



# NEWINGTON GREEN

## NEWSLETTER

28/11/25

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### HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

To ensure a calm and focused start to the school day, we kindly ask parents to drop children off at their designated line up spot when the bell goes at 8.55am, rather than accompanying them to their classroom. This ensures that learning starts promptly without interruptions. If you want to talk to your child's teacher then they will be very happy to talk to you after school or you can arrange an appointment or phone call via the school office. Parents dropping children to classes has resulted in doors being left open, which poses a safeguarding risk. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

This year, one of our school development priorities is to develop a culture of talk across the school to improve children's confidence and ability to articulate themselves clearly. To support us with this aim, we kindly ask parents to greet their children at home time without using mobile phones. Research shows that giving your child your full attention during these moments:

- supports vocabulary development
- strengthens their communication and listening skills
- builds confidence and emotional connection

Below you can read about some of the exciting events that are taking place over December at school. Please put the dates in your diary and we look forward to seeing you at one of our festive events. Please note that we break up on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December @ 1.30pm. There will be no After School Club on that day.

### CHRISTMAS HAS ARRIVED @ NG

The Christmas tree is up, and the festive spirit is filling the school! We have an amazing line up of events to make this season truly special for our children.

Attendance is so important during this festive season! Every day brings something magical, so please make sure your child is in school to enjoy these wonderful experiences and create lasting memories. Plus, we'll soon be announcing some exciting rewards for great attendance—stay tuned!

Here's what's coming up:

- PTA Winter Fair - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December
- Year 3 Cinderella @ Hackney Empire – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December
- Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December
- Christmas lunch - Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December
- EYFS Nativity – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December @ 9:30 am
- Years 1–3 Christmas Performances – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December @ 11:00 am
- Years 4–6 Christmas Performances – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December @ 2:30 pm
- Visit by Father Christmas - Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December

**Remember:** The last day of term is Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm.

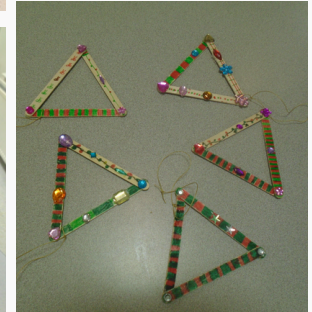


# BREAKFAST AND AFTERSCHOOL CLUB ACTIVITIES

It has been a creative and cheerful week in both Breakfast Club and After School Club.

In Breakfast Club, the children have been brightening up their mornings by making silly masks. These colourful and funny creations have brought lots of smiles and have helped everyone start the day feeling happy and energised. See photos below!

After School Club has been getting into the Christmas spirit. The children have been busy making Christmas tree decorations out of lollipop sticks and gems. They designed and decorated their own ornaments, choosing patterns, adding sparkle, and creating festive shapes to get ready for the holiday season. They were very proud of their handmade decorations.



## AFTERSCHOOL ART CLUB

**THURSDAYS**  
3:30 - 4:30PM (term time)

Make Shake Play with Kirsty Amy Anne!

**OUTTA SKOOL ART CLUB**

for 5-8 yr olds  
parents/ carers stay on site!

**FREE!**

Midway Community Centre,  
Woodville Road, N16 8NA  
Book your place at reception!

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## SEND DROP-IN

**SEND Drop-ins BULLETH**

**DCCAT's SEND Parent Hub**  
Supporting families, sharing solutions.

Are you a mum, dad or carer of a child with a disability who's struggling to get them into school? You're not alone — and support is available.

Join DCCAT's Identifying Needs session:  
Understanding School Avoidance

Date: Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2025  
Time: 9:30am – 12pm

During this session we will be exploring:

- The challenges of school avoidance
- Making morning routines and daily routines easier
- Practical tools and strategies to support you and your child

Let us know if you have any accessibility needs we want everyone to feel welcome

Spaces are limited so please book early to secure your spot.

To book your place, please email us:  
DCCAT@islington.gov.uk  
or call Lough Road Center: 0207 527 2095

LOCATION  
Lough Road Centre  
61-71 Lough Road  
N7 8FF

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## INCREDIBLE YEARS @NG

**The Incredible Years**

**Incredible Years Parenting Group**  
For parents of primary school children aged 6-10 years

Thursdays 9.30am - 12.15am (9.45am start)  
January 22<sup>nd</sup> - May 14<sup>th</sup> 2026  
(14 weeks with breaks for school holidays)

**Newington Green Primary School**  
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## REMINDER: PARENT COFFEE MORNING

Don't forget to join us for a relaxed coffee morning on Monday, 1st December at 9:00 am in the Parent Hub with Sandra. It's a great chance to chat, share experiences, and connect over a hot drink. We look forward to seeing you there!

**SUPPORTING EACH OTHER WITH SCHOOL MORNINGS**  
COFFEE MORNING

**MONDAY 1.12.2025 • 9.05AM**

Many parents have told us that school mornings can sometimes feel challenging. You are not alone, so let's come together for a relaxed chat.

Join us for:

- Hot drinks
- Friendly conversation
- Sharing experiences
- Simple ideas to make mornings smoother

**Everyone is welcome. Come for support, connection, and a warm cup of coffee.**

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# MAGIC CHRISTMAS DIGITAL RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES

With the festive season approaching, here are some fun, safe and educational digital activities for families to enjoy together.

- [Santa Google Games](#) – Explore magical mini-games on Google's Santa Tracker.
- [Code Boogie](#) – A brilliant coding-themed dance game children enjoy.
- [Portable North Pole](#) – Create personalised video messages from Santa.
- [Track Santa](#) – Follow Santa's journey with the NORAD Santa tracker.
- [Text Father Christmas App](#) – Send child-friendly messages to Santa.
- [Elf Cam App](#) – Always a popular choice at this time of year.



## ONLINE SAFETY SPOTLIGHT: "PAUSE BEFORE YOU POST"

A powerful new video from Ireland encourages families to think carefully before sharing photos and videos of children online.

[Sharenting](#): Pause Before You Post is highly recommended for all parents and carers.

You can also explore:

- [Common Sense Media](#) – AI Toolkit for Parents, supporting families to build AI literacy at home.
- [LGfL Christmas Online Safety Guidance](#) – Practical tips for staying safe while enjoying festive digital fun.

## DIGITAL SKILLS AND SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

- [Family Fund Digital Skills Resources](#) – Free guides and support to help families build confidence using technology safely.
- [Free Sleep Helpline \(7–9 pm, school nights\)](#) – Phone support for parents to create calm, screen-free bedtime routines and encourage "Books at Bedtime."

## HEALTHY PACKED LUNCH – ONE SIMPLE SWAP!

At our schools, we want to help children enjoy lunches that keep them energised, focused, and ready to learn. To help parents and carers preparing a packed lunch that is aligned with our schools standards for healthy eating, here are some easy, realistic swaps to make great meals — without adding extra stress to your day. Everything below can be found in any supermarket and doesn't require special preparation. After all, keeping packed lunches healthy doesn't have to be complicated!!

**Sandwich of the Week:** Cheese & Cucumber

Crunchy cucumber + mild cheese = a refreshing classic that's easy to prep and easy to love. If your child is more into hot food, some chicken and roast potatoes from the past dinner can be a great idea when stored properly!

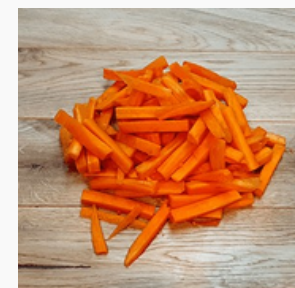


**Savoury Swap:** Breadsticks

Still crunchy, still fun, but with far less salt than crisps. Perfect for little nibblers.

**Veg Pick:** Carrot Batons

Bright, sweet, and great for dipping. They stay crisp even after a morning in a lunchbox! But you can also prepare some fresh tomato wedges or even more cucumber, using the same one from the sandwich!



**Fruit Pick:** A Handful of Grapes

Juicy, bite-sized, and fuss-free. (Cut in halves for younger children. But that can be also an Apple, a pear or a delicious fruit salad!

**Treat of the Week:** A fruit muffin

A small, simple treat 2–3 times a week is absolutely fine—leftovers from home baking are perfect!

Small, easy swaps like these help keep children fuelled, focused, and feeling good throughout the school day. Thanks for supporting healthier lunchboxes!



# IMPORTANT DATES

- **Parent Coffee Morning** Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December @ 9 am
- **Year 4 Chocolate Museum workshop** Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December
- **PTA Winter Fair** - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 3.30pm - 6.00pm
- **Year 6 @ National Portrait Gallery** Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December
- **Year 3 Cinderella @ Hackney Empire** Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December
- **Christmas Jumper Day** Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December
- **Christmas lunch** Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December
- **EYFS Nativity** Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December @ 9.30
- **Years 1 – 3 Xmas performances** Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December @ 11.00
- **Years 4 – 6 Xmas performances** Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December @ 2.30
- **Last day of school EARLY FINISH** Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December @ **1.30PM**. No ASC on that day.

## STARS OF THE WEEK

- Year 1** - Iyana and Jasiah
- Year 2** - Zaynab and Deniz
- Year 3** - Amayah and Giosuè
- Year 4** - Izabella and Jeremiah
- Year 5** - Dion and Damla
- Year 6** - Adil and Ibrahim



## ATTENDANCE STATS

Whole school attendance this year: **94.6%**

Statutory school attendance: **94.9%**

This week's average: **93.7%**

National average this year: **95%**

## BREAKFAST CLUB

Newington Green Primary School Breakfast Club Plan for week beginning 01.12.2025				
Staff who we know will be working at Breakfast Club: Lead: Liao 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 Christmas Characters Paper Chain	Maths Activities 2D Shape Christmas Themed CVC & Stick	Literacy activities Unjumble the Christmas CVC Words Sentences	EYFS Focus Christmas Tree Odd and Even	Free Choice artsy area, colouring, sticking, crafting, etc.
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Adaptations Small groups of children will participate in activities with adult supervision to gain access and support where needed Menu Weatobix, 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				

## AFTERSCHOOL CLUB

Newington Green Primary School After School Club Plan for week beginning 20.10.2025				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Board and/or card Games	Board and/or card Games	Board and/or card	Board and/or card Games	Board and/or card Games
Communication and construction	Construction area - Giant weights	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
Halloween Art with Macia Fine Motor Skills	Paint with Zannah Art & Design	Pam Pam with Turjeet Fine Motor Skills	Colour by Numbers with Asmie	Halloween Card Making Self Expression
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.

### 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: I Rest Start in Life](#)

[Tax-Free Childcare - GOV.UK](#)

[Free Childcare for Working Parents: Overview - GOV.UK](#)

Rowan	97.70%
Silver birch	97.30%
Maple	97.00%
Mulberry	95.70%
Holly	95.00%
Palm	94.30%
Elm	94.30%
Cedar	94.30%
Ash	93.40%
Oak	93.30%
Pine	92.70%
Apple	91.80%
Sycamore	91.00%
Willow	90.00%
Beech	89.30%
Cherry	85.00%

Well done Rowan! Popcorn Party Next week!