



# NEWSLETTER



## HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers,

We made it! 15 action packed weeks and we are still smiling. I don't think there is a child or adult who would not agree that we have achieved a lot this term.

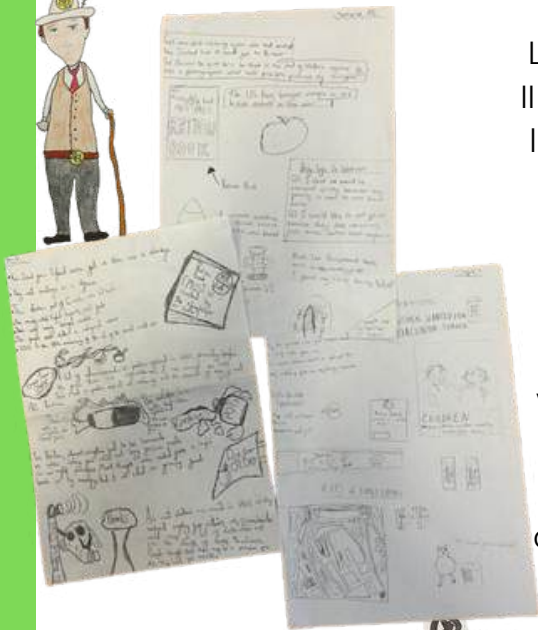
The school has been super festive this week but children have continued to produce beautiful writing and to test their skills with tricky maths problems. I have given out a lot of super learning power certificates. Now I would just like to say a HUGE thank you to everyone who has supported us. Thank you parents, for getting here on time, for following the uniform rules (mostly!) for supporting with reading and home learning and for attending special events and educational visits. Thank you volunteers for reading with children, tidying our grounds and supporting in classes. Thank you Friends of Argyle - for organising events and if further afield, reading our newsletters and sending messages of encouragement. Thank you to The Latin Programme, To Bloomsbury Football, to Coram's Field, to Maitland Chambers, to Action Tuition and to the Garden Classroom for enriching our curriculum. Thank you Argyle staff and governors- you're just brilliant. Finally, thank you to the children of Argyle - for being Argyle Stars, for making us proud and for making us smile. HAPPY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE!

*J. Wade*  
Head Teacher

# YEAR 6



On Friday, Year 6 visited the Camden Archives at Holborn Library to find out how Camden was affected by World War II and what life was like for civilians during the war years. The library staff had set out four tables covered with books and archive material. One was about Air Raid Precautions and the work that civilians did to keep London safe; another where children could look at maps and find out about bomb damage; the third was about daily life in wartime (rationing, health and evacuation) and the last was about VE Day and life in Post War Camden. The children received warm praise for their behaviour, their questions and enthusiasm. When they reported on what they had found out at the end, it was clear they had researched the topics well and pursued their own lines of enquiry as they could share a range of interesting facts.



# Year 5 Amethyst



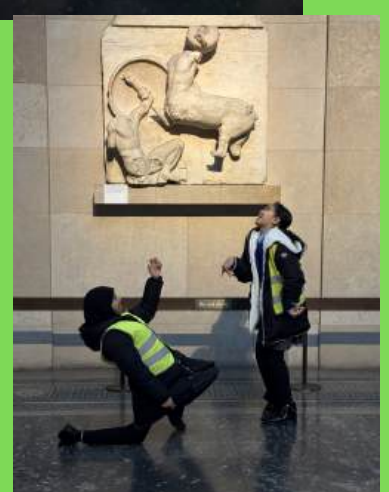
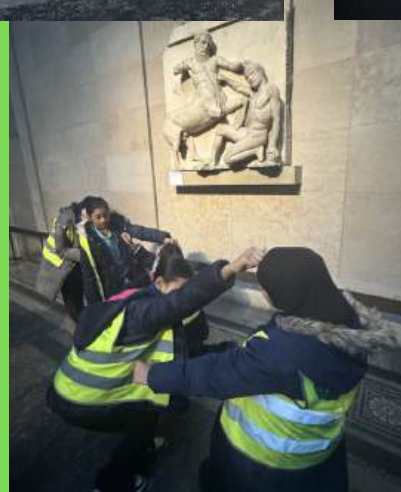
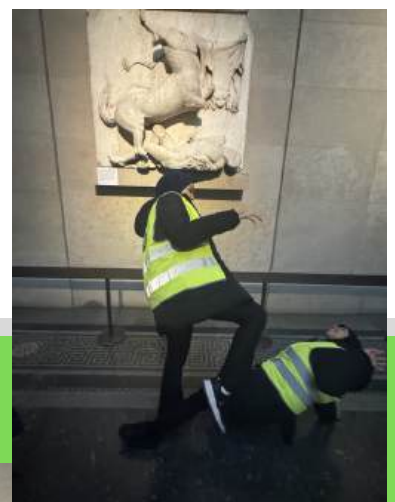
Last Friday, 5 Amethyst visited the British Museum to bring together all of their learning about Ancient Greece. The first thing that they spotted was the Greek influence on the architecture in the museum itself and in a number of buildings along the way..

"Look at the Ionic columns," exclaimed Tala.

They discovered characters from the Greek myths in the vases and pottery figures: the twelve labour of Heracles, Bellerophon riding Pegasus, the winged horse, and slaying the chimera.

When they reached the huge hall with the Parthenon sculptures and friezes, they were so impressed with the drama of it all that they decided to recreate them with their bodies.

Finally, in the gallery all about daily life, they showed us their knowledge on topics including democracy, theatre and the role of women in different city states.



# YEAR 1

Racing to the autumn term finish line, Year 1 Jade and Ruby celebrated their Instruction writing unit by following their handwritten recipe to decorate their own biscuit for one lesson and a sandwich for the following lesson. Children selected to make either a jam, cheese, tuna or salami sandwich. They were sure to include step-by-step instructions in their detailed method. Yahya made a cheese sandwich whilst Nuzhat made a jam sandwich, but they both concurred that their sandwiches were 'yummy'. The fun didn't stop there as the children feasted together on Wednesday with their teachers for a traditional Christmas lunch. Dressed to impress, the children arrived ready to party on Thursday and were even treated to a visit by a very merry Father Christmas. What a jolly time was had and now to all those near and far, from 1 Ruby and 1 Jade, Merry Christmas to all and we'll see you in 2025.





# RECEPTION



During the final week of the Autumn term, the children in Reception classes explored the poem of 'The Christmas Pine' by Julia Donaldson. Whilst listening to the poem, the children were able to talk about the journey that the tree takes from Norway to London. The children learned that every December in Trafalgar Square in central London, a huge Christmas tree is put up, decorated and lit. Not many people know that this tree is a gift from the city of Oslo, and that a tree has been given each year for over seventy years.

In Drawing Club the children had fun thinking up different ways to transport a tree from Norway to London. Each child drew a new type of transportation and labelled their drawing.



# NURSERY



This week was our final week on the topic of heroes and we enjoyed learning about the job of vets. The children learned that a vet is an animal doctor and they enjoyed dressing up and 'treating' sick cuddly toys in nursery. We read the book 'Collywobble', by Malachy Doyle, and found out that we can keep some kinds of animal as pets and other types of animals do jobs for us. Through reading our book we found out that animals can be heroes too! In our book, Collywobble is a tiny sheepdog who rescues his owner and another dog from a car crash. The children then learnt all about the different kinds of jobs that dogs do for humans, including doing very brave jobs like protecting us, guiding us and rescuing us. We realised that the superpowers of some superheroes are the same as the amazing abilities of certain animals, like wolverine, spiderman, batman, catwoman and antman. We played a game of match the superhero to the animal superpower.

This week in phonics the children learnt about the 'n' sound and words beginning with 'n', such as, Nihal, nose, numbers, nails, net and nut. The children were so brilliant at writing the letter 'n'!

In maths we rounded up our learning on numbers 1-6 this term by playing a 'roll the dice' game where the children took turns to roll and then counted out the correct number of counters to match the dice number that they had rolled.

We had our lovely class Christmas party in nursery this week - many thanks to our lovely parents for bringing food in for us to share! We even had had a very special guest! Santa dropped in to see the children and give them a Christmas present.



# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## JANUARY 2025

Wednesday 1st

# Happy New Year

Monday 6th

**Inset Day – School closed to pupils**  
**Event: New nursery pupils – Home Visits**

Tuesday 7th

**Children return to school – In line at 8.40am**  
**Trip:** 4 Onyx visit Neasden Hindu Temple from 9.30am – 3pm  
**Trip:** Selected pupils from Year 6 attend Football Tournament at Somers Town Sports Centre from 3.15pm – 5.15pm

Thursday 9th

**Trip:** 4 Emerald visit Neasden Hindu Temple from 9.30am – 3pm



Join the  
**Winter Reading Challenge**  
at your local library

9 December 2024 – 10 February 2025

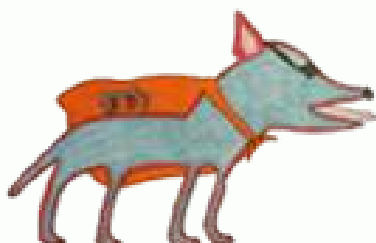
Browse our children's collection  
in person or online!



Read 3 books between  
9 December and 10 February

- \* You can read or listen to anything you like! Read a fact book, joke book, comic book, or story book.
- \* When you finish your reading record collect your certificate and sticker at the desk!
- \* Suitable for children ages 4-11.

Find more information about the challenge and winter reading events at your local library or on [camden.gov.uk/libraries](https://camden.gov.uk/libraries)



# Attendance & Punctuality



Week	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Rec: Jet	94	91	87	89	87	97	83
1 Jade	91	95	85	93	89	95	90
1 Ruby	96	99	94	93	92	94	97
2 Amber	92	96	93	89	89	93	92
2 Opal	99	99	91	99	100	94	92
3 Garnet	99	99	97	95	94	96	89
3 Pearl	95	94	96	97	95	97	86
4 Emerald	98	93	95	97	95	95	93
4 Onyx	92	99	96	92	93	93	94
5 Amethyst	91	92	97	98	98	94	93
6 Sapphire	97	100	99	99	96	96	92
Total	94	96	94	95	94	95	91
Camden	-						

Well done to **1 Ruby** for attaining or exceeding the target of **96%** attendance this week.

**Overall Attendance**  
**Autumn Term 2024**  
 Years 1 – 6 – **95.48%**  
 Reception – **88.22%**

**Celebrating 100% Attendance:  
 A Round of Applause for Our Stars!**

This term, we are thrilled to congratulate the **63** pupils who achieved an outstanding milestone: **100% attendance!** These remarkable students have not missed a single day of school, demonstrating unwavering dedication and commitment to their education.

Attendance is a cornerstone of academic success, and these pupils have set a shining example for their peers. By making school a priority, they have shown that consistency and effort truly pay off. Their achievement is a testament to the importance of showing up every day, ready to learn and grow.

We are incredibly proud of their accomplishment and hope their success inspires others to aim for perfect attendance in the future. Let's continue to encourage a culture of reliability and enthusiasm for learning within our school community.

**Congratulations to these outstanding pupils! You are an inspiration to us all.**



## 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**

# SCHOOL HOLIDAY & TERM DATES 2024 - 2025



## Autumn Term 2024 (73 days)

**Autumn 1:** Monday 2nd September 2024 - 25th October 2024 (38 days)

Pupils return to school on **Wednesday 4th September 2024**

**Half Term:** Monday 28th October 2024 - Friday 1st November 2024

**Autumn 2:** Monday 4th November 2024 - Friday 20th December 2024 (35 days)

Christmas Holidays: Monday 23rd December 2024 - Friday 3rd January 2025

## Spring Term 2025 (58 days)

**Spring 1:** Monday 6th January 2025 - Friday 14th February 2025 (29 days)

Pupils return to school on **Tuesday 7th January 2025**

**Half Term:** Monday 17th February 2025 - Friday 21st February 2025

**Spring 2:** Monday 24th February 2025 - Friday 4th April 2025 (29 days)

**Easter Holidays:** Monday 7th April 2025 - Monday 21st April 2025

## Summer Term 2025 (59 days)

**Summer 1:** Tuesday 22nd April 2025 - Friday 23rd May 2025 (23 days)

Pupils return to school on **Tuesday 22nd April 2025**

**Half Term:** Monday 26th May 2025 - Friday 30th May 2025

**Summer 2:** Monday 2nd June 2025 - Tuesday 22nd July 2025 (36 days)

### Inset Days

- Monday 2nd September 2024
- Tuesday 3rd September 2024
- Monday 6th January 2025
- 31st March 2025
- Monday 9th June 2025

### Bank Holidays

- Christmas Day Wednesday 25th December 2024
- Boxing Day Thursday 26th December 2024
- New Years Day Wednesday 1st January 2025
- Good Friday Friday 18th April 2025
- Easter Monday Monday 21st April 2025
- May Day Monday 5th May 2025
- Spring Bank Holiday Monday 26th May 2025