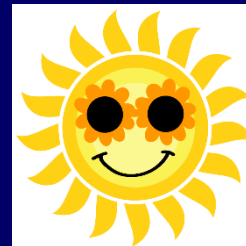




Friday 26th June 2026

Newsletter 514

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Cardfields roundup



It has been toasty hot in Essex this week for our annual residential in Cardfields. The children spent a wonderful week in the outdoors, making the most of the weather and enjoying their surroundings. We made adjustments to our timetable which included swapping the hike up Heather Hills to a shady riverside walk- bumping in to a team of firefighters who were patrolling the waters and offered an impromptu water safety session for the children! We rounded up the week with the social event of the season- the last night disco and children danced the night away. Wishing a restful, cooler weekend to the children!



Heatwave

With the weather warnings coming to an end shortly, we thank families for their continued support during this difficult week.

The children enjoyed a hosing down at playtime and lunchtime to help in keeping them cool.

Thankfully, the weather looks better for the coming weeks! Children should continue to bring a hat, water bottle and wear sun cream to school.



Class Assemblies Fridays at 10am, top hall

Year Group	Date Set
Year 3	Friday 3 rd July 2026 *DATE CHANGE*
Year 6 leavers show	Friday 10 th July 2026

Ready Set Stage After School clubs

Autumn term clubs are now available for booking online at www.readysetstage.co.uk. Families eligible for Free School Meals to book using the [online form here](#).

Ready Set Stage After School Clubs – Autumn 2026

www.readysetstage.co.uk

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Performing Arts (Reception – Year 6)	Arts & Craft (Reception – Year 6)	Singing (Reception – Year 6)	Gymnastics (Years 3-6)
Football (Years 3-6)	Chess club (Years 3-6)	Football (Reception - Year 2)	Chess (Rec-Y2)

Clubs begin WB Monday 21st September

Last week of club WB Monday 30th November

Total 10 weeks autumn term

Our Eco-Committee have updated Gillespie's Eco-Code so that it now covers everything we would like the school community to aim to do to make our planet more sustainable for the future. Great job Eco-Committee.

Megan Begley, Eco-Coordinator and Scientist in Residence

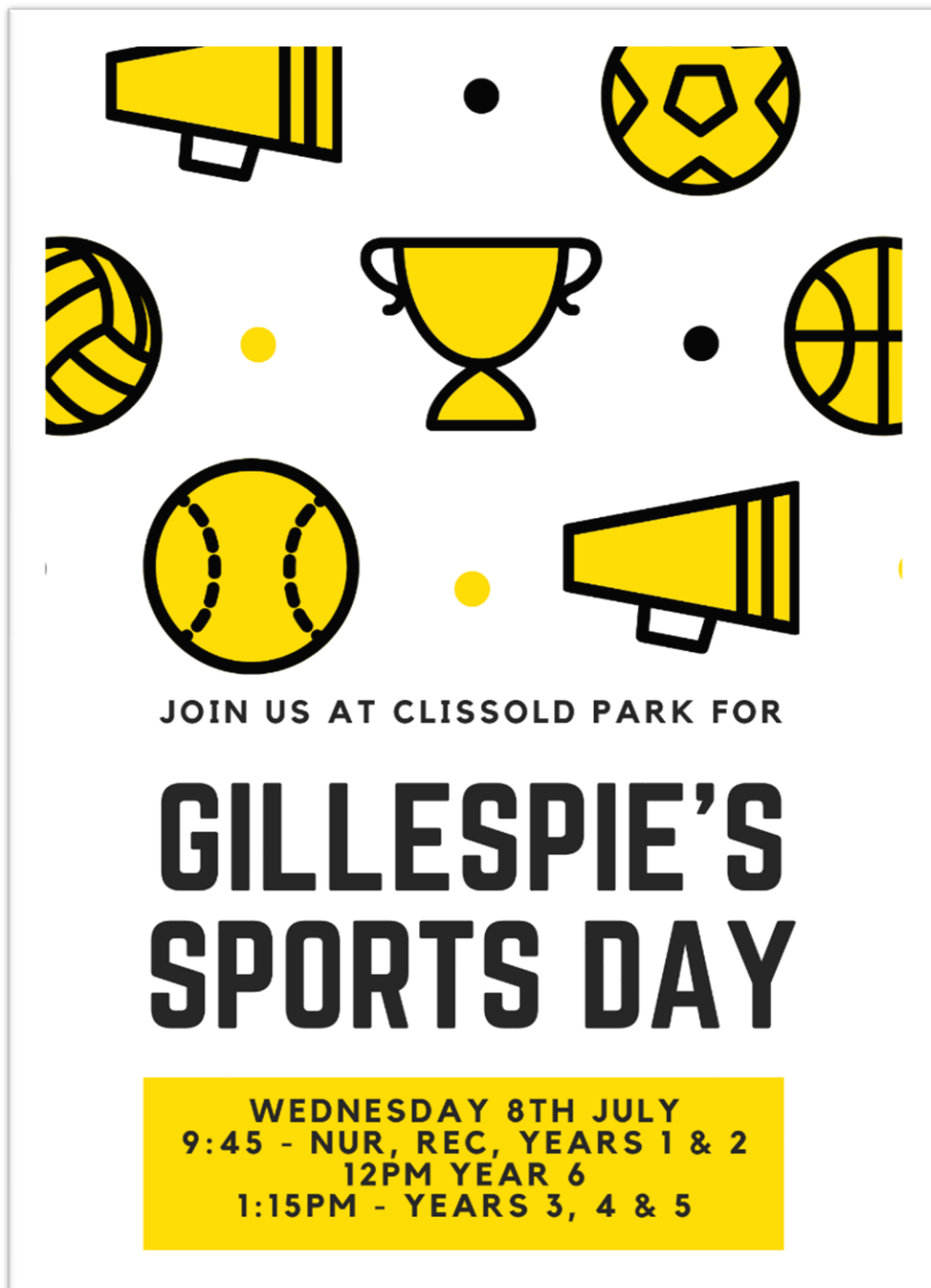
Gillespie Eco-Code 2026

- **Rethink** how you travel: walk, cycle, scoot or use public transport when you can.
- **Repair** broken toys and furniture; mend clothes; claim lost property. Try second-hand shopping.
- **Reduce** the amount of meat you eat. Try to eat more vegetables and alternative forms of protein.
- **Reduce** the amount of **rubbish** going into rivers and oceans by going litter picking with families and friends.
- **Recycle** rubbish wherever possible: glass, paper, cardboard, hard and soft plastic, batteries etc.
- **Reduce** your use of **resources** like water and electricity by turning off taps, lights and electronic devices when not in use and limiting time on screens.
- **Reuse, repurpose** and **refill** glass and plastic containers e.g. water bottles, food containers.
- **Refuse** single-use plastics whenever you can. Take a **reusable** bag to the shops.
- **Run** events to **raise** awareness about sustainability and to **raise** money for eco-friendly charities.
- **Raise** gardens and plants that promote bio-diversity.

Gillespie Eco-Committee



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



Wishing families a restful and cooler weekend!
 Yours sincerely,
 Mark Owen, Headteacher



Summer Fair Preparations... 2 weeks and counting...

Live music? Check. Fire engine? Check. Face Painting? Check. Everyone's favourite footballing dinosaur? Check. ClayTime painting and clay work? Check. Local Artist creating an Arsenal-themed collage with Gillespie pupils? Check!!!

As we approach FoG's flagship event for the school year and our fantastic committee members are scurrying away in the background to make sure we have enough buns, burgers, beverages and bunting, the main asks we have of our fantastic Gillespie community are as follows:

- **Volunteers!** For various reasons we are a few people down from our usual set up crew, and with so many fantastic stalls and activities on offer we are going to need as many as we can get. We know many of you will have been snapped up by your class reps for specific stalls, but 30 mins at any time before, during or after the event would make a massive difference to the day and the general wellbeing of all of our FoG Events team! If you can help out at any point, please let Sean know by sending him a message on 07986 792 367... or just turn up at some point and offer - he'll be delighted with the surprise!
- **Raffle Prizes!** Jacqui has been working her usual magic, and thanks to all those who have already rustled something up for her, but the more we can offer the better. Tickets, vouchers, a bottle of something, a box of something... anything goes. Rumours of an air-con unit being on offer are unconfirmed...
- **Spread the word!** This is the only open event that FoG runs for the school, so let's take the opportunity to share our wonderful community and give friends and family the chance to celebrate another fantastic year for Gillespie Primary School.



School partnership with HotBlack Desiato

Throughout 25/26 Gillespie Primary has been in a formal partnership with the local Estate agent HotBlack Desiato. This sponsorship (to the amount of £500.00 a month for 12 months) has provided a fantastic boost to the existing FoG offer. If that wasn't enough, they have also committed to making a £1000 donation to the school for any sale that the partnership generates, and £250 for a rental that is secured, but you have to contact them directly - don't use RightMove!



Ways to Support Friends of Gillespie and the school community

1. **Financial donations:** A monthly direct debit donation of any amount you choose can be set up [here](#) in less than 5 mins, or you can use this QR code to access the site.
2. **Item donations:** Speak to your class rep about delivering the items, or simply drop them in the front office for a FoG member to come and collect them. Easy!
3. **Time donations:** If you would like to help out in this way then please do get in touch with your class rep or a FoG Committee member - we will certainly have something for you to do!



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

Microsoft Teams meeting

Meeting ID:381 094 254 909 523

Passcode: 7Vf7Q29B

Whittington Health
NHS Trust

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







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



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.

FREE lunches with all activities

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](https://www.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
ReadLearnConnect



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



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