

Friday 12th December 2025

## Dear Parents and Carers,

Next week is our final week of the autumn term and we have a busy week of activities ahead. So an update on all that will be taking place!

Monday, after school from 3:45 p.m. we will have our annual Carol Concert which will take place in the main hall. Ashmount Together will be offering refreshments in the small hall. The school choir and an array of child musical accompanists will be performing. The staff choir will also be performing and it would be great to see as many of you as possible join us for this wonderful annual after school event.

On Tuesday and Wednesday Year 1 will perform our annual Nativity performance in the main hall and Year 1 parents are welcome to attend both performances which take place at 9:30 a.m. in the main hall on both days. We look forward to welcoming you to both performances.

On Thursday we have our annual Christmas meal. Katie and Millie have sent out details to all families about session times and these will run from 11:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. approximately. Please be patient with us as this is literally a moving feast! It's also our annual Christmas Jumper

day so children may come in any Christmas Jumpers they have. But for those who don't we ensure there are decorations to brighten up any child who would like them.

Finally, this week there will be the end of term class parties which are scheduled as follows:

Tues 16th am - Nursery

Tues 16th pm - Year 4

Weds 17th pm - Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6

Thurs 18th pm - Reception

Please speak to class teachers about food and drink items for these parties.

Next Friday I will publish all school dates for the spring term but also similarly publish dates from Ashmount Together so please look out for these.

Finally, a final plea from me there are an array of school uniform items, which I have re-tidied on the patio area by the hall. Could I kindly ask you to claim these before we recycle them at the end of term

**Best wishes,**

**Anthony**

## School Diary Dates

Full school term dates are on our website.

## Educational Visits and Workshops

Tues 16th and Wed 17th Dec 9.30am  
Year 1 Nativity - Families of children in Year 1 are welcome to come along and watch. The Year 6 recorder group will be accompanying the songs and parents of children in the Year 6 recorder group are also welcome to attend.

## Tuesday Class Assembly dates

Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> Jan	1 Blue
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	2 Green
Tues 3rd Feb	Reception Blue
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	5 Green
Tues 3rd Mar	6 Blue
Tues 10th Mar	Reception Green
Tues 17th Mar	2 Blue
Tues 24th Mar	1 Green

## Whole School/Ashmount Together Events:

Monday 15th December 3.45pm-4.45pm  
Christmas carols in the main hall – all families welcome to come along to sing. Singing will be led by the choir, with performances from Billy's band and the staff choir.

Thur 18th Dec — School Christmas Dinner

## Tuck shop dates: TBC

## Term Dates

Autumn 2 finishes

Fri 19th Dec 1:30 p.m.

Spring 1 starts:

Monday 5th January 2026





**Spaces available.  
Register before 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb  
to reserve your space**

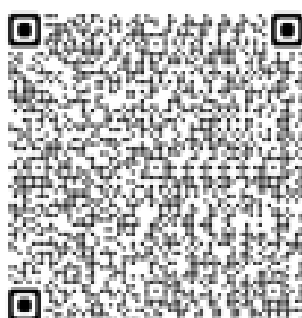
# **Strengthening Families Strengthening Communities**

A free inclusive 13 week course to help parents and carers to raise healthy and happy children.

The course will help you to:

- Build positive family relationships
- Manage anger and stress
- Implement effective discipline strategies
- Gain confidence and communication skills
- Understand your child's development
- Recognise and value your family and cultural traditions
- Meet others and share ideas
- To book a place or talk about the programme, please contact: [BrightFutures@islington.gov.uk](mailto:BrightFutures@islington.gov.uk)

- **Scan QR code below to link to booking page**



**Location: Willow  
Children's Centre  
Date: Monday 12  
January  
Time: 10.00am -  
1.00pm**

# THE ADVENTURES OF...

**Creative Writing Competition  
For 7-12 Year-Olds**



**Open theme to tie  
into your topic!**

**Opportunity for your  
pupils to be published!**

**Win £1,000 for  
your school!**



Sometimes all a child needs is the right spark to set their imagination racing. *The Adventures Of...* gives you that spark – a simple way to get pupils writing short, engaging pieces they can feel proud of. Whether you tie it into your current class topic or let pupils choose their own theme, the activity adapts easily to your needs.

It can be used for creative stories, recounts, diary entries or letters, giving pupils plenty of scope to explore ideas while still feeling supported. With a clear beginning-middle-end structure and a 100-word limit, every child has the chance to succeed, enjoy writing and share their work with confidence.

### IT'S EASY TO TAKE PART

1. Use the enclosed worksheets. Photocopy or request as many as you need by giving us a call, email or requesting online at [www.youngwriters.co.uk/comp/adventure](http://www.youngwriters.co.uk/comp/adventure)
2. Ask pupils to write their mini saga (or an adult can scribe) ensuring their name and age are included on the worksheet.
3. Send your entries, along with your teacher entry form (use one per teacher - found on the reverse of the letter and online), to:

**Freepost RSLY-AUJA-RAHY**  
**Young Writers PS**  
**Remus House**  
**Peterborough**  
**PE2 9BF**

### GO GREEN

Upload your entries at  
[www.youngwriters.co.uk/competitions/enter](http://www.youngwriters.co.uk/competitions/enter)

**OR** email them to us at  
[competitions@youngwriters.co.uk](mailto:competitions@youngwriters.co.uk)

**OR** use the Online Writing Portal that your pupils can type directly into. Log in or create your teacher account at  
[www.youngwriters.co.uk/teachers](http://www.youngwriters.co.uk/teachers)

**OR** use the Word doc entry form available to download from our website – no printing needed!

### AMAZING FREE RESOURCES

Find examples, idea generation activities, a lesson plan and more at  
[www.youngwriters.co.uk/comp/adventure](http://www.youngwriters.co.uk/comp/adventure)

### PRIZES FOR SCHOOLS

#### 1st Place

**£1000** and Young Writers' Award of Excellence

Plus a free copy of the book your pupils feature in for every participating school.

*(The more entries you send, the more free books you'll receive. See our website for further details.)*

### PRIZES FOR PUPILS

The top 5 writers will each win a fantastic goody bag, including a fitness watch and trophy!

5 runners-up will each win a £20 Smyths gift card.

Plus every entrant receives a bookmark & sticker for taking part. Pupils we'd love to publish also receive a certificate.

(School & pupil winners will be chosen from entries received in the Autumn Term 2025 and awarded the following term.)



### WHY YOU'LL LOVE IT

- ✦ **Flexible:** Works with any topic – from history and science to PSHE or free writing.
- ✦ **Engaging:** Prompts hook pupils instantly and spark creative thinking.
- ✦ **Achievable:** 100-word limit and clear structure keep writing manageable for everyone.
- ✦ **Versatile:** Use it for stories, recounts, diary entries, letters or knowledge reviews.

## CLOSING DATE: FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2025

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First fundraiser of the school year!

If you or your kids love football and want to join the ashmount fantasy league, set up your team, donate the minimum £5 per team to the Ashmount Together our school PTA, then contact your year rep to get the code to join the league.

It doesn't matter if you have never played it before or you are a seasoned pro. You can also join late and still be in with a chance of winning something. There will be prizes for the league and the cup. We will also recognise the managers of the month, so get picking your team!

<https://fantasy.premierleague.com/>

<https://www.justgiving.com/charity/ashmountschoolpta>



# Should I keep my child off school?



## Yes

### Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

## No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



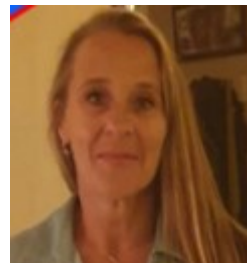
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### Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.



# Annabel's Inclusion Corner



## Winter HAF Programme

For your information and please distribute to colleagues, partners, and others who you feel may benefit from this programme.

Promotions are about to commence for our [Winter programme 22nd December 2025 - 2nd January 2026.](#)

### HAF Key dates

- Bookings open on Plinth 6pm 1st December
- HAF winter 2025 runs from 22nd December-2nd January 2026
- An exclusive Barnard Park event awaits!

On 22nd December, a renowned celebrity chef will make a special appearance. Think you know who it is? The reveal will be deliciously unforgettable! This programme is free to Islington residents who are:

- school-aged children from Reception to Year 11, or up to 18 years old for those with special educational needs and disabilities (SEN).

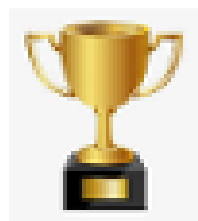
You must meet one of the following criteria:

- qualify for benefits-related Free School Meals (FSM) can be referred by a social worker, family support worker or other professional
- If a child/young person is not eligible, some activities are free for everyone and some require a small payment. Anyone attending will be offered a free lunch.

[Young people need to be registered](#) on our easy-to-use central booking system, before activities can be booked. Bookings are open now, don't miss out!

If you need further information, please visit [Free holiday activities with lunch | Islington Council](#)

Lining up winners this week : KS1 1 Green and KS2: 3 Green



**Times Tables Rock Stars****Times Tables Rock Stars**

Congratulations to this week's current most improved speedy timetable answering correct scores over the last seven days.:

**Year 3**

Seena - 1

Ekram - 2

Ani - 3

**Year 4**

Ovidi - 1

Lara -2

Ezekiel - 3

**Year 5**

Mumin - 1

Yusuf - 2

Dilara - 3

**6 Blue**

Oliver - 1

Kayden - 2

Henry - 3



Class	Percentage
Nursery	80.2
Reception Blue	83.3
Reception Green	75.2
1 Blue	91.1
1 Green	81.4
2 Blue	95.4
2 Green	84.4
3 Blue	84.2
3 Green	91.3
4 Blue	92.1
4 Green	90.7
5 Blue	94.0
5 Green	94.4
6 Blue	91.6
6 Green	94.3

**Our best attending classes this week were:**

**Reception Blue, 2 Blue, 4 Blue and 5 Green**

Well done children and parents. These classes will have an extra 5 minutes of play during the first week back and an ice cream!

At Ashmount, we are aiming for at least 97% attendance in each class. Attendance for all pupils is a huge focus with the mantra being:

**“Every minute matters, Every second counts”**

If you need support with attendance contact Nadia, our School Home Support lead, or Katie and Millie at the school office.



## **What we are learning next week:**

### **Nursery:**

English: We will be imitating our story 'Dear Santa.'

Maths: We will be learning to compare objects by weight.

### **Reception**

English- We will be consolidating our autumn maths learning.

Maths- We will be innovating the story of 'Here Comes Jack Frost.'

### **Year 1**

English: We will be writing letters to Santa

Maths: We will be exploring addition with numbers from 11-20.

### **Year 2**

English: We will be learning to use commas in a list and how to appropriately punctuate sentences.

Maths: We will be consolidating our learning on multiplication.

### **Year 3**

English: We will be writing our own story about defeating a monster.

Maths: We will be using multiplication and division to solve word problems.

### **Year 4**

English: We are learning to write our own adventure story.

Maths: We will continue our learning on multiplication and division.

### **Year 5**

English: We will be publishing our big write based on the story of 'The Caravan'.

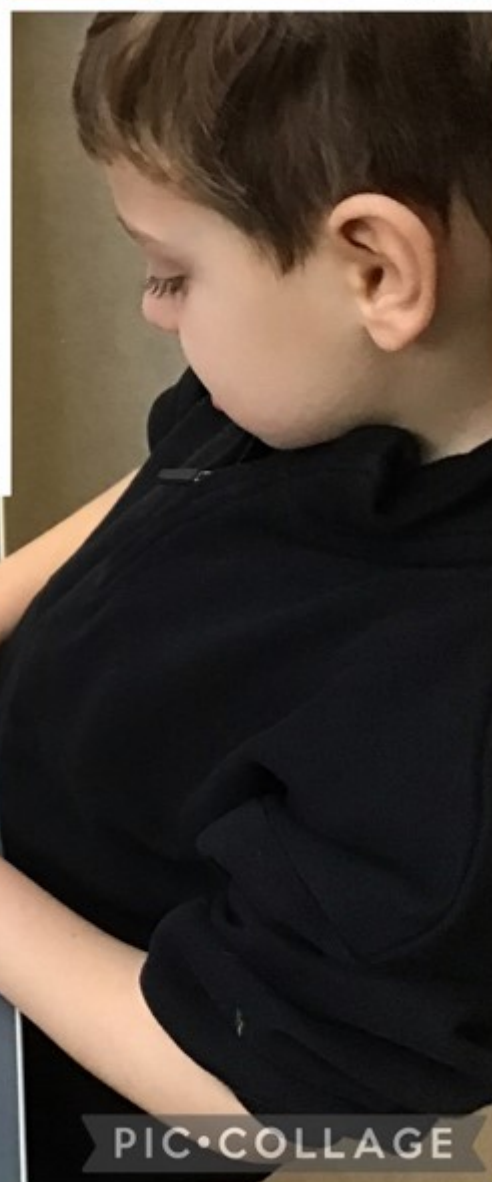
Maths: We will be adding and multiplying fractions.

### **Year 6**

English: We will be editing, improving and publishing our journey stories.

Maths: We will be learning to convert units of measurements.

## Our learning in pictures: Nursery





## Our learning in pictures: Reception





# Our learning in pictures: Year 1



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## Our learning in pictures: Year 2





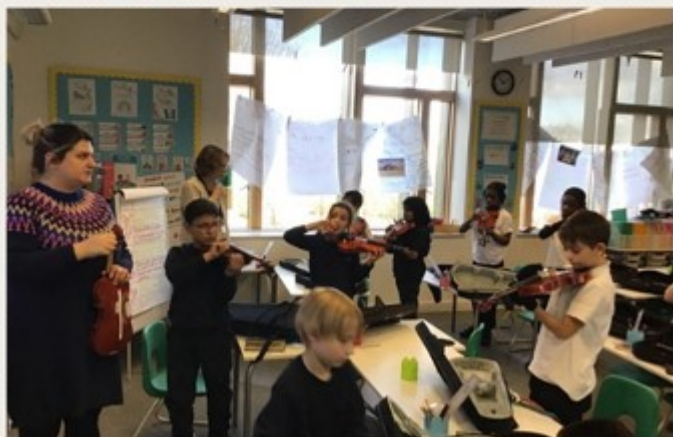
## Our learning in pictures: Year 3



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# Our learning in pictures: Year 4





# Our learning in pictures: Year 5





# Our learning in pictures: Year 6



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