

23rd May 2025

# Newsletter



Year 5 Debate Team 2025

## New this year - Formal Debate at Canonbury

This year we have introduced a **Debate** unit to Year 5. Earlier in the year, Jemma, Year 5 teacher, developed a programme to teach the children formal debating skills. Across the yeargroup they have learnt how to make a **proposition** and a **rebuttal**, using **persuasive language** and developing **oracy skills**. This half term we attended an Islington Debate Competition where we debated with other schools. Debates were judged, with Canonbury reaching the final and winning **silver medals**.



Debate in progress



Listening to the opposition

## International Food Festival 2025

Thank you to all our families who came to the food festival this year, bringing dishes from all over the world. Canonbury has families representing six out of the seven continents. We have no-one from Antarctica, which is not surprising as the continent does not have an indigenous population! What a brilliant event - a celebration of togetherness with a spirit of optimism for our children.



Henna !



New steel pan maestro in Year 3!

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

# Attendance, Punctuality & Superstar Winners

## School Attendance

🎯 Islington target is 96%

## Attendance Trophy

Rec - Apricot Tree Class 95.5%  
Y1/2 - Chestnut Tree Class 95.7%  
Y3/4 - Lime Tree Class 97.3%  
Y5/6 - Ash Tree Class 97.7%



## Punctuality Trophy

Reception - Cherry Class 131 Mins  
Y1/2 - Pear Tree Class - 0 Mins  
Y3/4 - Lime Tree Class - 48 Mins  
Y5/6 - Ash Tree Class - 0 Mins



## Canonbury Superstars

### This Week


- Year 1 Chestnut - Sophia
- Year 1 Pear - Qais
- Year 2 Beech - Alma
- Year 2 Silver Birch - Willow
- Year 3 Bay - Princess
- Year 3 Lime - Sophie
- Year 4 Hawthorn - Aono
- Year 4 London Plane - Poppy
- Year 5 Hornbeam - Misha
- Year 5 Sycamore - Jean
- Year 6 Ash - Sulayman
- Year 6 Oak - Muhamad

## Be Ready...

# Canonbury Primary School

## The gate is open at 8:45 am

After 9am is late



Be Ready ....To Learn

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

Hi parents/carers of young people at Canonbury Primary School. My name is **Uma** and I work for **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.





## Key Dates for your Diary

**School Class Photos:** Wednesday 11 June

**Yr 1 - London Zoo:** Thursday 12 June (*packed lunch*)

**Yr 5 - Science Museum:** Friday 13 June (*packed lunch*)

**Yr 3 Lime Class - Swimming Lessons:** Monday 16 - Friday 27 June - Highbury Pool - 2-3pm

**Yr 5 - LSO Concert - Barbican:** Thursday 19 June -10.30-2.30 (*packed lunch*)

**Yr 2 - Seaside trip to Margate:** Wednesday 25 June (*packed lunch*)

**Yr 3 Bay Class - Swimming Lessons:** Monday 30 June - Friday 11 July - Highbury Pool - 2-3pm

**Yr 3 - Kew Gardens:** Tuesday 8 July (*packed lunch*)

**Summer Concert - Whole School:** Tuesday 1 July - Union Chapel 11.15-12.30

**Sports Day - Whole School:** Wednesday 2 July - Highbury Fields - Nurs,Rec, Yrs 1,2 & 3 AM / Yrs 4,5,6 PM

### PTA Events

**Legoland:** Monday 2 June - School Inset Day - (*families make their own travel arrangements*)

**Yr 1 Cake Stall:** Friday 13 June - from 3.15pm - Playground

**Reception & Nursery CAKE STALL:** Friday 27 June (*part of the Summer Fair*)

**SUMMER FAIR:** Friday 27 June - 3.15-5.30pm - Playground



# CANONBURY



### 5 Star Fundraising continues!

**Y5 CAKE STALL:** £550.55

**FIREWORKS:** £1,722.61

**FIREWORKS - Y5 stall:** £286.56

**FIREWORKS - Y6 stall:** £212.56

**Y6 CAKE STALL:** £237.00

**CHRISTMAS FAIR:** £3,233.91

**CHRISTMAS FAIR - Y5 Lollies:** £67.00

**New Year DISCO (Yr 5 Treginnis):** £1,071.00

**Y4 CAKE STALL:** £300.00

**Y5 CAKE STALL - EXTRA:** £230.00

**Y2 CAKE STALL:** £301.70

**QUIZ NIGHT (Yr 6 fundraising):** £703.92

**RECEPTION CAKE STALL:** £306.16

**Y3 CAKE STALL:** £271.45

**TOTAL year to date - £8484.34**



## Year 6 – Key Dates

**Yr 6 - Islington Boat Club:** Monday 23 June  
(*packed lunch*)

**Yr 6 Secondary Transition Day:**

- Thursday 3 July

**Yr 6 Production:** Tuesday 8 July

- Matinee performance 2pm

- Evening performance 6pm

**Yr 6 Leavers' Assembly:** Wednesday 16 July

- 5-6pm - parents & children to attend

**Yr 6 Leavers' Disco:** Wednesday 16 July

- 6-7.30pm Bottom Hall

(*parents provide dessert, drinks and decorate hall*)

# 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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# 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 2025</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>