



Newsletter 485

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Dear Parents/Carers,



FoG Gillespie Welcome Tea! 🞉



New (and seasoned 😂) Gillespie families – join us this Saturday, 2–4pm in the playground (or hall if raining) for a relaxed Welcome Tea! 🏫 💙

Meet other parents

🧁 Share some treats - (no nuts please!)

Pick up some school uniform

Bring a nut-free snack to share if you can - homemade or shopbought, no stress!

Or just bring yourselves – the more the merrier!

Hope to see you there! 😚 FoG team









Attendance Matters!

Class	Attendance WB 22/09/25
Reception	99.33%
Year 1	99.31%
Year 2	98%
Year 3	99.33%
Year 4	100%
Year 5	97.33%
Year 6	98.97%
Total	98.9%



Attendance Cup Winner WB 22/09/2025

Years 4!

The Friday Cooking Group

The Friday cooking group have been cooking up a storm in Lab 13 with weekly cooking sessions. We've made vegetarian pizzas, crumbly shortbread biscuits and yummy veg sandwiches. The children have been practising their fine motor skills with cutting, grating and spreading.







Learning in Year 5

Year 5 got to try out a brand new trip where they went to Sky Studios which linked nicely to our current PSHE topic - In the Media.

They spent the day creating a news report all about children's current mental health. We researched statistics and facts around the topic and learnt how important it is to look after our bodies and minds to help us stay positive and happy!

Year 5 got to try out different roles like camera operator, director, reporter and lots more... Smiles all round for the camera!



Important dates	
27 th September	2-4pm FoG Welcome Tea Party
30 th September	Y6 secondary transition meeting
October	Black History Month
2 nd October	National Poetry Day
3 rd October	Y6 bake sale
13 th -24 th October	Year 6 swimming
15 th October	Individual and sibling photos
16 th October	Rec – Y6 Flu immunisations Register here: https://ncl.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/islington
23 rd October	5-7pm Halloween Disco
27 th – 31 st October	Half term

Yours sincerely Mark Owen, Headteacher





FLU IMMUNISATION FOR PUPILS IN **SCHOOL YEARS RECEPTION - YEAR 11**

Prevent your child from being seriously ill this winter! Vaccinating is crucial in protecting them and vulnerable friends and family from flu.

NASAL VACCINE

No needles - just quick, painless, effective flu protection (contains gelatine)

OR

THE INJECTION

We offer a PORK-FREE. **GELATINE-FREE** injection considered a faith-friendly alternative.



Complete this form, even if you do not want the vaccine.

https://ncl.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/islington

Secondary School students only: Young people under the age of 16 can give or refuse consent themselves if considered competent to do so by nursing staff.

CONTACT THE TEAM



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Need more information? Please see our FAQs sheet attached with this letter.



We endeavour to come to your child's school twice. If your child is absent or unable to be vaccinated at school, they can still receive this important vaccine by attending one of our community clinics for the vaccine.

Details of these can be found on our website or you can contact the team above.

Your consent will remain in place for the entire flu season. If your child misses a first visit, you do not need to complete a second form.



PRIVACY POLICY

Our 2024/25 policy can be viewed here: www.schoolvaccination.uk/privacy-policy For data protection queries, please contact: dpo@vaccinationuk.co.uk

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



O WHY ARE CHILDREN BEING OFFERED THE FLU VACCINE?

Flu can make children feel very unwell and can sometimes lead to serious complications like pneumonia or ear infections. Some may even need hospital treatment. It's especially important for children with long-term conditions like asthma or diabetes, as flu can be more dangerous for them.

O HOW DOES THE FLU VACCINE FOR CHILDREN WORK?

The nasal spray contains weakened flu viruses that help your child build protection without causing illness. Because flu strains change each year, the vaccine needs to be given annually. Most children only need one dose.

O IS THE FLU VACCINE SAFE FOR CHILDREN?

Yes, it has a very good safety record and has been used for over 10 years in countries like the US without any major concerns. All vaccines available in United ONATURAL IMMUNITY Kingdom must pass strict safety testing before being While natural immunity from the flu can occur, it's not the time.

O SHOULD ANYONE NOT HAVE THE VACCINE?

Let us know if your child:

- wheezy on the day
- · Has a seriously weakened immune system

contact with people who have very weak immune should be vaccinated again this year. systems for about two weeks-everyone else is fine to be around.

Q ARE THERE ANY SIDE EFFECTS?

Side effects from the nasal spray are usually mild and information can be found on our website: short-lived. These may include a runny or blocked nose, headache, reduced appetite, or a slight temperature. Paracetamol or ibuprofen can help if needed.

O WE DO NOT EAT PORK PRODUCTS, CAN MY CHILD HAVE A DIFFERENT FLU VACCINE?

Yes. There is an injectable flu vaccine is available that our website. contains no pork (porcine gelatine).

While the nasal spray is generally more effective and painless, we respect your preferences. Just complete the consent form for the injection-no need to fill out both.

CONSENT INFORMATION

The consent form needs to be signed by a person with parental responsibility which includes:

- Mother: automatic
- Father: if married to the mother either when baby is born or marries subsequently
- Unmarried father: if name appears on birth certificate (since 1/12/03) or legally acquired
- Others: if parental responsibility is legally acquired
- Parental Responsibility Agreement: signed, properly witnessed and sent for registration to Principle Registry or the Family Division (High Court)
- Residence Order: granted by the Court

Please note that young people under the age of 16 can give or refuse consent if considered competent to do so by nursing staff.

approved for use. The Medicines and Healthcare generally considered better than vaccine-induced Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) only approve immunity. Natural infection carries the risk of severe vaccines that have gone through rigorous safety testing illness and complications, whereas the flu vaccine offers measures. The regulators continually monitor them all protection with significantly less risk. Natural immunity can be long-lasting against specific strains, but we know that the flu virus changes (mutates) overtime so natural immunity to one strain might not protect against a different strain that emerges later Vaccines are a safer . Has a severe allergy to eggs, gelatine, or certain and more reliable way to protect against a wider range of

· Has recently had severe asthma symptoms or is Flu vaccines are updated for each winter to give protection against the strains of flu that are most likely to be going around. For this reason, we strongly recommend Also, after vaccination, children should avoid close that even if your child was vaccinated last year, they

Q MY CHILD NEEDS A DIFFERENT VACCINE

If your child needs another vaccine you can speak to our team or attend one of our community clinics, all www.schoolyaccination.uk/catch-up-clinics

O I HAVE MORE QUESTIONS

We run Q&A webinars which address frequently asked questions and gives parents an opportunity to ask their questions. You can find information and how to join on







GYMNASTICS OCTOBER HALF TEAM CAMP

- Gymnasts will work on strength, Flexabiltiy and gymnastics skills throughout the week.
- friends while having fun
- At the end of the week there will be badge testing where your child can earn a certficate and badge



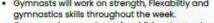


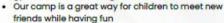
10am - 3pm Day 9am - 10am Early drop off 3pm - 4pm Late pick up



WHAT TO WEAR

Gymnasts must wear either a lectard or tshirt and shorts or leggings. No skirts or jeans. Hair must be tied up and no jewellery.







£6 Late pick up

PACKED LUNCH

£6 Early drop off

PRICE

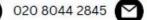
£40 per day

Children must have a packed lunch with elenty of water. NO NUTS or nut products.



27TH - 31ST OCTOBER AT GILLESPIE PRIMARY SCHOOL, N5







info@calypsogymnasticsclub.com



STREET DANCE **OCTOBER HALF TEAM** CAMP



Whether they're beginners or experienced dancers, our dance camp is designed to inspire creativity and develop technique in a supportive environment. We will be exploring different styles of dance each day while having fun and making new friends.



PRICE

£40 per day £6 Early drop off £6 Late pick up



TIMES

10am - 3pm Day 9am - 10am Early drop off 3pm - 4pm Late pick up



PACKED LUNCH

Children must have a packed lunch with plenty of water. NO NUTS or nut products.



WHAT TO WEAR

Dancers need to wear comfortable clothing

28TH - 30ST OCTOBER AT GILLESPIE PRIMARY SCHOOL, N5









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