



Friday 19th June 2026

Newsletter 514

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Parent Survey

Reminder to complete the parent survey by Friday 26 June. Your feedback is extremely important and will help shape our future priorities and drive ongoing improvements across the school.

Nut and sesame free zone

We remind you that we have a strict no nut/sesame policy at our school. We have several children and staff with allergies and require a nut free zone for their safety.

Please check all food items carefully before sending them into school. Products such as pesto, hummus, sushi, breakfast and cereal bars can often contain nuts or sesame. Thank you.

Times Tables Rock Stars

We are taking part in another Times Tables Rock Stars competition! This challenge is between schools across London, and the winning school will be the one with the best average.

Every practice session counts. Not only will their efforts help our school in the competition, but they will also build confidence and fluency with multiplication facts – an important skill that supports learning across the maths curriculum.

EVENT DETAILS
START DATE: June 23rd 2026
END DATE: June 25th 2026
TIME: Daily 8am to 6pm
LOCATION: London
DAILY CAP: 30 minutes per player

WHAT ARE THE PRIZES?



AMAZON VOUCHERS

The top 3 classes based on average score will receive an Amazon gift card.

1ST PLACE: £100 AMAZON GIFT CARD

2ND PLACE: £75 AMAZON GIFT CARD

3RD PLACE: £50 AMAZON GIFT CARD



CUSTOM CERTIFICATES

TOP 3 SCHOOLS

TOP 3 CLASSES IN YOUR SCHOOL

TOP 3 STUDENTS IN YOUR CLASS AND SCHOOL

TOP 3 STUDENTS OVERALL

Heatwave Reminder

With the warm weather continuing, please ensure your child comes to school prepared for the heat.



We kindly ask that children:

- Apply sun cream before coming to school.
- Bring a named sun hat to wear during outdoor activities.
- Bring their water bottle to stay hydrated throughout the day.
- Wear weather-appropriate clothing suitable for the hot conditions.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep all children safe and comfortable during the warmer weather.

Nursery learning

We're joining in the World Cup football fever in the Nursery. Using our fine motor skills to practice our technique.



Attendance Matters

Class	Attendance WB 15/06/26
Reception	95.49%
Year 1	96.34%
Year 2	96.4%
Year 3	96.46%
Year 4	94.76%
Year 5	97.73%
Year 6	96.31%
Total	96.21%



Attendance Cup
Winner
WB 15/06/2026

Year 5!

Important dates

Tuesday 30th June	3:30-4:00pm Eco-committee RSPB event in playground Including food/drink stall and bird related activities
Saturday 4th July	Summer Fayre
Tuesday 7th July	3:30-4:00pm STEM committee event in playground Hands on STEM activities
Wednesday 8th July	Sport's Day
Friday 10th July	10am Year 6 Leavers show

Class Assemblies

Fridays at 10am, top hall

Year Group	Date Set
Year 3	Friday 26 th June 2026
Year 6 leavers show	Friday 10 th July 2026

Wishing our Year 5 and 6 children who will be attending the Cardfields residential next week a restful weekend ahead of a fun packed week!

Yours sincerely, Mark Owen, Headteacher



FoG News

Summer Fair 2026 - Saturday 4th July 1-4pm Raffle prizes – we need you!

Our summer raffle is almost here and it's our biggest fund raiser for the school but we need you lovely people to give us PRIZES please. 😊

A very popular one is a cinema voucher (for 2 or a family). We can never have too many and it's easy for you to buy and donate. 🎟️

Other fab vouchers inc M&S, JL or ideally anything supporting our local community, eg Ink or Bookbar 📖 or our awesome range of cafes ☕, restaurants 🍴 and salons 💇‍♀️

Other suggestions are bottles of wine 🍷 fancy toiletries 🧴, jars of lovely food. 🥫
Anything you/we can make into a goodie basket / bag, or anything we can bundle with other donations to make a goody bag.

Please DM Jacqui 07900188328 with anything you can offer.
Grateful for literally anything so please don't be shy.

Thank you, ace Gillespie family. 😊



SUMMER CAMPS

GYMNASTICS • STREET DANCE • CHEERLEADING

Action-packed holiday camps for children aged 4.5 years to 12, filled with movement, fun, team challenges and creative activities.

AGES 4.5 YEARS TO 12



20 JULY – 14 AUGUST

GILLESPIE SCHOOL & LONDON MET



SUMMER 2026 DATES



20–24 JULY

GILLESPIE SCHOOL

Gymnastics
+ Street Dance

GILLESPIE SCHOOL TIMES

9:00 – 10:00 Soft Drop Off
10:00 – 15:00 Camp
15:00 – 16:00 Soft Pick Up



27–31 JULY

GILLESPIE SCHOOL

Gymnastics
+ Cheerleading

GILLESPIE SCHOOL TIMES

9:00 – 10:00 Soft Drop Off
10:00 – 15:00 Camp
15:00 – 16:00 Soft Pick Up



10–14 AUGUST

LONDON MET

Gymnastics

LONDON MET TIMES

9:30 – 15:30 Camp
(No soft drop off or pick up)

WHY CHOOSE CALYPSO?



STAY ACTIVE

A variety of activities to keep children moving and having fun.



LEARN NEW SKILLS

Build strength, coordination and confidence.



MAKE FRIENDS

Team challenges and games that build friendships.



GET CREATIVE

Creative activities that inspire imagination.



GILLESPIE SCHOOL

£50

PER DAY



LONDON MET

£55

PER DAY



DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE

Weekly & sibling discounts



PLEASE BRING

Packed lunch and water bottle.

NO NUTS



READY FOR SUMMER?

Book your child's place today!



✉ info@calypsogymnasticsclub.com

☎ 020 8044 2845

Try something new, have a summer of fun and unforgettable moments – lunch is on us!

FREE lunches with all activities

Holiday Activities with lunch

20 JULY - 28 AUGUST 2026

Lots on offer!

Tennis, roller-skating, dance, theatre skills, cooking, basketball, multiplay, football, music-making, crafts, excursions, coding, popstar workshops, boxing, ICT-music management, photography and podcasting, swimming, museum visits... and so much more.

Paid-for activities

Activities specifically for those with special educational needs and/or disabilities

Funded activities for those on benefits-related free school meals

Ready to book? Scan the QR code or visit islington.gov.uk/HolidayActivities

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STARTING RECEPTION

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



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

Thursday 2nd July 1:30 – 2:30pm
ONLINE – MS Teams



[Click here to register](#)

Thursday 16th July 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.

Libraries RoadLearnConnect



FAMILY FUN DAY!

Saturday 4 July, 11am-4pm

With face-painting, crafts, story times and games. Join Read to the Beat! and enjoy a summer packed with stories, music, creativity, and fun.

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Activity times

Archway Library

Face painting 11am-1pm
Hamlyn House, Highgate Hill, N19 5PH

Cat and Mouse Library

Face painting 11am-1pm
277 Camden Road, N7 0JN

Central Library

Story time with author Felicity Yeoh 11.30am-12.15pm (ages 3-6)
Face painting 2-4pm
2 Fieldway Crescent, N5 1PF

Finsbury Library

Face painting 2-4pm
245 St John Street, EC1V 4NB

Lewis Carroll Children's Library

Face painting 11am-1pm
166 Copenhagen Street, N1 0ST

Mildmay Library

Face painting 2-4pm
21-23 Mildmay Park, N1 4NA

N4 Library

Face painting 11am-1pm
26 Blackstock Road, N4 2DW

North Library

Poetry with Paul Lyalls 11.30am-12.30pm
Face painting 2-4pm
Manor Garden, N7 6JX

South Library

Face painting 11am-1pm
Poetry with Paul Lyalls 2-3pm
115-117 Essex Road, N1 2SL

West Library

Face painting 2-4pm
Bridgeman Road, N1 1BD



Online Oral Health Workshop for Families and Carers

Covering: children's oral health, tooth decay, diet and sugar, toothbrushing, dental care with SEND and accessing local dental services.

Delivered by Whittington NHS Oral Health Team

Thursday 9th July - 10am



Microsoft Teams meeting

Meeting ID:381 094 254 909 523

Passcode: 7Vf7Q29B