



# NEWSLETTER



## HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parent/carer,

Can you imagine a scenario where children from every Camden primary and secondary school got together to sing and play instruments in front of an audience of 1000s at the Royal Albert Hall? That is exactly what happened on Wednesday evening. Our choir of 32 children, together with 6 instrumentalists performed alongside their musical peers from every school in the borough. We were treated to songs from the massed primary choirs (conducted by our own music teacher Annette Pryce) and to performances by Camden children's ensembles, bands and orchestras.

The quality of music was excellent and the enthusiasm and energy ensured an unforgettable night for all of us.

This afternoon, our week concluded with our traditional May Day celebration - with every child from nursery to Year 6, performing a traditional dance in our sunny playground. Well done everyone for a joyous celebration of Spring.

*J. Wade*

**Head Teacher**

# Nursery

We continued learning about minibeasts this week as part of our 'All creatures great and small' topic. We read the book 'Aarrgh spider' by Lydia Monks. The children found out that spiders have 8 legs that grow out of their heads, not their bodies! Spiders spin webs and have special body parts called spinnerets, from which they pull the silky threads to make their webs. We found that spiders became less scary the more we learned about them. The children then used their new-found knowledge to draw their own spiders.

We practised spotting minibeasts on our small world play table throughout the week and the children learnt that different minibeasts live in different habitats. Then we went on a minibeast hunt outside in the nursery garden. The children were brilliant at hunting and found some great minibeasts including woodlice, snails and ants. In our stay and play session, children and parents worked together to make their own minibeast habitats by gluing soil, twigs, leaves and grass to a piece of card. They then glued images of minibeasts in their habitats.

This week in maths we started our Summer 1 maths focus book 'Maisy goes camping', which is all about numbers 1-5. We started by reading the story and then we retold it, using 5 counters to represent the characters. We discussed how the number changed (got less) as more of Maisy's friends went inside the tent, and we couldn't see them anymore. Later on in the week the children got to tell their own versions of the story, using counters and little tents made from card! And finally, we had great fun retelling the story using children as the characters, and a blanket as the tent.

The Foundling Museum also paid us a visit this week. Artist Matt Shaw worked with the children to explore the theme of shelter and what it means to feel safe. The children explored a range of materials and sculpted their own shelters to hide and play in.





# RECEPTION



In Reception this week, the children have been reading the story '**From Seed to Sunflower**'. They watched a time-lapse video which showed a sunflower growing over a number of weeks and months and tried to use the correct vocabulary when describing what was happening. This helped the children to create their own sunflower life cycle pictures. Also this week the children have been designing their own fair test to identify what plants need to grow. Over the next couple of weeks they will be looking to see what happens to the different tests. This will help them to understand what happens to plants if they don't have sunlight or water.

We have been very busy growing a variety of plants such as radish, cress, spring onions, chard, potatoes, carrots and tomatoes. We are very excited to look after these seeds and watch them grow and change.



# YEAR 1

Year 1 have dived into some fantastic learning this week. On Tuesday, the children pretended they went into a magical cave leading to be deep down in the sea. The children observed the animals in the sea and agreed that this is the setting for our new story for the term, The Rainbow Fish. On Wednesday, the children sequenced the story and practiced retelling it to their classmates. Yayha shared, 'The Rainbow Fish was sad to not have any friends.' In the afternoon, Ruby class soaked up the sun in the Garden Classroom, where they tried many activities. First, the session began with a May Pole dance around Mrs Robinson as the May Pole, much to their delight. Afterwards, the children played in the mud kitchen, painted using watercolours, created beautiful leaf rubbings with pastels and celebrated the summery weather by making some refreshing lemonade. Adiyen exclaimed, 'This is so sour! I like it!'



# Year 2



We started the week with some particularly creative and expressive painting in art. The children explored primary colours and making secondary colours using a homemade painting palette out of cardboard boxes. They also experimented with making lots of different marks with some tools such as pencils, cardboard cut outs and paintbrushes.

In English, the children have started to plan for their Quest tale by writing some interesting character descriptions and planning what their character will lose in their problem. We have been impressed by the creativity the children have demonstrated when planning their story and can't wait to see how their stories form.

In Maths, we've been continuing our learning on fractions by exploring unit fractions and non-unit fractions. The classes have been identifying and providing examples of halves, quarters, thirds of shapes and of numbers.

In preparation for the May Day dance, we created some colourful sashes which the children showed off during the May Day dance.



# YOUNG WOMEN'S DAY

On Thursday, a group of Year 3&4 girls, took part in an exciting Young Women's Day event at Coram's Fields. The day was packed with energetic 45-minute sessions in football, dance, and basketball, giving the students a chance to try new activities and build their confidence. They also enjoyed playing the fun and fast-paced flag game, and were grouped with children from another school to encourage teamwork and new friendships. This helped them develop strong communication skills and learn the value of cooperation.

A special highlight of the day was when a couple of our girls were chosen to receive medals for showing outstanding teamwork and participation. These medals were presented by none other than Ellie, a professional Great Britain rugby player, making the moment even more inspiring.

It was a fantastic experience for all involved, and we're proud of the way our students represented the school with enthusiasm and respect.



Up Coming

# AUTHOR VISIT

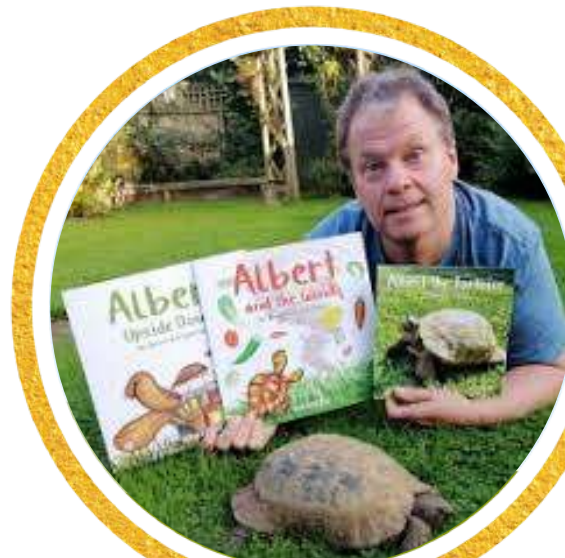
We are delighted to be welcoming children's book author Ian Brown to Argyle on **Wednesday 7th May**, where he will be sharing his books and talking about his journey to becoming an author. Mr Brown has worked as a television script writer and producer for over 40 years. One day five years ago his pet tortoise went into the garden and ended up upside down. This gave Mr Brown an idea which started his journey of becoming a published author.

Use the links below to see Mr. Brown reading some of his stories.

**If you would like to buy a copy of one his books, you can do so after school on Wednesday and you might even get it signed! Books will each cost £6 and payments can be made in cash or by card.**

<https://youtu.be/Hyw7Hxn3hMQ?feature=shared>

<https://youtu.be/nCy1PwB9YM8?feature=shared>



# MAY DAY 2025



# Attendance & Punctuality



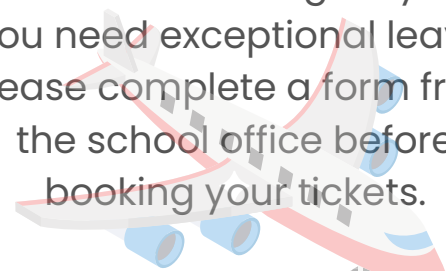
Week	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rec: Jet	92	95				
1 Jade	82	91				
1 Ruby	88	88				
2 Amber	96	97				
2 Opal	89	99				
3 Garnet	97	98				
3 Pearl	96	95				
4 Emerald	97	98				
4 Onyx	90	91				
5 Amethyst	95	94				
6 Sapphire	98	99				
Total	92	95				
Camden	94	-				

Congratulations to **2 Amber, 2 Opal, 3 Garnet, 3 Pearl, 4 Emerald** and **6 Sapphire** for achieving the target of 96% attendance this week.

## Exceptional Leave:

Parents are reminded not to book holidays during school term time.

If there is an emergency and you need exceptional leave, please complete a form from the school office before booking your tickets.



We would like to remind parents that taking holidays less than 5 days can still be referred for a penalty notice. You may not be issued a Penalty Notice but you will be invited to a Legal Authority Meeting with Camden's Attendance and Children Out of School Team in Camden offices.

## 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**

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## MAY

Monday 5th

**BANK HOLIDAY - school closed**

Tuesday 6th

**Trip:** Year 1 to British Library from 10.45am - 12.15pm

Wednesday 7th

**Trip:** Selected pupils from Years 3 & 4 attend Football Tournament at Parliament Hill Fields from 2.30pm - 6.30pm

Thursday 8th

**Trip:** 1 Ruby visit London Zoo from 9am - 3pm

Monday 12th

**Tuition:** Year 5 & 6 Action Tuition from 3.15pm - 4.30pm

Thursday 15th

**Trip:** 3 Garnet visit British Museum from 9.30am - 12.30pm

Friday 16th

**Trip:** 6 Sapphire visit Hampstead Heath from 9.45am - 3.15pm  
**Trip:** 1 Jade visit London Zoo from 9am - 3pm

Monday 19th

**Tuition:** Year 5 & 6 Action Tuition from 3.15pm - 4.30pm

Tuesday 20th

**Event:** 4 Emerald Class Assembly at 8.55am - Parents invited

Thursday 22nd

**Event:** 3 Garnet Class Assembly at 8.55am - Parents invited

**Half Term Holiday - 26<sup>th</sup> May - 30<sup>th</sup> May**

## JUNE

Monday 2nd

**Pupils return to school**

Tuesday 3rd

**Trip:** Selected Year 5 pupils to attend Platform Cricket Final in Blackheath from 8.30am - 4.15pm

# SCHOOL HOLIDAY & TERM DATES (SUMMER TERM) 2024 - 2025



Argyle  
Primary  
School

## 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 Day Remaining**
- Monday 9th June 2025

#### Bank Holidays Remaining

- May Day Monday 5th May 2025
- Spring Bank Holiday Monday 26th May 2025

# SCHOOL HOLIDAY & TERM DATES 2025 - 2026



Argyle  
Primary  
School

## Autumn Term 2025 (73 days)

**Autumn 1:** Monday 1st September 2025 - 24th October 2025 (38 days excluding the 2 INSET days)

Pupils return to school on **Wednesday 3rd September 2025**

**Half Term:** Monday 27th October 2025 - Friday 31st October 2025

**Autumn 2:** Monday 3rd November 2025 - Friday 19th December 2025 (35 days)

**Christmas Holidays:** Monday 22nd December 2025 - Friday 2nd January 2026

# Community Notices

1a Children's Centre, Family Hub and Nursery

## Positive Parenting Programme

For parents with children under 5 years.

Discussion Groups:

**2 Hours for 5 weeks**

Positive Parenting is about:

- Developing a good routine
- Reducing stress and building confidence
- Praise, rewards and effective routines
- Strengthening your parenting skills
- Encouraging your child's development

**FREE**  
for Camden parents

**Day:** Thursdays  
**Time:** 9.15-11.30 am  
**Where:** 1 a Children's  
Centre, Family Hub and  
Nursey  
1a Rosebery Avenue, EC1R  
4SR  
From 8<sup>th</sup> May-12<sup>th</sup> June  
2025



Please sign up for the courses, on:

[Groups and courses for parents - Camden Council.](#)

Scan the QR code or email: [familyhubs@camden.gov.uk](mailto:familyhubs@camden.gov.uk)



## SEND SURGERY

Camden's SEND and Inclusion Service invites you to our Drop-in Surgeries to get answers to your questions.

Meet with:

- SEND officers
- Educational Psychologists
- Team managers
- Social care professionals
- Health care professionals
- Assisted travel professionals

Upcoming dates:

Tuesday 22 April, 10.30am to 12.30pm

Tuesday 3 June, 10.30am to 12.30pm

Tuesday 15 July, 10.30am to 12.30pm

Where: Crowndale centre, 218 Eversholt street,  
NW1 1BD



# Lunch Menu

## SUMMER 2025

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
<b>WEEK ONE</b> 21 <sup>st</sup> April 12 <sup>th</sup> May 9 <sup>th</sup> June 30 <sup>th</sup> June 21 <sup>st</sup> July 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept 13 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>Vegetarian (Green)</b>	Vegetarian Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Creamy Cheese & Butterbean Macaroni	Soya Mince Cottage Pie with Gravy	Chinese Vegetable Curry with Rice	Beetroot & Lentil Burger with Chips
	<b>Meat (Blue)</b>	Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Chicken Pasta with Garlic & Herb Bread	Cottage pie with Gravy	Creamy Chicken & Coconut Curry with Rice	Breaded Fish with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	<b>Jacket Potato (Red)</b>	with Salmon Mayonnaise	with Cheese or Vegan Shaeese	with Baked Beans	with Five Bean Chilli & Rainbow Slow	with Chickpea curry
	<b>Dessert</b>	Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit	Wholemeal Peach & Carrot Cake with Custard	Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit	Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit	Strawberry Jelly with Peaches
<b>WEEK TWO</b> 28 <sup>th</sup> April 19 <sup>th</sup> May 16 <sup>th</sup> June 7 <sup>th</sup> July 8 <sup>th</sup> Sept 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>Vegetarian (Green)</b>	Spicy Vegetable Lentil Couscous	Chickpea & Vegetable Biryani	Quorn & Black Bean Fajitas with Mexican Rice	Beetroot, Butternut Squash & Lentil Wellington with Potatoes & Gravy	Cheese and Tomato Quiche
	<b>Meat (Blue)</b>	Beef Mexican Chilli with Rice	Beef & Lentil Bolognaisse with Penne Pasta	Roast Turkey, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	Caribbean Spiced Chicken Curry with Rice and Peas	Breaded Fish with Chips and Tomato Sauce
	<b>Jacket Potato (Red)</b>	with Cheese or Vegan Shaeese	with Baked Beans	with Tuna & Sweetcorn Mayonnaise	with Five Bean Chilli & Rainbow Slow	with Lentil Bolognaisse
	<b>Dessert</b>	Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit	Mandarin Sponge Cake with Custard	Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit	Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit or Cookie	Peach and Strawberry Crumble with Custard
<b>WEEK THREE</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 14 <sup>th</sup> July 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>Vegetarian (Green)</b>	Lentil and Sweet Potato Curry with rice	Turkish Vegan Soya Kofta with Couscous	Fritata or Spanish omelette	Chinese Vegetable Noodles (V)	Cheese Whirl with New Potatoes
	<b>Meat (Blue)</b>	Peri-Peri Chicken with Chips, Sweetcorn Salsa	Chicken Tomato, Lentil & Roasted Vegetables with Pasta	Roast chicken with roast potatoes & gravy	Beef & onion Pie with Sweet Potato wedges	Fishfingers with Steamed New Potatoes or Chips
	<b>Jacket Potato (Red)</b>	with Lentil Bolognaisse	with Baked Beans	with Cheese or Vegan Shaeese	with Chickpea curry	with Tuna & Sweetcorn Mayonnaise
	<b>Dessert</b>	Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit or Cookie	Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit	Apple and Pear Crumble with Custard	Pineapple Upside Down Cake	Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit or Ice Cream
<b>MENU KEY</b>	<p><b>ALLERGY INFORMATION:</b> If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods, please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance, you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of cross contamination.</p>					