

The WHPS Weekly

Friday 23rd October 2026



Dear WHPS Families,

Settling In, Growing Together and Making Wonderful Beginnings!

It has been a lovely start to the year at West Hampstead Primary School, particularly in our Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), where we have welcomed lots of new faces to our Nursery and Reception classes. Our youngest learners have been busy exploring their new surroundings, getting to know their teachers, making friends and beginning to feel at home in their new school environment.

Starting school is a very special milestone for children and their families, and we are delighted to see our new starters growing in confidence, developing independence and becoming part of the WHPS community.

To celebrate these exciting new beginnings, we held a special Early Years Picnic, giving our new families the opportunity to meet one another, get to know our staff and begin building friendships. It was a lovely way to bring everyone together and help our newest families feel welcomed and connected to our school community.

We are incredibly fortunate to have an amazing team of experienced and dedicated colleagues in our Early Years, whose expertise, care and commitment ensure that children get the very best possible start to their education. This was reflected in our recent Ofsted report, which recognised that our early years provision provides children with a *"highly positive start to their education"*. We are particularly proud of the way our team creates a nurturing environment where children feel safe, confident and excited to learn.

We have also been delighted to welcome Eve Roberts, our new SEND teacher in the Willow Room, this term. Eve has already made a wonderful contribution, playing an important role in helping some of our children with additional needs settle into school life. Her caring and nurturing approach is helping children build trusting relationships, feel secure in their new routines and grow in confidence as they navigate their school day. At WHPS, we know that every child's journey is unique, and we are committed to ensuring that every child feels valued, included and ready to learn.



We look forward to a wonderful year ahead, filled with friendship, discovery, growth and happy memories. A very warm welcome to all our new children and families — we are so happy to have you as part of WHPS!

Have a fantastic half term!

Karen Over

EVENTS AFTER HALF TERM

MONDAY:	Danube Class Swimming PM
TUESDAY:	9:15-11:00 Prospective parent tour
WEDNESDAY:	Yr6 Junior Citizenship Trip (AM)
	Choir to The Old Vic Theatre
	Mersey Class Swimming PM
FRIDAY:	2:15 Golden Time

We are so proud of how well the Reception children have settled into their new setting. We are having fun making new friends and taking part in lots of different activities. We have started our phonics scheme and the children are such enthusiastic learners! We have also been learning about owls, seasons, families and taking part in Black History Month activities. We can't wait to see what the rest of the year will bring!







Nursery News!

What a wonderful start we've had in nursery! The children have settled so well, and we are incredibly proud of them all. They have been busy making new friends, learning to share and becoming familiar with our daily routines. We've also been enjoying lots of exciting activities linked to our topic, and it's lovely to see their confidence, independence and learning growing each day.

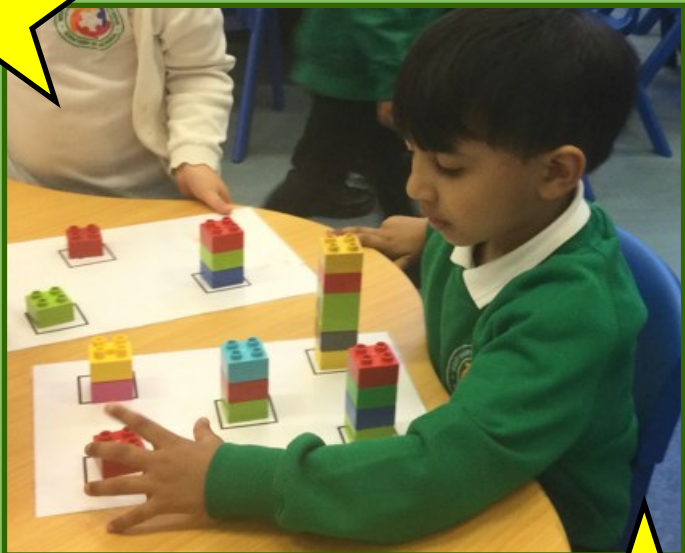
A big thank you to all our parents for your continued support. We know starting nursery can be a big step for everyone!

We really appreciate the trust you place in us, and we look forward to lots more fun, laughter, learning .

Gerri O'Brien and the Nursery Team.







How to find an NHS dentist

- You can find a dental surgery that's convenient for you, whether it's near your home or work, and phone them to see if there are any NHS appointments available.
- You can search for an NHS dentist near you on the website: [How to find an NHS dentist - NHS](#)
- Dental surgeries will not always have the capacity to take on new NHS patients. You may have to join a waiting list, look for a different dentist who is taking on new NHS patients, or be seen privately.

Scan the QR code for more information on finding a dentist



Dental emergency and out-of-hours care

- If you think you need urgent care, contact your usual dentist as some surgeries offer emergency dental slots and will provide care if clinically necessary.
- You can contact **NHS 111**, who can put you in touch with an urgent dental service.

Fluoride Varnish at West Hampstead Primary School

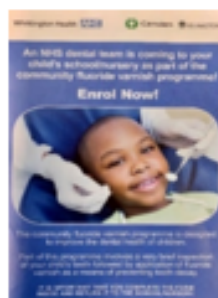
Dear Parents/Carers

The Whittington NHS Community Dental Fluoride Varnish team will be visiting your child's school after the half term holiday to see children in year groups

Nursery -Year 2 for fluoride varnish application on

Wednesday, 18th November 2026 & Thursday, 18th March 2027

If you would like to enroll your child this year, please complete the blue form that you will receive after the half term holiday, and return it to the school. Alternatively, you can fill in the online consent form by scanning the QR:



What is Fluoride Varnish? It is a pale-yellow gel applied to children's teeth using a small soft brush. The varnish sets quickly, has a pleasant taste and a fruity smell.

Specially trained dental nurses apply the varnish to children's teeth using a soft brush.



Why is Fluoride Varnish applied to teeth?

Fluoride varnish provides extra protection against tooth decay when used in addition to toothbrushing with fluoride toothpaste.

It is strongly recommended for children from the age of 3 years, to have fluoride varnish applied twice every year*. The fluoride varnish application can be applied at school and/or at their regular dentist.

Delivering Better Oral health <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/delivering-better-oral-health-an-evidencebased-toolkit-for-prevention>

Are there any reasons why it might not be applied at school?

- **If your child has asthma /severe allergies / carries an Epi-Pen**
- If your child is unwell or has sore areas in their mouth on the day. Please ask their regular dentist about having it at the dental surgery

Please ensure you enrol your child by filling out and returning the **blue** consent forms to the school ahead of our visit. The form has an FAQ (frequently asked questions) section.

For queries, please contact the programme lead. Email: a.iorga@nhs.net Phone: 02033168388

Top tips for good oral health

- Brush your teeth twice a day with a fluoride toothpaste. Spit don't rinse!
- Reduce the frequency and quantity of sugary foods and drinks.
- Visit your dentist regularly (Scan the QR code to find an NHS Dentist)



WEST HAMPSTEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL PSA'S



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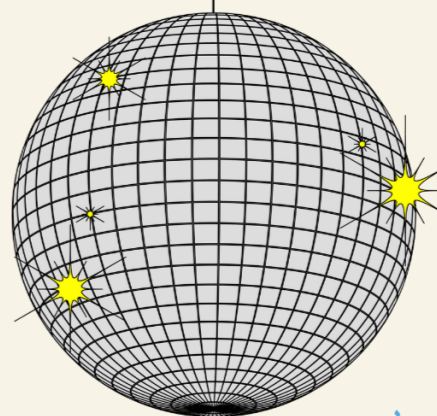


WINTER FAIR



SATURDAY 28TH NOVEMBER
1-4PM

HOT FOOD BAKE-SALE MULLED WINE
GAMES RAFFLE CRAFTS SILENT DISCO
STORY TIME WITH SANTA
BISCUIT DECORATING
& MORE



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Everyone Welcome!

Free Entry

BE CURIOUS. BE BRAVE. BE BOLD.



La Sainte Union
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

CALLING ALL YEAR 5 & 6 GIRLS!

Join us at La Sainte Union for an action-packed morning of discovery, creativity and adventure!

SATURDAY 24 OCTOBER 2026
8:30AM-1:00PM | FREE EVENT

BMX WITH A CHAMPION

Meet and learn new skills with Mike Mullen, 6x UK BMX Halfpipe Champion and former World Masters Champion.

EXPLORE STEM

Get hands-on with exciting science, technology, engineering and maths activities.

DISCOVER COMPUTER SCIENCE

Challenge yourself, get creative and explore new possibilities.

MAKE FRIENDS & DISCOVER LSU

Meet our students, explore the school and experience what life at La Sainte Union is really like.



THE DAY STARTS WITH FAMILY BREAKFAST!

- 8:30am Family breakfast and welcome
- 9:15am Activities begin
- 12:40pm Special transition talk with Mike Mullen, with parents and carers welcome

Highgate Road, London NW5 1RP 020 7428 4500 general@lsu.camden.sch.uk
www.lasainteunion.org.uk [la_sainte_union](https://www.instagram.com/la_sainte_union)

READY TO DISCOVER YOUR BOLD FUTURE?

BOOK YOUR FREE
PLACE TODAY:
Scan the QR code
to register





SEND SURGERIES

Here to listen. Here to help.



Open to *all* Camden parents and carers of children and young people with SEND.

Free
to
attend!

At our SEND Surgeries you can:



Ask questions and share feedback



Find out about local SEND support services



Talk to senior staff in a welcoming space



Representatives from SEN team, Travel team, Educational Psychology team and more

Good to know



- ✓ You can attend any session, it doesn't need to be at your child's school or local family hub.
- ✓ You don't need to be known to SEND services.
- ✓ Come with any questions, big or small.



Everyone is welcome. We look forward to seeing you!

Come along for advice, support and information about SEND services in Camden.



2026 – 27 SEND SURGERY DATES

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SEPTEMBER
2026

Thomas Coram Centre (Nursery)

49 Mecklenburg Square,
London WC1N 2NY



10.30am
–
12.30pm

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NOVEMBER
2026

Kilburn Grange Best Start Family Hub

1 Palmerston Road, North Maida Vale,
London NW6 2JL



10.30am
–
12.30pm

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JANUARY
2027

Hawley Primary School

3 Hawley Road,
London NW1 8RP



10.30am
–
12.30pm

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MARCH
2027

Fitzjohn's Primary School

86A Fitzjohn's Avenue,
London NW3 6NP



10.30am
–
12.30pm

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APRIL
2027

Harmood Best Start Family Hub

1 Forge Place, Ferdinand Street,
London NW1 8DQ



5.00pm
–
7.00pm

22

JUNE
2027

Location TBC

Details to be confirmed



5.00pm
–
7.00pm



Want to know more?

Scan the QR code to visit the **Camden Local Offer Events and Activities** page for parents and carers.



For SEND enquiries:

✉ sen.enquiries@camden.gov.uk
☎ 020 7974 6500





THE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION FOR **WEST HAMPSTEAD**

Bringing the local community together

FREE WORKSHOPS FOR CHILDREN

AUTUMN HALF TERM PROGRAM 2026



Mon, 26th Oct, 1pm – 4pm

Halloween Bunting Making with Tash

Create your own Halloween themed bunting out of fabric, 3D pumpkins, bats and ghosts.

Tues, 27th Oct, 12pm – 4pm

Autumn Art & Nature with Roshi

Celebrate the beauty of autumn by creating colourful wall hangings, followed by painting your own adorable squirrels using mixed-media techniques.

Wed, 28th Oct, 12am – 4pm

Spooktacular Halloween Crafts with Roshi

Make your own Halloween decorations, accessories, masks, and more using a variety of materials and techniques.

Fri, 30th Oct, 1pm – 4pm

Haunted Houses & Capoeira

Halloween inspired paper craft workshop run by Janine, followed by an energetic Capoeira session with Senzala London.

All workshops are aimed at children aged 6+. The sessions take place at the West Hampstead Community Centre. Please get in touch via email for more information and to book your free place: candypeople@cawh.org.uk



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Mums together

**Are you a mum with
a child in nursery,
reception or Year 1?**



Would you like to come and share experiences about the ups and downs of motherhood, with other mums, in a supportive, non-judgemental space?



Join our drop-in support group at
West Hampstead Women's Centre,
Every Friday from 10-11.30am.
starting **Friday 2nd October 2026**

Facilitated by Naomi Landau -counsellor and psychotherapist with a special interest in supporting women during motherhood.

For more details contact us on 0207 328 7389





Pancras Square library

Thursday 29 October, 3pm-4:30pm

Explore language and African history with poet Rakaya Fetuga through storytelling, poetry, games and creative writing activities. Age range: 7-12 years.



Queens Crescent and Pancras Square Libraries

Being Human festival with London Metropolitan University

Queens Crescent Library Wednesday 11 November, 4pm - 5.30pm

Pancras Square Library Friday 13 November, 4pm-5.30pm

Come along to celebrate languages and picturebooks with your little ones at your local library!

You will discover and read books in more than 70 languages from our multilingual library, enjoy language themed colouring, and get creative while making your own books in any language to take home.

Activities particularly suitable for ages five years -10 years, although people of all ages are invited to enjoy this hands-on celebration of the languages and cultures of London!. Drop in event



Queens Crescent Library

Kente Creations Craft Workshop

Monday 26 October, 3pm-4:30pm

Explore the colours, patterns and symbols of Ghana's Kente cloth while creating your own personalised necklace. A fun, hands-on workshop celebrating culture, identity and self-expression. Age range: Suitable for all ages.

CAMDEN

Parent Carer Forum

Autumn Term Calendar 2026

FOR ALL PARENT CARERS IN CAMDEN WITH A SEND CHILD OR YOUNG PERSON (0-25 YEARS)
WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU ALL!

SEPTEMBER

- Mon 14th: Walk & Talk Regents Park 10:15am-12:30pm Gloucester Gate entrance NW1
Wed 16th: The Forum Coffee Catch-up 10am-11:30am @ Costa Camden Road NW1 9LR
Mon 21st: Intro to ADHD 10am-12pm @ Castlehaven Community Centre NW1 8RU
Tue 22nd: Movement, relaxation & lunch 12pm-2pm @ Kentish Town Congregational Church NW1 8PH
Tue 29th: Forum meeting (Hybrid online option) 10:30am-12:30pm @ Greenwood Centre NW5 1LB

OCTOBER

- Tue 6th: Intro to SEND' with SENDIASS, 10:30am-12:30pm @ The Greenwood Centre NW5 1LB
Mon 12th: Walk & Talk Hampstead Heath 10:15am-12pm Outside Parliament Hill Cafe/Toilets.
Tue 13th: Zumba & Brunch 10am-12pm @ Kentish Town Congregational Church NW1 8PH
Wed 21st: Reflective space for Parent carers on assesment pathway for their child/young person 10:30am-12pm @ Harmond Childrens Centre NW1 8DQ

NOVEMBER

- Tue 3rd: AI Training for Parent Carers 10am-12pm @ London AI Campus NW1 1RD
Wed 4th: The Forum Coffee Catch-up 10am-11:30am at Costa Camden Road NW1 9LR
Mon 9th: Walk & Talk Regents Park 10:15am-12pm Gloucester Gate Entrance NW1
Tue 17th: Movement, relaxation & lunch 12pm-2pm @ Kentish Town Congregational Church NW1 8PH
Wed 18th: Total Communications workshop 12:30pm-2pm Harmond Children's Centre NW1 8DQ
Tue 24th: Forum meeting (Hybrid) 10:30am-12:30pm @ Greenwood Centre NW5 1LB

DECEMBER

- Mon 7th: Walk & Talk Hampstead Heath 10:15-12pm Outside Parliament Hill Cafe/Toilets
Wed 9th: Forum winter wind down 12pm-2pm @ Castlehaven Community Centre NW1 8RU

TO REGISTER FOR AN EVENT YOU CAN EMAIL, CALL OR TEXT:
CAMDENPCF@KIDS.ORG.UK / 07385 003 662



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CAMDEN Parent Carer Forum

UPCOMING EVENTS November 2026

Tue
3rd

'Using AI as a SEND
parent carer' workshop
10am-12pm
London AI Campus, Camden Town
NW1 1RD

Wed
4th

Costa Coffee Catch Up
10am-11:30am
Costa Coffee, 35 Camden Road ,
NW1 9LR

Mon
9th

'Walk & Talk' Regents Park
10:15am-12pm
Meeting point - Gloucester Gate Entrance
NW1

Tue
17th

Movement, Relaxation & Lunch
12pm-2pm
Kentish Town Congregational Church,
Kelly Street, NW1 8PH

Wed
18th

Total Communications Workshop
(with Speech & Language Therapists)
12:30pm - 2pm
Harmood Children's Centre, 1 Forge Place,
Ferdinand Street NW1 8DQ

Tue
24th

Forum Meeting (Hybrid)
10:30am-12:30pm
The Greenwood Centre, Kentish Town
NW5 1LB

ONLINE

To register for any of these events please email:
CamdenPCF@kids.org.uk or Aishatu.Mohammed@kids.org.uk
Text or Call Aisha: 07385 003 662

CAMDEN

Parent Carer Forum

Coffee Catch up

'Coffee, Chat & Connection'

Wednesday 4th November
10am-11:30am

Costa Coffee, 35 Camden Road ,
NW1 9LR (close to the underground
station)



Are you a Camden parent carer of a SEND child or young person?

Come and join us for a coffee/ hot drink at a local costa - our treat!

Meet other parent carers and unwind for a bit. There is no expectation to share your experiences but you can:

- Talk about anything SEND
- Receive updates on the latest forum news
- Share your own thoughts and experience

We would love to see you there!

If you would like to register to attend, please email:

camdenpcf@kids.org.uk

or Call/Txt 07385 003
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Booking is essential

Using AI as a SEND Parent Carer'

Tuesday 3rd November 2026
10am-12pm

London AI Campus
Charrington Street, NW1 1RD

What you will learn at this workshop:

- What AI (artificial intelligence) is, how it works and it's limitations.
- How AI can support with every day tasks such as organising your thoughts, help prepare for meetings and draft letters/ emails.
- How AI can help you communicate effectively while keeping your own voice and protecting your privacy.
- How to use AI responsibly to check information, spot errors and know when to seek advice.

Led by the Director of the London AI Campus.

No previous experience with AI is needed

You can meet us at the venue at 10am, or outside Mornington Crescent tube station at 9.30am (we will have a sign)

If you would like to register to attend, please email:

camdenpcf@kids.org.uk

or Call 07385 003 662

