

ARGYLE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE

What a wet and windy way to end half term! The weather didn't stop Year 3 from setting off enthusiastically to explore 'Stone Age life' at the Chiltern Open Air Museum. This visit is always one of Year 3's highlights and really supports them to develop their understanding of how different life would have been in Prehistoric Britain. For the children in school, we used assembly to review what the children can do now that they couldn't do when they returned to school back in September. Have they now mastered a new multiplication table or two? Have they learnt a new calculation strategy? Mastering long division certainly felt like a big achievement for Year 6. Perhaps you've noticed your child suddenly able to write beautifully or more confident at 'having a go' independently. We certainly hope that you have seen clear progress. We also reminded ourselves that next week provides a brilliant opportunity to get out and about and enjoy Autumn - whatever the weather and then to curl up inside with brilliant books of the children's choosing. Our school is packed to the rafters with brilliant books -please do look at what your child is reading and make time to read with them.

Have a lovely half term break.

J. Wade

Head Teacher

VALUE OF THE MONTH

kindness



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

NURSERY

Nursery Rhymes & Storytime

This week, we continued exploring space-themed Nursery Rhymes, including favorites like 'Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star', 'Four Aliens in a Flying Saucer', 'Zoom, Zoom, Zoom', 'Row, Row, Row Your Boat', and the poem 'Mr Moon'.

👉 Sing Along at Home: Scan the QR code to join in the fun!

We also read *Beegu* by Alexis Deacon, which sparked lovely discussions about kindness and friendship. Through our 'What's in the Box?' game, the children expanded their vocabulary with words like moon, alien, spaceship, and stars.

Creative & Hands-On Fun

Stay and Play: Families crafted flying saucers with four aliens inside to sing and count along together.

Rocket Building: After building rockets with Lego and Stickle Bricks, the children crafted their own using classroom materials while mastering glue and tape.

Mark-Making: The children painted starry skies and practiced drawing lines, circles, and zigzags.

Early Maths

We compared sets of 3 and 4 dots, practiced subitising on 5-frames, and explored counting in different patterns.

Outdoor Play & New Mud Kitchen!

Outside, the children worked on running, jumping, and negotiating stairs. We also unveiled our brand-new Mud Kitchen, where the children brewed imaginative creations like leaf soup and mud coffee!

Twinkle, Twinkle
Little Star



RECEPTION

Reception Weekly Update: 'Funnybones' & Special Visitors!

Storytelling & Skeleton Science

This week, Reception dove into Janet and Allan Ahlberg's classic story, 'Funnybones'! The children crafted their own skeleton characters and brought the story to life on our themed tuff tray. Along the way, they learned exciting new body vocabulary—exploring how our skulls protect our heads and ribcages cover our chests!

Doctor's Surgery Role-Play

Our home corner was transformed into a busy doctor's surgery. After studying skeleton X-rays, our budding young doctors spent the week delivering expert medical care to both classmates and staff!

First Official Stay & Play

We rounded off the week by welcoming parents into Reception for our very first Stay & Play session! Families joined in on a variety of hands-on activities, including: Crafting 'Funnybones' skeletons and acting out stories. Practicing name-writing and our letter of the week, 'e'. Sculpting playdough birthday cakes and enjoying quiet reads in the book corner.

A big thank you to all the families who joined us—it was wonderful sharing our learning with you!



YEAR 1

RE: What Does It Mean to Belong?

Our big question in Year 1 RE this year is "What does it mean to belong?"

Exploring this through the Christian faith, the children worked in pairs to read, order, and discuss different statements about "What is God like?" and share their thoughts on belonging to a Christian community.

Bee-Bot Coding

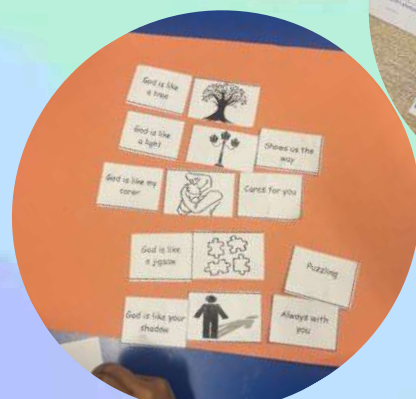
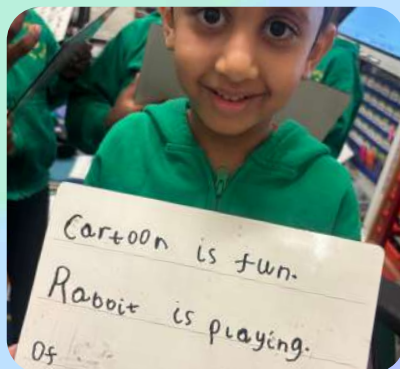
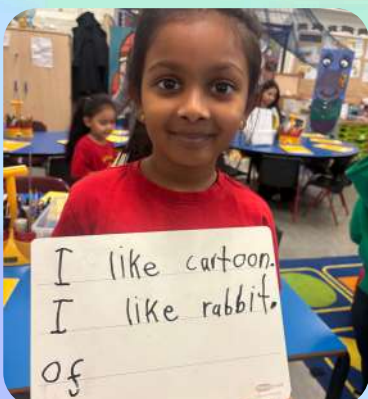
The children continued developing their coding skills using Bee-Bots! They planned routes, programmed their Bee-Bots to follow instructions, and checked their destinations—enjoying the process of testing ideas and debugging along the way.

Phonics

The children have been hard at work applying their new spelling words by creating fantastic sentences!

Fantastic Homework Projects

More amazing homework projects arrived this week! We've been blown away by the variety, including model trains, boats, platforms, seasonal books, interactive season wheels, and posters. Come check out the wonderful creations displayed outside our classroom. Well done, everyone—we are so proud of your creativity and hard work!



YEAR 4

Year 4 Onyx: Thames Foreshore Adventure

Last Friday, Year 4 Onyx embarked on an exciting trip to the Thames foreshore near the Cutty Sark! The children searched for man-made artifacts and natural objects, linking their discoveries directly to our Geography learning on rivers and local history.

Highlights & Discoveries

Exploring Natural Rocks: The children uncovered a range of natural treasures along the shore. Ehan was amazed by his discoveries and exclaimed, **"Wow, look at these rocks!"**

Connecting to the Past: Zayyan R found slate and chalk, prompting a great discussion on historical classroom tools. He reflected, **"This chalk is a lot harder to use than pencils!"**

Victorian Insights: Liona made a particularly intriguing find—an intact clay pipe—which sparked a conversation about Victorian smoking habits. She commented, **"I'm so glad that people don't smoke these anymore and we don't have to smell that bad smell!"**

Mini Museum Exhibitions

Working in small groups, the children curated their findings into creative mini museum displays to present to their peers. Mascud proudly shared his group's arrangement, explaining, **"Look, we put our rocks in a spiral!"**

Back in the classroom, the learning continued as the children matched key river vocabulary to photographs of their trip, strengthening their geographical terminology.

Well done, Year 4 Onyx! We are incredibly proud of your curiosity, enthusiasm, and thoughtful observations throughout this fantastic learning experience.



YEAR 6

Year 6 Car-Building Project at Shifted!

Our Year 6 pupils had a fantastic time designing and building their own model cars with the team at Holborn Library! Throughout the project, the children developed their creativity, problem-solving skills, and practical abilities as they brought their ideas to life.

Finishing Touches & Pupil Quotes

During our final week, pupils added unique decorations and custom number plates to complete their designs. The children thoroughly enjoyed the hands-on experience:

Ibrahim: "I enjoyed making my own car and being able to decorate it how I wanted!"

Samira: "It was fun using the tools and seeing my car come together."

Special Recognition

We are so proud of the enthusiasm, creativity, and perseverance shown by all the children. Congratulations to the pupils chosen by their peers to win special prizes: Tyron, Tayyibah, Abdullah, Areej, Sophia, Iqra, and Parsa. A huge thank you to the Shifted team for providing such an engaging and memorable learning experience!



YEAR 6

Year 6 Science Visit to the Discovery Hub

On Thursday, Year 6 enjoyed a fascinating visit to the Discovery Hub as part of the Bloomsbury Festival! It was an incredible day of hands-on discovery and experimentation that left many pupils dreaming of future careers in STEM.

Stargazing in the Planetarium

The children were captivated by their immersive experience inside the Planetarium, where they learned how to spot and identify various constellations in the night sky. The show was so inspiring that several pupils declared they want to become astronomers!

Hands-On Scientific Discoveries

Throughout the day, the children explored a wide array of interactive workshops and exhibits:

Forensics & Biology: Pupils took their own fingerprints, used specialized devices to examine their eyes up close, and sketched a fascinating collection of real skeletons.

Tech & Robotics: The year group got to meet a high-tech robotic dog and tested their speed and agility in a laser maze.

Potato Power: Children put chemistry into action by creating working batteries using ordinary potatoes!

A wonderful experience for all—we certainly have some budding scientists of the future in Year 6!



Attendance & Punctuality



CLASS	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8
1 JADE	82%	89%	86%	83%	93%	94%	86%	89%
2 AMBER	89%	95%	97%	95%	95%	99%	95%	96%
3 PEARL	83%	89%	92%	94%	98%	96%	93%	95%
4 ONYX	86%	94%	94%	95%	98%	96%	98%	96%
5 AMETHY ST	88%	95%	95%	95%	97%	96%	96%	96%
6 DIAMOND	87%	96%	97%	97%	93%	96%	96%	96%
6 SAPPHIRE W	87%	97%	97%	97%	94%	97%	98%	97%
TOTAL	86%	94%	98%	95%	96%	96%	92%	91%

Parents should report any absences to the school office by calling 020/8374590 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.

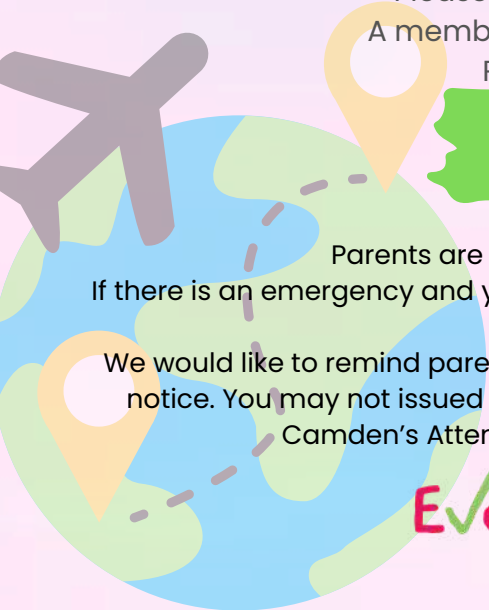
Exceptional Leave

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

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 - 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

**WEDNESDAY
4TH**

Year 1- St Pancras Church Trip 9:15-10:45
Year 3 and 4 at The Lion King 2:00- 6:00
Parents Progress evening 3:30-5:00
Year 5 Action Tuition - 3.30 to 4.30

THURSDAY 5TH

Shift ED Year 6 Diamond Session 09:15- 12:15
New to Reception parents School Tour 09:30- 10:30
Year 6 Richard Reeves Tuition - 3.30 - 4.30

FRIDAY 6TH

Year 6 Junior Citizens 1:00-3:00pm
Football Club 3:15- 4:15

NOVEMBER

MONDAY 9TH

Year 1 Story Club 3:15 - 4:15
Year 5 Richard Reeves Tuition - 3.30 - 4.30
Year 6 Action Tuition - 3.30 to 4.30
Parents Forum 9:00-10:00

TUESDAY 10TH

Year 4 Swimming Class 11:30-12:00
Cooking Club 3:15- 4:30
Year 6 Football Tournament 3:00 6:30

★ CHILDREN ★



★ NEED



Pyjama Day

Friday 13 Nov

Bring £1 or more
Wear suitable pyjamas

AND

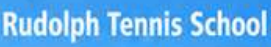


Movie night 3:15-5:00



£5 per ticket - includes movie, snack and a drink ★

★ *tickets are limited* ★



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! ♥