## 20th September 2024

# Newsletter



Create, discover and succeed together

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

We hope to see you next Wednesday at the open morning.

Instead of our usual slide presentation about routines, we are making this a warmer, more personable experience, so at the open morning you can take part in an activity with your child and meet their teachers and teaching assistants.

Meanwhile key information about the year ahead will be sent out to you via class dojo. We hope that you will find this a more rewarding and meaningful experience. It also means that where there are siblings, parents will be able to get around all classes in one event.

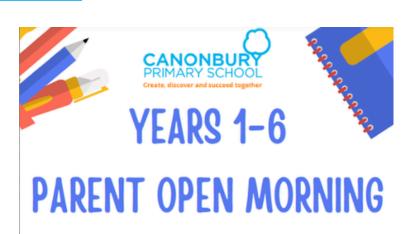
If your child is going to the cross-country event, they won't be leaving until 9.50 so you can still come.

# 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.

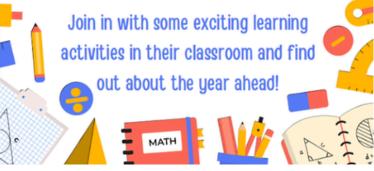
Myself and the senior leadership team - Jo, Tanisha, Emma-will be at the open mornings too.

I look forward to seeing you next week. **Patrick** 



Wednesday 25th September 2025 9.00-10.00am

Come and meet your child's teacher!







Year 5 Choir with Rachel performing at the Thames festival on Sunday. It was a magical experience to sing to a large audience in sight of Tower Bridge, the Tower of London and the skyscrapers of the City.

## **Attendance, Punctuality & Superstar Winners**

#### School Attendance

 $\odot$ Islington target is 96%

## Canonbury this week: 95.3%

## **Attendance Trophy**

Rec - Cherry Tree Class 97.6%

Y1/2 - Beech Tree Class 97.3%

Y3/4 - Hawthorn Tree Class 98.5%

Y5/6 - Hornbeam Tree Class 98%



Reception - Cherry Class 12 Mins

Y1/2 - Pear & Beech Class - 8 Mins

Y3/4 - London Plane Class - 24 Mins

Y5/6 - Hornbeam & Ash Class - 0 Mins

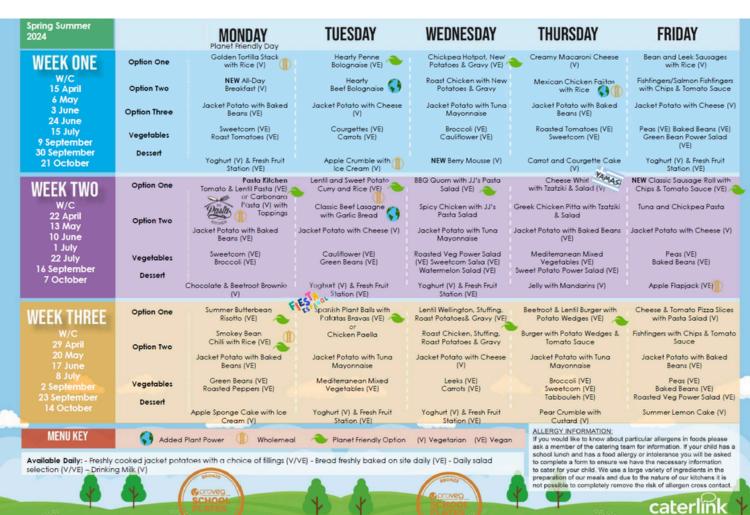














## **Key Dates for your Diary**

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 2 - River Thames Boat, London Sightseeing: Friday 4th October - packed lunch

Years 1, 2 Beech, 3, 4, 5 & 6 - Parents' Evening: Monday 7th & Tuesday 8th October

Year 2 Silver Birch - Parents' Evening: Tuesday 8th & Wednesday 9th October

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

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

Year 6 - Secondary School Application DEADLINE: Thursday 31st October

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

Year 1 - Discover Children's Story Centre - Stratford: Tuesday 12th November - packed lunch

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

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

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

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** 

PTA Meeting: Friday 4th October: 9.10-10.30am - Artspace

Year 5 Cake Stall: Friday 11th October - 3.15-4pm

Fireworks Night: Thursday 7th November

**Christmas Fair: Saturday 7th December** 

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



# 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







 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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# 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 as soon as possible for the best chance of unlocking all the extra support before the holidays.



## **Term dates for 2024/2025**

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

# 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

You can email for more information at summer.lessons@gll.org











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-livingsupport/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
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-fee 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

## Stay updated

Sign up for email updates on Islington news, events and other topics. Visit www.islington.gov.uk/stayupdated

#### Join in the conversation

Follow @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

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