

The WHPS Weekly

Friday 21st November 2025



TOGETHER WE ASPIRE

Dear WHPS Families,

At WHPS, we have a core set of values that we aim to instil within our children. We believe that the personal development of our children is as important as academic success. Linked to our WHPS values, we aim to provide the experiences and learning that prepare our children for their next step to secondary school and ultimately to being adults and citizens!

One of our Personal Development initiatives is called , 'Together We Aspire'. In the summer term, we have a series of visiting aspirational speakers who come and talk about their careers and the education path they took to get there. However, sometimes an amazing opportunity comes along so we have to have an additional assembly! Back in September we had a visit from Tulip Siddiq, our local MP. Today we had an incredible visit from actor and activist Sir Ian McKellen.

Sir Ian shared some amazing anecdotes about his life, childhood and incredible career. Some of the highlights were him talking about growing up during WW2, his early acting career, his acting roles in the X-Men and Lord of the Rings franchises. School council introduced him and asked him a series of questions. This was followed by a Q&A session with our younger children. Finally he did a workshop with Years 5 & 6 where he discussed his career in more detail and his role as an activist. He talked about the importance of the core British values of 'Respect' and 'Tolerance'. It was an assembly that will live long in the memory of all of our children and staff!

After Christmas I will be reaching out to see if any of our families have links to anyone who might like to come in and talk about their career.

Have a fantastic weekend!

Sam Drake Headteacher



EVENTS FOR NEXT WEEK

MONDAY:	Yr4 Danube Class Swimming PM
TUESDAY:	9:15 Prospective parent tour Football League Competition PM
WEDNESDAY:	Fluoride varnish– Nursery-Yr2 Yr3 Thames Class Swimming PM
THURSDAY:	Digging into Roman London– Online workshop for Yr5
FRIDAY:	9:15 Nile Class Assembly Royal Academy of Music visit Nursery PM 2:45 PM Golden Time

Maths at WHPS

A new phenomenon swept through maths classes this year - an unanticipated one: the advent of **6-7!** No longer could these numbers appear side by side without drawing attention, which was a challenge given they are in their nature **consecutive!**

So what would our children have learnt about these newly famous numbers?

In **Early Years**, children are learning to **count 6 and then 7** and to know that **7 is more than 6**.

In **year 1**, they would have learned that **7 is one more than 6** and **6 is one less than 7**.

Year 2 children will know that **67** has **6 tens** and **7 ones!** They will have also learnt that 67 can be partitioned in other ways such as 42 and 25.

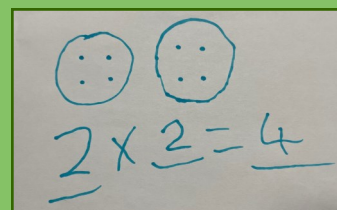
Year 3 will have learnt to **add or subtract 67** to or from a 3-digit number using column method.

Year 4 will now know that **$6 \times 7 = 42$** .

In **year 5**, we learned that (thankfully) **67 is a prime number** and will therefore never appear when we're practising our times tables!

Year 6 would have turned the popular number into **six sevenths** and then learnt to multiply it by any other fraction.

On Tuesday, I headed out into the playground and asked some children to show me what they'd been learning in their maths lessons.



Year 2 children were excited to tell me that they'd been learning to multiply – they showed me how they could use arrays to help them or make groups of items.



$$\frac{3}{4} \times \frac{2}{3} = \frac{6}{12} = \frac{1}{2}$$

The image shows a handwritten multiplication of fractions. The first fraction is 3/4 and the second is 2/3. They are multiplied to get 6/12. Then, both the numerator and denominator are divided by 6 to simplify the fraction to 1/2. Arrows and 'x' marks indicate the cross-multiplication steps.

$$12 \times 5 = 60$$

The image shows a handwritten multiplication of a 2-digit number by a single digit. 12 is multiplied by 5 to get 60. A bracket above the 12 is labeled '10', and a '2' is written below it, indicating the distributive law: 10 x 5 = 50 and 2 x 5 = 10, which are then added together to get 60.

Rahaf and Eliza A (Year 6), wowed me with their multiplication of fractions, whilst Isabella and Molly (Year 4) were eager to show me how to use the distributive law to multiply a 2-digit number. They told me they already knew the answers from their times tables learning and we discussed how it's sometimes helpful to practise a new method using a calculation we already know the answer to as this helps us to feel confident that the method

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$$\begin{array}{r} \text{HTO} \\ 243 \\ -139 \\ \hline 104 \end{array}$$

A group of year 3 children were keen to demonstrate how to use column subtraction for 3-digit numbers.

At WHPS, we want children to not only understand and succeed in maths, but to enjoy it. I left the playground with a big grin, having had the opportunity to share the pride the children felt about their learning and new skills.

Ask your child to show you something new that they learnt this week.



Maths events to look forward to in the Spring term

Spring Slam

Key Stage 2 will compete in the annual Spring Slam where each year group battles it out to win the trophy for their class. Year 4 also compete against other Camden schools all in a bid to prepare them for the Multiplication Test Check (MTC). Practising times tables with your child will help to build their confidence for this event.

Camden Maths Challenge

Four Year 6 problem-solvers will have the opportunity to represent the school at the Camden maths challenge

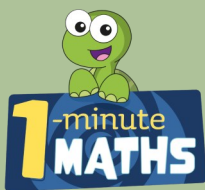
Royal Institution Maths Masterclasses

Four lucky year 5 pupils have been selected to participate in the Royal Institution Masterclasses. We hope they will bring back lots of ideas to share with us.

Maths at home

Developing fluency

There are lots of fun online games to practice speed and fluency with numbers. The app 1 Minute Maths is a really good one for 1 minute of daily maths practise to embed known number facts. Hit the Button I and Maths Choppity Chop are also a firm favourites.



Games and maths related activities

NRICH also has lots of suggested games and activities for all ages:

<https://nrich.maths.org/parents/primary>

Nice or Nasty was a big hit in year 5 at the start of the year.



Basketball competition– November 18th 2025

Our games were full of highs and lowest of lows.

On our first game we sadly lost due to a lack o communication but we came through with our heads held high and won the next four.

Even though we won four games in a row, our last game was tough. Point after point we persevered and unfortunately we lost.

With us persevering, we didn't come back to school empty handed.

A trophy in our hands, smiles grew upon or faces, knowing our school has filled another spot in our trophy cabinet.

Heaven Yr6 Nile Class

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WINTER FAIR

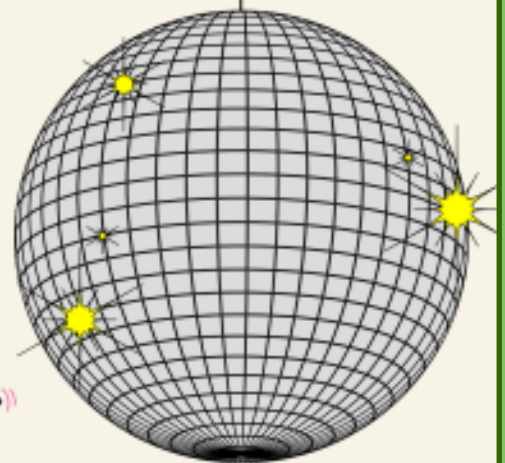


**SATURDAY 29TH NOVEMBER
12-3PM**

**HOT FOOD CAKES MULLED WINE GAMES
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Camden Schools' Christmas card competition

Another
Competition!

Camden Council has invited West Hampstead Primary School to take part in a very special festive card competition!

We need you to design your own festive picture that celebrates Camden and shows our community spirit.

All entries are to include the following theme:

'Kindness to others at Christmas in Camden'

We need you to design your own Christmas card and bring them to Ms Schafer
by

Friday 28th November

Your festive picture must be 2D but could be a collage, painting, drawing or a mixture of all.

We look forward to seeing your entries.

The top 10 entries will be sent to Camden Council to be judged.

The winning pupil will receive a £50 voucher!

The runner up pupil will receive a £20 voucher!



CAMDEN Parent Carer Forum

‘Breakfast Club’

Wednesday 26th November 2025 10.30-11.30am

Agar Children’s Centre and Family Hub (Wrotham Rd, London NW1 9SU)



Join us for a relaxed morning with a light breakfast, warm drinks, and great company!

It's a chance to connect with other SEND parents and carers, switch off from the realities of day-to-day life and feel supported in a friendly, welcoming space.

If you are new and haven't joined us before, why not make this your first time? We are a friendly bunch, and we'd love to see you there!

To book a place please email: Camdenpcf@kids.org.uk / Aishatu.Mohammed@kids.org.uk
Or you can call or text 07385 003 662

**CAMHS Support Session for Parents and Carers of Children with
Additional Needs in Camden**

Understanding and Managing Behaviour in children (all ages)

When: Monday 24th November 11:45am-1pm

Where: On ZOOM (Register for a link)



A group session run on Zoom by Mosaic CAMHS to think about how to understand behaviours of concern in children. We explore meanings of behaviour and approaches to building parental confidence to help prevent and manage behaviours of concern.

BOOK EARLY - only a limited number of spaces available.

This CAMHS support session will be delivered by Susan Cottam, clinical psychologist, and Adele O'Hanlon, child psychotherapist, who are working with many Camden families.

To book onto this session please email:

Jade.Green@kids.org.uk Text or call Jade on 07711 767 258 Or contact

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<https://www.facebook.com/CamdenSpecialParentsForum>

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Parent Carer Forum

AUTUMN TERM Calendar 2025

Welcome to our AUTUMN Term Calendar of events, workshops and meetings for any parent, carer in Camden with a child or young person (0- 25 years) with special needs. Whether you are seeking guidance, looking to share your experiences or simply hoping to connect with other parents or carers, our calendar has something for everyone. Please join us!

Coffee Mornings are a chance to meet other parents for a chat & to share advice and info.

Walk and Talks are relaxed walks on Hampstead Heath and a chance to get together with other parents, have a cup of coffee along the way and just talk about anything and everything.

Workshops are held each term jointly with other services and agencies on various subjects.

Forum Meetings are when we get together as parents with different professionals from services in and around Camden – ask questions, get updates and give feedback.

If you would like to attend any of the events on our calendar below, request a zoom link for our online workshops, find out more information or to join our membership and receive regular updates directly - [please get in touch:](#)

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We are also on Facebook – www.facebook.com/CamdenSpecialParentsForum Twitter [@CamdenSPForum](https://twitter.com/CamdenSPForum) and IG [@CamdenPCF](https://www.instagram.com/CamdenPCF) Please do connect with us!

November

- 4 Tue Tour of Charlie Ratchford Court (Extra care scheme) 11am-12pm, Chalk farm - [Registration required](#)
- 11 Tue Forum meeting, 10:30am-12:30pm @ Greenwood Centre, Kentish Town.
- 17 Mon Walk and Talk, 10:15am-12:30pm, @ Hampstead Heath.
- 18 Tue Movement, Relaxation & Lunch 12pm-2pm @ Kentish Town Congregational Church, Kelly Street, NW1 8PH.
- 24 Mon Understanding and Managing Behaviour Workshop with CAMHS all ages, 11:45am-1pm [Online register for link.](#)
- 26 Wed Parent Carer Forum Breakfast Club, 10:30am-11:30am @ Agar Children's centre & Family Hub (NW1 9SU).

December

- 1 Mon 'Lunch and Learn' with the Forum Team, 12.30-1.30pm [Online register for link.](#)
- 2 Tue Movement, Relaxation & Lunch 12pm-2pm @ Kentish Town Congregational Church, Kelly Street, NW1 8PH
- 3 Wed Annual Review Workshop with SENDIASS, 10.30am-12:30pm @Greenwood Centre, Kentish Town.
- 8 Mon Walk and Talk, 10:15am-12:30pm, @ Hampstead Heath.
- 9 Tue Forum winter wind down, 12pm-2pm @ Greenwood Centre, Kentish Town.





NHS  Camden

Camden Mobile Health

Come and visit us for a BMI and blood pressure check, winter COVID booster and flu vaccination for eligible people*, smoking cessation information and advice, no appointment needed

We will be open at the below location:

Salvation Army Chalk Farm 10 Haverstock Hill, NW3 2BL (indoors)	Thursday 23 October 10:30am-3pm
Holly Lodge Community Centre 30 Makepeace Avenue, N6 6HL	Monday 3 November 11am-4pm
Abbey Community Centre 172 Belsize Rd, NW6 4BJ	Wednesday 12 November 11am-4pm
Third Age Project Cumberland Market, NW1 3RH	Tuesday 18 November 11am-4pm
Lauriston Lodge 55 Maygrove Road, NW6 2EE (indoors)	Friday 28 November 10:30am-12:30pm
Kingsgate Resouce Centre Palmerston Road, NW6 2JU	Friday 28 November 1:30pm-4pm



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