

6th September 2024

# Newsletter

## **Welcome to the new academic year**

I hope that all our families have had an enjoyable summer and a good start to the school year. It has been delightful to see the children come back with renewed energy, happy to see their friends and get on with school life.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our families who are joining Canonbury this year in Nursery, Reception and throughout the school.

## **Welcome to your new class: Open morning for Year 1 to 6 parents Wednesday 25th September, 9.00-10.00**

Every year we invite parents to a meeting to share information about the curriculum, timetable and class routines. Until now this has been a presentation by the teachers to parents. We would like to make this a warmer, more personable experience, so we are holding an open morning where you can take part in an activity with your child, meet their teachers and teaching assistants and collect the information pack. We hope that you will find this a more rewarding and meaningful event. It also means that where there are siblings, parents will be able to get around all classes in one event.

## **Open afternoons for Reception parents (Wednesday 2nd October) and Nursery parents (Friday 4th October)**

Early years open afternoons take place in the same week during the last hour of the school day – the team will confirm precise times in the near future.

Meanwhile we can look forward to an autumn term full of learning, school trips and exciting events.

**Patrick**

It was unsettling to see the riots that happened in several areas of the country following the tragic events in Southport this summer, and the racist and violent behaviour of the people who took part. I understand it will have been especially disturbing for Canonbury families, as that behaviour does not match the values we live by in our school community.

Altogether, our families have heritage in Europe, Africa, Asia, Oceania, North and South America – that's every continent in the world except Antarctica! We know that this diversity is our strength, something that enriches children's learning, personal development and friendships.

In the curriculum, children learn about and celebrate cultures from across the world, they understand that it is right to respect, connect with and appreciate each other, and that racism is wrong. The core of our vision is that everyone at Canonbury feels that they belong – and is proud to belong – in our school community and their home communities. I immediately think of our International Food afternoon where our children and families come together to share, talk, laugh and play together.

Reflecting on our values and how we live by them fills me with hope and confidence that as Canonbury children grow into young people and then adults, their first instinct will always be to look for understanding and connection with others, and to show kindness, appreciation and respect.

# Superstar Winners

## Canonbury Superstars

This Week

Year 1 Chestnut - Albie  
Year 1 Pear - Tigerlily  
Year 2 Beech - Khari  
Year 2 Silver Birch - Isabelle  
Year 3 Bay - Chayse  
Year 3 Lime - Sky  
Year 4 Hawthorn - Maryam  
Year 4 London Plane - Zora  
Year 5 Hornbeam - Hornbeam  
Year 5 Sycamore - Lexie  
Year 6 Ash - Macey  
Year 6 Oak - Ibrahim

CANONBURY  
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Early Reading  
coffee morning for  
Year 1 parents

Wednesday 11th September  
9.10-9.40am

Join us to find out how we  
teach reading in Year 1

All whilst enjoying some  
coffee and biscuits

Hi parents/carers of young people at Canonbury Primary School. My name is **Uma** and I have recently joined **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 at the school gate every **Thursday morning at 8:45am** 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





## Key Dates for your Diary

**Year 1 - Parents & Carers - Early Reading Coffee Morning:** Wednesday 11th September - 9.10-09:40am

**Years 1 to 6 Parents & Carers - Welcome Open Morning:** Wednesday 25th September 9.00-10.00am

**Reception - Parents & Carers - Welcome Open Afternoon:** Wednesday 2nd October - 2.30-3.30pm

**Nursery - Parents & Carers - Welcome Open Afternoon:** Friday 4th October - 2.30-3.30pm

**Year 6 - Gunnersbury Park Museum - Victorian School:** Wednesday 2nd October - packed lunch

**Year 3 - London Transport Museum - Covent Garden:** Wednesday 9th October - packed lunch

**School Photos (Individual & siblings in school):** Wednesday 16th October

**Autumn Half Term: Monday 27th October - Friday 1st November 2024**

**Year 6 - Museum of London Docklands:** Tuesday 12th November - packed lunch

**Year 6 - LSO Schools Concert - Barbican:** Thursday 14th November

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

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

**Last Day of Autumn Term - Friday 20th December 2024**

### PTA Dates

**Fireworks Night - Thursday 7th November**

**Christmas Fair - Saturday 7th December (tbc)**



## Islington Fire Station Open Day

Raising Funds for Macmillan Cancer Research

Come and see the fire engines

The fire dog may be on site

Many other stalls and entertainment



11:00 am 21st September 2024

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Islington Fire Station, Upper St, N1 2TZ



# DON'T MISS OUT

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

Turn over for details

# 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.

If you receive benefits and are not yet registered for free school meals, visit [islington.gov.uk/FreeSchoolMeals](https://www.islington.gov.uk/FreeSchoolMeals) as soon as possible for the best chance of unlocking all the extra support before the holidays.

# FREE SWIMMING LESSONS IN ISLINGTON

Throughout the school holidays and in partnership with Islington Council, we are proud to be able to offer a variety of free swimming lessons for children and families. Lessons will run during Easter, May Half Term, Summer and October Half Term. Sessions include:

- Adult and child swimming lessons: 6-week course for under 3's \*Summer holiday only
- Swimming lessons for 4 -13-year-olds, intensive lessons, Monday - Friday for 1 or 2 weeks
- Teen swimming lessons 13 -16-year-olds, intensive lessons, Monday - Friday for 1 or 2 weeks
- Family swimming lessons, 6-week course for up to 2 adults and 2 children to learn to swim together and enjoy the pool together \*Summer holiday only

To apply please scan QR code or visit website at [better.org.uk/free-swimming-lessons](https://better.org.uk/free-swimming-lessons)

You can email for more information at [summer.lessons@gll.org](mailto:summer.lessons@gll.org)



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# 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



# Term dates for 2024/2025

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



## 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 or 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.



## 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](mailto:heretohelp@islington.gov.uk)

Visit [www.islington.gov.uk/moneyadvice](http://www.islington.gov.uk/moneyadvice)

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## 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](mailto:fis@islington.gov.uk) or visit [www.islington.gov.uk/FIS](http://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](http://www.islington.gov.uk/childcarebursary)

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## 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 006 143** or visit [shine-london.org.uk](http://shine-london.org.uk)

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## Stay updated

Sign up for email updates on Islington news, events and other topics.

Visit [www.islington.gov.uk/stayupdated](http://www.islington.gov.uk/stayupdated)

## Join in the conversation

Follow [@IslingtonBC](https://twitter.com/IslingtonBC) on Twitter and search Islington Council on Facebook.

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



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