

21st December 2023

# Newsletter



## CANONBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Create. discover and succeed together



### Amazing Events

It has been a joyful and inspiring end to the term, starting with Year 5 children and parents hosting local pensioners for the annual tea party. The Christmas Fair was a sparkling afternoon, complete with Canonbury snow and Santa's Grotto in the glade - thank you PTA! The Christmas Concert shone with excellent Brass and Recorder recitals, along with sensational singing - and the season was crowned with festive Early Years and Year 1 performances. The children have certainly earned a holiday!

We wish you a restful and enjoyable Christmas holiday, see you on Tuesday, 9th January,

Patrick



## Canonbury Fund Raising



£390.70



### Fireworks Night

£916



£300.92



### Christmas Fair

£1,500+



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

# Attendance, Punctuality & Superstar winners

## School Attendance

🎯 Islington target is 96%

**Canonbury this week: 84.7%**

## Attendance Trophy

Y1/2 - Chestnut Tree Class 84.6%  
Y3/4 - London Plane Tree class 94.6%  
Y5/6 - Oak Tree Class 90.3%



## Punctuality Trophy

Reception - Cherry Tree Class 15 Mins  
Y1/2 - Beech Tree Class - 118 Mins  
Y3/4 - London Plane Tree Class - 43 Mins  
Y5/6 - Sycamore Tree Class - 109 Mins



## Canonbury Superstars

### This Week

Year 1 Chestnut - Francis  
Year 1 Pear - Jehan  
Year 2 Beech - Freya  
Year 2 Silver Birch - Jasper  
Year 3 Bay - Teddy  
Year 3 Lime - Zora  
Year 4 Hawthorn - Louie  
Year 4 London Plane - Filipp  
Year 5 Hornbeam - Alice V  
Year 5 Sycamore - Class  
Year 6 Ash - Hudson  
Year 6 Oak - Lucas

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



## JOIN OUR GREAT WINTER READING CHALLENGE

Read 4 books between 1 December  
and 29 February to get a certificate  
and the chance to win a prize!

Suitable for ages 0 - 16

Ask a member  
of the library  
staff today!





Putting Children First

# Apply now for Islington primary schools

Your guide to the school application process for children born between: 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020

**Everything you want from a school, right on your doorstep:**

- ✓ High quality teaching
- ✓ Fun and inspiring lessons
- ✓ Cleaner, greener school streets
- ✓ Free school meals for all
- ✓ Outstanding art and cultural activities

Sign up for email tips and deadline reminders at [islington.gov.uk/stayupdated](https://www.islington.gov.uk/stayupdated)

There is no automatic entry to reception from nursery.  
**Apply by 15 January 2024** for the best chance of a reception place at your preferred school.

Visit [www.islington.gov.uk/admissions](https://www.islington.gov.uk/admissions)

## 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 006143** 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)



## 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.



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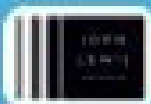
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# Term dates for 2023/2024

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|------------------------|--|
| <b>AUTUMN TERM</b>     | <b>Inset Day 1 – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023<br/>Inset day 2 – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023</b>  |
| <b>Autumn term 1</b>   | <b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023 - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023</b>  |
| <i>Half-term</i>       | <i>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2023 - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023</i>   |
| <b>Autumn term 2</b>   | <b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023 - Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023</b>  |
| <i>Christmas break</i> | <i>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023 - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024</i>   |
| <b>SPRING TERM</b>     | <b>Inset Day 3 – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2023</b>  |
| <b>Spring term 1</b>   | <b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024</b>  |
| <i>Half-term</i>       | <i>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024 - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024</i>   |
| <b>Spring term 2</b>   | <b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024 - Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024</b>  |
| <i>Easter break</i>    | <i>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2024 - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024<br/>(Easter weekend: Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March - Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024)</i> |
| <b>SUMMER TERM</b>     |  |
| <b>Summer term 1</b>   | <b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024 - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024<br/>(May Day Bank Holiday is on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024)</b>                         |
| <i>Half-term</i>       | <i>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2024 - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024<br/>(Spring Bank Holiday will be taken on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2024)</i>                       |
| <b>Summer term 2</b>   | <b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024 – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024</b>   |
| <i>Summer break</i>    | <i>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2024 - Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024</i>   |
| <b>Inset Days</b>      | <b>Two more dates to be confirmed</b>  |