

NEWSLETTER

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy week of educational visits at Newington Green! Year 2, Year 4 and Year 5 have all been off site, enriching their learning through visits. The trips included the Horniman Museum, The Ragged School Museum and the London Synagogue. All children really enjoyed their visits and behaved in line with our Green Expectations. Thank you to all our parent helpers who attended and supported on these trips.

At Newington Green, our continued focus on attendance is making a difference, although we had a dip last week due to illness. This week has been a very good week for attendance with whole school attendance at 96%! For the year to date, this dips slightly to 94.7% but with a positive effort from all our families, we know that we can continue to aim high and reach our 96% target by the end of the year. Next week, we are having our termly meeting with the Local Authority, who will be looking at our attendance data and reviewing progress from autumn term, so it will be great to report on this positive news. Every day in school truly matters, so your support in helping us reach this goal is greatly appreciated.

Next week is National Storytelling week. We will be celebrating it through our library session and in class story times. Throughout the week, children will enjoy a range of wonderful stories and take part in activities that spark imagination and a love of reading. We invite all children to share their favourite storybooks with their teachers—whether it's a timeless classic or a new discovery, we'd love to hear about the stories that inspire them.

Have a wonderful weekend.

GREENER SCHOOLS PILOT PROGRAMME

We are proud to share that the sustainability work led by our Head Chef and Food Educator, Tiago, has been featured in a new resource by Retrofit Action For Tomorrow (RAFT), developed as part of the Greener Schools Pilot Programme supported by the Mayor of London. The resource highlights practical ways schools can reduce their carbon footprint, particularly through food, cleaning products, equipment and community engagement.

It showcases initiatives at Rotherfield and Newington Green Primary Schools, including energy-efficient kitchen equipment, reduced food waste, plant-forward menus, cooking and gardening clubs, and hands-on food education for pupils and families. The project aims to support schools across London, and potentially beyond, to take realistic and meaningful steps towards sustainability, demonstrating that change can happen gradually within existing school settings. This recognition celebrates work rooted in everyday practice and the wider school community that makes it possible.

Spotlight: Rotherfield and Newington Green Primary Schools

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YEAR 5 SYNAGOGUE TRIP

Year 5 enjoyed a valuable educational visit to a local synagogue, where they learned about Jewish beliefs, traditions and practices. The children were excellent ambassadors for the school, showing curiosity, respect and thoughtful engagement throughout the visit. It was a meaningful experience that helped deepen their understanding of different faiths and cultures.



YEAR 1 FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE MUSEUM

Year 1 enjoyed an exciting and informative visit to the Florence Nightingale Museum. The children learned about Florence Nightingale's life and work, explored historical artefacts and took part in engaging activities that brought their learning to life. They were curious, enthusiastic and represented the school brilliantly throughout the day.



DODGEBALL COMPETITION

A huge well done to the boys and girls in Year 5 who took part in the Islington Dodgeball Tournament this week. The tournament was great fun and the children competed brilliantly, winning many of their matches. They showed fantastic teamwork, played with real determination and demonstrated excellent sportsmanship throughout. We are incredibly proud of them!



MINDFULNESS CLUB

This week in Mindfulness Club, the children took part in a fun and calming dance tutorial before creating posters filled with positive words and images. The posters focused on kindness and compassion, encouraging the children to be caring and supportive towards their peers.



BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club provides a calm and welcoming start to the school day. Children enjoy quiet activities that help them settle in before lessons, alongside a fresh and nutritious breakfast. This relaxed routine supports wellbeing and helps children feel ready and focused for the day ahead.



AFTERSCHOOL CLUB

In After School Club, children enjoyed a creative session making beautiful watercolour bookmarks. They experimented with colour and design, producing unique pieces while developing their artistic skills in a relaxed and enjoyable setting.





The Islington
Reading Road Map



Short Story Competition

- Write your own original short story for a chance to win!
- Your story can contain characters from a book you have read before, or characters from your imagination.
- We will judge the stories on— Creativity, originality, use of language and imagination

Winners of the short story competition will have their story printed in a book.

That book will appear on next year's Islington Reading Road Map!



- Submit your story to ELS@islington.gov.uk OR your teacher can request to have them picked up by us at the Education Library Service.
- No more than 500 words.
- Competition ends Friday 24th of April.
- Winners announced in June.
- Open to Years 3,4,5 and 6.
- You can include drawings



Books Worth Sharing

This week **Ana**, Mulberry Tree's class teacher, is giving us her book recommendation.

Title: *The BFG*



Recommended for children aged: 7 – 9 years old

Ana thinks everyone should read this book because....

I (Ana) cherished reading it with my grandparents as a child, and I was especially fond of the protagonist, Sophie. The blend of magic and adventure felt exhilarating and the characters were wonderfully engaging.

You will enjoy this book if you are ...

a reader who enjoys humour and funny stories, action and adventure stories and fantasy stories set in imaginary worlds.

This book is best... for shared or independent reading.



CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Place2Be's
CHILDREN'S
MENTAL HEALTH
WEEK

9-15
FEB
2026

MOVIE
NIGHT

INSIDE OUT 2
Disney Pixar

WEDNESDAY 11TH FEB

START: 4PM
DOORS OPEN
3.45PM

Performance Hall

Children £2 Adults £1

To mark Children's Mental Health Week, we will be hosting a special Movie Night featuring *Inside Out 2*. This will be a lovely opportunity for children and families to come together and enjoy a film that explores emotions and wellbeing. Tickets will be £2 for children and £1 for adults.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Y1 Oak @ Forest School** Tuesday 3rd February
- **Y1 Holly @ Forest School** Tuesday 10th February
- **Movie Night** Wednesday 11th February @ 4pm
- **School closed for Half term** Monday 16th of February
- **Back to school** Tuesday 24th of February

Educational Experiences in 2025-26

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Freightliner's City Farm London Bus Tour Florence Nightingale Museum V&A Childhood Museum King Henry's Walk Garden	Tate Modern The Monument Hamman Museum London Zoo Hampstead Heath Museum of Docklands	British Museum Science Museum Portico Westminster Walk London Aquarium Rex Gardens Mosque Visit	Science Museum Chocolate Museum Church Visit Ragdoll School Museum River Lea Highgate Wood	Olympic Park Science Museum British Museum Synagogue Visit London Zoo Southbank	HMS Belfast Jewish Museum Ben Kinsella Workshop Theatre Trips National Portrait Gallery

A voluntary donation of £24 via Arbor helps fund all the educational visits we offer over the year.

Your generous donations help make trips like these possible, and mean we can offer a range of fantastic learning opportunities!

For more details, or if you have any questions, please speak to us in the office!

STARS OF THE WEEK

- Year 1** - Ethel and Nathaniel
- Year 2** - Whole class Pine and Zari
- Year 3** - Alec and Ilva
- Year 4** - Esther and Nureya
- Year 5** - Ronato and Mia
- Year 6** - Arianna and Alisa

ATTENDANCE STATS

Whole school attendance this year: **95.4%**

Statutory school attendance: **94.7%**

This week's average: **96%**

National average this year: **94.5%**

Maple	99.30%
Rowan	99.00%
Mulberry	97.90%
Holly	97.30%
Palm	97.20%
Ash	96.70%
Elm	95.20%
Silver	94.50%
Cedar	93.90%
Willow	93.80%
Oak	92.90%
Pine	91.90%

Well done to **Maple and Rowan** for both achieving 99% attendance! Both classes will have a Popcorn Party next week.

The Attendance Iceberg

What parents see

- A bit of rest
- Missed a lesson
- Just a day off

What is really happening below the surface

- Gaps in learning
- Falling behind in work
- Missed friendships
- Lost confidence
- Reduced progress
- Anxiety & stress

Have a look at this iceberg: Missing school can cause much more than what is seen on the surface.