

20th September 2024

# Newsletter

**CANONBURY**  
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## 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**

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## YEARS 1-6

# PARENT OPEN MORNING

Wednesday 25th September 2025  
9.00-10.00am

Come and meet your child's teacher!

Join in with some exciting learning activities in their classroom and find out about the year ahead!



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.

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

# Attendance, Punctuality & Superstar Winners

## School Attendance

🎯 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%



## Punctuality Trophy

- 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



# Canonbury Superstars

## This Week

- Year 1 Chestnut - Anthony
- Year 1 Pear - George
- Year 2 Beech - Imani
- Year 2 Silver Birch - Lev
- Year 3 Bay - Faith
- Year 3 Lime - Stanley
- Year 4 Hawthorn - Darko
- Year 4 London Plane - Guney
- Year 5 Hornbeam - Hayleigh
- Year 5 Sycamore - Nancy
- Year 6 Ash - Iris
- Year 6 Oak - Yumna

Spring Summer 2024		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>WEEK ONE</b> W/C 15 April 6 May 3 June 24 June 15 July 9 September 30 September 21 October	<b>Option One</b>	Planet Friendly Day Golden Tortilla Stack with Rice (V)	Hearty Penne Bolognaise (VE)	Chickpea Hotpot, New Potatoes & Gravy (VE)	Creamy Macaroni Cheese (V)	Bean and Leek Sausages with Rice (V)
	<b>Option Two</b>	NEW All-Day Breakfast (V)	Hearty Beef Bolognaise	Roast Chicken with New Potatoes & Gravy	Mexican Chicken Fajitas with Rice	Fishfingers/Salmon Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	<b>Option Three</b>	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (VE)	Jacket Potato with Cheese (V)	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (VE)	Jacket Potato with Cheese (V)
	<b>Vegetables</b>	Sweetcorn (VE) Roast Tomatoes (VE)	Courgettes (VE) Carrots (VE)	Broccoli (VE) Cauliflower (VE)	Roasted Tomatoes (VE) Sweetcorn (VE)	Peas (VE) Baked Beans (VE) Green Bean Power Salad (VE)
	<b>Dessert</b>	Yoghurt (V) & Fresh Fruit Station (VE)	Apple Crumble with Ice Cream (V)	NEW Berry Mousse (V)	Carrot and Courgette Cake (V)	Yoghurt (V) & Fresh Fruit Station (VE)
<b>WEEK TWO</b> W/C 22 April 13 May 10 June 1 July 22 July 16 September 7 October	<b>Option One</b>	Pasta Kitchen Tomato & Lentil Pasta (VE) or Carbonara Pasta (V) with Toppings	Lentil and Sweet Potato Curry and Rice (VE)	BBQ Quorn with JJ's Pasta Salad (VE)	Cheese Whirl with Tzatziki & Salad (V)	NEW Classic Sausage Roll with Chips & Tomato Sauce (VE)
	<b>Option Two</b>	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (VE)	Jacket Potato with Cheese (V)	Spicy Chicken with JJ's Pasta Salad	Greek Chicken Pifta with Tzatziki & Salad	Tuna and Chickpea Pasta
	<b>Vegetables</b>	Sweetcorn (VE) Broccoli (VE)	Cauliflower (VE) Green Beans (VE)	Roasted Veg Power Salad (VE) Sweetcorn Salsa (VE) Watermelon Salad (VE)	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (VE)	Peas (VE) Baked Beans (VE)
	<b>Dessert</b>	Chocolate & Beetroot Brownie (V)	Yoghurt (V) & Fresh Fruit Station (VE)	Yoghurt (V) & Fresh Fruit Station (VE)	Jelly with Mandarins (V)	Apple Flapjack (VE)
<b>WEEK THREE</b> W/C 29 April 20 May 17 June 8 July 2 September 23 September 14 October	<b>Option One</b>	Summer Butterbean Risotto (VE)	Spanish Plant Balls with Patatas Bravas (VE) or Chicken Paella	Lentil Wellington, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy (VE)	Beetroot & Lentil Burger with Potato Wedges (VE)	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Slices with Pasta Salad (V)
	<b>Option Two</b>	Smokey Bean Chili with Rice (VE)	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Burger with Potato Wedges & Tomato Sauce	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	<b>Vegetables</b>	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (VE)	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket Potato with Cheese (V)	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (VE)
	<b>Dessert</b>	Green Beans (VE) Roasted Peppers (VE)	Mediterranean Mixed Vegetables (VE)	Leeks (VE) Carrots (VE)	Broccoli (VE) Sweetcorn (VE) Tabbouleh (VE)	Peas (VE) Baked Beans (VE) Roasted Veg Power Salad (VE)
	<b>Dessert</b>	Apple Sponge Cake with Ice Cream (V)	Yoghurt (V) & Fresh Fruit Station (VE)	Yoghurt (V) & Fresh Fruit Station (VE)	Pear Crumble with Custard (V)	Summer Lemon Cake (V)
<b>MENU KEY</b>		Added Plant Power	Wholemeal	Planet Friendly Option	(V) Vegetarian	(VE) Vegan
<p><b>Available Daily:</b> - Freshly cooked jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings (V/VE) - Bread freshly baked on site daily (VE) - Daily salad selection (V/VE) - Drinking Milk (V)</p>						
						<p><b>ALLERGY INFORMATION:</b> If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of allergen cross contact.</p>



## 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



## 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](mailto: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

# 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>



# 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](http://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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## 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

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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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