

2nd December 2024

Newsletter



School Council meet LBI Councilors

School Council were pleased when Islington Councillors Nurullah Turan and Heather Staff accepted their invitation to visit Canonbury and take part in an interview about their roles. Nurallah and Heather were impressed enough to write in afterwards saying “the kindness and good energy made our day” and “its so good to be engaging and teaching at a young age. I really hope the kids learn they 100% can become elected officials, nobody should stop them. It should not matter your background or status.”



School Council interviewing Islington Councillors Heather Staff and Nurullah Turan

Year 2 and 3 assemblies

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Year 2 and 3 assemblies this week. Year 2 wowed us with their play about the Great Fire of London, while Year 3 led a workshop with parents that took in many areas of the curriculum.



Christmas Fair this Saturday



It's shaping up to be another fantastic fair - so please put your name down to do 15 minutes on your class stall or activity .

You may not know that the core group of parents that make our fairs happen, rarely get to spend time with their children enjoying the event. I am sure you will agree that this is not right, so please give a little time on the day to help out. If lots of parents give a little bit of time, everyone will be able to spend most of their time enjoying the fair with their family.

Thank you,

Patrick

more news on the website- [click here](#)

DONATIONS NEEDED

CANONBURY CHRISTMAS FAIR
SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER

PLANS ARE UNDERWAY! WE ARE IN NEED OF THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS:

- TOYS, TEDDIES AND BOOKS- NEW OR GENTLY USED
- *PARTY BAG FILLER TOYS
- *UNWANTED GIFTS
- *CHOCOLATES AND OTHER CONFECTIONARY (NUT-FREE PLEASE!)
- *RAFFLE PRIZES!

PLEASE DROP OFF IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY FRIDAY 6 DECEMBER



Key Dates for your Diary

Year 6 Ash Class Workshop: Monday 2nd December - 9.10am - Top Hall

Year 6 Oak Class Workshop: Wednesday 4th December - 9.10am - Top Hall

Year 4 Hawthorn Class Workshop: Thursday 5th December - 9.10am - Top Hall

Year 4 London Plane Class Workshop: Friday 6th December - 9.10am - Top Hall

Reception & Nursery Parents' Evening: Wednesday 4th & Wednesday 11th December

Year 4 - Apollo Music trip to Leyton Great Hall: Thursday 5th December (packed lunch required)

Year 5 - Islington Local History Centre: Friday 6th December (packed lunch for Sycamore ONLY)

Year 2 - LSO Schools Concert - Barbican: Monday 9th December

Christmas Concert: Years 1-6 - Union Chapel: Tuesday 10th December 11.15am-12.30pm

Year 5 trip to the Science Museum: Wednesday 11th December - (packed lunch required)

Year 1 Christmas Show (Chestnut class parents): Thursday 12th December 9-10am

Pensioners' Christmas Tea Party (Year 5): Thursday 12th December 1-3pm (Yr 5 parent volunteers)

Year 1 Christmas Show (Pear class parents): Friday 13th December 9-10am

Reception Christmas Show (Apricot class parents): Tuesday 17th December 9-10am

Nursery Christmas Show: Wednesday 18th December 9-10am

Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day: Wed 18th December - **bring £1 for Save The Children**

Reception Christmas Show (Cherry class parents): Thursday 19th December 9-10am

Last Day of Autumn Term - Friday 20th December 2024 - school finishes at 1.45pm

PTA Dates

Christmas Fair: Saturday 7th December -12-3pm - all hands on deck!



Hi parents/carers of young people at Canonbury Primary School. My name is **Uma** and I work **Bright Futures**, a service offered by Islington Council to support young people and their families.

Is your young person....

- struggling academically?
- facing anxieties around attending school?
- struggling with morning routines and arriving late for school?
- presenting challenging behaviour at home?



I will be available at the school **every other Thursday morning at 8:45am** (book in at the school office) to have a friendly chat about what we offer. I can signpost you to other services, offer information, advice, and guidance, book a meeting with you and the school, and offer you a safe space to discuss what might be going on. I know it can feel overwhelming and daunting at times to reach out, but no struggle is too small - we all need a little help sometimes.

Attendance, Punctuality & Superstar Winners

School Attendance

🎯 Islington target is 96%

Canonbury this week: 92.6%

Attendance Trophy

Rec - Apricot Tree Class 91%
Y1/2 - Beech Class 96.4%
Y3/4 - London Plane Class 95.2%
Y5/6 - Hornbeam Tree Class 97.7%



Punctuality Trophy

Reception - Cherry Class 0 Mins
Y1/2 - Pear & Chestnut Class - 0 Mins
Y3/4 - Bay Class - 12 Mins
Y5/6 - Hornbeam Tree Class - 0 Mins



Canonbury Superstars

This Week


Year 1 Chestnut - Mason
Year 1 Pear - Zoe
Year 2 Beech - Bence
Year 2 Silver Birch - Ezel
Year 3 Bay - Baran
Year 3 Lime - Alexander
Year 4 Hawthorn - Torin
Year 4 London Plane - Harper
Year 5 Hornbeam - Filipp
Year 5 Sycamore - Amie
Year 6 Ash - Izzy
Year 6 Oak - Kaeden

Be Ready...

Canonbury Primary School

The gate is open at
8:45 am

After 9am is late



Be ReadyTo Learn

Please support your child by making sure they are at school, ready to start the day with everyone - from 8:45am.

DON'T FORGET TO JOIN OUR GREAT WINTER READING CHALLENGE



It starts on 2 December - sign up at your local library!

Libraries
ReadLearnConnect

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For a more equal future

Read four books between 2 December and 28 February to get a certificate!

- You can read or listen to anything you like; fact books, joke books, story books...
- Ask at the library or your friends and family for book recommendations.
- Challenge your parents/carers to read something of your choice.
- When you finish each book get your reading record updated!

Suitable for children aged 0 - 16.

Ask in your local library for more information or contact us on 020 7527 6900



CANONBURY

PTA and Foundation

Fundraising events

Investments

Nov	Fireworks Night £345	<u>Class Trips and Projects</u> Nursery/ Reception Art Supplies Y1 Trip to Zoo Y2 Trip to Margate Y3 Trip to Celtic Harmony Y4 Fashion Show Y5 Trip to Treginnis - Coaches and Financial Support Y6 Coaches to Kench Hill & Y6 Leavers Yearbooks and Prom Union Chapel Hire for School Concerts Music Instruments Maintenance Lighting for Events Class Christmas Presents Teacher Appreciation Breakfast
Dec	Christmas Fair £1660	
Jan	Disco £1240	
March	Easter Extravaganza £670	
June	Quiz Night £735	
July	Summer Fair £2000	
July	Run Canonbury Run £6000	
Summer	Coffee Mornings £190	
Year-Round	Cake Stalls £1800	

£14000+

**Total Raised
2023-2024**



CANONBURY



PTA and Foundation

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

- *COME TO EVENTS*
- *SPREAD THE WORD*

HELP at EVENTS

- *Volunteer to help run a stall
- * Donate supplies for events
- *Bake for Cake Stalls
- *Help with set up or clean up at events

FINANCIAL HELP

- *Find raffle prize donors or other sponsorship
- *Corporate Match Funding
- *One-off or monthly donation
- *Fundraise while you shop - Give as You Live

ADMINSTRATIVE HELP

- *Help organise events
- *Design posters
- * Maintain PTA supplies in the Dungeon
- *Help research and apply for grants
- *Brainstorm new fundraising ideas

VACANT ROLES

- *Foundation Treasurer - to manage accounts and maintain financial records
- *PTA Communications Officer- to produce materials to advertise and report on PTA events

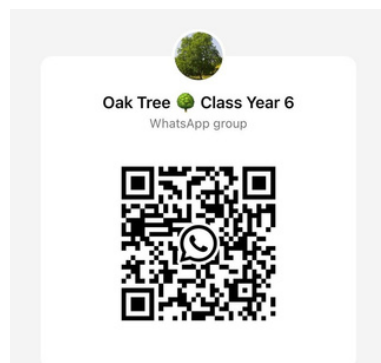
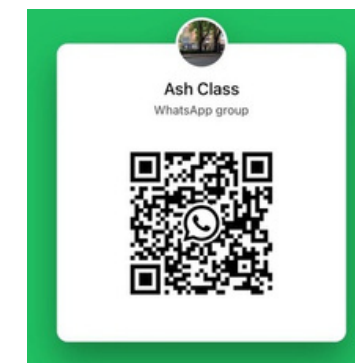
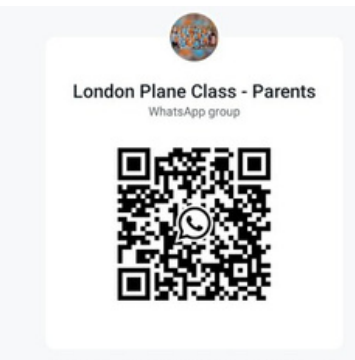
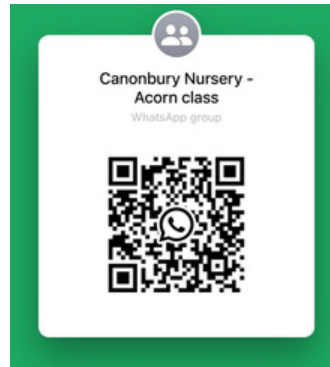


Join the PTA Whatsapp Group to learn more and stay informed or email canonburypta@gmail.com or canonburyfoundation@gmail.com



Did you know there is a WhatsApp group for your class? This will have been set up by your PTA class rep at some point to communicate about PTA events but many parents find it useful for organising birthday parties, lost property, queries on homework etc.

If you'd like to join your class WhatsApp group, scan your class QR code below:





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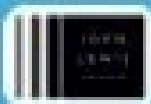
Generate free donations for us at over 5,500 online stores. It's completely free thanks to our partner, Give as you Live Online!



Simply scan the QR code with your mobile phone to sign up for free!

Just some of the 5,500 stores paying free donations:

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ASOS



Term dates for 2024/2025

AUTUMN TERM	Inset Day 1 – Monday 2nd September 2024
Autumn term 1	Tuesday 3 rd September 2024 - Friday 25 th October 2024
<i>Autumn Half-term</i>	<i>Monday 28th October 2024 - Friday 1st November 2024</i>
Autumn term 2	Monday 4 th November 2024 – Friday 20 th December 2024
<i>Christmas Holiday</i>	<i>Monday 23rd December 2024 - Friday 3rd January 2024</i>
SPRING TERM	Inset Day 2 – Monday 6th January 2025
Spring term 1	Tuesday 7 th January 2025 - Friday 14 th February 2025
<i>Spring Half-term</i>	<i>Monday 17th February 2025 - Friday 21st February 2025</i>
Spring term 2	Monday 24 th February 2025 – Friday 4 th April 2025
<i>Easter Holiday</i>	<i>Monday 7th April 2025 – Monday 21st April 2025 (Easter weekend: Friday 18th April - Monday 21st April 2025)</i>
SUMMER TERM	Inset Day 3 – Monday 2nd June 2025
Summer term 1	Tuesday 22 nd April 2025 - Friday 23 rd May 2025 (May Day Bank Holiday is on Monday 6 th May 2024)
<i>Summer Half-term</i>	<i>Monday 26th May 2024 - Friday 30th May 2025 (Spring Bank Holiday will be taken on 26th May 2025)</i>
Summer term 2	Tuesday 3 rd June 2025 – Friday 18 th July 2025
<i>Summer Holiday</i>	<i>Monday 21st July 2025 - Monday 1st September 2025</i>
	Inset Day 4 – Monday 21st July 2025 Inset Day 5 – Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Everyone needs a little help sometimes

We know that being a parent is not always easy and that all families need support at some stage as children grow up

Bright Futures works with families who have children 5-19

We will work with you and your family to help you make lasting positive change and get the most out of family life

'Things right now are good. There have been quite a few challenges, but I feel stronger and more capable than I have for a while.'

- Bright Futures parent



Some ways we can help

- Advise on child behaviour, routines and parenting
- Strengthen family relationships and reduce conflict
- Help with your child's school attendance and learning
- Improve your families' health and wellbeing
- Offer advice on home finances, training and employment
- Connect you with activities and support in your local community



How to access Bright Futures services

Call our helpline: **020 7527 4343**

9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday or email bright.futures@islington.gov.uk



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Unlock extra benefits worth hundreds of pounds per child

If you receive certain benefits, your child could be eligible for so much more than free school meals! Register before the summer break to unlock:



A £15 supermarket voucher per child, per week – worth £90 per child over the summer break!



Access to the free Holiday Activities with Food programme. Book a place for your child at dozens of activities – there's something for everyone. Every activity includes a free healthy meal.



A £150 school uniform voucher for every child moving up from primary to secondary school.

DON'T MISS OUT

Register for benefits-related free school meals to unlock other support worth hundreds of pounds.

Turn over for details

Islington



Family Information Service

Looking for childcare, activities, or support for your family?



We provide free information and advice for families with children aged 0-25



Phone: **020 7527 5959**
Email: fis@islington.gov.uk
Web: www.islington.gov.uk/fis

www.facebook.com/islingtonfis



Did you know Islington Council have a short-term fund for people in work who rent their home?

To apply to the fund for a one off payment of £250

YOU MUST

- live in Islington
- pay rent
- be in employment
- less than £50,000 gross household earnings
- Combined household of savings of less than £5,000

PROVIDE PROOF OF

- rent - tenancy agreement of letter from landlord
- savings- recent bank statements for every household member
- earnings - recent payslip for every household member

If you think you might be eligible please visit

<https://www.islington.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/cost-of-living-support/help-for-renters-who-are-working>

Alternatively please contact the office who can arrange for you to meet with Bright Futures for support to complete the form.

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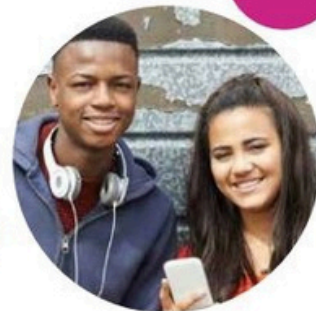
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Islington FIS (Family Information Service) is a free advice service that helps families with children aged 0-25 find the right information and support.

Contact us to find out how we can help you with:

- Childcare and free early learning
- Bright Start services and children's centres
- Parenting
- Play and things to do
- Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND)
- Family support
- Health
- Money advice
- Schools and learning
- Training and employment
- Becoming a childminder



We're helping
with the cost of living crisis

Free, confidential advice to maximise your income

Contact the council for friendly advice and support. We can help you work out what benefits and financial support you are entitled to, whether you will be better off in work, including the affordability of childcare, and we can help you to make a claim.

Call **020 7527 8222**
Email heretohelp@islington.gov.uk
Visit www.islington.gov.uk/moneyadvice

Get help finding and paying for childcare

Our Family Information Service (FIS) can help with:

- Free early education for 2, 3 and 4 year olds
- Childcare for under 5s, including childminders and Islington's funded nurseries, and childcare for over 5s - after-school and holidays
- 30 hours free childcare
- Tax-free childcare
- Childcare through Universal Credit
- Islington Childcare Bursary

Call **020 7527 5959**; email fis@islington.gov.uk or visit www.islington.gov.uk/fis

Apply for a Childcare Bursary

If you live in Islington, are claiming benefits and have a child aged 0-16 (or up to 18 with disabilities) who needs childcare, you may be entitled to a Childcare Bursary. The bursary is there to help parents who are starting work, a work placement, or short-term training to pay for childcare. It does not need to be paid back.

Call **020 7527 5891** or visit www.islington.gov.uk/childcarebursary

Help with your energy bills

Our energy advice team can provide guidance on reducing energy bills and speaking to your energy suppliers regarding utility debt and billing issues, help you apply for water discounts, support with energy efficiency grant applications and signpost to other public health interventions. To speak to a member of the SHINE team:

Call **0300 555 0195** or **020 7527 2121** lines are open 9am-5pm, Monday-Friday.
Or text **07800 006143** or visit shine-london.org.uk

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If your household income is feeling the squeeze, you'll find a wide range of support online at www.islington.gov.uk/costofliving

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