



Friday 17th April 2026

Newsletter 506

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Parent Voice Event on Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) Wednesday 22nd April 2:00-7:00pm in Lab_13, during parent consultation evening

Hosted by Mark and Gillespie governors

The government have updated legislation on the teaching of relationships and sex education and we would like to share the relevant policy and changes with parents as part of our parent voice event in conjunction with governors. Please drop in to Lab_13 (first floor) at your convenience during the parent consultation evening where Mark and Gillespie governors will be there to discuss the policy changes and RSE curriculum. Due to content, this consultation is adult only so please do not bring children in to the Lab.

Parent Consultation Meetings

There is still time to book your slot! The consultations are an opportunity for you to discuss your child's work, development and progress. Each appointment will be 10 minutes long. It would be great to see as many parents/carers as possible during the course of the evening.

To book a slot that works for you all you need to do is enter yours and your child's details at <https://gillespie.schoolcloud.co.uk>. Your first name and surname must match the data we hold on our system so you may need to try your legal name and preferred name. If you get an error message please contact the school office via email on office@gillespie.islington.sch.uk.

During your meeting you will be given the grid below showing national curriculum banding. This information is for most children in Years 1-6. If your child has an individual education plan this will not apply.

For example a mark in the 'just at' column indicates that your child is working at the expected standard for this stage of the year and on track to meet end of year expectations.

Name _____

See below for your child's attainment within their year group band for the end of the spring term.

	Significantly Below	Below	Just At	Securely At	Above	Significantly Above
Reading						
Writing						
Maths						



Attendance

Class	Attendance WB 13/04/26
Reception	98.10%
Year 1	98.10%
Year 2	95.71%
Year 3	87.62%
Year 4	91.33%
Year 5	99.52%
Year 6	94.58%
Total	95%



Attendance Cup
Winner
WB 13/04/2026

Year 5!

Important dates

Wednesday 22nd April	Parent Consultation Meetings Reception – Year 6 Parent Voice event in Lab_13
Wednesday 29th April	Parent Consultation Meetings Nursery
Thursday 30th April	4:30-6:00pm International Food Evening
Monday 4th May	Bank Holiday (school closed)
WB Monday 11th May	Y6 SATs week
WB 25th May	Half term
Saturday 4th July	Summer Fayre
Wednesday 8th July	Sport's Day

Class Assemblies

Fridays at 10am, top hall

Year Group	Date Set
Year 4	Friday 22 nd May 2026
Year 2	Friday 5 th June 2026
Year 5	Friday 12 th June 2026
Year 1	Friday 19 th June 2026
Year 3	Friday 26 th June 2026
Year 6	Friday 10 th July 2026

Yours sincerely, Mark Owen, Headteacher

FREE SWIMMING LESSONS IN ISLINGTON

Throughout the school holidays and in partnership with Islington Council, we are proud to be able to offer a variety of free swimming lessons for children and families. Lessons will run during Easter, May Half Term, Summer and October Half Term. Sessions include:

- Adult and child swimming lessons: 6-week course for under 3's *Summer holiday only
- Swimming lessons for 4 -13-year-olds, intensive lessons, Monday - Friday for 1 or 2 weeks
- Teen swimming lessons 13 -16-year-olds, intensive lessons, Monday - Friday for 1 or 2 weeks
- Family swimming lessons, 6-week course for up to 2 adults and 2 children to learn to swim together and enjoy the pool together *Summer holiday only

To apply please scan QR code or visit website at better.org.uk/free-swimming-lessons

You can email for more information at summer.lessons@gll.org



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Measles

Measles is a serious disease caused by a very infectious virus. It can be dangerous, especially for babies, young children and pregnant women.

Catching measles

Measles spreads easily when an infected person breathes, coughs or sneezes.

The virus can stay in the air and on surfaces for up to 2 hours. You can catch measles just by being in a room where an infected person has been, even up to 2 hours after they have left.

A person with measles can spread the infection in the 4 days before they get the rash until 4 days after the rash appears.

Symptoms of measles



rash



fever



loss of appetite



sore, red eyes



cough

Other early symptoms include sneezing and a runny or blocked nose. A person with measles will feel very unwell. They will have to spend about five days in bed and will be off school or work for around 2 weeks. There is no treatment or cure for measles.

If you think you might have measles, it's important to call your GP surgery. You will need to stay away from other people to avoid spreading the disease.

Treatment of measles

There is no treatment for measles. Doctors usually treat the fever and advice rest whilst your body fights the virus.

Possible long-term complications of measles



hearing loss



blindness



pneumonia



encephalitis



brain damage



death

If you get measles when you're pregnant, it could harm your baby. It can cause miscarriage or stillbirth, premature birth, or your baby having a low birthweight.

Measles in numbers

9 out of 10 unvaccinated people will catch measles if they come into contact with an infected person.



1 in 5 people with measles will be admitted to hospital.



1 in 15 children with measles will get one or more complications.



1 in 5,000 people with measles is likely to die.



Preventing measles

The best way to prevent measles is by vaccination following the UK Routine Immunisation Schedule. If any doses from the schedule are missed, contact your GP practice who can advise you and book the necessary vaccine(s).

NHS Measles Webpage



UKHSA Measles Guidelines Webpage



Oxford Vaccine Knowledge Measles Webpage



DISCLAIMER: This document is not to be used as a tool for diagnosing a child or adult with measles. If you or your child have any of the above symptoms, contact your GP or call 111 right away.

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STARTING RECEPTION

Workshop for Parents / Carers with advice and practical tips for children starting reception



Wednesday 15th April 9.30-10.30am
New River Green Children's Centre
23 Ramsey Walk London N1 2SX



[Click here to register](#)

Wednesday 22nd April 9:30 – 10:30am
Bemerton Children's Centre
1a Carnoustie Drive, N1 0DX



[Click here to register](#)

Wednesday 29th April 9.30-10.30am
Archway Children's Centre
Vorley Road, N19 5HE



[Click here to register](#)

The Family Hubs Universal Therapies Team, Health Visiting service & Early Years Foundation Stage Team will provide advice on:

- Growing Independence
 - Building Communication & Relationships
- Physical Development
 - Healthy Routines

Wednesday 13th May
1:30 – 2:30pm
ONLINE – MS Teams



[Click here to register](#)

Choose a date & register with EventBrite by scanning the QR code or using the link.

Unfortunately we cannot provide a creche so are asking if you can please come to the workshop while your child is at nursery.