



# New End News



**Newsletter 30**  
**Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025**

See the future



...it starts here!

## Newsletter Contents

Page	Topic	<u>Summary of Article</u>
2	London Mini-Marathon 2025	Information about New End at the Mini-Marathon
2	Royal Albert Hall Performance	Information about New End at the Camden Music Festival at The Royal Albert Hall
2	Spelling Bee	Information about New End's Spelling Bee
3	Healthy Snacks Guidelines	Reminders about what a healthy snack should look like
3	In Consideration of our Neighbours	Reminders about respecting the local area
4	Attendance and Punctuality	Update for the Autumn and Spring Terms
5	NESA News	Information from the school's Parent-Teacher Association
6	And Finally	Message from the Headteacher
6	2024-2025 and 2025-2026 Dates for your Diary	Planned events during this calendar year. Dates for next academic year.

### Events over the Next Week

Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> May      School Closed – Bank Holiday  
Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> May      3J Class Assembly  
Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> May      Reception Class Assembly

**Karyn Ray Headteacher**  
**Alan Girling Deputy Headteacher**  
**Helen Andrews Chair of Governors**  
[www.newend.camden.sch.uk](http://www.newend.camden.sch.uk)

### **Congratulations on the completing London Mini-Marathon**

On Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> April, twenty-four children represented New End in the one mile London Mini-Marathon. The children from Reception to Year 6 did themselves and the school proud! Well done to Shira and Yaara (Rec) Carmi and Margo (Y1) Arina and Ishay (Y2) Alon, Harry and Noam (Y3) Ali, Aneira, Hanna F and Milan (Y4) Alice, Ermolai, James P, Or and Xanthe (Y5) and Alana, Alona, Arbel, Art, Kit and Shira H (Y6) Thanks to Lucy Martin (4M Class Teacher) and Catherine Levin (School Vice-Chair of Governors) for joining in with us and helping encourage the children to do their very best!

We look forward to applying for the ballot for places in 2026!

Here's a few photos. More can be seen on our Instagram account. (Including our start with Joe Wicks!)

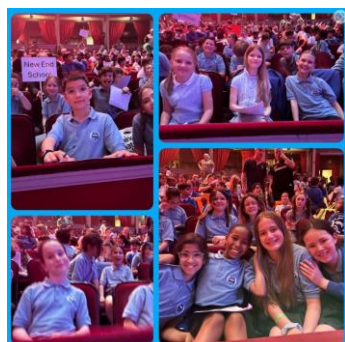


### **Congratulations New End Choir and Y4 Recorder Group**

On Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> April, forty-two children represented New End at the Camden Music Festival. This event is held every two years. The event involves both primary and secondary mass choirs and instrumental performances. Seven Year 4 children played recorder as part of the mass recorder group and thirty five children from Year 4 to Year 6 performed as part of the mass choir. All the children did a wonderful job and should rightly be proud of themselves.

My thanks to Andrene de Silva, Music Teacher, and Riahzal Islam for all their work in preparing the choir. Thanks to Layil for all her work with the recorder players. Thanks also to those parents who accompanied the children for rehearsals earlier this year.

Here's a few photos. More can be seen on our Instagram account.



**PS You can watch the performance on Camden Music's You Tube Channel**

### **Spelling Bee at New End**

The annual Spelling Bee is coming to an end.

Certificates will be awarded for those who score over 15/20 in the written test with those who get the highest scores in their year group taking part in the second round which is the Spelling Bee section.

Winners will be announced next week. Good luck everyone!

### Healthy Snacks Guidelines

Most children require a snack at morning break to keep them going through the day.

We encourage children to bring in healthy snacks full of vitamins and minerals containing no added salt, fat or sugar. Many of these will help contribute to their 5 daily portions of fruit and vegetables, keep them alert and help them concentrate. It can be hard during the week to think of suitable items for them to bring in to school, but we are aiming, with the help of the children, to not only support them in making healthy choices regarding snacks, but to also reduce food packaging and waste.

Providing snacks in a small, named, recyclable container is ideal. Children in EYFS and KS1 have a daily snack of fruit or veg provided for free by the government, so additional snacks for these ages may not be required.

If you are intending to send in healthy snacks with your child please limit them to the list below.

- Vegetable sticks – such as celery, cucumber, peppers or carrot, a range of colour ensures different vitamins and minerals.
- A piece of cheddar cheese or Babybel
- A piece of fresh or dried fruit, high in soluble fibre and vitamins would also be a great snack – pineapple, mango, kiwi, plain raisins, apricots, blueberries, banana slices.
- Bread sticks, plain pretzels, banana bread, malt loaf, oat/rice cakes and small pitta breads are also good snacks, providing children with carbohydrate to sustain them in-between meals.
- Homemade snack - flapjacks or other oat/whole grain based snack. These must be nut free. Items brought into school should be carefully checked by you, to ensure this. New End has pupils who are severely allergic to a range of nuts.

We are aiming for a common-sense approach, with the key being to keep it healthy i.e. no chocolate, sweets or crisps (which also reduces litter around the school).

We need the children to stay hydrated and so please ensure they bring a named water bottle into school daily. Squash and fruit juice are not permitted.

We hope that with your help, we can encourage the children to develop healthy eating habits that become a normal part of everyday life. By keeping high calorie snacks to a minimum and establishing healthy eating habits early on, improvements can be made for a child's quality of life both in the short and long 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.**

**Attendance and Punctuality – Autumn and Spring Terms**

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

	Attendance	Unauthorised Absence	No of Lates (no of chn)
RF	91.11%	4.44%	1 (1)
1D	100%  	0 	0 
1K	98.25%	0 	2 (2)
2S	98.99%	1.11%	0 
3J	95.24%	1.19%	1 (1)
3P	98.77%	0 	3 (2)
4M	92.42%	1.52%	2 (1)
4W	88.89%	0 	1 (1)
5M	98.67%	0 	1 (1)
5P	94.67%	0 	1 (1)
6R	98.67%	0 	0 
6S	98.67%	0 	4 (3)

**Congratulations 1D – 100% attendance last week!**

**Well done 1D, 2S, 3P, 4W, 5P, 5M, 6R and 6S – the classes with no unauthorised absence last week!**

**Well done 1D, 2S and 6R - everyone in school on time last week!**

Attendance across the school last week is 96.16%, with an unauthorised absence level of 0.79%. Remember that good attendance is seen as 96% or better. Attendance to date this academic year is 95.44% with an unauthorised absence level of 0.37%.

**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 **16 lates** last week (1 more than the week before) involving **13 children** (the same as the week before) throughout the school. Let's keep these improvements going!

**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!!!**

**Please respect others and be in school on time.**

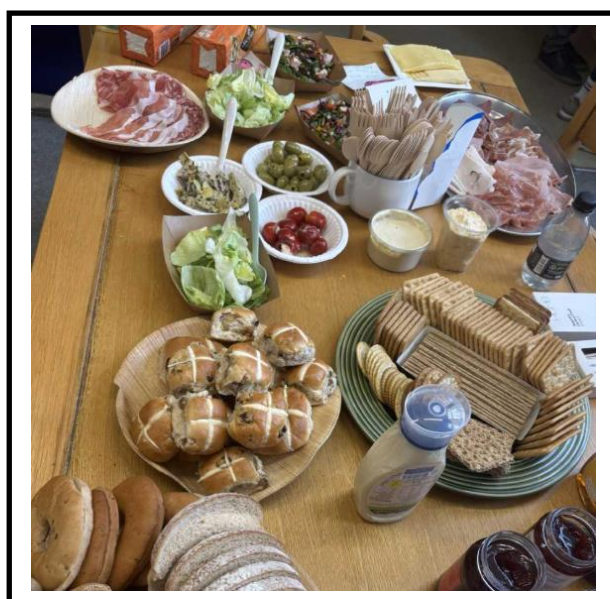
**EVERY MINUTE COUNTS**

MINUTES LATE PER DAY	EQUIVALENT OF MISSING	HOW MANY LESSONS THIS IS MISSED
5 MINUTES	3.4 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	17 LESSONS
10 MINUTES	6.9 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	35 LESSONS
15 MINUTES	10.3 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	51 LESSONS
20 MINUTES	13.8 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	69 LESSONS
30 MINUTES	20.7 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	104 LESSONS



**NESA News****NESA – the New End School Parent-Teacher Association****Staff Appreciation**

Thank you to Key Stage 1 who did the SA Breakfast! Key Stage 2 will be organising the deli style lunch, and we're sure staff will feel very appreciated!

**Secret Garden Afternoons:**

After the success of the open mornings this week, the Secret Garden will be open between 3pm-4pm every day. This will start from next week, and will be reviewed at half term.

(Adults are responsible for their children, and all are requested to ensure they treat the garden with respect - no ball games, and litter needs to be cleared.)

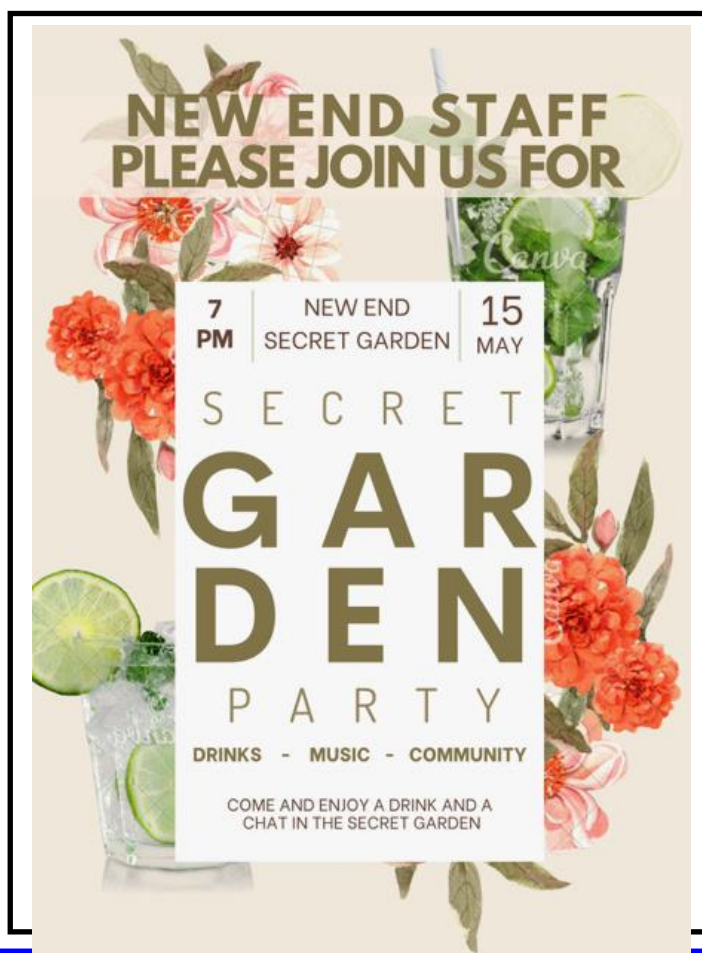
**Secret Garden Party: 15th May**

Please join us on Thursday 15th May from 7pm, to soak in some sunshine, mingle with other parents and enjoy a drink.

Tickets are £5 and include entry & nibbles. A cash bar will be available. Purchase them here - <https://bit.ly/nesasecretgardenparty>

Please note this is a child free event.

Many thanks,  
Max Christodoulou



### And Finally

Thank you from the New End Staff for the lovely treats this week. We all enjoyed the breakfast and lunch treats on Tuesday and today! We all felt very appreciated – and very spoilt!

It has been a busy week with the London Mini-Marathon and the Camden Music Festival at The Royal Albert Hall so enjoy the extra day of rest this weekend with Monday being a Bank Holiday. See everyone back in school on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> May.

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

Karyn Ray Headteacher

### 2024-2025 Dates for your Diary

Wed, 7 <sup>th</sup> May	3J Class Assembly
Thurs, 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Reception Class Assembly
W/B 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs
Wed, 14 <sup>th</sup> May	1K Class Assembly
W/B 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 School Journey
Wed, 21 <sup>st</sup> May	1D Class Assembly
Mon, 26 <sup>th</sup> – Fri, 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term
W/B 2 <sup>nd</sup> June and W/B 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
<b>Fri, 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Sports Day – Reception to Year 6</b>
<b>Fri, 13<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Star Assemblies – change of date</b>
W / B 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Year One Phonic Screening
<b>Thurs, 11<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>School Production – Nursery, 1K, 2S, 3J, 4M, 5M (6R am, 6S pm)</b>
<b>Fri, 12<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>School Production – Reception, 1D, 2S, 3P, 4W, 5P (6S am, 6R pm)</b>
<b>Fri, 18<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Last Day of the 2024-2025 Academic Year – School Closes at 12.30pm</b>
Mon, 21 <sup>st</sup> July	INSET Day
Tues, 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	INSET Day

### 2025-2026 Dates for your Diary

Mon, 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept	INSET Day – school closed to children
Tues, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	Children return to school
Mon, 27 <sup>th</sup> – Fri, 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Half Term
<b>Fri, 19<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Last Day of Autumn Term – School Closes at 12.30pm</b>
Mon, 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	INSET Day – school closed to children
Tues, 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Children return to school
Mon, 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb – Fri, 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Half Term
<b>Fri, 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Last Day of Spring Term – School Closes at 12.30pm</b>
Mon, 13 <sup>th</sup> April	INSET Day – school closed to children
Tues, 14 <sup>th</sup> April	Children return to school
Mon, 25 <sup>th</sup> – Fri, 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term
Mon, 1 <sup>st</sup> June	INSET Day
<b>Fri, 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Last Day of the 2025-2026 Academic Year – School Closes at 12.30pm</b>
Mon, 20 <sup>th</sup> July	INSET Day
Tues, 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Nursery Class Assembly – 9.30am – note change of day and time
Fri, 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Last Day of Spring Term – School Closes at 12.30pm

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

**DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE – OFTEN BY OUTSIDE FORCES!**