



NEWINGTON GREEN

NEWSLETTER

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have ended the term on a high at Newington Green, with our wonderful Christmas performances this week. It was lovely to see so many parents, carers and family members in attendance. Events like this remind us how lucky we are to have such a wonderful school community. Thank you for your continued support!

Today, we say goodbye to Tien (Pine teacher) and Niamh (Silverbirch teacher). I wanted to express my thanks to them both for all their hard work over the autumn term. Louiza and Maartje will be returning to Newington Green, after maternity leave, in January. Louiza will be teaching Pine and Maartje Silverbich.

This week, Newington Green was awarded the Silver Healthy School Award for the work we have been doing on promoting healthy packed lunches with our fantastic kitchen team. We really appreciate your support in ensuring that children who bring a packed lunch are promoting healthy eating.

I want to finish with a big thank you to the tremendous staff team here at Newington Green. They have all worked so hard this term, supporting the children. I am sure you will join me in wishing them a very Merry Christmas and a relaxing holiday.

Happy holidays to you all and see you on 6th January.

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MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE HEAD PAUL

Well done everyone at Newington Green and Rotherfield!

It has, as always, been a long and demanding term, and I am incredibly proud of what we have achieved together. This week, pupils brought their A-game with a series of fantastic performances across the federation. Staff and classes worked really hard to ensure every performance was of the highest standard, and it was wonderful to see so many parents supporting these events. Of course, while the spotlight has been on performances, learning has remained our top priority. Pupils have continued to stay focused and make progress right up to the end of term. Recently, we held pupil progress meetings with teachers, which will inform next steps in learning as we move into the new term.

We've also celebrated some fantastic achievements this term. Our approaches to maths continues to shine, thanks to the leadership of Emily (Rotherfield) and Musa (Newington Green). Both schools are recognised for their strong practice in maths, and these staff members will keep sharing their expertise as part of the regional Maths Hub. In addition, both schools have been awarded the Healthy Schools London Silver Award, recognising our commitment to promoting healthy lifestyles and wellbeing for all pupils.

We are excited to announce that our federation website has been refreshed! It's now easier to navigate and packed with useful information for families. Please take a moment to explore the new features and stay up to date with news, events, and resources.

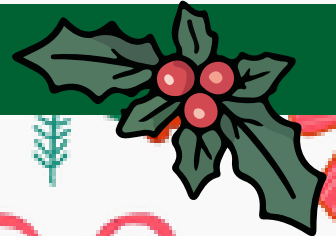
School reopens on Tuesday, 6th January. Attendance is vital for children's learning and wellbeing, and we will continue to monitor this closely to ensure every child has the best possible start to the new term. Thank you for your support in making attendance a priority.

As we wrap up this term, I want to take a moment to thank all our pupils, staff, and families for their hard work and commitment. Wishing you all a safe and joyful holiday and look forward to welcoming everyone back in January for another exciting term of learning and growth!

Many thanks,

Paul

CHRISTMAS NATIVITY AND PERFORMANCES



POKEMON TRADING SESSION

Our Attendance Champions organised a fantastic Pokémon trading session this week, and it proved to be a tremendous success. Children from every year group joined in, creating a lively and inclusive atmosphere. It was wonderful to see pupils not only swapping cards with enthusiasm, but also donating large numbers of cards so that everyone had the chance to take part.

The event helped bring children together across the school, encouraged positive social interaction, and created a real buzz around attendance. Our Attendance Champions are already looking forward to planning further events, and we hope to see even more pupils joining us next time.



INCREDIBLE YEARS @NG

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

Thursdays 9.30am -12.15am (9.45am start)
January 22nd - May 14th 2026
(14 weeks with breaks for school holidays)
Newington Green Primary School
Matthias Rd, Mayville Estate, London N16 8NP

Zeny Melissourgaki; Clinical Psychologist, Islington CAMHS
Tashi-Ann Page; Educational Support Practitioner, Bright Futures, Islington

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KEEP CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE

It's Christmas Time - Parents guide to help keep children safe online

It's Christmas Time!

A Parent's Guide to Social Media
A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures
A Parent's Guide to Gaming

A Parent's Guide to Online Streaming
A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming
A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers
A Parent's Guide to Fake News
A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings

It's always best to be prepared

Many parents may be planning to give electronic gadgets to their children this festive period. Our guide is designed to help parents take a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games. Scan the QR code to find out more.

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.
Skips Educational Email: info@skipped.com Tel: +44 121 227 1941

Skips www.skipsafety.net.org

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SUPPORT

The holiday season can be challenging for some families and young people. If you or someone you know needs support, there are several free and confidential services available:

Urgent Crisis Support

- CAMHS South Hub Crisis Service: Urgent mental health support for ages 0-18 (Islington & Camden GPs).
- NCL Crisis Team: Call 020 3758 2056
- Islington SEMH: Call 020 7527 3355
- South Hub CAMHS Crisis Team | Waiting Room

24/7 Text and Listening Services

- Shout - Text SHOUT to 85258 or visit Shout Crisis Text Line
- Samaritans - Call 116 123 or email jo@samaritans.org (Samaritans)

Support for Children and Young People

- Childline - Call 0800 1111 or chat online
- Papyrus - For suicidal thoughts: Call 0800 068 4141 or text 07860 039967 (Papyrus)
- The Mix - Free support for under 25s: Call 0808 808 4994 or visit The Mix

Specialist Support

- Beat - Eating disorder support:
- Youth line (under 18s): 0808 801 0711
- Student line: 0808 801 0811 (Beat)
- Kooth - Free, safe, anonymous online mental health community: Kooth

Click the image below for the Winter HAF Programme



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.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Children return to school** Tuesday 6th January 2026
- **Year 5 & 6 parent meeting** to share spring topics Tuesday 13th January @3.15pm
- **Year 1 & 2 parent meeting** to share spring topics Wednesday 14th January @3.15pm
- **Nursery & Reception parent meeting** to share spring topics Thursday 15th January @3.15pm
- **Year 3 & 4 parent meeting** to share spring topics Friday 16th January @3.15pm



STARS OF THE WEEK

- Year 1** - Alexia and Ariella
- Year 2** - Liya and Gabriel
- Year 3** - Alec, Ramazan and Eylul
- Year 4** - Mikail and Roman
- Year 5** - Urenna and Mia
- Year 6** - Wildan and Lujain



TERM TIME LEAVE



Dear Parent/Carer,

We would like to remind families that there is no automatic right to take holidays during term time. Headteachers may only grant leave in exceptional circumstances, and holidays are not considered exceptional. Absences can significantly affect learning, and there are 175 non-school days a year for family time and holidays.

If leave is unavoidable, you must apply in advance using the form available from the school office, and ideally before booking any travel. We may ask for evidence such as return flight tickets to support your request.

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.

Thank you for your support in ensuring your child attends school regularly.

Yours sincerely,

Sandra (Attendance and Pastoral Worker)

ATTENDANCE STATS

Whole school attendance this year: 95.6%

Statutory school attendance: 94.8%

This week's average: 92.8%

National average this year: 94.7%

Maple	97.70%
Mulberry	96.00%
Ash	95.80%
Rowan	93.70%
Cedar	93.60%
Elm	92.00%
Palm	91.30%
Silver birch	90.70%
Willow	89.70%
Holly	88.30%
Pine	85.40%
Oak	84.30%

Well done Maple! Popcorn Party coming your way.