



NEWSLETTER



Attendance Highlight

Every Monday Camden's Attendance and Children Out of School Service publish a list of school attendance and we track our progress.

National Primary
Attendance

96.2%

Primary Attendance
across Camden

95.2%

Argyle's Attendance

95.8%



10th

in Camden

HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers,

Yesterday was National Poetry Day and I was treated to an impromptu poetry recital by some of our Year 4 pupils who had each chosen a poem from their class anthologies to learn by heart and recite. It was so lovely to see the joy on the children's faces as they determinedly performed and I was reminded of how much pleasure children can derive from simple tasks where they are given ownership of the task and left to get on with it. Their pride in having achieved was palpable. I have often noticed how much children want to help and how disbelieving they are at times when they are given freedom to decide how to do a task themselves. They are so used to being told exactly what to do! Try it this weekend. Set your child a challenge or task and watch from a distance - resisting temptation to micromanage. They might very much surprise you! Have a great weekend.



J. Wade
Head Teacher



Year 2



It's been another busy week in Year 2. The children have been working on innovating their own version of The Lost Property Office, they have been learning how to write list sentences with commas, using sentence starters and exciting vocabulary. Next week Year 2 will be doing their **'Hot Write'** where they write their own version independently - we can't wait to read them!

In Maths, Year 2 have completed an end of topic assessment based on Place Value, the homework this week is based on parts they found particularly tricky and need to practise. Do have a look and see if you can support.



This week we had the incredible opportunity to attend an ECR7 poetry workshop at the British Library to celebrate National Poetry Day. The children had an amazing time telling stories, reciting poems and talking about the people who matter to them.



In science we have been testing out the absorbency of materials. We have begun our Design and Technology topic based on wheels and axels. This week the Year 2's created their own 3D model of a bus in order to develop their cutting and folding skills.



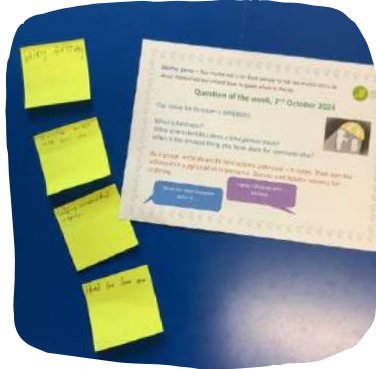
YEAR 1

It's been another exciting and action packed week for Year 1. In Religious Education, the children learnt about Christian symbols in a baptism including water and a candle.

The children have settled into school forum beautifully and are building their confidence. This month's value is kindness and each group across the school discussed acts of kindness. Luqman shared that 'being friendly' is kind whilst Erhan in 3 Pearl shared that 'helping people with their job' is also kind.

1 Ruby had their first session of The Garden Classroom and braved the soggy weather to explore our school garden. They learned the names of the trees including Crab Apple, Fig and Cherry. Yahya exclaimed, 'The bay leaf smells like lemon!' It was brilliant observing the children joyfully playing in the mud and collecting nature 'treasures' such as rocks and pine cones.

Just a reminder to parents to please send in labelled waterproof jackets, trousers and wellies if you haven't already.



Year 1 visit The Canal Museum

Cruising along Regents Canal, Year 1 learned the history about how the canal transported cargo over 200 years ago. At the London Canal Museum, the children looked at old photographs of a horse and carriage stuck in the mud. Ahmed said, 'The road is bumpy!' The children realised how much more time efficient it was transporting goods via canal. Afterwards, Year 1 enjoyed dressing up and pretending to work in an ice cream shop.

Interesting fact- Early barges transported ice enabling Londoners to taste ice cream!





RECEPTION



This week in Reception we hosted our phonic workshop – thank you to those parents who attended. With all our support, we can help the pupils in Reception to make rapid progress in order to achieve the expected standard by the end of the year.

During the workshop the pupils modelled the new sounds they had learned so far and how they can sound out a word and blend these sounds together.

Please practise the new sounds in the weekly homework. A good challenge is to see if your child can find something with the same first sound in their home, for example 'g' for grapes.

The children have been reading 'Funnybones' and have been labelling parts of their body.

In RE the children looked at a statue of Buddha and learnt that he was a man called Siddhartha Gautama and he lived in India more than 2000 years ago. Buddha taught people to be grateful for the things they had and to not be greedy or selfish.



1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Once I
Caught a Fish Alive



NURSERY



In Nursery this week we continued with our topic of Nursery Rhymes and practised singing '1,2,3,4,5, once I caught a fish alive', 'little turtle (Tiny Tim)', 'hickory, dickory dock', 'teddy bear teddy bear' and '3 little monkeys'. In stay & play the parents and children worked together to make their own magnetic fishing game to go with the 1,2,3,4,5 rhyme. Click on the QR code to play 1,2,3,4,5 and sing the rhyme together with your child while playing your fishing games at home!

This week we read the book 'Where's Lenny', by Ken Wilson-Max, which is about a child playing hide and seek at home with his parents. The children enjoyed learning how to use words such as 'in', 'on', 'under', 'behind', etc, when describing where Lenny was hiding each time. Zayan said, "he is behind the cupboard".

We continued to learn about our senses this week and reminded ourselves what we use our ears for by playing a listening game. The children learnt about the difference between 'popping', 'snapping', 'crunching' and 'jingling' noises and found out that many different kinds of objects can make these noises. We also played 'what's in the box?' and used our noses to decide whether we liked or didn't like the smell of different things. Ihram sniffed the methi and said "hmm, it smells spicy!".

The children had great fun looking at the different kinds of ears that animals have. Fatimah said "animals have ears because they need to listen too". We also learned about Lenny's pet fish and his pet dog, from our book. We played pet shops and thought about what we needed to do to look after the pet animals and also how much these pets might cost to buy.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OCTOBER

Monday 7th

Tuition: Selected Year 6 pupils – Action Tuition today from 3.15pm – 4.30pm

Tuesday 8th

Workshop: The Place visiting Year 3 for workshop

Wednesday 9th

Trip: Year 6 visit The British Museum from 10am – 12pm

Trip: 1 Ruby visit St Pancras Station from 9.45am – 11am

Trip: Selected pupils from Years 3 & 4 attend Benchball competition at Talacre Sport Centre from 3pm – 6.15pm

Event: Garden Classroom for Year 1

Thursday 10th

Trip: 1 Jade visit St Pancras Station from 9.45am – 11am

Event: Garden Classroom for Year 3 begins today

Tuition: Selected Year 6 pupils have Richard Reeves Tuition today from 3.15pm – 4.15pm

Monday 14th

Trip: Year 1 visit The London Transport Museum from 9.30am – 2.30pm

Tuesday 15th

Event: Reception Speaking & Listening Workshop for parents from 9am – 10am – by invitation only

Wednesday 16th

Event: Reception Speaking & Listening Workshop for parents from 9am – 10am – by invitation only

Trip: Year 2 visit The London Transport Museum from 9.30am – 2.30pm

Thursday 17th

Event: Reception Speaking & Listening Workshop for parents from 9am – 10am – by invitation only

Event: Bloomsbury Publishers & Harry Potter event for Year 4 from 9am – 12pm

Friday 18th

Trip: Year 5 visit Google Headquarters from 10am – 12.30pm

Tuesday 22nd

Trip: Year 5 visit Coram Beanstalk Book Festival from 12pm – 3.30pm

Wednesday 23rd

Trip: Year 4 visit The Thames Explorer from 9am – 3pm

Attendance & Punctuality



Week	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Rec: Jet	91	91	90	83	86		
1 Jade	93	92	93	91	99		
1 Ruby	95	100	96	98	98		
2 Amber	86	95	94	91	99		
2 Opal	88	95	100	98	99		
3 Garnet	98	96	98	98	97		
3 Pearl	91	95	97	97	93		
4 Emerald	96	98	95	99	99		
4 Onyx	94	94	91	97	94		
5 Amethyst	99	98	99	97	93		
6 Sapphire	95	96	95	99	99		
Total	94	95	95	95	95		
Camden				95			

Well done to 1 Ruby, 1 Jade, 2 Amber, 2 Opal, 3 Garnet, 4 Emerald and 6 Sapphire for attaining or exceeding the target of **96%** attendance this week.

Punctuality

This week **49** of sessions in the registers were marked as 'L' (Late).

Pupils should be in their line at **8.40am**, ready to go up to class and be marked into the register at 8.45am when school begins.

"We are only a few minutes late" – Does it matter?

Being late for school reduces learning time and does not prepare your child with good daily habits.

- Arrival 5 minutes late every day = 3 days of learning missed each year
- Arrival 15 minutes late every day = 10 days or 2 weeks of learning each year.

Reporting Absences

Parents should report any absences to the school office by calling 02078374590 before 9.30am.

Please do not leave messages on the answering machine. A member of staff may call you again to discuss the absence.

Please do not send emails to the admin inbox.

Every School Day Counts

Attendance & Punctuality

Attendance : Nearing the Top!

Every Monday, Camden's Attendance and Children Out of School Service share comparable attendance data, and we are thrilled to announce how close we were to reaching the top last week! We placed 10th out of 22 primary schools across Camden that are at or above Camden's average of 95.2%. This ranking does not even take into account the schools that didn't meet the criteria, making our achievement even more impressive!

Our school's commitment to regular attendance is clearly paying off, and we couldn't be prouder of those who prioritise being in school every day. While we may have just missed out on taking the lead, we are confident that we can climb even higher in the weeks ahead. Let's keep this momentum going and aim for an even higher attendance rate next week!

Remember, every school day counts!

How you can help your child to have **excellent** attendance in school

- Always inform the school if your child is absent.
- Encourage your child to attend regularly.
- Arrange medical or dental appointments outside of school hours when possible.
- Establish good morning and bedtime routines.
- Be on time, so they start the day right.
- Take absence seriously.
- Value and acknowledge achievements in school.
- Take family holidays, visit family outside of term time.

Attendance Percentage	Number of days missed	Number of lessons missed
100%	0 days	0
99%	2 days	18 lessons missed
97%	6 days (more than a week!)	54 lessons missed
95%	9 days	81 lessons missed
94%	11 days (more than 2 weeks!)	99 lessons missed
93%	13 days	117 lessons missed
92%	15 days (3 full weeks!)	135 lessons missed
91%	17 days	153 lessons missed
90%	18 days	144 lessons missed
85%	28 days (over 4 weeks!)	252 lessons missed

be in school . . .
 **ON TIME**
all day
EVERY DAY

Could I be fined if my child misses school?

We will always support to help you improve your child's attendance first, but if this isn't effective or the absence is for unauthorised term time holiday, parents may face paying a fine.

The national rules, all schools are required to consider a fine when a child has missed 10 or more sessions (5 days) for unauthorised reasons, this includes, holiday during term time, persistent absence from school and persistent lateness.

Parents who take less than 5 days of unauthorised holiday during term time will be invited to Camden Council for a Local Authority Meeting (LAM).

Please note: Headteachers are no longer able to approve holidays during term time.

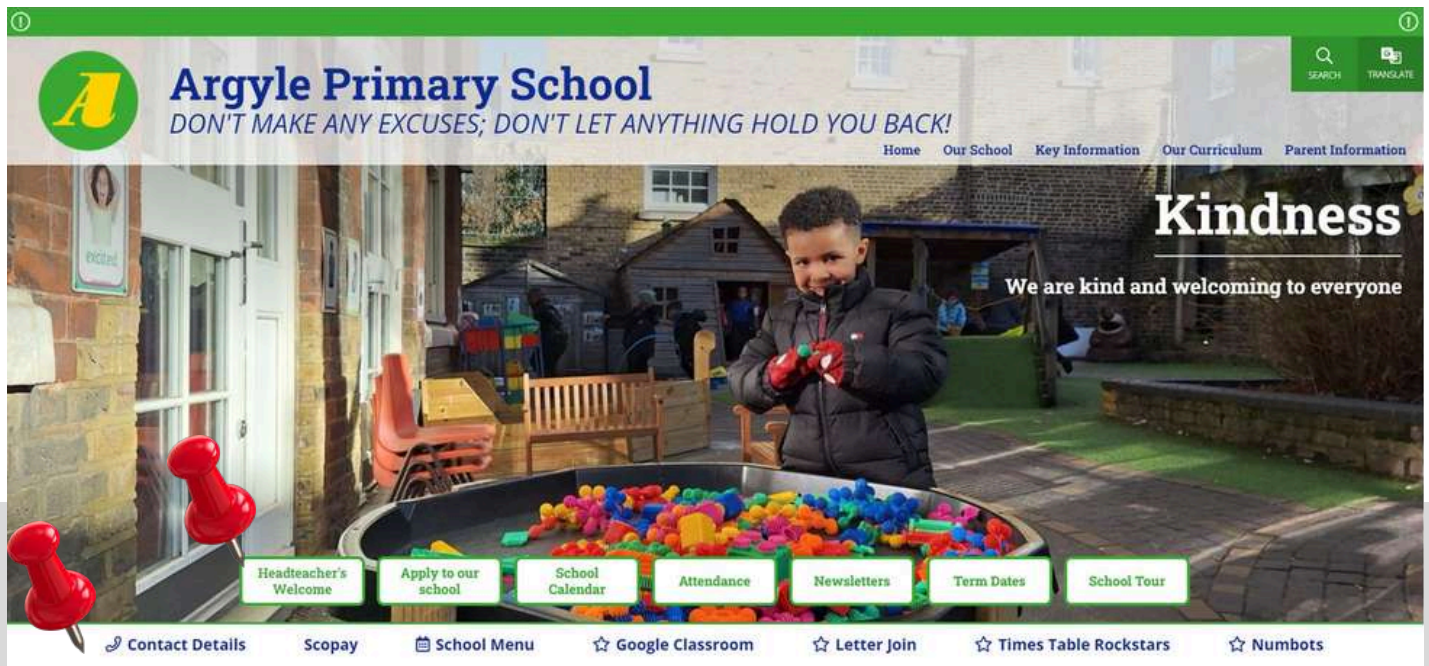
How much are penalty fines?

From August 2024, the fine for school absences across the country will be **£80** if paid within **21 days**, or **£160** if paid within **28 days**, per parent, per child.

In the case of repeated fines, if a parent receives a second fine for the same child within any three-year period, this will be charged at the higher rate of **£160** per parent, per child, the charge will not be reduced.

Fines per parent will be capped to **two fines within any three-year period**. Once this limit has been reached, other action like a parenting order or prosecution will be considered.

ARE YOU USING THE NEW WEBSITE?

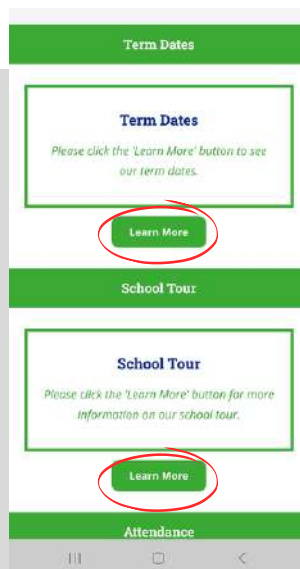
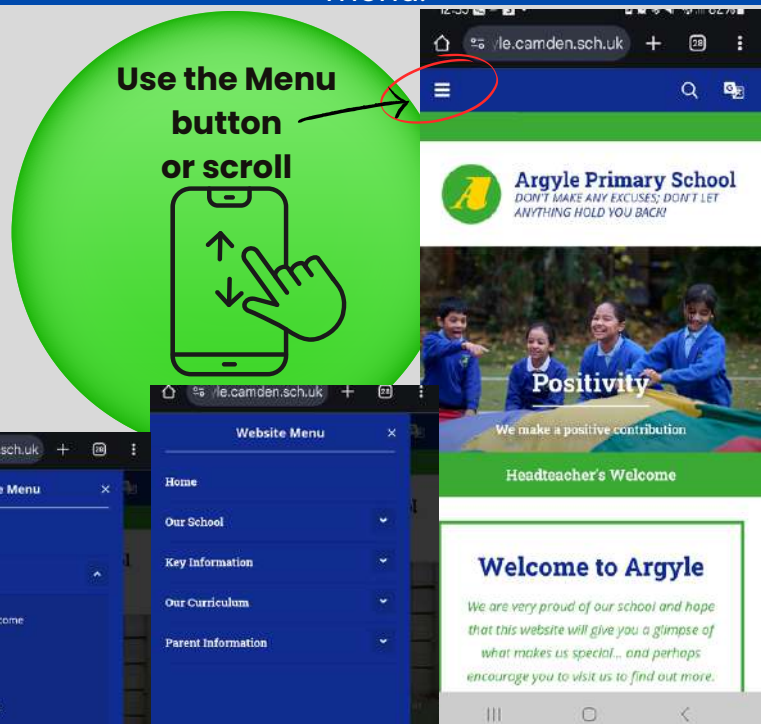


It has come to our attention that during the transition period from the old to the new website that parents may have had a negative experience with the new website.

We want to let you know that the website is up and working and full of information.

As always, we are open to feedback on how we can make it even better.

Use the quick links (shown by the red tacs) to access term dates, the school calendar, access to learning resources and the school menu.



On the mobile version, either scroll up and down for quick links, remember to press 'Learn more' to access information. Or use the menu button then the drop down options

Sports Tournament

YEAR 3 & 4 BENCHBALL COMPETITION

On Wednesday, selected pupils from Years 3 and 4 represented Argyle Primary School at a Benchball tournament at Talacre Community Sports Hall. Mixed with children from other Camden primary schools, our pupils displayed excellent teamwork, collaboration, and kindness, our value of the month.

The aim of Benchball is to pass the ball to a teammate in the goal area, with players allowed only two steps while holding the ball. Teamwork was key, and our pupils rose to the challenge.



Our children grasped the rules quickly and kept a positive attitude throughout. Their smiles and engagement during the games were the highlight of the event.

Well done to everyone involved!

KS2 Cooking - After School Club



This Thursday, our KS2 after-school cooking club whipped up a delicious finger-licking pasta salad.

The children got hands-on with fresh ingredients including pasta, eggs, spring onions, bell peppers, sweetcorn, cucumber, mayonnaise, and salad dressing.

Working together, they carefully chopped the ingredients into small pieces, combining everything in a large bowl before giving it a good mix. It was wonderful to see the pupils applying their kitchen safety knowledge, particularly when handling knives.

After all the hard work, the best part was tasting their creation, and of course, tackling the washing up! We're already looking forward to next week's dish. Stay tuned!

Community Notice

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Citizens Advice Camden

Financial Wellbeing & Energy Support for Parents/Carers at Argyle Primary School

Join the interactive workshop and learn about:

Budgeting

Energy saving tips

Credit & Borrowing

Grants and discounts

Priority & Non-Priority Bills

Smart meters

Economising to reduce costs

Your Energy Bills and tariffs

Date: **Monday 7th October**

Time: **9:30am**

Place: **STEAM Lab**

For more information: sharmina.khanom@argyle.camden.sch.uk



ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS
OF OTHER LANGUAGES
ESOL

LEARN ENGLISH FAST AT
ARGYLE
EVERY MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY
FROM 9AM -11AM

THIS CLASS IS OPEN TO ALL ADULT STUDENTS OF ALL LEVELS. YOU WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN ENGLISH FAST AT ARGYLE PRIMARY SCHOOL WITH OTHER STUDENTS.

WE WILL GO ON TRIPS TO LOCAL SITES AND LEARN EVERYDAY VOCABULARY.

WE WILL CONCENTRATE ON SPOKEN ENGLISH, ENGLISH PRONUNCIATION, READING AND WRITING.

WE WILL COVER WHAT STUDENTS WANT TO LEARN!

Come and see Belinda in the Family Learning Centre
at Argyle Primary School to register

BELINDA DRAKE IS A LECTURER EMPLOYED BY WESTMINSTER KINGSDOWN COLLEGE

