

# ARGYLE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE

This week's Argyle Adventure has seen four key Stage 2 classes enjoy a wonderful day at the seaside- paid for in full by CAA (Creative Arts Agency), more trips to London Zoo and the British Museum, an Early Years Foundation Stage and KS1 singalong (so uplifting) , Year 1 and 3 dance performance at The Place and the launch of the Summer Reading Challenge at The British Library.

Some people think that schools 'wind down' at the end of term but that is certainly not the case here. At Argyle EVERY SCHOOL DAY Really does count. That means we expect to see EVERY child here right up until the last day of term next Friday. Please do not think it's ok to leave early. It's really not!

Last week I reminded parents about our healthy school status and I have been delighted to see everyone enjoying healthy snacks after school this week. Thank you so much..

Keep up the great work!



Head Teacher



Join the  
Argyle  
Adventure!



# NURSERY

This week, Nursery travelled to Australia, the final continent in our 'All Creatures Great and Small' topic. We enjoyed reading *Wombat Stew* by Marcia Vaughan and discovering the weird and wonderful animals that live in Australia.

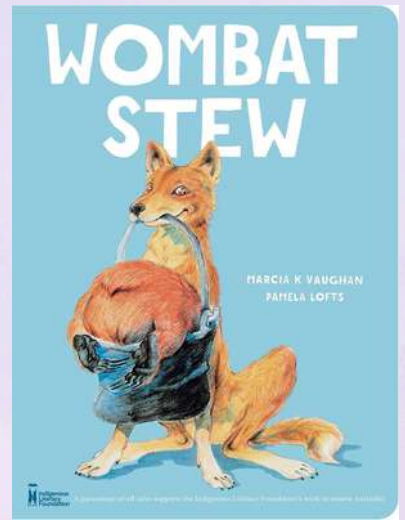
The children learnt that many Australian animals, including kangaroos, koalas, wombats and echidnas, carry their babies in a pouch. They loved the story of the clever animals who rescued the wombat by convincing the dingo to fill his stew with horrible ingredients like mud, flies, feathers and creepy crawlies!

In phonics, we learnt the 'nk' sound. The children had great fun playing "What's in the Box?" and learnt that we often hear the 'nk' sound at the end of words such as pink. They also enjoyed practising writing the letters that make the 'nk' sound.

On Thursday, we welcomed the Foundling Museum for their final workshop of the year. The session focused on friendship and caring for one another. The children reflected on the friendships they have made in Nursery and talked excitedly about the new friendships they will make in Reception and with the new Nursery children next year. Together, they created a giant friendship bracelet to celebrate all the kindness and caring they have shared throughout the year, before making individual bracelets for someone special.

A huge thank you to Sarah and the Foundling Museum team for delivering such engaging workshops throughout the year. This special partnership has provided the children with many memorable learning experiences, and they have always looked forward to each visit.

To end the week on a high, our Nursery children proudly performed in the Early Years Sing-Along on Friday. We were so proud to see them singing with confidence and enthusiasm for their families, showcasing all the songs they have been practising so hard.



# CAMP CAA

On Tuesday, Years 4 and 5 enjoyed a fantastic trip to Chalkwell Beach in Southend-on-Sea. Throughout the day, the children learnt about the importance of protecting our coastline and took part in a range of exciting seaside activities. They had the opportunity to go crabbing, explore fascinating rock pools, and create their own jellyfish.

One of the highlights of the trip was cooling off in the tidal pool, followed by a well-earned ice lolly in the sunshine. It was a fun-filled day of learning, exploration and unforgettable memories.

A huge thank you to CAA (Creative Arts Agency) for organising this wonderful trip and providing our children with such an enriching and enjoyable experience.

"I really enjoyed making the jelly fish ornaments. It was so fun and now I have something to remind me of the trip,"  
Rosheen

"We learnt that once a whale was discovered on the beach. We used a string to measure how long it was. It was the same length as the entire beach," Musa

"I loved crabbing. My group found the biggest crab. I even got to hold it! We then made it a little habitat. I hope we can visit the beach again. It was the best trip ever!" Aleena



# EYFS & KS1 SING ALONG

This morning, our Early Years and KS1 children delighted everyone with a wonderful Sing Along Assembly. They sang beautifully with great enthusiasm and confidence, showcasing all the hard work they have put into learning their songs.

It was fantastic to see so many parents and carers join us to watch the performance. Thank you for your continued support—it made the morning even more special for the children.



## Great British Summer Savings

Rising prices can make life's little treats harder to afford, especially during the school holidays when costs build up for families. This Government is determined to help, and that is why last month the Chancellor announced the Great British Summer Savings scheme.

From 25 June to 1 September 2026, the Government is temporarily cutting VAT from 20% to 5% on children's meals in restaurants, children and family tickets to cinemas, theatres, concerts and exhibitions, and admission to a wide range of attractions. Combined with free bus travel during August for children aged 5 to 15 in England, families and young people will be able to enjoy experiences that make summer special, including visits to the kinds of cultural and educational attractions that enrich children's lives outside the classroom.

As part of this campaign, the Government have launched an attraction finder website which allows families to type in their postcode and find participating venues near them to make the most of summer savings. To use the attraction finder, please visit [summersavings.gov.uk](https://summersavings.gov.uk).

# YEAR 1



## Smoothie Tasting

Before designing their own smoothies, the children tasted a shop-bought smoothie to explore its texture and flavours. They then sampled a selection of fruits and juices to help them decide which ingredients would work well together. Each child chose between strawberry or pineapple, avocado or banana, and orange, lime or lemon juice before creating their own unique smoothie design.

## Smoothie Making

During our smoothie-making session, the class created nine different smoothie recipes between the 29 children. With support from the adults, everyone was able to make the smoothie they had designed. The children thoroughly enjoyed preparing their ingredients, blending their smoothies and, of course, tasting their delicious creations!

## British Museum

During our visit to the British Museum, the children became mini explorers, using photographic clues to hunt for artefacts in the North America exhibition. They worked collaboratively to identify different objects, developed their observation skills and enjoyed learning about the history and cultures of North America.



## British Library

This week, we also visited the British Library, where the children took part in a magical Once Upon a Time storytelling and craft session. They explored the Fairy Tales exhibition, searching for clues and discovering how favourite stories are brought to life through books, illustrations and interactive displays. The visit inspired their imaginations and encouraged a love of stories and reading.



## The Place Performance

After ten weeks of rehearsals, the children proudly performed their Ocean Dance at The Place. Dressed in blue and green T-shirts with a touch of sparkle, they looked fantastic as they took to the stage. Following a technical dress rehearsal in the morning, they returned in the afternoon for the final performance. They also enjoyed watching dance performances from other schools, making it a memorable and inspiring day. The children should be incredibly proud of their commitment, confidence and outstanding performance.

# YEAR 2

On Wednesday, Year 2 enjoyed a fantastic, if very warm, day exploring London Zoo!

Despite the sweltering weather, the children had a wonderful time discovering a wide variety of animals while learning about their physical features and the amazing adaptations that help them survive in different habitats.

We were especially impressed by Zaydaan, who thoughtfully observed, "That squirrel monkey has a long tail to help it grip onto branches so it can move through the trees." What an excellent example of scientific thinking!

The children particularly enjoyed watching the playful penguins and getting up close to fascinating insects and other creepy crawlies in the Tiny Giants exhibition. Throughout the day, they asked thoughtful questions, made careful observations and showed great enthusiasm for their learning.

A huge well done to all of Year 2 for staying positive, keeping cool in the heat and making the most of this exciting educational visit. We are incredibly proud of you all!



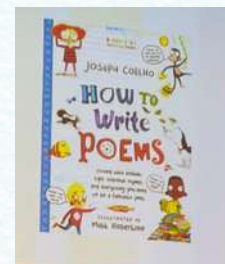
## SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Today, Year 2 visited the British Library to take part in the exciting launch of the 2026 Summer Reading Challenge. The children enjoyed a fantastic session celebrating the joy of reading through a range of fun activities and performances, all centred around this year's theme, "Read to the Beat."

We were entertained by Sandra who told a story and taught us that Jambo means hello. Ms Pryce led a fantastic musical interlude and was followed by former children's laureate, Joseph Coelho. Joseph helped us all make one word poems, helped us think imaginatively about making stories and poems and read some of one of his creepy fairytale books. Each child has a reading challenge booklet to keep track of all the books they read over the summer!

The Summer Reading Challenge is a free national programme for children aged 4 to 11, encouraging them to read six books over the summer holidays. Running from 4 July to 12 September, the challenge is a wonderful way to help children maintain their reading skills while discovering new stories and authors.

Children can sign up for the challenge at their local public library or online via the Summer Reading Challenge website. We hope this inspiring visit has motivated all of our Year 2 children to take part and enjoy plenty of reading over the summer break!



# Attendance & Punctuality

Class	1J	2A	2O	3P	4E	4O	5A	5Q	6S	Total
Week 7	93%	94%	94%	95%	87%	96%	96%	93%	99%	94%
Week 8	92%	87%	98%	95%	98%	90%	96%	97%	96%	94%
Week 9	95%	93%	92%	92%	95%	95%	95%	94%	98%	96%
Week 11	95%	94%	98%	95%	95%	96%	96%	98%	98%	95%
Week 12	94%	93%	94%	94%	94%	93%	95%	94%	96%	95%

Well done to who **6 Sapphire** achieved the target of 96% attendance this week.

## 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.

## 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.

**Every School Day Counts**

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## JULY

<b>MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup></b>	KS1 Sports Day in the playground - 9.30am to 11.30am 5 Quartz Class Assembly from 8.55am - parents invited Rescheduled Bonsall Camping - Monday 9am to Tuesday 4.30pm
<b>TUESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup></b>	Year 1 to CLC - 9am to 3pm Year 6 to Lethaby Gallery for Camden Biennale - 1.15pm to 3.15pm Rescheduled Cooking Club GROUP 2 - 3.15pm to 4.30pm
<b>WEDNESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Transition Day</b> Children line up in their new spaces. Parents get to meet their new teacher.
<b>THURSDAY 16<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 5 children filming with The British Museum Year 6 SATs Results out Star Pupil Assembly & Reception in FLC - by invitation only - 8.55am Year 3 to Lethaby Gallery for Camden Biennale - 12.45pm to 2.30pm Year 6 Disco - 3.45pm to 5.15pm
<b>FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup></b>	Year 6 leavers assembly - 11am <b>LAST DAY OF TERM - school finishes at 1.45pm</b>

SUMMER  
HOLIDAYS

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July  
to Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>  
September 2026

# Sign up for these activities held at Argyle

**SUMMER DANCE PROJECT AT ARGYLE PRIMARY SCHOOL** **THE PLACE**



**NO COST + LUNCH PROVIDED**

**HAVE FUN LEARNING ABOUT DANCE WITH A PROFESSIONAL ARTIST**

MON 3 - WED 5 AUG, 9AM-3PM

Participants will build confidence, explore creativity and create a dance to be shared with friends and family on the final day. Spaces are limited – participants must attend all three days to take part.

After completing the project, there will be an opportunity to apply for a bursary to continue dancing at The Place.

To sign up, please speak to Melissa Biyikoglu.



**THE LATIN PROGRAMME SUMMER SCHOOL 2026**

'JOURNEYING'

22ND-24TH JULY 2026

THE CLASSICAL ASSOCIATION

To register your child for the Summer School, please visit the website: <https://www.thelatinprogramme.co.uk/summer-school-2026>

# Camden Activities

**CAMDEN MARKET**

**Summer in Camden 2026**

ALL FREE EVENTS

Scan for more info



**Summer in Camden 2026**

**BACK II LIFE CAFÉ** DJ SETS

**Run Club**

**Wimbledon matches screened live**

**Meet me at the Summer Garden MARKET PLACE** OPENING LATE JUNE

**Kids Trail Arts & Crafts Face Painting Family Rave**

FAMILY WEDNESDAYS 22, 29 JUL | 5, 12, 19 & 26 AUG

**Hot Deals** Get up to 20% off across the market when you attend our events

See website for details

**CAMDEN MARKET**

**Summer in Camden JUNE AND JULY**

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**Summer Garden** Visit Daily ☺ All day

**Wimbledon** Screening in the Summer Garden ☺ All day

**Run Club** Hosted by Steve Anthony @ Stables | Sign

**Family Trail** Honeybees' Whist Interactive Hunt ☺ All day

**Warm Up Weekend** Live music and family activities ☺ 2-5pm

**BACK II LIFE CAFÉ** Jazze B + Guests, DJ Sets ☺ 2-5pm

**A Day For Army** Tribute performance ☺ 12-8pm

**Kids Summer Fun** Teddy bears' picnic ☺ 1-4pm

**BACK II LIFE CAFÉ** Jazze B + Greg Edwards, DJ Sets ☺ 5-8pm

**South Asian Mela** Pizzas, live music, dance ☺ 12.30-8.30pm

**Kids Summer Fun** Summer in bloom ☺ 1-4pm

**Wimbledon matches screened live**

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All events at **CAMDEN MARKET STABLES** NW1 6AH and **CAMDEN MARKET HAWLEY WHARF** NW1 6DH

**CAMDEN MELA**  
CELEBRATING SOUTH ASIAN HERITAGE MONTH & STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY COHESION

**SUNDAY 12 JULY 2026**

**ENTRY FREE**

**ARTS & CRAFTS**

**FOOD & DRINKS**

**VARIETY STALLS**

**LIVE MUSIC & DANCE**

**FUNFAIR RIDES**

**VENUE**  
CORAM'S FIELDS  
93 GUILFORD STREET  
LONDON WC1N 1DN  
**12 PM - 6 PM**

SUPPORTED BY REGENT'S PARK WARD LABOUR COUNCILLORS

FOR BOOKING A STALL & INFO  
Call Nasim Ali OBE 07852 223 403  
camden.mela@kcba.org.uk  
www.camdenmela.org



**CORAM'S FIELDS SPORTS PROGRAMME**  
Summer 2026  
1<sup>ST</sup> June - 17<sup>th</sup> July

We are pleased to offer **FREE** afterschool sports sessions for young people aged 6-12 yrs. Taking place on Coram's Fields football pitches, 93 Guilford street, London WC1N 1DN

Coram's FC Football Trials	Girls' Football	Development Football
<b>THURSDAY</b> 4PM- 5PM 7&8 Years old (current year 2&3) Mixed team All abilities are welcome to trial for the team	<b>THURSDAY</b> 5PM-6PM Mixed ability 6- 12 years	<b>FRIDAY</b> 4PM-5PM Mixed ability 6-12 years

For more information please email: [sportsbookings@coramsfields.org.uk](mailto:sportsbookings@coramsfields.org.uk)

JOIN THE **SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMP**  
**RUN BY CKC**  
FUN | LEARN | PLAY | MAKE FRIENDS

**VENUE:**  
Parliament Hill Cricket Pitch (opposite the café), Hampstead Heath, NW5 1QR.

**DATES:**  
3rd to 27th August 2026  
Monday to Thursday

**TIME:** 10:00am - 2:00pm

**AGE:** 8 - 15 Years  
Boys & Girls

All Coaches Are DBS Checked & ECB Qualified

**FREE:**  
free for State School Children

**LIMITED SPACE ONLY**  
Book early to avoid missing out

DEVELOP SKILLS | BUILD CONFIDENCE | MAKE FRIENDS | ENJOY CRICKET!

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**MULTI-SPORTS CAMP**  
SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2026

FREE multi-sports sessions and trips for children aged 6-12 years old during the school holidays

**WHEN**  
27<sup>th</sup> July - 28<sup>th</sup> August  
From 9.30am-2pm

**AGE**  
6-12 years old

**WHERE**  
Coram's Fields pitches, 93 Guilford Street, London, WC1N 1DN

For more information or to sign up please email: [sportsbookings@coramsfields.org.uk](mailto:sportsbookings@coramsfields.org.uk)