

ARGYLE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE

Today we completed the sixth week of this year's Argyle Adventure. I did a little bit of checking that we are on track. Across the school we have:

- Sung and played an instrument;
- Read many beautiful books;
- Explored woods and a river bank;
- Met (in writing) this year's Swedish pen pals;
- Learnt Latin;
- Created, painted, drawn and designed;
- Collaborated, communicated, participated and pushed ourselves!

We have also all written a story and have deepened our understanding of place values, addition and subtraction.

We've got off to a great start. But there's so much more to achieve! Please talk to your child about their learning and ensure that you make a little extra time to practise anything they have found difficult.

Have a lovely weekend.

J. Wade

Head Teacher

VALUE OF THE MONTH

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DON'T MAKE ANY EXCUSES, DON'T LET ANYTHING HOLD YOU BACK!

NURSERY

📖 Storytime & Feelings

This week, we read *The Colour Monster* by Anna Llenas and explored different emotions. The children discussed what makes them feel happy, sad, angry and scared, sharing their own experiences.

🎨 Creative Arts & Colour Mixing

The children mixed yellow and blue paint using their hands to discover green!

Quote of the Week: "Red and blue makes purple!"
— Zayn

During Stay & Play, families created their own Colour Monsters. Outdoors, we went on a colour hunt and worked together to build a giant rainbow.

❤️ Family & Loved Ones

We talked about how our families and loved ones help us feel happy, special and safe.

123 Early Maths & Counting

Our focus number was 3. The children practised forming and counting groups using counters, conkers and natural objects. We also sang "3 Little Ducks" to practise counting in order.



In Nursery this week we continued with our topic of Nursery Rhymes and practised singing 'I can sing a rainbow', 'Miss Molly had a dolly', '3 little ducks' and 'If you're happy and you know it'. Please click on the QR code to enjoy singing 'I can sing a rainbow' and other rhymes with your child at home.

RECEPTION

🥕 Literacy & Vocabulary: Oliver's Vegetables

This week, Reception continued reading *Oliver's Vegetables* by Vivian French and explored lots of new vegetable vocabulary! The children got hands-on experience handling real veggies—including a few unfamiliar types—by digging them up from our Reception "sand garden," just like the ones Oliver's grandad grew in his story.

💬 Speech & Language Workshops

We maintained a strong focus on language development by hosting Speech and Language Workshops for parents throughout the week. We discussed the importance of rich back-and-forth conversations, active listening, and modelling clear communication.

Parents and children also had a try with our Story Sacks, which will begin going home after the half-term break! These packs will give families a fun, interactive way to enjoy storytelling together while discovering new words at home.

😊 Maths: Learning All About Number 6

Maths was full of active hands-on learning as we focused on the number 6: We sang "6 Little Speckled Frogs" while practicing counting frogs into the pond. We explored different ways to make and represent 6 using dice, 10-frames, and number lines.

The children had a great time crafting different representations of 6 using playdough!



YEAR 1



Outdoor Adventures & Nature Play

This week in the Garden Classroom, the children continued making fairy fires with Nina, took turns relaxing in the hammock, and enjoyed imaginative play in the mud kitchen. They searched for minibeasts, dug for root vegetables, and created beautiful leaf collages using natural materials.



Maths Game

The children played a fun maths game where they took turns rolling a die, moving counters, and adding cubes to their towers. It was a great way to practise counting and addition while learning to take turns and follow instructions.



Autumn Projects

Our first two Autumn 1 homework projects have arrived, and both children made a boat! We are looking forward to testing them out to see whether they float—an exciting start to exploring floating and sinking!



YEAR 4

English: Independent Clauses and Colons

This week, Year 4 learnt how to use a colon to link two related ideas, ensuring each clause makes sense independently.

Star Sentence of the Week: “The classroom was very quiet: everyone was concentrating on their work.” — Ibrahim F.

Home Learning: Encourage your child to practise using colons to connect two related thoughts.

Geography: Understanding Floods

We explored how and why floods happen and their impact on people and the environment. The children discussed the causes and consequences of flooding and how communities adapt and recover.



YEAR 3

Spotlights & Stories: Expressive Art in Motion!

Year 3 took their creativity to new heights—and new angles—during an exciting art session in the hall!

Inspired by the captivating gestural drawing of contemporary artist Heather Hansen, the children explored how full-body movement can be transformed into striking visual art. After watching a video of Hansen creating her large-scale symmetrical pieces, it was time for Year 3 to take the floor.

Armed with large sheets of paper, crayons, and chalk, the young artists:

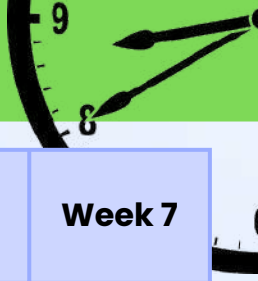
Explored new perspectives: Lying on their backs and fronts to mark-make across expansive canvas spaces.

Mastered bilateral symmetry: Using both hands simultaneously to draw sweeping, circular movements.

Dynamic experimentation: Discovering how physical motion, line, and shape connect on paper.

The hall was filled with energy and focus as the children experimented with rhythm and body movements, resulting in a series of fantastic, bold artwork. Take a look at some of their incredible creations below!

Attendance & Punctuality



CLASS	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7
1 JADE	82%	89%	86%	83%	93%	94%	86%
2 AMBER	89%	95%	97%	95%	95%	99%	95%
3 PEARL	83%	89%	92%	94%	98%	96%	93%
4 ONYX	86%	94%	94%	95%	98%	96%	98%
5 AMETHYST	88%	95%	95%	95%	97%	96%	96%
6 DIAMOND	87%	96%	97%	97%	93%	96%	96%
6 SAPPHIRE	87%	97%	97%	97%	94%	97%	98%
TOTAL WE	86%	94%	98%	95%	96%	96%	92%

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.

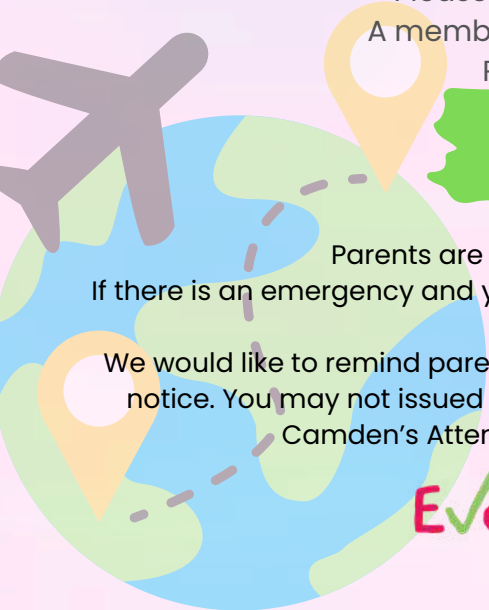
Exceptional Leave

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 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

OCTOBER

MONDAY 19TH	Year 1 Story Club 3:15-4:15 Year 5 Richard Reeves Tuition - 3.30 to 4.30 Year 6 Action Tuition - 3.30 to 4.30
TUESDAY 20TH	Year 4 Swimming Class 11:30-12:00 Cooking Club 3:15-4:30/ 4:45
WEDNESDAY 21ST	Football Club 3:15 - 4:15 Year 5 Action Tuition - 3.30 to 4.30
THURSDAY 22ND	Shifted ED session 6 9:15-12:15 pm Year 4 British Museum Trip 10:00- 2:00 Year 5 Action Tuition - 3.30 to 4.30 Year 5 British Library Workshop 12:30- 3pm New to Reception Parents School Tour 2:00-3:00
FRIDAY 23RD	Year 3 Chiltern Open Air Museum 8:30-3:00 Football Club 3:15 - 4:15
MONDAY 26 - 30TH OCT	Half Term

NOVEMBER

MONDAY 2ND	Parents Progress Evening 3:30 - 5:00 Year 1 Story Club 3:15 - 4:15 Year 5 Richard Reeves Tuition - 3.30 to 4.30 Year 6 Action Tuition - 3.30 to 4.30
TUESDAY 3RD	Parents Progress Evening 3:30 - 5:00 Year 4 Swimming Class 11:30-12:00 Cooking Club 3:15-4:30/ 4:45

Stories, Sign and Shine

FAMILY FESTIVAL

Saturday 17 October, 12.00 – 16.00

FREE | Drop in | All ages welcome

Enjoy an exciting family day inspired by books and stories – both real and imaginary – as you make, move, sign and explore.

This is a D/deaf accessible event delivered in British Sign Language and spoken English.



The British Museum



How to get here

The British Library
96 Euston Road
London NW1 2DB

• King's Cross St Pancras and Euston
Bus routes: 10, 30, 59, 73, 91, 205, 390 and 476



Join us for a relaxed creative crochet course

Every Monday from 9:00am -10:30am

At Argyle School WC1H 9EG (in the Steam Lab)

Starting 28th September

Teach yourself to crochet or develop your crocheting skills in a relaxed environment

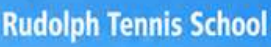
A chance to give something back to your community or school carrying out a charity textiles task.

A fun course to support your well being

For more information speak to Jade or just come along. Everyone is welcome.



Sorry, there is no creche for this course



SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMPS

BOOK NOW ➔

-  School Holiday Tennis Camps at Parliament Hill Fields, Hampstead Heath
-  Week 1 Monday 19th - Friday 23rd October
-  Week 2 26th October - 30th October
-  Half days and full days available
-  Starts from £25
-  Info.rbpsports@gmail.com





CAMDEN OCTOBER HALF TERM BOXING

 6-12 YEARS OLD
  THURSDAY 29 OCTOBER
  5-6PM
  **FREE**

 EMAIL admin@treasureboxingclub.com TO SIGN UP

FUNDED BY
**YOUNG
CAMDEN
FOUNDATION**

FREE October Half-Term Boxing Session in Camden

Treasure Boxing Club is offering a FREE boxing session for children aged 6–12 this October half-term, generously funded by the Young Camden Foundation!

It's a fantastic opportunity for kids to stay active during the school holidays, develop fitness, build self-confidence, and learn discipline in a fun, supportive environment.

Session Details:

Date: Thursday, 29th October 2026

Time: 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Age Group: 6–12 years

Cost: FREE

How to Register:

Spaces are limited! Parents and carers can secure a spot by emailing admin@treasureboxingclub.com.

Playground Donations Needed!

Help us
create a richer,
happier playground
for all of our
children!

Our School Council are working with staff to make our playground even more exciting, imaginative and active. We would be very grateful for donations of **high-quality, robust items** that your family no longer needs.

Building and Construction

- Plastic crates (e.g. milk crates)
- Large, solid building blocks (e.g. Lego and Duplo)
- Magnetic tiles
- Robust toy cars and vehicles



Imaginative Play

- Pots, pans and utensils (sturdy metal or plastic)
- Bowls, trays and buckets
- Tea sets and kitchen items
- Dressing up clothes and accessories (e.g. hats, scarves, capes)
- Dolls and pushchairs (robust ones)
- Toy phones, keyboards and role play equipment



Creative Play

- Large, chunky chalk and pavement chalk
- Paintbrushes and outdoor paint tools (e.g. rollers)
- Clipboards
- Whiteboards and pens
- Stencils (robust plastic)
- Magnetic tiles for creative building



Active Play

- Footballs, soft balls and playground balls
- Skipping ropes
- Hula hoops
- Beanbags
- Cones (for games and marking spaces)



Small World Play

- Robust animal figures (e.g. farm animals, wild animals, dinosaurs)
- People figures
- Robust vehicles (e.g. cars, trucks, trains)
- Play sets (e.g. farm, castle, space)



Storage

- Large plastic boxes with lids
- Stackable storage tubs (any sturdy storage solutions to help keep equipment organised and dry outdoors)



When to donate

Please bring any donated items on **Friday mornings only**.



Our School Council will be at the gate to collect and sort the donations.

Thank you! ♥

A little check before you donate...

We'd love items that still have lots of play left in them!

- ✓ Strong and sturdy – able to cope with busy playground play
- ✓ Clean and in good condition
- ✓ Complete and working, where appropriate
- ✓ Safe for children to use (no sharp edges or broken pieces)
- ✓ Good enough that you'd be happy for your own child to play with it

Pre-loved is perfect –
but please, no broken or worn-out items.

Prefer to make a money donation?

We also welcome money donations to help us buy new playground equipment.



Donations can be made
via Arbor

Every contribution, big or small, helps us create a fun, engaging and safe playground for everyone.

Thank you! ♥

Thank you for supporting our playground! ♥