Kids Run event again this year! Last year, thanks to your amazing support, we secured a generous £5000 donation for our school.

This year, the donation amount depends on how many children sign up – so we need as many families as possible to get involved. If we reach 30% of pupils signed up, we can unlock the full £5000 again!

**Date:** Sunday 6 July 2025

**Time:** 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**Location:** Highbury Fields

**Includes:** Warm ups • Games • Medals • Snacks – fun for all the family!

It is a fun run for all ages, and children can walk, jog, or run – the goal is simply to take part and raise funds for our school community.

Sign up [here](#).

Let us work together to reach our sign-up target and make it another brilliant year!

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## FAMILY KITCHEN AND RECIPE FROM TIAGO



### Simple Sourdough Bread Recipe for Home

**A Note from the Head Chef:** Why Bread Matters Taking care of sourdough is a quiet, powerful act. It asks for patience, attention, and trust – the same things we need in parenting, in friendships, and in taking care of ourselves. Watching your dough come alive over days reminds us that growth takes time. That small, everyday actions – like feeding a starter or feeding a dough – lead to something nourishing and meaningful.

Sharing bread with your child is more than just food. It's a memory, a rhythm, a ritual. You don't need to be a baker – just curious and a little brave. Let your child see the bubbles, smell the tang, knead with you. These are the moments that rise and stay with us.

#### Ingredients

- 500g strong white bread flour
- 350ml lukewarm water
- 100g active sourdough starter (see note)
- 10g salt



#### Directions

1. Mix the dough (Morning): In a large bowl, mix the flour, water, and sourdough starter. Let it rest for 30 minutes, then add the salt and mix well by hand until combined. The dough will be sticky – that's good!
2. Stretch and fold (Every 30 mins, 4 times): Over the next 2 hours, every 30 minutes gently stretch one side of the dough and fold it over. Rotate the bowl and repeat 3 more times.
3. Let it rise (Bulk ferment): Cover the dough and leave it at room temperature for 4-5 hours, or until it's puffed (but not doubled in size).
4. Shape the dough: Lightly flour your surface and shape the dough into a round ball. Place it into a floured bowl or banneton, seam side up.
5. Final rise (Overnight): Cover and refrigerate overnight.
6. Bake (Next morning): Preheat your oven to 230°C (fan 210°C) with a Dutch oven or covered pot inside. Turn your dough onto parchment, score the top with a sharp knife, and carefully place into the hot pot. Bake covered for 25 minutes, then uncovered for 15-20 minutes until golden.
7. Cool before slicing! Let the bread cool fully – it finishes baking inside as it cools.

**Note:** If you don't have a sourdough starter yet, try mixing 50g flour and 50ml water in a jar. Feed it daily with the same amounts. In 5-7 days, it should be bubbly and ready to use!

Our Family Kitchen sessions, led by Head Chef Tiago, have now come to an end. Over the past few weeks, families had the opportunity to cook with their children, learn new skills, and take part in conversations around healthy eating, budgeting, and wellbeing.

Children got stuck in with practical cooking tasks and joined in with games that made learning about food and health fun and easy to understand.

At the final session, families were awarded certificates to celebrate their participation – take a look at some photos from the day below!

Do not forget to try out Tiago's sourdough bread recipe.



## PAIRED READING WORKSHOP

Parents and carers are invited to a practical workshop with Dr Lottie Devey Smith (Educational Psychologist) on paired reading – a simple technique where adults and children read together to build reading skills and confidence.

You will get clear tips on how children learn to read and how you can support them at home. The session will be interactive and easy to follow.

If you would like to attend, please let Helen Bennett or Nicola Andrews (SENCOs) know by Friday 13th June.

## Paired Reading Workshop

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June  
9am-10am



with Dr Lottie Devey Smith  
(Educational Psychologist)

#### WHAT IS PAIRED READING?

Paired Reading is a **collaborative reading technique** where parents and children **read together to improve literacy skills and foster a love for reading.**

#### HOW TO REGISTER

To **register** your interest, please let Helen Bennett or Nicola Andrews (SENCOs) know by **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June.**



#### WHAT TO EXPECT

It will be an **interactive session** with practical tips. I will share some information about **how children learn to read** and how we can use paired reading to **support** them.

#### WHY ATTEND?

**Enhance Reading Skills:** Learn a way of supporting your child's reading development.  
**Build Confidence:** Help your child become a more confident reader.  
**Strengthen Bond:** Enjoy quality time and strengthen your relationship.

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## ONLINE SAFETY UPDATE: PARENTAL CONTROLS

There has been an increase recently in children accessing social media apps at home like TikTok, where they are exposed to upsetting and inappropriate content. Children at primary school are not old enough to use social media, 13 is the minimum age for many and some have an age rating of 18. If your child has access to a smart phone or iPad, the advice is that they should be kept in a room where you can monitor how they are being used at all times.

We have included some step-by-step guides on how to set up parental controls on the most popular devices and apps. These controls put you in charge of what your children access on the devices. If you would like help with this, please email Michael to arrange a meeting where he will help set up your device.

What is TikTok: [TikTok safety\\_guide for parents | Internet Matters](#)

How to set up parental controls on ipads: [Apple iPad and iPhone parental controls | Internet Matters](#)

How to set parental controls on TikTok: [TikTok parental controls guide | Internet Matters](#)

We have guides for most apps and devices on our websites: [Newington Green Primary School - Online Safety](#)



[Apple iPhone and iPad parental control guide](#)



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[Android Smartphone guide](#)

## BREAKFAST CLUB

Newington Green Primary School Breakfast Club Plan for week beginning 09.04.2025				
Staff who we know will be working at Breakfast Club: Lead: Lisa B Playworkers: Asmie & 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 My Pets	Maths Activities Missing Numbers	Literacy activities The 's' Sound Spell With a 'c' crossword	EYFS Focus 2D Shape Bee Cutting Skills	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/crumplets with jam & English muffins				

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Newington Green Primary School After School Club Plan for week beginning 09.04.2025				
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 Cross Stitch with Marla	Scoobie Doos with Sannah	Painting with Surjeet Fine Motor Skills	Fine Motor Skills Wax Resist Painting with Asmie	Paint Your Own Bookmark with Surjeet 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**.



## 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

- **Y5 Elm Swimming** Monday 9<sup>th</sup> to Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> of June
- **Beech Class Forest School** Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> of June
- **Last day of the year** - Tuesday 22nd July 3.30pm close. **There will be no After School Club.**

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

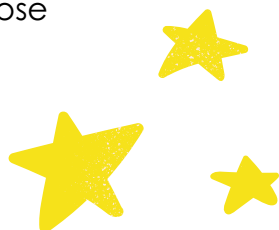
**Year 1** Zahra and Zeynab

**Year 2** Nayelia and Aaron

**Year 3** Whole Palm class and Allaryce

**Year 4** Teagan and Luna-Rose

**Year 6** Abriel



## ATTENDANCE STATS

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

Statutory school attendance: **93.5%**

National average this year: **94.5%**

## 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.

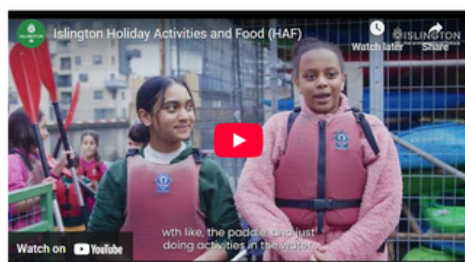
We have now finalised term dates for the next three academic years:

You can download the term dates here:



### Free holiday activities with lunch

Our free spring, summer and winter holiday programme gives young people the chance to enjoy a wide range of free activities with a healthy lunch.



**Summer programme 2025 bookings open on Tuesday 1 July at 6pm**