

Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge thank you to all of the parents from Ashmount Together who helped stage our Valentine's disco on Friday. Although it was a wet and dreary day it didn't stop all those who attended having a great time! I have included photos later in the newsletter of the event.

A reminder that next Friday we break up for half term. It's a usual finish time of 3:15 p.m. and after school club will run as normal for those families that need it. Can I ask that you check the lost property on the patio area before the end of term. There is a small number of items, but quite a few coats! All items will be there until they return from half term on Tuesday 24th February when they will be recycled.

Beyza, our English leader, has published information about the Reading Road Map short story competition. We would like as many children from Years 3-6 to enter and children have until the end of Easter to submit their

entries, but half term is always a good time to start whilst the children can get some great ideas together. Beyza will be talking to children next week to offer some guidance but it would be great to have as many entries as possible. (See page 3 for more details.)

A reminder that on Thursday 27th February we will have a coffee morning to support all families with skills on ensuring all of our young people stay safe online. We will have Katy Potts with us, Islington's lead on Computing and Online Safety. We would strongly encourage you to attend for what will be a practical session on how we can ensure our children access the digital world in a safe and secure way as possible.

Finally a reminder that 5 Green will have their Class Assembly on Tuesday and we look forward to welcoming parents to join us to celebrate their learning.

Best wishes,
Anthony

School Diary Dates

Full school term dates are on our website.

Educational Visits and Workshops

Fri 27th Feb—Online Safety Workshop with Katy Potts from LBI

Thur 12th Mar— Phonics Screening Check Workshop for Year 1 Parents with Beyza

Tuesday Class Assembly dates

10th 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:

Thur 12th March—Bring An Adult To School Day

Parent/Child Conferences

Wed 18th March 2:15 p.m.—5:15 p.m.

Thu 19th March 3:15 p.m.—7:p.m.

Fri 20th March — Quiz Night

Tuck Shops Are Back – Bigger & Better!

We're reviving our Tuck Shops with a new monthly format to make them more exciting and better stocked. By running them once a month, we can maximise the offer and bring you more treats, more choice, and more value.

Expect snacks, plus uniform and book sales whenever possible – all while raising vital funds for the school.

What's coming up:

Come along, treat the children, and support the PTA – we can't wait to see you there!



Online Safety

Coffee Morning

Friday 27th February from 9.10-9:40am.

During the Coffee Morning, Katy Potts (a computing specialist from the LBI) will be coming to Ashmount to talk to parents and carers about how we can support children make smart choices online and keep themselves safe.

During the Coffee Morning we will:

- share information about the risks children can face online
- offer tips on setting boundaries
- discuss how the school and pupils can work together to promote safe and responsible online behaviour
- answer any questions you may have

We look forward to seeing you!

Please talk to Annabel or Fahmida (3 Green's teacher/ Computing Lead) if you have any questions!





The Islington Reading Road Map



Short Story Competition

- Write your own original short story for a chance to win!
- Your story can contain characters from a book you have read before, or characters from your imagination.
- We will judge the stories on— Creativity, originality, use of language and imagination

Winners of the short story competition will have their story printed in a book.

That book will appear on next year's Islington Reading Road Map!

The winners and their schools will also both receive a selection of the most popular books from the last 10 years of Reading Road Maps to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Reading Road Map!

How to enter

- The competition is open to any child in Key Stage 2 and is free.
- The story submitted must be original (not copied).
- **The competition closing date will be Friday 24th April 2026.**
- **Entries can be submitted electronically to the following email address – els@islington.gov.uk OR handed into Beyza (6 Blue) by Thursday 23rd April 2026.**
- No more than 500 words
- Spelling, punctuation, and grammar will NOT be taken into account. Winning stories will be re-typed with the correct spelling, punctuation and grammar.
- The winners will be announced at the Reading Road Map author event in June/July 2026.

Islington SENDIASS: Workshops & Coffee Mornings



22nd Coffee Morning
Jan
10am-12pm, Lough Road Centre
Tribunal / General drop in, Lough Road Centre



18th Understanding your EHCP
Feb
1pm-.2.30pm, Centre 404,
404 Camden Road, N7 0SJ



25th Workshop
Feb
10am-12pm, Lough Road Centre



19th Coffee Morning
March
10am-12pm, Lough Road Centre
Tribunal / General drop in, Lough Road Centre

Contact



islingtonSENDIASS@ldnlondon.org

Or register on our website

ldnlondon.org/IslingtonSendiassService

61-71 Lough Road Centre, Lough Road, N7 8FF

No need to book,
just drop by.



◆ Upcoming Events 2026

JAN
19
8 PM - 9 PM
PTA Meeting (online)

JAN
30
3.15PM - 3.30PM
*TUCK SHOP -
Beat the January Blues*

FEB
06
3.15 PM - 5.30 PM
*Valentine's TUCK SHOP
& DISCO*

MAR
06
3.13 PM - 3.45 PM
*Wonka Sale -
Chocolate TUCK SHOP*

MAR
20
TBC
*PTA AGM - voting of
new committee*

MAR
20
7 PM - 10.30 PM
*QUIZ NIGHT -
adults event*

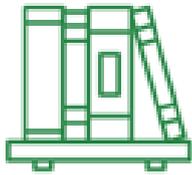
MAY
16
7 PM - 10.30 PM
*BAND NIGHT-
adults event*

JUN
20
11 AM - 3 PM
Summer FAYRE

JUL
05
9 AM - 12 PM
*Islington Schools
FUN RUN*



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Next time you're in school, stop by the Book Hut and see what treasures you can find!



-Beyza



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



Time to talk day, 5 February

Time to Talk Day is the nation's biggest mental health conversation. It's a day for all of us to come together to talk, listen and change lives.

Talking openly and honestly can be the first step towards better mental health for everyone. It can reduce stigma and help people feel comfortable enough to seek help when they need it.

Find resources for schools at mind.org.uk



Children's Mental Health Week, 9-15 February

The theme for Children's Mental Health Week 2026 is 'This is My Place', and the aim is to support the systems around children and young people to help them feel they belong.

Free resources for Primary and Secondary schools



Eating disorders awareness week, 23 February - 1 March

Eating disorders can be isolating, making people feel alone whether someone has an eating disorder themselves or whether they are supporting someone.

We're celebrating the power of community and the vital role family, friends, and other support networks play in helping someone feel supported, understood, and never alone on their journey from seeking help, undergoing treatment and beyond.

Resource Pack - Eating Disorders Awareness Week 2026

Lining up winners this week were: KS1: 2 Blue KS2: 3 Green

Well done both classes!



Class	Percentage
Nursery	96.4
Reception Blue	97.8
Reception Green	87.9
1 Blue	94.3
1 Green	96.6
2 Blue	94.6
2 Green	95.2
3 Blue	87.8
3 Green	92.4
4 Blue	94.3
4 Green	93.8
5 Blue	93.6
5 Green	96.4
6 Blue	96.4
6 Green	96.7

Our best attending classes this week were:

Well done children and parents. These classes will get an additional 5 minutes playtime one day this week.

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.

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

Year 3

Ekram, Leonardo, Melonay

Year 4

Ismail, Mikiah, Lara

Year 5

Abdullah, Abdur-rahman, Juliette

Year 6

Freddie, Rosa, Aniran



What we are learning next week:

Nursery:

English: We will be inventing a new story.

Maths: We will be exploring one more and one fewer than a given amount.

Reception

English: We will be inventing a brand new story.

Maths: We will be mastering counting up to and including 6.

Year 1:

English: We will be continuing to innovate our class story

Maths: We will be finding number bonds to 10 to solve addition sentences

Year 2:

English: We will be editing and publishing our newspaper reports.

Maths: We will be comparing and exchanging money.

Year 3:

English: We will be writing our new suspense stories and creating a front cover for them.

Maths: We will be consolidating our knowledge on volume and capacity.

Year 4:

English: We will be writing our own action and suspense stories.

Maths: We will be starting to look at Fractions.

Year 5:

English: We will be writing and publishing our second innovated story based on a new stimulus (cursed book)

Maths: We will be Adding and subtracting decimal numbers, and measuring perimeters

Year 6:

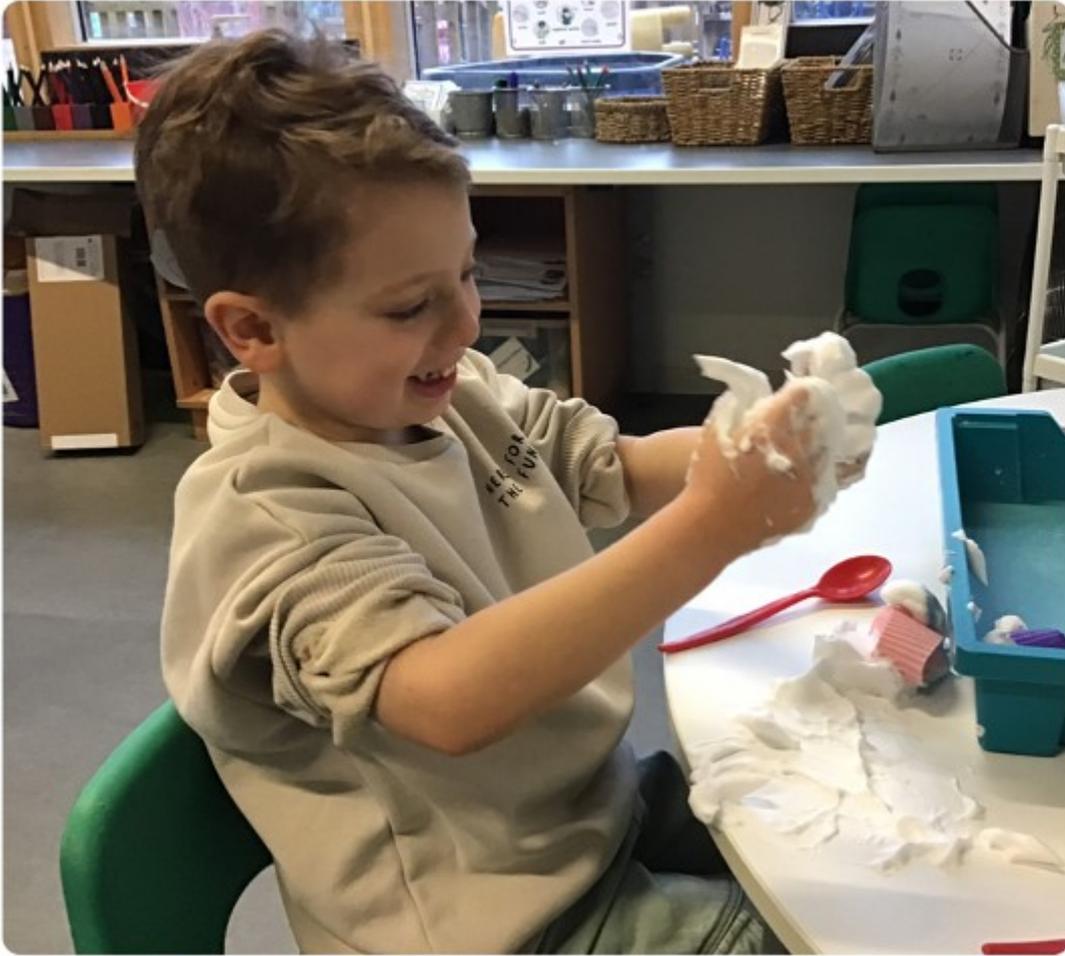
English: We will be writing, editing and publishing our own action stories, using action and dialogue tools.

Maths: We will be writing and using algebraic expressions and solving equations.

Our learning in pictures: Valentine's Disco



Our learning in pictures: Nursery



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Our learning in pictures: Reception



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Our learning in pictures: Year 1



Our learning in pictures: Year 2



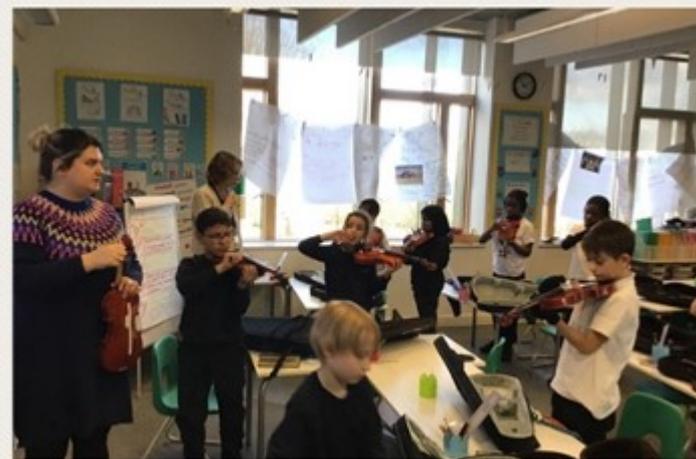
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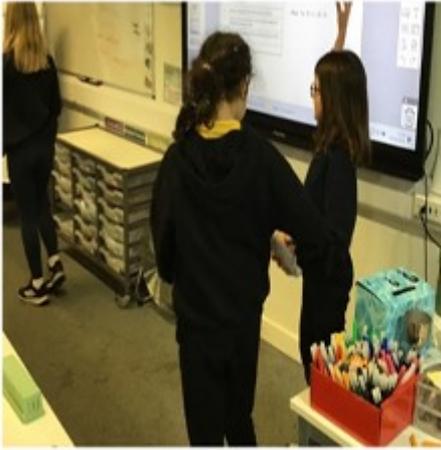
Our learning in pictures: Year 3



Our learning in pictures: Year 4



Our learning in pictures: Year 5



Our learning in pictures: Year 6

