



# NEWSLETTER



## HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE

Today we celebrated the end of the first, very long, half term of the year with a delicious feast cooked for staff by parents. What a treat!

This half term feast has become something of a tradition in recent years and it is a highlight that we all look forward to. Thank you to our talented parent team.

Thank you also to all parents for getting your children to school on time, for sticking to our uniform rules, supporting on trips, helping with homework and of course, for reading with your children.

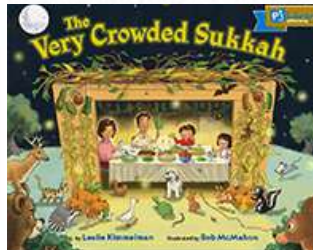
Today at our book giveaway we ensured every child went home with new books to read together next week. Enjoy!

*J. Wade*  
Head Teacher

# Nursery

This week, we continued exploring our topic of Nursery Rhymes. The children enjoyed singing some favourites including **Old MacDonald, The Animal Fair, Polly Put the Kettle On, and I'm a Little Teapot**. Singing together helps build language, rhythm, and memory – and it's great fun too!

🎵 Scan the QR code to enjoy Old MacDonald and more rhymes at home with your child.



We also held a lovely Stay and Play session, inspired by the Colours book from the fantastic Bookstart pack. Parents shared the story with their children, then joined in with a fun colour-matching activity. The session ended with the children proudly creating their own colourful crowns. A big thank you to Bookstart for these engaging and educational book packs!

In our literacy and cultural learning this week, we read **The Very Crowded Sukkah** by Leslie Kimmelman. The story tells of a family building a Sukkah—a special hut used during the Jewish festival of Sukkot—and how a group of animals finds shelter inside it during a storm. We learned that a Sukkah is a safe space where people can gather and do meaningful things together.

To link with this story, we:

- Created Harvest Festival decorations of fruit and vegetables
- Talked about harvest time and the important work of farmers
- Collected leaves and seeds during our outdoor explorations
- Designed and built miniature Sukkahs using junk modelling materials for the animals in the story

It's been a rich and busy week full of creativity, learning, and storytelling! Thank you for your continued support.



# RECEPTION



This week in Reception, we began our new topic, 'Traditional Tales', by exploring the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. The children discovered that this story is over 200 years old and were excited to find many different versions in our Reception library.

In Maths, we learned about voting! The children used their new skills to vote for which stories to read at hometime. Three stories were recommended by the children: Goldilocks and the 3 Dinosaurs by Mo Willems (Elaura), Shh! We Have a Plan by Chris Haughton (Vlad), and Where Bear by Sophy Henn (Ibrahim). Most children voted for Goldilocks and the 3 Dinosaurs, which was read first, though all the recommended stories will be shared eventually. 😊

In RE, we continued learning about the story of the Good Samaritan, another very old story. The children learned that Jesus told stories, called parables, to help people understand how to live good lives and make kind choices. We discussed the actions of the characters and what making good choices looks like in Reception. Zayan said, "We be kind and help each other," Micha said, "We can share toys," and Amara said, "We should do good sitting and listening to the teacher." Later, many children enjoyed playing 'Good Samaritan' games outside.



# YEAR 1

On Monday, Year 1 had a wonderful trip to St Pancras Church to learn all about baptism. We saw the font, where babies and children are baptised with holy water, and learned that the water helps people feel part of God's family.

We also discovered the meaning of the baptism candle, which reminds everyone that Jesus is the Light of the World. To make it even more fun, we watched a baptism ceremony using a baby doll and took turns pretending to be the mum, dad, and godparents. It was an exciting and memorable experience for everyone!



Luna - We had a great time at the church and learned so much about this special ceremony. I couldn't wait to tell my family about it!

## DID YOU KNOW?

The long band of cloth worn around the neck is called a 'STOLE'



On Wednesday, we enjoyed our third garden classroom! We explored the garden, listening to birds, feeling the fresh breeze, and noticing the different shapes, colours, and textures of leaves, some even had tiny holes where insects had nibbled.

Eden taught us what plants need to grow: sunlight, water, air, and soil.

We had lots of fun making wands, playing in the mud kitchen, searching for colours, walking across the rope bridge, swinging in the hammock, and finishing with a story by the pond. Sitting on the grass and listening to the peaceful sounds of the garden reminded us that learning outside is both fun and relaxing!

Esam - I can't wait to go back and see what's new in the garden next time!



## Amazing Home Projects:

Amira - My train has a track and flowers.



Hafsa - This is my transport; it can float on the river and collect autumn leaves.



Kenza - I made a weather station, one collects rain water and the other one tells the way the wind is going.



# YEAR 2

On Tuesday, Year 2 enjoyed a wonderful trip to Highgate Wood to support their learning about seasonal changes.



The children eagerly explored the woodland, searching for signs of autumn and thinking deeply about things that are alive, dead, or have never been alive—like a park bench!

Armed with tally charts, the children recorded the three different types of leaves they found, as well as any fungi they spotted. There was lots of excitement when Isa exclaimed, “*These mushrooms look like pancakes!*”



After their nature walk, the class had a fantastic time in the playground, making the most of the crisp autumn weather.

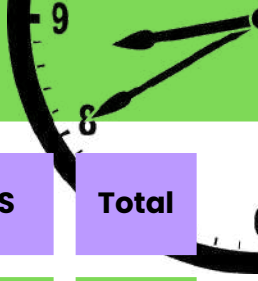
Mehdiya showed great courage on the zipline, calling out to her friends, “*It’s not scary—try it!*” Her encouragement inspired many others to have a go.

It was a delightful day of discovery, teamwork, and outdoor fun—well done, Year 2!





# Attendance & Punctuality



Class	1J	2A	2O	3P	4E	4O	5A	5Q	6S	Total
Week 1	98%	85%	84%	95%	92%	94%	96%	83%	100%	96%
Week 2	97%	95%	95%	99%	96%	98%	95%	94%	99%	96%
Week 3	96%	87%	95%	94%	92%	93%	95%	91%	97%	94%
Week 4	95%	89%	95%	96%	96%	96%	94%	91%	97%	96%
Week 5	94%	96%	94%	97%	99%	96%	95%	95%	95%	95%
Week 6	96%	92%	95%	96%	95%	95%	95%	93%	97%	92%
Week 7	75%	93%	93%	96%	93%	83%	91%	98%	90%	90%
Week 8	93%	94%	84%	93%	94%	86%	92%	96%	85%	90%

Congratulations to **5 Quartz** 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 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

## NOVEMBER

Monday 3rd	<b>Children return to school - 8.45am</b> ESOL class in FLC 9:30 to 11:30am Year 6 Action Tuition - 3.15pm to 4.30pm Parents Progress Evening (Mon - Thurs) NO CLUBS THIS WEEK
Tuesday 4th	Year 5 swimming - 11am to 12pm Year 5 Richard Reeves Tuition - 3.15pm to 4.30pm Parents Progress Evening (Mon - Thurs) NO CLUBS THIS WEEK
Wednesday 5th	ESOL class in FLC 9:30 to 11:30am Year 5 Action Tuition - 3.15pm to 4.30pm Parents Progress Evening (Mon - Thurs) NO CLUBS THIS WEEK
Thursday 6th	Year 5 to Holborn Library for DT workshop - 9.30am to 12pm Year 6 swimming - 11am to 12pm Year 6 Richard Reeves Tuition - 3.15pm to 4.30pm Parents Progress Evening (Mon - Thurs) NO CLUBS THIS WEEK
Friday 7th	Year 6 to The Salvation Army for Junior Citizens - 12pm to 3.10pm
Monday 10th	ESOL class in FLC 9:30 to 11:30am Year 6 Action Tuition - 3.15pm to 4.30pm

Parent Evening running from  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> Nov.

Please check your ParentHub for  
a reminder of your appointment  
slot.

