



# NEWSLETTER



## HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parent/carer,

Welcome to the final half term of the academic year. Our Argyle Adventure has already included a fresh and fun filled trip to the seaside, NSPCC Workshops and, of course, children across the school showing their skill as they tackle a range of assessments.

There is no such thing as a quiet week at this time of year, so it was good to see children and staff return after the half term break, looking refreshed and raring to go.

Inside this newsletter is a special message from our Chair of Governors. Do read it carefully.

Eid Mubarak to all our staff, families and friends celebrating today.

*Eid Mubarak*

*J. Wade*

**Head Teacher**



June 2025



Dear Parents,

I am writing to ensure that you are clear about important changes to the law regarding penalty notices for unauthorised absence from school.

The new National Framework for Penalty Notices for school absence, including unauthorised holiday absence, was introduced following changes to the law since 19 August 2024, and we wanted to bring this to your attention now, as it will affect when penalty notices are issued in England.

### What are the changes?

1. There will be a new national threshold of 10 unauthorised sessions for any reason (equivalent to 5 school days) within a rolling 10 school week period for when a penalty notice must be considered.
2. There will be an increase in the penalty fine from £60 to £80 if paid in 21 days. If the fine is not paid by the first 21 days, it will rise to £160 if paid within 28 days of being issued.
3. If a second penalty fine is issued to the same parent for the same child within a 3-year rolling period, the fine will automatically rise to £160 with no option to pay the lower rate of £80.
4. If a parent then commits a third offence in a 3-year rolling period, the local authority will need to consider other enforcement options available to them.

As a school we have worked hard to improve attendance and reduce absence - and are doing well. At the end of 2023-24 academic year our overall absence 5.3% was below National and Camden, a good achievement. In Autumn 2024 it reduced further to 4.5% - below Camden's rate of 5.6%.

However things can change quickly and the illness of the spring term and summer 1 has had a dramatic impact on attendance. Furthermore so far this year, 26 families have taken unauthorised leave, 10 of these leave periods have led to Penalty Notice fines being issued.

As a school we are under pressure to raise attainment and improve attendance. We have to implement guidance strictly. Please do not plan term time leave.

I would like to thank parents and carers for their support in making sure that children do not miss any valuable learning time.

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Mark Chesher, Chair of Governors



# Nursery

We continued with our topic of 'All creatures great and small' this week by travelling to the continent of North America. We read the book 'We're going on a bear hunt', by Michael Rosen. Then we learnt about animals that live in North America on the small-world-play table, where the children tried to find toy animals like buffalo, brown bear, moose and racoon, and then tick them off on their clipboard checklists. Elaura and Ibrahim said "moose looks like a kind of deer" and Nihal said "alligator looks like black crocodile".

In phonics and writing this week the children continued practising writing their names, and learning about the first sounds in their names. We played a phonics game called 'name play' to find other words that have the same first sound as our own. I was 'Jellyfish-Jo', and we had Marbles-Micha, Zigzag-Zahra, Helicopter-Humayra and Invitation-Ihram. Our sound this week in phonics was the 'qu' sound, and we learnt about words that begin with 'qu' like 'queen', 'quack' and 'quick'. The children also learnt that the 'qu' sound is made by two letters, 'q' and 'u'. I was so impressed by their brilliant writing of 'qu'.

In Maths this week the children continued practising how to order numerals 1 to 6 and match the correct dice and finger numbers to the correct numerals. We also focused in on number 3, by learning how to recognise the numeral 3 and counting out the correct number of counters to represent 3.

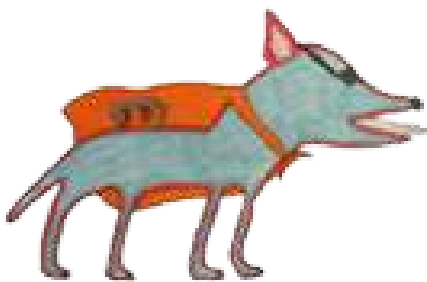




# RECEPTION



This week the children in Reception have been learning about food and where it comes from. They discussed farms and the types of animals that live there. They learnt that different items come from farms, such as milk, cheese, eggs, bread and even wool to make clothes. Following this, the children read the story of 'The Little Red Hen' and discussed the moral behind the tale. They used words such as unhelpful and selfish to describe the characters in the story that did not help the Little Red Hen, and then talked about how it is important to be helpful. In maths, the children have been showing their number knowledge up to 10 by ordering numbers and then showing one more than a given number.



# YEAR 1

Our Year 1 children had a fantastic time on their special trip to Margate yesterday! Despite the cool temperatures, their excitement and energy shone through as they paddled in the sea, built sandcastles with their buckets and spades, and enjoyed a lovely picnic right on the beach. It was a joyful day filled with laughter, fresh sea air, and sandy toes – a wonderful experience the children will remember for a long time.

**Ahmed S- This is so good!**

**Aaniyah- This is the best day ever!**

**Faith- The pool is cool!**

**Noura- I like the paddling pool!**

**Karim- Look at our sandcastle! It has a moat!**

Special **'Thanks'** to the wonderful parents who supported us despite the poor weather forecast.

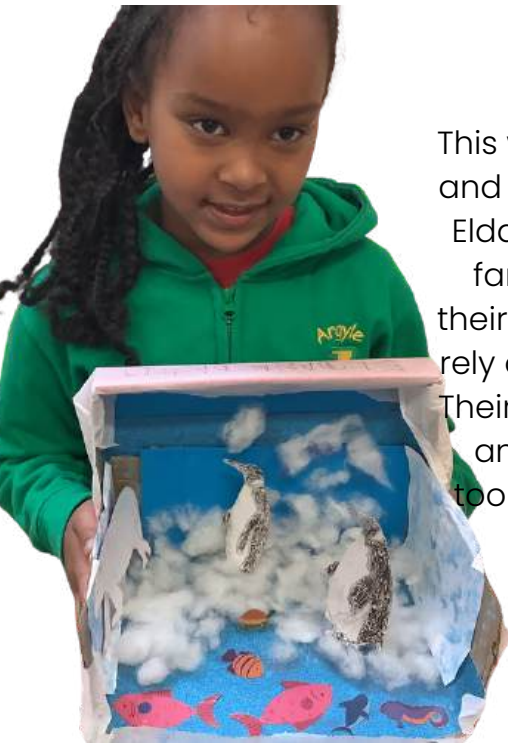


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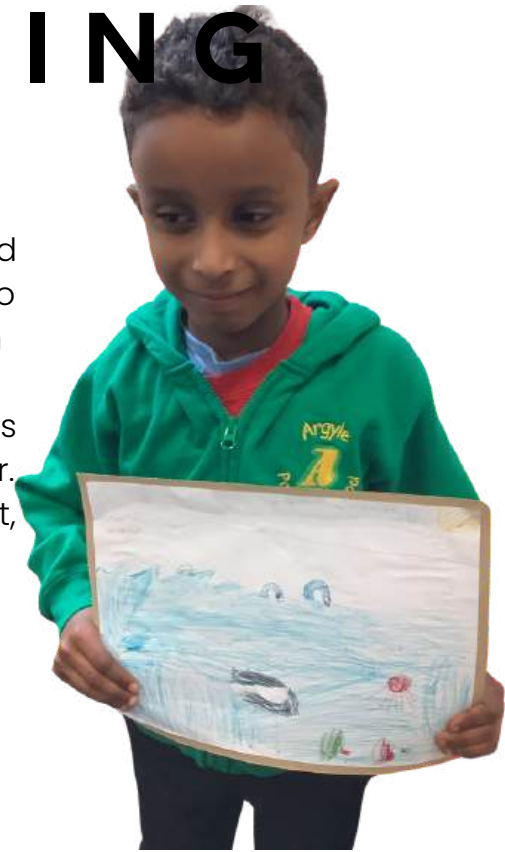


# YEAR 2

## HOME LEARNING

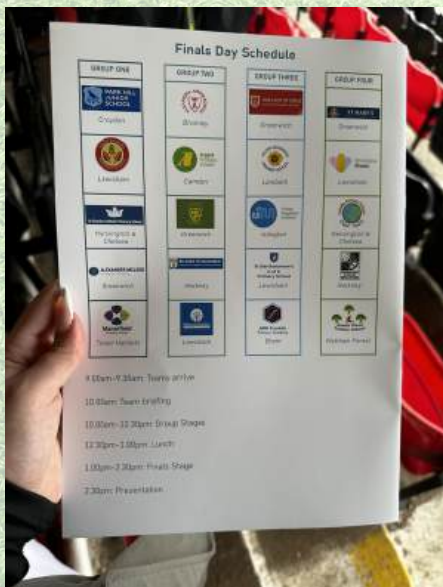


This week, Year 2 have returned refreshed and ready to learn. A special well done to Eldana and Mohamoud, who brought in fantastic half-term projects, linked to their science learning about how animals rely on their habitats for food and shelter. Their creativity and effort really stood out, and it was a joy to see the pride they took in sharing their work with the class.



# YEAR 5 TAKE ON PLATFORM CRICKET!

On Tuesday, 8 of our enthusiastic Year 5 pupils recently represented our school in the Platform Cricket tournament in Blackheath Cricket Club in South East London. They played against teams from 20 different schools across various London boroughs. Despite the unpredictable weather, our team showed incredible determination, teamwork, and sportsmanship throughout the event. They gave it their all on the pitch and were a credit to the school, finishing 15th overall. A fantastic effort. Well done, team!



# Attendance & Punctuality



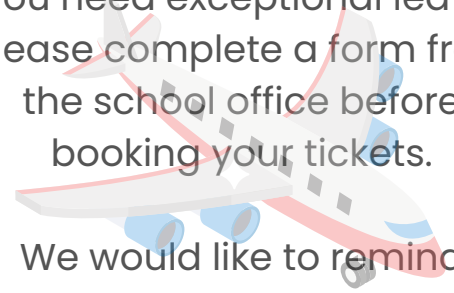
Week	6	7	8	9	10	11
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1 Jade	92					
1 Ruby	91					
2 Amber	94					
2 Opal	96					
3 Garnet	94					
3 Pearl	94					
4 Emerald	97					
4 Onyx	94					
5 Amethyst	95					
6 Sapphire	98					
Total	94					
Camden	-					

Congratulations to **2 Opal**, **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

## JUNE



Wednesday 11th

**Class Photographs**

Thursday 12th

**Trip:** Jet Group 1 to visit London Zoo from 10am – 2pm  
**Event:** Year 5 parent PHSE meeting at 9am

Friday 13th

**Trip:** Year 2 pupils on Seaside Trip from 9am – 5.30pm  
**Event:** Year 6 parent PHSE meeting at 9am in the FLC

Tuesday 17th

**Trip:** Selected pupils attend La Liga Football Competition from 9.30am – 2.30pm

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>

**Trip:** Jet Group 2 to visit London Zoo from 10am – 2pm  
**Event:** Bonsall Primary visiting Year 4

Friday 20th

**Trip:** Selected Year 6 pupils attend Football Competition from 9.30am – 3.15pm

Monday 23rd

**KS2 Sports Day**



Tuesday 24th

**Trip:** Nursery Group 1 to visit London Zoo from 9.30am – 2pm  
**Trip:** 5 Amethyst to visit London Zoo from 9.15am – 2pm

Wednesday 25th

**Reception and KS1 Sports Day**



Thursday 26th

**Trip:** Year 4 Bonsall overnight camping trip leaving at 8.15am  
**Event:** 3 Pearl class assembly at 8.55am – Parents invited

Friday 27th

**Trip:** Nursery Group 2 to visit London Zoo from 9.30am – 2pm  
**Trip:** Year 4 Bonsall overnight camping trip return at 3.30pm

## JULY

Tuesday 1st

**Event:** 2 Amber class assembly at 8.55am – Parents invited  
**Trip:** Selected children from Year 4 to Platform Cricket U9 Inter-Schools Festival 2025 at Regents Park from 9am – 3.30pm

# Community Notices

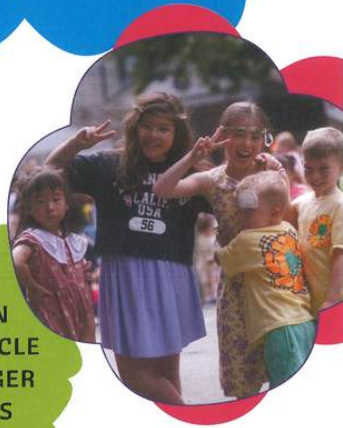
FREE ENTRY

6<sup>th</sup> August 12 - 4 pm  
**Coram's Fields PlayDay 2025**

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SCAN TO LEARN MORE



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Camden

## Celebrate Father's Day in Camden

Free healthy snacks

FREE  
For Camden Dads, male carers, and their families

Saturday, 14 June 2025  
10am – 3pm

Castlehaven Community Park  
26 Castlehaven Road,  
London, NW1 8PU



Activities include:

- Bouncy castle
- Face painting
- Mini bumper cars and teacups
- Total Wipeout
- Hand and foot canvas printing
- Football tournament (Yrs 1-6, Camden Primary Schools only). Organised by Pro Touch SA

Booking required

Scan the QR code to:

- Register to attend the event
- Book a football tournament place



## Enjoy books together!

Join our book activity sessions with your child. These fun and interactive sessions have been designed by Coram Beanstalk to support parents to:

- Discover the **joy and fun** of sharing books together
- Build **new skills** in reading aloud to your child
- **Encourage your child** to explore and enjoy a range of books

These activity sessions are designed for both parent and child to attend together.

Sessions are for children aged 2, 3 and 4 and are free to attend. Families attend all three sessions.

Sessions:

Tuesday 10 June, Tuesday 17 June, and Tuesday 24 June, 10.00am - 11.00am

Holborn Library,  
32 Theobalds Road, WC1X 8PA

Interested in attending?

Register using the link or QR code:

[Register here](#)



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