

The WHPS Weekly

Friday 6th March 2026



WORLD BOOK DAY—BBC SPECIAL!

Dear WHPS families,

We have had an incredibly exciting start to this half term, as the magic of stories truly came to life in our week of activities for **World Book Day**. It has been filled with imagination, creativity, and a very special visit that put West Hampstead Primary School in the national spotlight!

We were delighted to welcome the **BBC Breakfast** team to the school, who spent the morning capturing the buzzing atmosphere of our celebrations. They were incredibly impressed by the effort put into the costumes and the palpable love for reading that flows through our corridors. It was a proud moment to see our pupils representing the school so brilliantly on national television. You can catch up on the broadcast of our celebrations via the BBC iPlayer World Book Day coverage.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/I005810v/world-book-day-celebrates-the-love-of-reading>

The highlight of the day was undoubtedly an extraordinary workshop by [A.F. Steadman](#), the author of the sensationally popular *Skandar* series. The children were absolutely enthralled as she shared the secrets of her elemental world, from the fierce warrior unicorns to the power of the Island. Her journey from aspiring writer to international bestseller was truly inspiring, and her workshop on creating elemental characters sparked a wave of creativity across all year groups.

Seeing so many children arriving at the gates as their favourite characters reminded us why events like these are so vital. It wasn't just about the costumes; it was about the **shared joy of a great story**.

Following the author's visit, we encourage all families to visit a participating bookseller to exchange their **World Book Day tokens** for a free book or use it for £1 off a full-priced title.

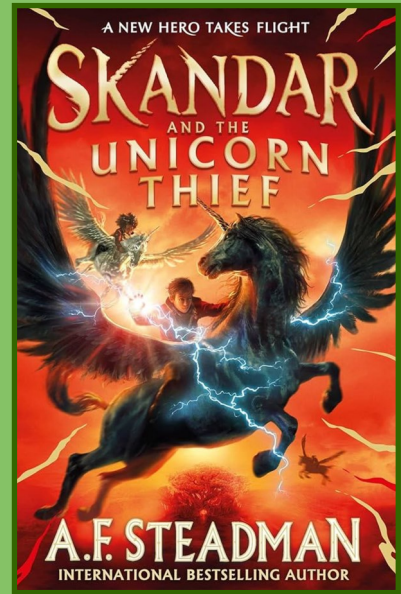
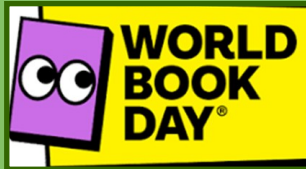
Thank you to all our families for your continued support in making these memorable days possible. Have a fantastic weekend!

Claire Dinata English Lead



EVENTS NEXT WEEK

MONDAY:	Danube Class Swimming PM
TUESDAY:	Yr2 Thames Clipper Trip
	Royal Academy of Music visit Nursery
WEDNESDAY:	Thames Class Swimming PM
FRIDAY:	9:10 Mersey Class Assembly
	2:45-3:15 Golden Time



Breakfast



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05/03/2026



Book week At West Hampstead

As well as the excitement of filming with the BBC and listening to the inspirational A. F. Steadman, we had lots of other activities taking place this week.

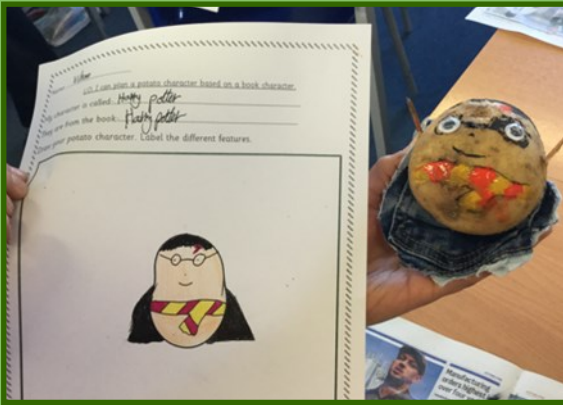
The teachers and children took part in a 'Reading Relay'. The adults had five minutes to read part of the class text before hearing a bell and then sprinting to the next classroom. Trying to find where the last teacher finished was tricky and a little confusing, especially when out of breath! It was lovely to read with different classes across the school.





Throughout the week, the children let their creativity free by turning potatoes into characters from books. The school council then had the very difficult job of choosing a winner from each class.





Congratulations to the talented winners of the potato character competition who were:

- Nursery – Heath
- Lily – Layla
- Avon – Ines
- Severn – Gokce
- Tyne – Amelia
- Shannon – Blake
- Clyde – Samuel H
- Thames – Sol
- Mersey – Anna
- Seine – Faith
- Danube – Julie
- Ganges – Arianna
- Mississippi – Ellie
- Nile – Heaven
- Amazon – Max



Mr Drake, Miss Bones, Ms Filiz and Miss Efford visited different classes to share some of their favourite stories.



There were a lot of fabulous costumes in school on Thursday. The EYFS even hosted their own catwalk!





A huge thank you to all of the grown-ups at home who helped with all of the costumes.

We hope that all of the children enjoyed World Book Week at West Hampstead Primary.

As some of the children interviewed by the BBC said so perfectly,

“Reading is like having a film playing in your head and reading a book is like opening a door to a new world.”

“Reading is like going to an entirely different planet and meeting loads of different people.”



Have a lovely weekend and happy
reading!

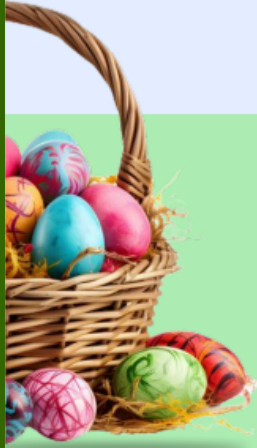
From all of us at
West Hampstead Primary



On Thursday 26th February the WHPS Eco Committee attended The Green Dragons Den at Camden's Royal Veterinary College. The Eco Committee showcased their sustainability project all about reducing food waste in our school to a panel of 'dragons' for a chance to win up to £500! The event was a huge success and the children spoke confidently and passionately about their project design. The event also included an exploration of the collage museum, crafting bird feeders in the lab, and learning about recycling and soil health. After the event we found out that the Eco Committee had been awarded the full £500 towards the execution of their project. Well done to everyone involved!



CAMDENFOODBANK URGENT EASTER DONATION APPEAL



Please help Camden Foodbank to feed local people in food crisis. In the year to March 25, Trussell foodbanks gave out 2.9 million crisis food parcels, **over a million of these emergency food parcels were given out to children.** With food inflation up by over 38% since 2020, many local people have fallen into food poverty. In 2025 Camden Foodbank supported 6,260 people with emergency parcels. **Please help Camden Foodbank this Easter by donating targeted food or money to support local adults and children living in food poverty.**

URGENT FOOD ITEMS !

- Easter Eggs
- Tinned Meat and Fish
- Tinned Vegetables
- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Rice
- Pasta, Pasta Sauce
- Baked Beans
- Long Life Juice
- Long Life Milk
- Tea, Coffee and Sugar
- Cooking Oil
- Cereal
- Toothbrushes & Toothpaste
- Soap & Shower Gel
- Washing Up Liquid
- Laundry Powder
- Toilet paper

• DONATE MONEY THROUGH JUSTGIVING

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/camdenfoodbank>

Please select GIFT AID which will increase your donation.



• FOR CHEQUES / DIRECT DEBITS AND OTHER DONATION

<https://camden.foodbank.org.uk/support-us/donate-money>

JustGiving

• DONATE FOOD IN PERSON

DAY	TIME OPEN	ADDRESS
Tuesday & Friday	11:30am - 3pm	Camden Foodbank, 14 Pratt Mews, London NW1 0AD
Sunday	10am - 12pm	Camden Foodbank, 14 Pratt Mews, London NW1 0AD
Everyday	8am - 10pm	Camden Town Methodist Church, Wesley Hotel Camden Town, 89 Plender Street London NW1 0JN
Everyday	8am - 10pm	Wesley Euston Hotel, 81-103 Euston Street London NW1 2EZ
Thursday	10am - 6pm	St Mary-le-Savoy with St George German Lutheran Church, Sandwich Street London WC1H 9PL
Sunday	10am - 4pm	St Mary-le-Savoy with St George German Lutheran Church, Sandwich Street London WC1H 9PL

• DONATE BY ONLINE SHOPPING

DAY	TIME OPEN	ADDRESS
Tuesday & Friday	11:30am - 2:30pm	Camden Foodbank, 14 Pratt Mews London NW1 0AD

CAMDEN FOODBANK IS CLOSED FOR EASTER FROM 3RD APRIL 2026 AND REOPENS 7TH APRIL 2026.

Please Donate Here



Camden Foodbank 14 Pratt Mews, London NW1 0AD

☎ 07871248704 ✉ info@camden.foodbank.org.uk 🌐 <https://Camden.foodbank.org.uk>

Camden Foodbank registered charity in England and Wales 1213047

'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

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

Limited numbers - booking in advance is required.

Please bring an exercise mat or something comfortable to use.