

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been great to have the children back this week and we're already busy with delivering an array of exciting of class based learning.

Next week sees us restart our class assemblies, with Beyza's class 6 Blue starting us off with a celebration of this term's learning.

A huge thank you to those of you who joined us for Thursday's Phonics workshop but also to those who joined for Friday's online safety coffee morning. Anabel has offered more detail on this on her page (Page11) and there will also be an attachment with today's newsletter that links to this.

A reminder that we have our second parent conferences of the year in a fortnights time and books for this will go live tomorrow morning. The expectation is that all families will attend and the office team will contact any families that have difficulties booking their slot.

Becca this week took children to EGA as part of the work we are doing on belonging, what this means and how this links to being a vibrant and diverse community. But also addressing our place in a diverse world. We are rightly

proud of the work we continue to do on equality and we will return to this theme over the rest of the year.

Please remember to ensure you have the morning of Thursday 12th March free as we have our Bring An Adult To School Day. The focus will be on Science and we're looking forward to seeing you there! (See page 3)

This week I will also send out our half termly Home Learning documents. They will come as separate attachments with a separate email for each year group.

For those of you who are part of Ashmount's Fantasy Football league, this months winners are:

1. James Holding
2. Robin Dart
3. N Lotun

Finally, next Thursday is World Book Day and we would love it if children came dressed as their favourite book character.

Beyza has put an advert on page 2. There will be prizes for the best dressed children. But in all fairness it's much more about the feel of the day so we hope you can support us!

Best wishes,
Anthony

School Diary Dates

Full school term dates are on our website.

Educational Visits and Workshops

Year 1 — Parkland Walk and Finsbury Park—Mon 16th March

Year 2 — workshop: Perform for schools linked to Geography 'Weather Around The World'- 11th March

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

Spring Concert Monday 23rd March 2pm main hall

Families are invited to join us at our Spring concert on Monday 23rd March at 2pm. Choir, recorder groups and Billy's band will be performing.

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!





Bring an Adult to School Day!

'Wild Ashmount!'

Celebrate British Science Week with us by engaging in a mask-making activity to celebrate the wildlife of The Parkland Walk!

Thursday 12th March

09.05 start (large hall)

09.15 (classrooms)

10.15 finish

Tea/coffee refreshments.

Babies and toddlers welcome.



◆ Upcoming Events 2026

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

MAR
13
7 PM - 10.30 PM
*QUIZ NIGHT -
adults event*

APR
17
9 AM. - 10 AM
*PTA AGM - voting of
new committee*

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*



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

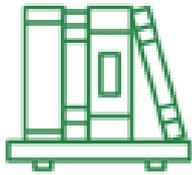
Or register on our website

ldnlondon.org/IslingtonSendiassService

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

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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,

Online Safety Parent Coffee morning

Katy Potts (Islington Computing and Online Safety Lead) and Fahmida (3G teacher and Computing Lead) led the coffee morning today. I hope those who came found it useful and informative.

Katy is aware that some parents wanted to join virtually but stated that in her experience it is better to hold two separate ones instead of a hybrid one. She has offered to run an online **Parent workshop next Friday 6th March @ 9am** where parents who cannot join in person are able to access the same information as today.

Please find attached the flyer from today's workshop.

The 4 'C's

Content	Contact	Conduct	Commerce
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Illegal• Inappropriate / harmful e.g. fake news, racism, misogyny, self-harm, extremism, pornography	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bullying• Grooming• Sexual harassment• Exploitation• Influencing• *end-to-end encryption	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Privacy• Digital footprint• Health and wellbeing• Nudes and semi-nudes• Copyright• Live Streaming	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Online gambling• Advertising• Phishing scams• Financial scams• Micro-transactions

Below the 4 C's are icons for various digital platforms: Beebot, N, F, FIFA 21, Snapchat, TikTok, Discord, Messenger, Instagram, and YouTube.



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

This week's lining up winners are: KS1-1G and KS2: 5G - Well done to these classes!



Class	Percentage
Nursery	99.2
Reception Blue	95.8
Reception Green	96.4
1 Blue	91.0
1 Green	97.8
2 Blue	93.8
2 Green	93.0
3 Blue	89.1
3 Green	95.7
4 Blue	94.0
4 Green	92.7
5 Blue	97.5
5 Green	94.0
6 Blue	98.0
6 Green	95.3

Our best attending classes this week were:

Nursery, 1 Green, 3 Green and 6 Blue

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:

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 - Alfie K, Leona, Sebas

Year 4 - Arel, Elysia, Melissa

Year 5 - Abdur-rahman, Daniel, Maazin

Year 6 - Kayden, Freddie, Noor



What we are learning next week:

Nursery

English: We will be immersing ourselves into our new story 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle

Maths: We will be combining two amounts within five.

Reception

English: We will be imitating a non-fiction text about chicks.

Maths: We will be learning number bonds to 10.

Year 1:

English: We will be exploring our new text, 'Paddington Bear's Day Out'

Maths: We will be measuring using objects and rulers.

Year 2:

English: We will be immersing the children into our new class text 'Zig's diary'.

Maths: We will be exploring 2D shapes.

Year 3:

English: We will be imitating the patterns of our new information text, 'The Giant Hunter's Guide'.

Maths: We will be solving word problems involving money.

Year 4

English: We will be immersing ourselves in our new explanation text, 'Why You Should Not Go into the Woods'.

Maths: We will be finishing off looking at fractions.

Year 5:

English: We will be immersing ourselves with our new text, 'Draco Malfoy's Witness Report.'

Maths: We will continue exploring angles.

Year 6

English: We will be exploring and analysing a non-fiction text all about 'Stormzy'.

Maths: We will be learning how to find the volume of cuboids.

Belonging Conference 26th February 2026

On Thursday 26th February, Ashmount's Belonging Buddies travelled to Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Secondary School to attend the first Islington Belonging Conference. We joined Morelands, Drayton Park and Rotherfield Primary and took part in workshops about intersectionality, inclusion, wellbeing and philosophy for children.

We shared a presentation about the things that we have been working on this year, including our kindness podcasts. We had a fantastic time and hope to take part in future events to support Ashmount in being even more inclusive and welcoming.

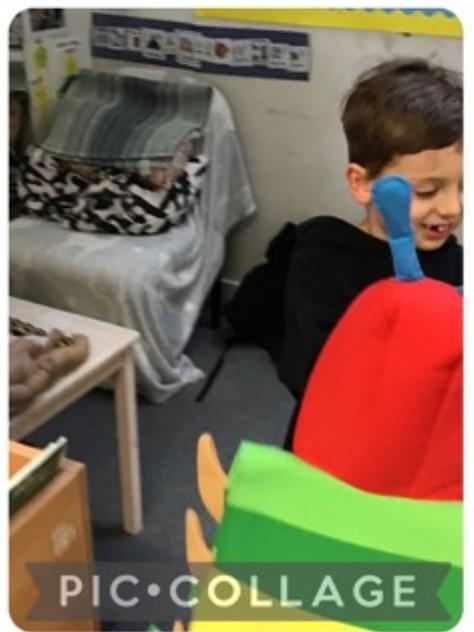


Belonging Buddies
We help everyone respect each other.

Becca



Our learning in pictures: Nursery



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Our learning in pictures: Reception

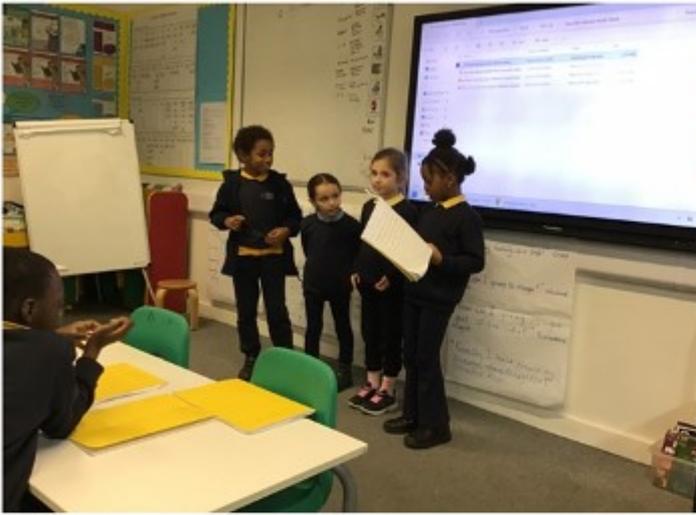


Our learning in pictures: Year 1



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Our learning in pictures: Year 2



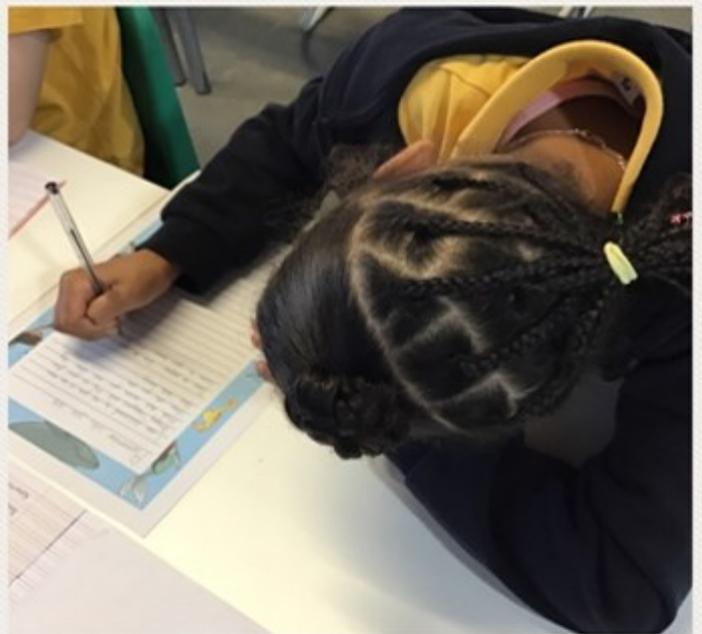
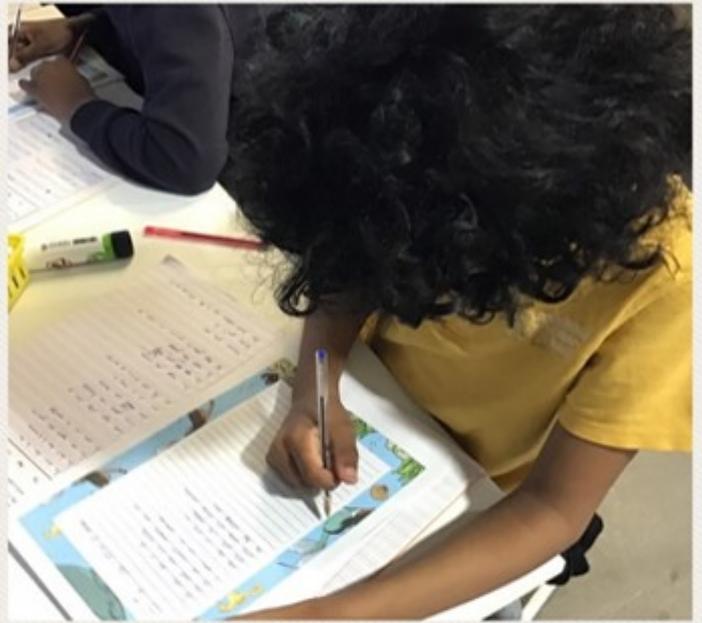
Our learning in pictures: Year 3



Our learning in pictures: Year 4



Our learning in pictures: Year 5



Our learning in pictures: Year 6

