The WHPS Weekly

Friday 13th March 2026

Dear Parents /Carers,

It has been another wonderfully busy and exciting term for our Early Years children in Nursery and Reception. The children have been learning, exploring and having lots of fun along the way, and we are so proud of everything they have been achieving.

It was lovely to welcome so many families to Parents' Evening. We hope you enjoyed the chance to hear about how well your children are doing and to celebrate the fantastic progress they are making. It is always such a pleasure to share their enthusiasm, growing confidence and love of learning.

Music has been a real highlight this term. We were delighted to welcome visitors from the Royal Academy of Music and the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment, who delivered wonderful workshops for both Nursery and Reception. The children were completely captivated and loved exploring the sounds and instruments.

Reception were also very excited to visit Cecil Sharp House, where they took part in a workshop and enjoyed a performance of Mozart's Cat – a very special experience for them all.

One of the most exciting days of the term was World Book Day! The children arrived dressed as their favourite story characters and looked fantastic. We held a special costume parade in the hall so all the Early Years children could show off their outfits, and it was wonderful to see so many creative costumes.

A big well done to everyone who took part, and congratulations to the winners of the potato character competition – the entries were brilliant . A special mention to Ariella, from Tyne who's name was missed last week.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Wishing all our families a very happy and safe weekend.

Gerri O'Brien, Early Years Lead

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

MONDAY:	**10:30-2:00 Mersey Class to Camley Street**
	Danube Class Swimming PM
TUESDAY:	**Fluoride varnish (Nursery– Yr2 AM)**
	Royal Academy of Music visit Nursery
	10:30-2:00 Thames Class to Camley Street
WEDNESDAY:	**Thames Class Swimming PM**
FRIDAY:	**RED NOSE DAY– NON SCHOOL UNIFOR (wear something RED)**
	2:45-3:15 Golden Time

A Wonderful Term at Nursery

It has been another busy and joyful term at the nursery, full of creativity, exploration, and hands-on learning.

Our young gardeners have been carefully nurturing **our beautiful amaryllis**, which has blossomed wonderfully and brightened our classroom.

Alongside it, our **mini daffodils are growing rapidly** and the children love watching them change day by day. Caring for our plants has been a lovely way for the children to learn about nature while enjoying the responsibility of looking after them.

We were delighted to **welcome back visitors from The Royal Academy** of Music, who once again filled the nursery with the magic of music. The children have thoroughly enjoyed listening, exploring rhythm, and joining in with the musical activities. It has been a fantastic opportunity for them to experience music in such an engaging and interactive way.

We were pleased to invite parents to a special workshop session, where they were able to experience and explore the musical activities themselves, learning more about what the children have been enjoying and discovering during these sessions.

The nursery has also been full of excitement in the kitchen, as we have been **very busy cooking a variety of delicious things inspired by the wonderful books we have been reading together**. Cooking has been a great way for the children to explore new ideas, tastes, and teamwork.

We celebrated Chinese New Year and the nursery restaurant was very popular!

Creativity has flourished in our classroom too.

Inspired by stories, the children have created **wonderful drawings of giants and wild things**, which are proudly displayed for everyone to enjoy.

We also had great fun celebrating **World Book Day**, when the children arrived dressed as amazing storybook characters. It was a wonderful day filled with stories, imagination, and a shared love of books.

We are incredibly proud of everything the children have achieved this term and look forward to many more exciting adventures ahead.

The Nursery Team.

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Todd
Heath

Lily class

Lily class has had a fantastic Spring term already. The children have learnt the seasons and we explored melting and freezing toys.

They have learnt about the parts of a plant, using maths to measure an amaryllis, planting cress and learning all about how wheat is made into bread.

We have been to Hampstead Heath and explored different types of transport including retelling the story of the naughty bus. We had our own train roleplay afternoon when the children pretended to be train drivers or ticket inspectors or passengers on the train.

We also had the opportunity to listen to the OAE play music by the composer Mozart and take part in a workshop singing songs inspired by his life.

Last week for Book Week we have been using story maps to create our own stories and acting them out in front of the class. What a busy term!

Alice Bracken, Maxine Lee -Lily Class Team.

Avon Class

We have been super busy in Avon Class over the Spring Term learning about so many interesting things – here are a few highlights.

We learnt about freezing and melting by freezing some objects in ice blocks. We then had fun watching the ice melt and trying to see how we could speed up the process. We also enjoyed investigating which sort of objects float or sink.

On number day we really enjoyed measuring our feet using cubes.

As part of our topic 'On the Move' we travelled by train to visit Hampstead Heath and really enjoyed our walk through the park including a climb to the top of Parliament Hill.

This half term, we have been using the story of The Little Red Hen to learn all about bread and how it is made. We tasted different types of bread and voted for our favourites. We also made toast and wrote about what we like to have on it. Finally, we followed instructions to make sandwiches.

This week we have been growing cress from seeds and observing how it changes over time.

Reception have also recently enjoyed a visiting workshop from the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment where we learnt about orchestras and the composer Mozart. We then went to Cecil Sharp House in Camden to enjoy a concert.

JOIN US FOR RED NOSE DAY 2026

FRIDAY 20TH MARCH

NON-UNIFORM DAY

WEAR RED/SOMETHING FUNNY

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FUNDRAISING FOR COMIC RELIEF

BAD JOKE COMPETITION!

BAD JOKE COMPETITION FOR EVERY YEAR GROUP, SUBMIT YOUR JOKE TO MR DRAKE TO BE READ OUT IN ASSEMBLY 🙂
PRIZES TO BE WON!

PARENTS/TEACHERS WELCOME TO COMPETE.

WEST HAMPSTEAD PSA
SHARE. CONNECT. HAVE FUN.

COMIC RELIEF

Rudolph School of Tennis is offering play tennis for free on the following dates.

Saturday 4th April

Saturday 11th April

We are also running Children's Tennis Camp over the Easter Holidays

Details on our website below:

https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/RudolphSchoolofTennis

We are at Parliament Hill Fields, tennis courts, Highgate Road, NW5

The Royal Central School of Speech and Drama is excited to invite your students to our Saturday Youth Theatre – a fun, practical, and creative space for 6 – 17 year olds to play, make theatre, and meet new friends!

Each week, students explore drama techniques like improvisation, voice, movement, and script work through games and exercises that build confidence, creativity and performance skills in a supportive environment. At the end of term, parents are invited to a sharing to celebrate the student's work.

We are currently offering a **free taster session on Saturday 28th March** so families can experience the class before securing their children's positions for the 9week course from April – June.

Key Information:

Free Taster Session

6 – 11 year olds
Date: Saturday 28th March
Location: Royal Central School of Speech and Drama, Swiss Cottage, NW3
Time: 10am –12pm
Booking Link: https://shortcourses.cssd.ac.uk/book/add/p/275
Price: Free

Saturday Youth Theatre Spring Term

6 – 11 year olds
Date: Saturday 18th April – Saturday 13th June
Location: Royal Central School of Speech and Drama, Swiss Cottage, NW3
Time: 10am –12pm
Booking Link: » The Royal Central School of Speech and Drama
Course Fee: £250

Bursary Places Available

We are committed to making this opportunity accessible to all families and we have Leverhulme funded **bursary places** are available each term. To be eligible, children must live in England and meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Are from a low income household (below £35,000 annual income)
- Are care experienced or currently in the care of a local authority
- Have a disability
- Have caring responsibilities

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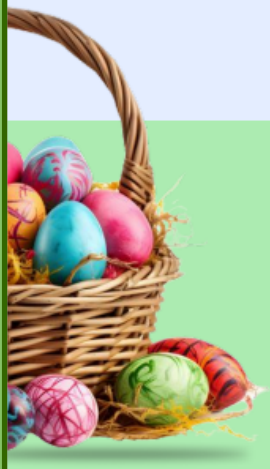
CAMDEN FOODBANK URGENT EASTER DONATION APPEAL



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.

JustGiving

- **FOR CHEQUES / DIRECT DEBITS AND OTHER DONATION**

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

- **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**

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

Please Donate Here

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CAMDEN
Special Parents Forum

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, freshy prepared group lunch?

If so, please join us on:

When?		Time?
Tuesday 27th January 26	**Tuesday 10th February 26**	**12-2pm**
Tuesday 17th March 26	**Tuesday 28th April 26**	

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.

Kids Disabled children say we can