

The WHPS Weekly

Friday 30 January 2026



WHPS ACHIEVEMENT FOR ALL

Dear WHPS Families,

It gives me great pride to share with you a letter that we received last week from Bridget Phillipson, the Secretary of State for Education.

Raising standards for all children is the driving force for all schools. However, following the Covid lockdowns, it became apparent that children who were eligible for Free School Meals had started falling behind those who were not. This was not only a national picture, but also a local picture and definitely one that was reflected at WHPS

Following this news, raising standards for disadvantaged children became one of the key school priorities at WHPS. At the end of the 2024-25 academic year, we were delighted when our results showed that outcomes for disadvantaged children at WHPS were much improved!

I would like to thank my staff, pupils and families for all of their hard work. What an achievement!

Sam Drake Headteacher

A message from Bridget Phillipson



Dear Samuel,

Congratulations to you and your team on the excellent outcomes the disadvantaged pupils at West Hampstead Primary School achieved at the end of the 2024/25 academic year. Your school's performance places it among the very best nationally, and this is a significant achievement.

This success reflects the dedication of your staff and the hard work of your pupils. It shows what can be achieved when ambition and commitment come together. Thank you for everything you do to give children the best possible opportunities to succeed.

Please pass on my thanks and congratulations to your staff and pupils. I look forward to working with you as we strive together to raise standards for all.

Your sincerely,

Bridget Phillipson

Secretary of State for Education

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

- MONDAY:** Lily Class at Hampstead Heath AM
Danube Class Swimming PM
- TUESDAY:** Avon Class at Hampstead Heath AM
- WEDNESDAY:** Yr1 and 2 OAE Workshop
Thames Class Swimming PM
- FRIDAY:** Number Day- Dress for Digits
2:45-3:15 Golden Time



We're taking part in the NSPCC

Number



WHY YOUR SUPPORT MATTERS

The NSPCC need support more than ever. By raising money, we can help fund vital services such as Childline – the helpline that's always there for children and young people whatever their problem or concern.

Please make a difference to a child's life today by scanning the QR code above and making a donation, however small.

When we all join together, we can make a massive difference!

NSPCC

EVERY CHILDHOOD IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR

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Friday 6 February



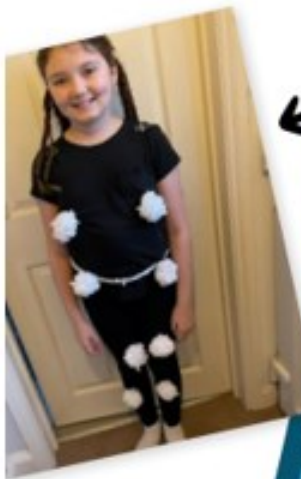
How about decorating a plain t-shirt or wearing your favourite sports top with a number?



Number Day



Dress up for Digits 'Be Inspired'



Could you be a human calculator, dice, domino or playing card?



Have fun and Dress up for Digits!

Tag us online:

#NumberDay

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Community Association for West Hampstead



February Half Term 2026

FREE

Workshops for Children aged 6+

Please get in touch
via email for more
information and
to book your free place:
candypeople@cawh.org.uk

Workshop Schedule

Mon 16th Feb, 1 - 4:30pm

Textile Workshop with Tash

Be inspired by Picasso and Matisse to design your own masterpieces of faces or landscapes using using felt and yarn.

Tues 17th Feb, 1 - 4:30pm

Pancake Day Workshop with Roshi

Create a paper pancake-flipping frying pan and design your own dream pancake café or menu.

Thurs 19th Feb, 1 - 4:30pm

Clay Workshop with Barbara

Get your hands dirty and your imagination soaring with our popular clay workshop.

Fri 20th Feb, 1 - 3:30pm

Weaving Workshop with Janine and Capoeira with Lilah

Creative paper weaving arts project followed by an energetic Capoeira session.

0207 794 3729 - www.cawh.org.uk - 17 Dornfell St NW6 1QN

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Camden Family Learning
FREE Story Sacks for Children Aged 3 Years Plus



**Half Term
Story Telling Sessions On**

Tuesday 17th February

Pancras Square Library, N1C 4AG

10:30am-12noon

Queens Crescent Library, NW5 4HH

1:30pm-3:00pm

Wednesday 18th February

Kentish Town Library, NW5 2AA

10:30am-12noon

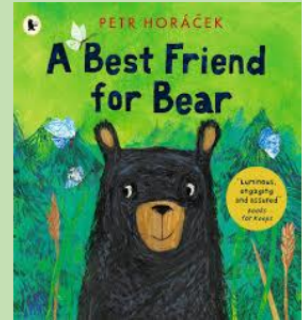
Highgate Library, N19 5DH

1:30pm-3:00pm

Call Alison on 07876 651950 to book your place
You must book to join in (due to health & safety rules)

A fun arts and crafts resource making session to bring the story to life.

Make a prop to join in with the adventure.



Every family will be gifted with a copy of the book



**BOOK NOW:
February
Half Term
16th - 20th**

Fun, inclusive play for 4 to 12-year-olds.

Scan the QR code or call
020 7183 5120
ext.621



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EMOTION COACHING

This is a two-part workshop; both sessions need to be attended

The workshop is interactive, a mixture of discussion, reflection & presentation

The workshop aims to support parent/carers to understand and validate their child's emotions, respond more helpfully during moments of heightened emotions, and implement appropriate boundary setting



Sign up with the QR code below:



Tuesday 24th Feb & 3rd March,
12.00 to 2.00pm,
Harmood Children's Centre,
Forge Pl, Ferdinand St, NW1 8DQ



CAMDEN Parent Carer Forum

Virtual coffee & catch up

Wednesday 4th February- 11:30am-12:30pm



Join the Camden Parent Carer Forum for a relaxed 1-hour online coffee and chat. This is a friendly space to talk about anything SEND, hear the latest Forum updates, and share your thoughts, experiences, and feedback.

Whether you want to listen, speak, or just enjoy a cuppa with other parent carers, you'll be very welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

To register for the link please email:
Camdenpcf@kids.org.uk / Aishatu.Mohammed@kids.org.uk
Or you can call or text 07385 003 662

Kids

'Walk & Talk' Sessions – SPRING 2025



- Are you a Camden Parent or Carer of a child or young person (0-25) with additional needs?
 - Do you enjoy walking and being out & about in nature?
- Would you like to fill up your own cup and make friends with some other parents and carers at the same time?

If so, join us for our popular 'Walk & Talk' sessions, led by fellow Camden parent Ali

This is a chance to speak to other parents and carers who may be experiencing similar life experiences and talk and learn from each other during a relaxed walk from Hampstead Heath to Kenwood House and back (with a stop along the way for a well-deserved hot drink and sweet treat)

PS If you prefer to walk and listen that's ok too! No one ever regretted a nature walk so why not come along!

When?

Monday 2nd February 2026 & Monday 9th March 2026

Time?

10:15 AM - 12:30 PM

Meeting Place?

Hampstead Heath (meet by the water fountain/cafe/toilets on Hampstead Heath by the Parliament Hill side of the Heath near the tennis courts (bus access from C2 or 214 or C11 get off at Parliament Hill/ Swains Lane bus stop). **Wear appropriate clothing as we walk rain or shine, and please be on time!**

Please let Ali know if you're coming to a session and if you need to cancel so we don't wait! -

Ali: 07788 521693.

Keep an eye on facebook, add your name to our contact list and keep in touch.

www.facebook.com/CamdenSpecialParentsForum

Movement, Relaxation & Lunch



Would you like to join a group of parents and carers, led by an instructor in gentle movement and relaxation sessions followed by a lovely, freshly prepared group lunch?

If so, please join us on:

When?

Tuesday 27th January 26

Tuesday 17th March 26

Tuesday 10th February 26

Tuesday 2^{8th} April 26

Time?

12-2pm

Where:

Kentish Town Congregational Church, Kelly Street, Kentish Town NW1 8PH (The entrance is through the gates and across the garden)

These sessions will focus on gentle movement, stretching, relaxation and well-being, followed by a re-invigorating lunch freshly prepared by our KIDS keyworkers – suitable for all abilities.

Come along and try it out, this one is for looking after YOU!

To book a place please text your name to Aishatu.mohammed@kids.org.uk call or text 07385 003 662/ Jade.Green@kids.org.uk call or text 07711 767 258

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Limited numbers - booking in advance is required.

Please bring an exercise mat or something comfortable to use.