

Dear Parents and Carers,

This weeks publication of our Times Tables Rock Stars winners on page 11 takes a different focus. There are two national competitions each year and the latest is their NSPCC Rocks competition and I am really pleased to announce that 5 Blue came 21st nationally. Then within that Yusuf came 14th nationally and Mumin 21st, both children are members of class 5 Blue! The class will receive a £100 voucher for wet play games and each child a £20 voucher of their choice! Well done 5 Blue!

Half term is a great time to brush up on your mental maths skills so please encourage any children in Years 3-6 to log on!

A big thank you this term to all of the parents in Ashmount Together for all of their help and support with events. The next two scheduled will be the Friday after school Wonka chocolate sale on Friday 6th March and the Quiz night which will be rescheduled sometime in March.

A reminder to all of our families

that the Monday after half term will be a school Inset day where the staff team will continue to work on embedding our Talk For Writing methodology in our English curriculum. This means that we will be closed to all children on the Monday and look forward to welcoming you all back on Tuesday 23rd February.

A couple of diary date reminders for next term!

Thursday 25th Feb — Year 1 Phonics test workshop for parents (see page 2)

Friday 26th Feb — Online Safety Parents Coffee Morning.

Then later in the term: Thursday 12th March— Bring An Adult To School Day. Then Tuesday and Wednesday 17th and 18th March we have our termly Parent Conferences. The booking process for this will open when we return after half term.

Finally, Ramadan Mubarak to the Muslim members of our school community as this special month will start on Tuesday.

Best wishes, Anthony

School Diary Dates

Full school term dates are on our website.

Educational Visits and Workshops

Thur 26th Feb— Phonics Screening Check Workshop for Year 1 Parents with Beyza

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

Tuesday Class Assembly dates:

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

TBC — Quiz Night

Parent/Child Conferences

Tues 17th March 2:15 p.m.—5:15 p.m.

Wed 18th March 3:15 p.m.—7:p.m.

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:

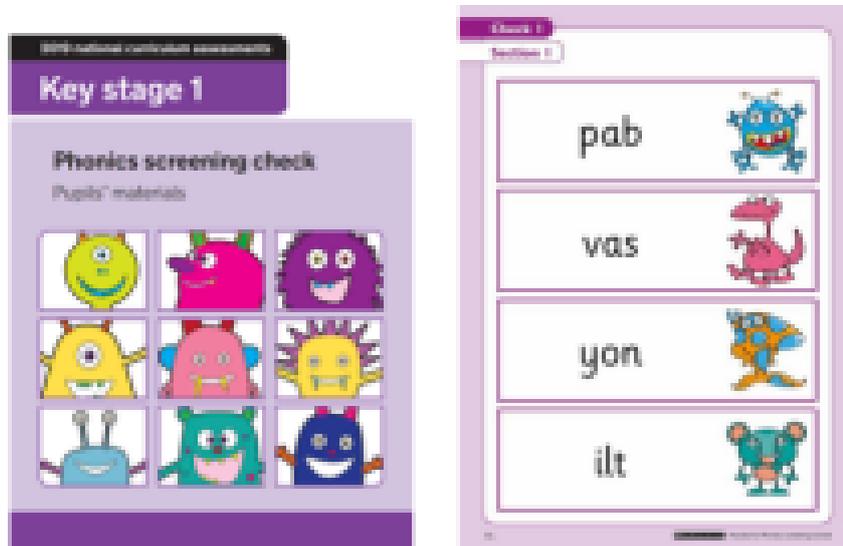
Wonka Tuck Shop—Chocolate sale Friday 6th March

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





Year 1 Phonics Screening Parent Workshop



Where: The Music Room

When: Thursday 26th February 2026

Time: 9.10-9.30am

Join Beyza to find out more about how you can support your child in preparation for the phonics screening check in summer term.

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.

Young Artists' Summer Show

2026

The Young Artists' Summer Show is a free, open submission exhibition for young artists aged 4–18 living and studying in the UK.

Students can submit one artwork for consideration which will be judged by a panel of artists and arts professionals. Selected artworks will be displayed at the Royal Academy of Arts either onsite or online. The RA will award prizes for inspiring artworks.

How to enter

From 5 January 2026, teachers will be able to register their school. Next, teachers and parents/guardians can submit artworks via the RA website until 4 March 2026.

Important dates

5 January–4 March 2026

Registration and submission open

May 2026

Judging

14 July 2026

Online exhibition opens

14 July–30 August 2026

Display at the RA open

RA Royal Academy of Arts

Sign up and find out more

roy.ac/youngartists

[@royalacademyarts](https://twitter.com/royalacademyarts)

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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*

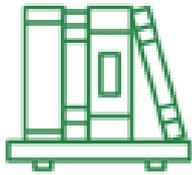
MAR
20
TBC
*PTA AGM - voting of
new committee*

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



Dear Parents and Carers,

Just to let you know that there is a lot of professional support available for parents which I try and include in this page every week.

Incredible Years

CAMHS runs a 14 week program for parents called Incredible Years (see attached flyer)

What are the aims of the group?

- To improve parenting skills and knowledge
- To support positive parent child relationships, communication and bonding through quality time, child-directed play/activities, praise and rewards
- To improve parents understanding of child development
- To improve parents ability to understand challenging behaviour and set appropriate limits.

To meet other parents, share skills and ideas and develop friendships

Early Childhood 3 – 6 years Tuesdays 17th March– 7 th July 2026 New River Green Children Centre Muna Sulab (Bright Start Practitioner) Brightstartcentral@islington.gov.uk Jill Cheever (CAMHS Clinician) jillian.cheever@nhs.net	Specialist Somali group 1 – 4 years Thursdays 19 th March-9th July 2026 Bemerton Children Centre Jamad Abdi (Bright Start Practitioner) Brightstartsouth@islington.gov.uk Amal Ali (CAMHS Clinician) amal.ali10@nhs.net	Toddler 1 –3 years Fridays 20 th March - 10th July 2026 Ambler Children's Centre Yusuf Gurbuz (Bright Start Practitioner) Brightstartnorth@islington.gov.uk Maria-Clara Vejarano-Brill (CAMHS Clinician) M.vejarano-brill@nhs.net	School Age 6-10 years Thursdays 19 th March-9th July 2026 The New North Academy Robyne MCGarry (Bright Futures Practitioner) Robyne.McGarry1@islington.gov.uk Anne-Marie Reid (CAMHS Clinician) Anne-marie.reid3@nhs.net
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If you are interested in joining this group please contact me – Annabel in person or via email on annabel.lemoine@ashmount.islington.sch.uk

This week's lining up winners are: KS2: 5G - Well done to this class!



Class	Percentage
Nursery	97.6
Reception Blue	93.3
Reception Green	91.1
1 Blue	95.9
1 Green	93.8
2 Blue	94.2
2 Green	93.2
3 Blue	76.5
3 Green	89.3
4 Blue	96.8
4 Green	92.8
5 Blue	91.6
5 Green	94.8
6 Blue	97.2
6 Green	97.9

Our best attending classes this week were:

Nursery, 1Blue, 4 Blue and 6 Green

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 NSPCC Rocks most improved speedy timestable answering correct scores over the last seven days.:

Year 3 Blue - Ekram, Leo, Leonardo

Year 3 Green - Usman, Viggo, Colt

Year 4 Blue - Mikiah, Zakariye, Ismail

Year 4 Green - Cayan, Oliver, Megan

Year 5 Blue - Yusuf, Mumin, Abdullah

Year 5 Green - Maazin, Samuel, Telyn

Year 6 Blue - Oliver, Muhammedyusa, Rosa

Year 6 Green - Kayden, Dexter, Noor



What we are learning next week:

Nursery

English: We will be exploring the text 'Worm loves worm' by J. J. Austrian.

Maths: We will continue to explore the concepts of 'more' and 'fewer.'

Reception

English: We will be exploring the text 'Forever Star' by Gareth Peters.

Maths: We will be exploring numbers bonds to 6.

Year 1:

English: We will be exploring the text 'Introducing Teddy' by Jessica Walton.

Maths: We will be exploring 2D and 3D shapes.

Year 2:

English: We will be exploring the text 'King and King' by Linda de Haan & Stern Nijland.

Maths: We will be consolidating our learning on money.

Year 3:

English: We will be exploring the text 'Dad David, Baba Chris and Me' by Ed Merchant. We will be writing a diary entry inspired by the book.

Maths: We will start a new topic on money and practice opening our own shops to spend change.

Year 4

English: We will be exploring the book 'Donovan's Big Day' by Leslea Newman. We will be writing diary entries inspired by the story.

Maths: We will be continuing our exploration of fractions and will be simplifying mixed numbers and improper fractions.

Year 5:

English: We will be writing a letter to a member of the LGBTQ+ community.

Maths: We will begin exploring the properties of angles.

Year 6

English: We will be reading 'Stonewall: A Building. An Uprising. A Revolution' by Rob Sanders and writing poems inspired by the text.

Maths: We will be exploring the area and perimeter of rectangles, triangles and parallelograms.

Year 3 Visit to the Institute of Physics

This week, some Year 3 children had the lucky opportunity to visit the Institute of Physics as part of an inter-school science celebration themed around 'Planet Earth'.

Following the welcome speech, the children were immediately mixed into teams with children from other schools for a physics challenge – building an earthquake-resistant building. They had to manage a 'budget' and 'buy' resources before building their design.

Impressively, every group was successful in building a model that lasted 10 seconds on the simulator, whilst supporting a 100g weight!

After the challenge, the children from each school presented on their chosen topic.

Ashmount presented their learning around different types of rocks and how these can be compared to cakes!

Did you know that much of London's soil is clay which is easy to dig and tunnel? Hence why we have such an extensive underground rail system!

After the presentations, the children listened to a speech by a real scientist. Their specialist subject is aurora (such as the Northern Lights) not just on Earth, but on other planets, too!

We are very proud of our Year 3 children, some of the youngest in attendance, for their confidence, collaboration, and representation of Ashmount.



Our learning in pictures: Nursery



Our learning in pictures: Reception



Our learning in pictures: Year 1



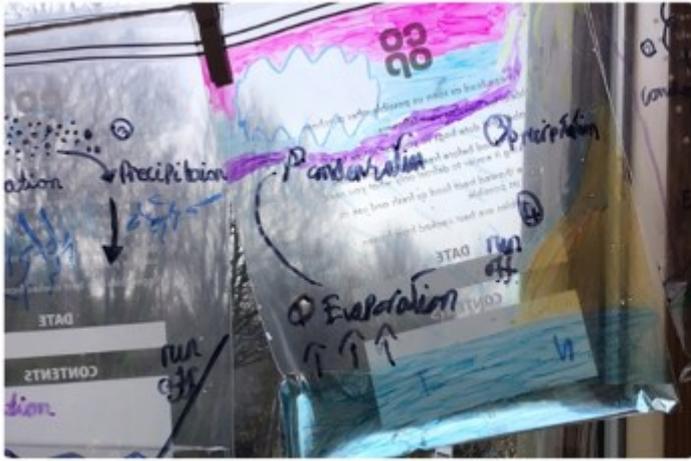
Our learning in pictures: Year 2



Our learning in pictures: Year 3



Our learning in pictures: Year 4



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Our learning in pictures: Year 5



Our learning in pictures: Year 6

