

# The WHPS Weekly

Friday 7th February 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the penultimate week of this term, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on what has been an exciting and eventful week at West Hampstead Primary School!

Our Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) and KS1 children truly thrived during their visit from the OAE (Orchestra Age of Enlightenment), immersing themselves in learning and exploration. We are also buzzing with anticipation for our upcoming performance, "A Night at West Hampstead," scheduled for the 13th of February, 2025. This is a marvellous opportunity for our students to showcase their musical talents, so do keep the date free!

This week, our pupils enjoyed walks in our local area as part of their Geography learning, helping them appreciate their surroundings and understand the community we live in. Additionally, we were delighted to welcome numerous visitors, including children from other schools, who joined us in preparation for our performance at the Royal Albert Hall later this year. Such experiences really enrich our students' learning and foster a sense of community.

Today was particularly special as we celebrated **Number Day!** Children participated in engaging Number Day lessons and arrived dressed in clothes featuring numbers or mathematical patterns. This initiative not only fostered a fun learning atmosphere but also highlighted the crucial work of the NSPCC, while reinforcing important lessons in Personal, Social, and Health Education (PSHE). I encourage you to check out our school's Instagram (@westhampsteadprimaryschool) for some wonderful pictures capturing these moments (and lots of other exciting events).

As we move into next week—the final week before half-term—there is much to look forward to. It promises to be a busy one with Mental Health Week activities, Safer Internet Day initiatives, and a football tournament for selected children led by Mr Leer. We are especially excited for "A Night at West Hampstead," where we will celebrate our students' musical talents.

Reminder that it is the last week for Y3 Thames and Y4 Danube to go swimming, as they will be swapping with the other class after half term.

Have a restful weekend, Hannah Bones Deputy Headteacher

## EVENTS NEXT WEEK

### Safer Internet Week & Mental Health Week

<b>MONDAY:</b>	Danube Class Swimming
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	Thames Class Swimming <b>PM</b> <b>3:45-4:45pm Parent Workshop– Online Safety</b>
<b>THURSDAY:</b>	Market Road Football Competition- All Day <b>4:30-6:00pm A Night at West Hampstead</b>
<b>FRIDAY:</b>	<b>9am Parent Workshop– Smart Phones for children</b> 2:45-3:15 Golden Time



# PARENT WORKSHOPS



To commemorate Safer Internet Day, we will be hosting two parent workshops **NEXT WEEK!**

## WORKSHOP 1: Online Safety

**Date:** Wednesday 12th February

**Time:** 3:45 PM - 4:45 PM

**Location:** WHPS Middle Hall

In this workshop, we will delve into the essential aspects of online safety for our children.

Topics will include:

- Talking to your child about life online
- Device Use and Ownership
- Supervision & Parental Controls
- Screentime



## WORKSHOP 2: Smart Phones for Children

**Date:** Friday 14th February 2025

**Time:** 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

**Location:** WHPS Dinning Hall

- This workshop will serve as a platform for discussion and consultation regarding the use of smartphones among primary school children.
- We want to hear your thoughts, concerns, and suggestions as we explore the impact of smartphones on our students' social development, learning, and well-being.
- Your feedback is invaluable as we consider policies and guidelines for smartphone use within our school community.



Safer  
Internet  
Day


Camden libraries are running free fun story telling sessions in local Camden libraries on Saturdays. The aim is to demonstrate to parents and carers how to spend quality time and encourage reading with their children.

As you can see from the poster, the idea is to bring stories to life, making props and tell the stories using the props the children made .

Every family that attends will get a free copy of the book they read , to take home.

**These sessions are suitable for children in EYFS and key stage 1**

Camden Family Learning  
FREE STORY SESSIONS for Children Aged 3 Years Plus




### SATURDAY Story Sacks For All The Family

A free fun and creative storytelling and prop making session.


Come along and find out how to bring storytelling to life using our imagination and creativity.

Pick a session and phone Alison to book a family place 07876 651950.


You must book to join in (due to health and safety rules)



Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February  
Queens Crescent library NW5 4HH  
11:15am-1:15pm  
Kipper's New Pet




Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March  
Swiss Cottage Library NW3 3HA  
10:30am-12:30pm  
Kipper's Little Friends



Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March  
Kentish Town library NW5 2AA  
11:15am-1:15pm  
Going on a Bear Hunt

**A free book for every family that attends**



## Saturday Sparks at South Hampstead High School

Saturday Sparks is a programme of free Saturday morning booster sessions offered by staff and student volunteers from South Hampstead High School. It is aimed to stretch the brightest Year 5 pupils, with two sessions focused on English, two on Maths, and one on Coding. Participants can opt to join all five sessions or just choose Maths, English, or Coding depending on where their interests and talents lie.

The programme will be run at South Hampstead High School, at [3 Maresfield Gardens, NW3 5SS](#) – the school is easily accessible via the Jubilee & Metropolitan Tube lines and numerous bus routes. The sessions take place every Saturday morning between 1 March and 29 March inclusive, 9am – 12pm.

Places are limited to 30 pupils, and we do want to reserve them for pupils, particularly girls, who will really benefit most from these sessions. , do encourage their parents to reserve a place via our booking form at <https://forms.office.com/e/wHwwZwy5BZ>



## February half term cycle training for children

Free cycle training sessions for children during the February half term break. The training is free of charge and is delivered over two days; however, booking is required to secure a place.

Aimed at children and young people aged 6 or over who can ride unassisted and want to improve their safe cycling skills – Child Building Cycle Confidence. We also offer courses for children who are still learning to start, stop and balance – Child beginner course.

Monday and Tuesday 17 & 18 Feb 2025

**Child Building Cycle Confidence @ 10:00 until 11:00**

(for children who can already ride and wish to improve their cycle control skills)

Monday and Tuesday 17 & 18 Feb 2025

**Child beginner courses @ 11:30 – 12:30 or 12:45 – 13:45**

(For children who would like to learn balance)

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Wednesday and Thursday 19 & 20 Feb 2025

**Child Building Cycle Confidence @ 10:00 until 11:00**

(for children who can already ride and wish to improve their cycle control skills)

Wednesday and Thursday 19 & 20 Feb 2025

**Child beginner courses @ 11:30 – 12:30 or 12:45 – 13:45**

(For children who would like to learn balance)

VENUE: Haverstock School, 24 Haverstock Hill. Chalk Farm. NW3 2BQ

There are some cycles available to borrow. If possible, please bring the trainees' own cycle.

For more information, or to book onto a course,

<https://www.camden.gov.uk/cycleskills>

**Community Association for West Hampstead**

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# **Free February Half Term Workshops for children**

Please get in touch  
via email for more  
information and to book  
your place:  
[candypeople@cawh.org.uk](mailto:candypeople@cawh.org.uk)



## **Free Workshops**

**Mon, 17th Feb, 12:30am – 3:30pm**  
**DIY Paper Crafts with Janine**  
followed by an energizing  
**Dance Session run by the**  
**Spencer Stage School**

**Tues, 18th Feb, 12:30am – 3:30pm**  
**Kids Clay Time**  
A fun clay workshop  
with **Barbara**

**Thurs, 20th, 12:30am – 3:30pm**  
**Make dream catchers & plant pots**  
out of recycled materials  
with **Tash**

**Fri, 21st Feb, 12:30am – 2:30pm**  
**Get creative!**  
**Arts & Crafts with Michelle**

**All workshops are aimed  
at children aged 6 and over.**



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**Brandon  
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FREE 6-week parent  
support group for  
residents in Camden  
and Islington

# ADHD PARENT SUPPORT GROUP



All parents and carers of children aged 5-12 with an ADHD diagnosis are welcome!

Learn more about the diagnosis and gain parenting skills and strategies from the 1-2-3 Magic model to help you manage your child's behaviour

Parents awaiting an assessment can join  
from Session 2

For referrals contact: [familyservice@brandoncentre.org.uk](mailto:familyservice@brandoncentre.org.uk)

CONTACT US FOR MORE  
INFORMATION

[www.brandoncentre.org.uk](http://www.brandoncentre.org.uk)  
020 7267 4792

Starting on:  
**24th Feb 2025**

**10AM to 11.30AM**

ADHD parenting leaflet and referral form are attached with this email.



**FREE**

## **Playgroup for under 5s & Coffee Afternoon**

**at the West Hampstead Community Centre  
Monday afternoons, 2pm - 3:30pm  
starting Monday, 20th January**

**Join our weekly coffee meet up for a relaxing and friendly way to meet mums, dads, grandparents and carers, while babies and toddlers get a chance to play.**

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# Beginners Woodwork Skills Course

With

**Alan Johnson**

\* Master Craftsman  
with 50 years of  
experience

**Mill Lane  
Garden Centre**

160 Mill Lane  
NW6 1TF

10 workshops  
£250 / £125  
concession  
+ £15 for materials



**Saturdays**  
25 Jan - 5 Apr 2025  
9:30am - 12:00pm

For more information email us at [info@cawh.org.uk](mailto:info@cawh.org.uk)





# Circle of Soup

Nutritious cooking on a budget workshops

**FREE!**



**Fridays 18:00 - 20:30**

**31st Jan - 7th Mar**

**@ West Hampstead Community Centre,  
17 Dornfell Street, NW6 1QN**

**To sign up email [info@cawh.org.uk](mailto:info@cawh.org.uk) or call 0207 794 3729**

Cooking real food together builds connection and community, and is crucial for physical & mental wellbeing.

Using inexpensive ingredients & simple cooking techniques create nourishing, delicious bowls of food to share.

Build your cooking confidence & flavouring 'know-how' on a budget.



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**EVERY FRIDAY**  
LEAVING AT 7.45AM  
**MEETING AT**  
ST. GABRIEL'S CHURCH,  
WALM LANE, NW2 4RX



# **NORTHWEST PEDAL EXPRESS**

We are looking for **families & volunteers** interested in joining a bike bus from NW2/Willesden Green/Cricklewood to schools in West Hampstead.

## **What's a Bike Bus?**

It's more than just cycling; it's a joyful gathering of families riding together to school! With our Bike Bus, your children will experience the many benefits of cycling while staying safe in a vibrant group.

FOR MORE INFO JOIN  
THE WHATSAPP GROUP  
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