



Dear Parents & Carers,

Thank you to parents who completed our parent survey. We have kept the [link](#) open should you still wish to complete it.

Our class assemblies this term so far have been wonderful—a real celebration of learning, presented by the children with confidence and pride. Well done to our Year 6, Year 5 and Year 3 classes. We wish you a happy half term break. We have shared some London activities and things to do—please have a look.

Thank you for your continued support,
Adeola Oladejo, Headteacher and Senior Leadership Team

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Safer Internet Day—Open Classroom 22nd Feb, 3pm—Join Us!

On Thursday 22nd February, St Jude and St Paul's will hold an Open Classroom event from 3pm onwards for parents/carers in Reception - Year 6. This is an opportunity for you to learn alongside your child/children in their classroom.

The focus will be on a strand from our Computing curriculum linked to the importance of Online Safety. The session will be taught at an age appropriate level by your child's class teacher and may include some supporting adults.

We hope you can join us!

Breakfast and After School Provision Bookings

Please remember to book for breakfast club (7.30-8.30am) and after school provision (3.30-6pm) by midnight the night before at the latest. The earlier, the better is helpful—thank you!

RHSE Policy

We have updated our Relationships, Health and Sex Education Policy which can be found on our website [here](#). Please have a look at what is taught and when. If you have any questions or comments, please speak to a member of the senior leadership team. Thank you.

Star Awards!

Friday 2nd February

Reception: Janelle & Teddy

Year 1: Scarlet-Rose & Emanuel

Year 2: Miles

Year 3: Sakibur & Kailand

Year 4: Lara & Macy

Year 5: All of Year 5!

Year 6: Eli & Lucy

★ Friday 9th February

Reception: Asenka & Kendal-Rae

Year 1: Oliver & Ezra

Year 2: Tayyeb & Rian

Year 3: All of Year 3!

Year 4: Berkin

Year 5: Beneal

Year 6: Cayden, Lexi and Ibraheem

★ BRONZE AWARDS!

(10 Merits for learning and positive behaviour)

Jamille-Rose, Aiden, Ibraheem, George, Sonny, Beneal, Irfan, Jiyan, Joey

Absence

If your child will be absent from school due to illness, please remember to contact the school office, in person, by phone or email on the first day of your child's absence.

We have also updated our Attendance Policy, which can be found [here](#).

Dates for your Diary

12-16 Feb	Half-Term Week
20 February	KS1 Road Safety Workshop
22 February	Three Discovery Workshops for pupils 3pm—open classroom for parents/ carers
28 February	Bletchley Park Cyber Workshops for KS2 KS1 & KS2 Big Sing Event at Islington Assembly Hall PM—Year 5 Gardening at Newington Green with the Garden Classroom
1 March, 9.15am	Year 2 Class Assembly—Parents/ carers welcome
4 March	Year 6 out to City University— Journalism department British Library Fairy Stories Online Workshop: Fairy stories with Michael Rosen, Jasbinder Bilan and Allen Fati- maharan.
5 March	School Nurse in—Year R and Y6 Height and Weight Measurement
4-7 March	Bikeability Balance for Y1 and Y2
8 March, 9.15am	Year 4 Class Assembly—Parents/ carers welcome FA Biggest Ever Football Session
11-15 March	SJSP celebrates British Science Week
12 March	Year 4 to Royal Albert Hall for Prom Praise 4 Schools concert
15 March, 9.15am	Year 1 Class Assembly—Parents/ carers welcome Red Nose Day
19 March	School nurse and well-being clinic— parents/carers welcome to book a slot
20 March	Parents' Evening: 3.50-6.30pm
21 March	Parents' Evening: 3.50-5.30pm
22 March, 9.15am	Nursery/Reception Class Assembly — Parents/carers welcome School nurse and well-being clinic— parents/carers welcome to book a slot
26 March	Year 5 Shakespeare Project starts: visit to see performance of Julius Cae- sar
28 March	Last day of spring term -school closes at 1.30pm.
29 March-12 April	Easter Holiday

Online safety: Balancing Screen time

Creating a balanced digital diet with screen
time tips: internetmatters.org

Find simple tips to help children develop
healthy online habits and a good digital diet to
help them thrive on and offline:



School Attendance

**Did you know that 95% attendance is 10
days absence a year?**

Pupils with 95% attendance are likely to
achieve good grades and form a habit of
attending school regularly.

Pupils who take a 2-week holiday every year—
and have no other absence in the school year—
can only achieve 95% attendance.

Doodle Learning

We set our homework through DoodleLearning.

It's a fantastic resource where children can
practise maths, English, spelling and times
tables skills. Children are encouraged to do this
'a little and often'. Each child has a
DoodleLearning login. If your child needs their
password reset, please see your child's class
teacher.

Birthday Cake

We will be unable to cut birthday cake at
school. If you would like to share cake with
your child's class, this should be individual cakes
or cake that is already cut and wrapped. Cakes
should also be nut free. Thank you.

London Events and Activities for Half Term



Chinese New Year 2024

Celebrate the Year of the Dragon in London, with the biggest Chinese New Year celebrations outside Asia.

Date: Sun 11 Feb 24

Time: 12.pm onwards

Location: Trafalgar Square, Chinatown & across the West End

Website: www.lccauk.com



Inter-Livery Pancake Race 2024

Dressed in their full regalia, the members of the related Liveries of London compete in this pancake-flipping race.

Date: 13 Feb 24

Time: 11.30am - 3.00pm

Location: Guildhall, London



Imagine Festival

Imagine Children's Festival takes place over 11 days at February half-term, with brilliant theatre, comedy, music, literature, poetry, dance and flat-out family fun on offer, designed for children aged 0 – 11.

Date: 7-17 Feb 24

Time 10.00am-4.00pm

Location: Southbank

Website: [https://](https://www.southbankcentre.co.uk/whats-on/festivals-series/imagine-childrens-festival)

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Islington Bikeability Course

12 Feb - 15 Feb 24

Bikeability for children

We have a full programme of free cycling courses for children in the February half term. Choose from:

- Beginners (age 5-12) for children who can't yet ride without stabilisers
- Bikeability Level 1 (age 5-9) teaches bike control skills off road
- Bikeability Level 2 (age 9-12) get the skills to ride safely on road

They are taking place at venues in N19, EC1* and N1. The courses at the EC1 site have some bikes available to borrow . Cycle skills for families To learn how to ride together as a family, you can book family cycle skills sessions.

Website: <https://islington.coordinate.cloud/courses/child-holiday-bikeability/>



Depot Family Tour

Exclusively for family groups, join us at our London Transport Museum Depot in Acton, west London to uncover the stories of some of the very special vehicles in our collection.

Tour times: 10:00, 12:30, 15:00

Duration: 1 hour

Location: Date: 14 Feb 24

Website: <https://www.ltmuseum.co.uk/>



RIGB Family Fun Day: AI and Problem Solving

Discover how scientists use innovation, invention and creativity to help solve a whole host of problems!

Date: 17 Feb 24

Time: 11.00am-4.00pm

Location: Albemarle Street, W1S 4BS

Website: www.rigb.org

Holiday workshops: Extract your own DNA (ages 7-8)

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Working in a real science lab and using their own cheek cells, students will extract their DNA using enzymes and use ethanol to separate it from the solution, ready to transfer into their own necklace

Date: 12 Feb 24

Holiday workshops: Cosmetic Chemistry (ages 9-11)

Students will explore the difference between acids and alkalis and how they react to form a salt. Using this knowledge they then make their own personalised bath bombs.

Date: 15 Feb 24

The Big Maths Gameshow

Hosted by award-winning maths communicator Kyle D Evans, the show introduces some advanced mathematical ideas in an accessible manner for young people and their families

Date: 14 Feb 24

Website: www.rigb.org



Science Museum -

Turn It Up: The power of Music

In this fun, family-friendly experience you'll get a chance to hear, interact with, and even make your own music! You'll explore the science and secrets around the impact music has on us with unique interactive exhibits.

Time: 10.00am - 6.00pm

Location: South Kensington, London

Website: www.sciencemuseum.org.uk



Guildhall Art Gallery & London's Roman Amphitheatre

Family-friendly events and activities at Guildhall Art Gallery and London's Roman Amphitheatre. They run regular family activities on the Second Saturday of every month, and special events during school holidays.

Time: 10.30am-4.00pm

Location: London, EC2P

Website: www.cityoflondon.gov.uk



Horniman Museum

The Twitchers Museum Adventure

Join birdwatching detectives the Twitchers and explore the beautiful birds and feathered dinosaurs in the Horniman this February half-term.

Date: 10-18 Feb 24

Create your own clay dinosaur or fossil

Date: 12-15 Feb 24

Slug Life – Storytelling and Slug Hotel Making

Date: 16 Feb 24

Location: Forest Hill, SE23 3PQ

Website: www.horniman.ac.uk



Women at Work

This half term, bring your family to explore our galleries and discover the stories of pioneering women who paved the way for others in transport and engineering jobs in London.

Time: 10.00am - 6.00pm

Date: 10 Feb-18 Feb 24

Website: <https://www.ltmuseum.co.uk/>



Postal Museum

February Half Term 2024

Channel your inner designer this February Half Term with an inventive family programme designed to unleash new ideas.

Take part in a range of crafts, making and storytelling, inspired by the postal uniforms in our current special exhibition, Dressed to Deliver.

Time: 10.00am-5.00pm

Location: Phoenix Place, London

Website: www.postalmuseum.org



Family studio print Workshops for families

Explore colour and pattern to create your own collaged print at this free drop-in session for families. For this Family Studio, artist Desiree Greenish will be drawing inspiration from our Entangled Pasts: 1768–now exhibition. Explore themes of heritage and identity to create your own print and collage mixed-media pieces.

Time: 11am - 1pm & 2 - 4pm

Date: 25 Feb 24

Location: Piccadilly, London



Access to Sport

Free-of-charge Sports & physical activities for children & young people.

Open to young people living studying in Islington, Hackney or Haringey

Location: Various location

Website: www.accesstosports.org.uk

Islington Holiday Playcentres

Website: www.islington.gov.uk/holidaychildcare

Islington Adventure Playgrounds

Website: <https://www.islington.gov.uk/children-and-families/things-to-do/adventure-playgrounds>

February Half-Term Events in Islington Libraries

Date: 12 Feb - 16 Feb 24

Website: <https://www.islington.gov.uk/libraries-arts-and-heritage/libraries>



Half Term Activity: Artwork Needed for the IFF interfaith Calendar

Islington Faiths Forum (IFF) would like to pupils in Islington to **create artwork** for the 2024-2025 **inter faith calendar**.

The theme for all works of art will be **“One Planet, one People, one Future.”** Pupils should draw their interpretations of this.

The deadline to submit artwork to school is **19th February 2024**.

The picture size can be no greater than A3.

Create **brightly coloured, bold pictures** for the calendar in **LANDSCAPE layout** with **clear, clean outlines** so that they can scan well. You can use paints, coloured pens, markers, etc, **no chalk or pencil!**

All entries will go to a panel of judges who will shortlist 12 entries for the calendar. **Please write your first name and the school on the back of your artwork.**



SEND Friends at the Parent House

As parents of SEND children we are 'experts through experience' and we know how important it is to have a chance to meet up, share ideas, gain information and get support.

Do come along to our group sessions – just drop in...everyone is welcome.

Date: **From Tuesday 30th January 2024 (every 2 weeks)** term time only.

Time: **10am to 12 noon**

For more information contact - Michelle on 0207 837 1383 or email michelle@theparenthouse.co.uk for more information.

(The Parent House offers free 1-2-1 support/and courses to Islington Parents, or if you work in Islington or have a child in an Islington School)



The Parent House, 55 Calshot Street, London, N1 9AS