



New End News



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See the future



...it starts here!

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Events over the Next Week

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We know that we have some amazing parents in a wealth of careers at New End, so...

Could you give up 30 minutes of your time to share your career journey?

From app designers to zoologists; from apprentices to CEOs... we want to hear from you!

Year 5 and 6 Career Talks

Last academic year we reintroduced career talks for the Year 6 children in the Spring and Summer Terms. These were a great success so we are aiming to plan for more in 2025 and to include Year 5 children.

Career-related learning at the primary level is more about opening up the world of opportunities that are out there, rather than asking children to refine what it is they want to do in the future. It's about showing children that opportunities are endless, exposing them to a wide range of experiences, and encouraging them to understand that they can be anything they want, regardless of their gender, ethnicity or where they live. It's also about dismantling the gendered and racialised stereotypes about careers that children as young as six can begin to develop.

Career-related learning has been proven to motivate and fire the imagination of primary children, especially when it comes to their learning, as they are beginning to learn more about their own abilities and talents and see the links between their learning and their future.

Whatever your profession or job, we would like to invite you to share some information with our Year 6 children about what you do and how you got there. We hope that these sessions will offer the children a glimpse of the wide-ranging variety of career opportunities open to them and help them begin to understand the process of considering prospective careers.

We hope that you will consider participating in order to impart your knowledge and make this a truly worthwhile experience for the children.

Please email head@newend.camden.sch.uk and we will arrange a mutually convenient time for the spring or summer term.

In Consideration of our Neighbours

Parents and carers are reminded that they should only park in designated areas when dropping off or collecting their child / children each day. **Please do not double park or park in our neighbours' driveways.** Where possible, children should be walking to school to help ease local congestion as well as to aid their own fitness. If you have to drive, there are many places locally for you to park and then walk the final journey to school.

Please also ensure that children do not climb on our neighbours' walls or go into their gardens.

Parents are also reminded not to use our neighbours' steps as a seat to wait for the gates to be opened before and after school.

The reputation of the school amongst our neighbours is important so please show consideration and respect.

Thank you for your ongoing co-operation.

Promoting British Values

In 2011, the government defined British Values as:

- democracy
- the rule of law
- individual liberty
- mutual respect
- tolerance of different faiths and beliefs.

All schools are expected to promote these values. At New End we do this through our own school values, curriculum and enrichment activities. Over the next five weeks we will be sharing how we promote each of these areas. The first is **democracy**.

We promote democracy at New End by:

- having an elected School Council. This is used as an opportunity to promote and teach about democracy and the electoral process.
- encouraging volunteerism in and out of school. This includes things like standing for school council or school ambassadors and also raising money for local and national charities.
- Promoting democracy through school elections and referendums.
- Promoting democracy through class voting for school council representatives and additional PSHE lessons and assemblies.
- Teaching children about the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and encouraging them to respect their rights and the rights of others.

Next week...the rule of law!

Year Group Meetings

Thank you to everyone who has already attended their child's year group meetings. The following year group meetings will be held on the following dates to discuss Spring Term arrangements. All meetings will start at 9am in the first floor hall.

Year 3	Friday, 17th January
Year 1	Monday, 20th January
Reception	Tuesday, 21st January
Nursery	Wednesday, 22nd January

We hope to see you there.

Children's Mental Health Week 2025

Children's Mental Health Week is taking place between **3rd and 9th February 2025**.

This year's theme at New End is **Reconnect to disconnect: The power of going offline!**

We will be encouraging children (and adults) to think about the importance of tech breaks and provide activities to support this. We will offer resources for parents to support their understanding of the impact of screen time and facilitate meaningful conversations with their children.

The school will be working with Lucy, Isobel and Unlocking Potential (UP) to share information with the children to support their mental health and well-being. A variety of daily activities are being developed by staff and Unlocking Potential. More information to follow.

As part of the week we are planning a **non-uniform day** on **Wednesday, 5th February**, which is also Lucy's last day at New End. Children can wear their favourite clothes that express who they are! A gold coin donation is requested with all money collected being donated a charity to be agreed upon.

Attendance and Punctuality

Here is last week's attendance and punctuality for individual classes.

	Attendance	Unauthorised Absence	No of Lates (no of chn)
RF	94.83%	1.72%	0 😊
1D	95.83%	4.17%	0 😊
1K	98.61%	0 😊	3 (3)
2S	94.17%	3.33%	0 😊
3J	96.43%	0 😊	0 😊
3P	95.37%	1.85%	3 (3)
4M	95.11%	0 😊	3 (1)
4W	98.91%	0 😊	1 (1)
5M	91.67%	0 😊	3 (2)
5P	97.40%	1.04%	0 😊
6R	98.44%	0.52%	5 (2)
6S	100% 😊😊	0 😊	4 (1)

Congratulations 6S – 100% attendance last week!

Well done 1K, 3J, 4M, 4W, 5M and 6R – the classes with no unauthorised absence last week!

Well done RF, 1D, 2S, 3J and 5P – the ONLY classes with everyone in school on time last week!

Attendance across the school last week is 96.25%, with an unauthorised absence level of 1.08%. Remember that good attendance is seen as 96% or better. Attendance to date this academic year is 95.27% with an unauthorised absence level of 0.32%.

As always, if children are ill, they must remain at home. Please ensure that you contact the school office to explain any absence to ensure that it is authorised.

REMEMBER....

School gates open at 8.50am.

School starts at 8.55am.

There have been **22 lates** last week (6 less than the week before) involving **13 children** (7 less than the week before) throughout the school. A week which saw improvements!

Make sure with the wintery weather that you leave plenty of time to get into school!

Children who are late will miss important learning time.

**Children who are late
disrupt teachers teaching
and other children's
learning! AND...Children
HATE being late!!!**



Age Appropriate Programmes, Videos and Games

We continue to be aware of the increasing use of devices by children. It is important that we recognise that there are both benefits and issues that come with children having greater access to programmes, games and videos on these devices.

Here are a few tips for parents for TV, Devices and Video Game use at home:

Set Parental Controls on your child's devices. Information about this is easily found on the internet or your service provider can assist you.

Look for age-appropriate programs and games. Think about your child's age and choose the types of things that you want them to see, learn, and imitate.

Look for TV shows and video games that teach your child something, holds their interest, encourages them to listen and question, helps them to learn more words, makes them feel good about themselves or introduces them to new ideas and things.

Limit the time your child spends watching TV and playing video games. Remember that watching TV and playing video games are not substitutes for activities, such as reading, playing with friends, spending time outside, making projects, and talking with family members, which are important to a child's development.

Learn about current TV children's programs, DVDs, and video games, and help your child to select good ones. Many good children's television programs are available and many of those programmes also offer related educational video or computer games.

Look for educational shows and games. There are many children's programs, movies, music performances, and games that emphasise reading, language, and math skills.

Talk to your child about what interests them. After selecting programs or games that are appropriate for your child, help them decide which ones interest them.

Watch TV and play the games with your child, so that you can answer questions and talk about what they sees.

When you can't watch TV with your child or monitor their video game use, spot check to see what they are watching and playing. Ask questions after the program ends. See what excites or troubles them.

Model good TV viewing habits.

Please be aware that the legal age for children using apps such as WhatsApp, Snapchat or TikTok are often different from the reality so it is important that parents and carers make informed choices for their children. These are on our website but we will be resending them out via our school app too.

And Finally

Please ensure that children come into school with appropriate clothing and shoes in the icy weather. All items of clothing need to be labelled with your child's name for easy return of misplaced items.

Don't forget to follow New End on Instagram - newendprimaryschool – and get all your friends and family to do so to!

Continue to take care of yourselves and look out for each other.



Karyn Ray Headteacher

2024-2025 Dates for your Diary

Wed, 29 th January	4M Class Assembly
Wed, 5 th February	4W Class Assembly
Mon, 17 th Feb – Fri, 21 st February	Half Term
Fri, 28 th February	Star Assemblies
Wed, 26 th March	2S Class Assembly
Wed, 2 nd April	Nursery Class Assembly
Fri, 4 th April	Last Day of Spring Term – School Closes at 12.30pm
Tues, 22 nd April	INSET Day – school closed to children
Wed, 23 rd April	Children return to school
Fri, 25 th April	Star Assemblies
Wed, 30 th April	Reception Class Assembly
Wed, 7 th May	3J Class Assembly
W/B 12 th May	Year 6 SATs
Wed, 14 th May	1K Class Assembly
W/B 19 th May	Year 6 School Journey
Wed, 21 st May	1D Class Assembly
Mon, 26 th – Fri, 30 th May	Half Term
W/B 2 nd June and W/B 9 th June	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
Fri, 6 th June	Star Assemblies
W / B 9 th June	Year One Phonic Screening
Fri, 18 th July	Last Day of the 2024-2025 Academic Year – School Closes at 12.30pm
Mon, 21 st July	INSET Day
Tues, 22 nd July	INSET Day

2025-2026 Dates for your Diary

Mon, 1 st Sept	INSET Day – school closed to children
Tues, 2 nd Sept	Children return to school
Mon, 27 th – Fri, 31 st Oct	Half Term
Fri, 19 th Dec	Last Day of Autumn Term – School Closes at 12.30pm
Mon, 5 th Jan	INSET Day – school closed to children
Tues, 6 th Jan	Children return to school
Mon, 16 th Feb – Fri, 20 th Feb	Half Term
Fri, 27 th March	Last Day of Spring Term – School Closes at 12.30pm
Mon, 13 th April	INSET Day – school closed to children
Tues, 14 th April	Children return to school
Mon, 25 th – Fri, 29 th May	Half Term
Mon, 1 st June	INSET Day
Fri, 17 th July	Last Day of the 2024-2025 Academic Year – School Closes at 12.30pm
Mon, 20 th July	INSET Day

IF A DATE CHANGES OR IS ADDED, IT WILL BE HIGHLIGHTED IN THIS SECTION.

DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE – OFTEN BY OUTSIDE FORCES!