



Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025

# Newsletter 486

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Learning in Year 1

Year 1 took part in a wonderful Zoom lesson this week as part of our Black History Month activities. We listened to Dr Angela Tabiri, who was voted the most interesting mathematician in 2024 as she talked about all things mathematical. Angela has a passion for quantum, or non-commutative algebra, which she researches at the Ghana branch of the African Institute for Mathematical Sciences (Aims). She also is passionate about changing assumptions that African female mathematicians can only teach, which she pursues as academic manager for the Girls in Mathematical Sciences Programme in Ghana. After watching this zoom, schools were able to ask her lots of questions.



## Attendance Matters!

Class	Attendance WB 29/09/25
Reception	99.33%
Year 1	98.32%
Year 2	98.67%
Year 3	97.33%
Year 4	96.96%
Year 5	99%
Year 6	97.64%
<b>Total</b>	<b>98.18%</b>



Attendance Cup  
Winner  
WB 29/09/2025

**Reception!**



## Well done Luisa

We were excited to learn that Luísa (year 4) presented the Ballon d'Or to the Arsenal Women's team at the Emirates last Saturday, just before their match against Aston Villa. Other people in the picture include Arsenal legend Kelly Smith in the far right, the women's coach Renée Slegers and player Kim Little. How exciting!

## Important dates

13 <sup>th</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 6 swimming
15 <sup>th</sup> October	Individual and sibling photos
16 <sup>th</sup> October	Rec – Y6 Flu immunisations Register here: <a href="https://ncl.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/islington">https://ncl.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/islington</a>
23 <sup>rd</sup> October	5-7pm Halloween Disco
27 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Half term

Yours sincerely  
Mark Owen, Headteacher



## FoG Halloween Disco – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

### Can you help?

The children's favourite, the Halloween Disco is fast approaching. It takes a large number of volunteers to make it happen. We are looking for people who can:

1. Help with decorating and set up, 2-5pm
2. Help during the disco for an hour, 5-6pm or 6-7pm
3. Help with clearing up (7-7:30pm)

If this is you, please contact Vicky (Y6 parent) on 07877 984367.

### About the disco

You can buy your tickets on the door. All children must be accompanied by an adult. The disco runs from 5-7pm and is held outside in the playground, weather permitting. The children can dress up, dance and take part in Halloween games. There will be food to buy from the kitchen (hot dogs and pizza) and a bar selling a range of alcoholic and soft drinks.

### Pumpkin carving competition

Carve a Halloween pumpkin to be in with a chance of winning a prize. Bring your child's pumpkin to the school office on the morning of the disco clearly labelled with their name. Everybody's pumpkins will be lit up at the disco and three pumpkins will win a prize (battery lights provided by FoG).

### Donations of cakes and treats to sell during the disco

Please bring any donations for cakes and treats to sell at the disco to the school office. Remember no nuts please.



£3 entry or £5 family ticket  
All children to be accompanied by an adult  
Food and fun

### Hotblack Desiato

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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.

Or visit our  
website:



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.

LEARN MORE 

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[www.youtube.com/@vaccinationuk](https://www.youtube.com/@vaccinationuk)

### PRIVACY POLICY

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For data protection queries, please contact: [dpo@vaccinationuk.co.uk](mailto:dpo@vaccinationuk.co.uk)