



New End News



Newsletter 5
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...it starts here!

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Events over the Next Week

Friday, 3rd October NESA AGM – 9am

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Enrichment Opportunities at New End

New End is very fortunate to be able to offer our children a wide range of enrichment opportunities. This is a result of some very generous donations made by families and the continued support of NESAs. The children really appreciate these opportunities!

Max Wainwright is our specialist **Coding Teacher** who works with children from Reception to Year 6. Max teaches the computing curriculum mainly through coding activities. This is a unique way of teaching the subject. New End children are working well above the required curriculum expectations in each year group.

Andrene de Silva is our specialist **Music Teacher** who works with children from Nursery to Year 6. Andrene delivers lessons to every class each week, focussing on all aspects of the music curriculum including singing, playing and performing.

Holly Marriott is our **Wider Opportunities Recorder Teacher**. Holly teaches recorder to both Year 4 classes. We also have **Specialist Instrumental Teachers** from Camden Music - **Denise Georgiou** (violin), **Geri Peach** (Piano and recorder), **Jack Burnaby** (piano) **Steven Edwards** (guitar), **Steve Carlsberg** (woodwind) and **Ainsling Larkin** (voice).

Keeley Kemble and **Treven Augustin** are our specialist **PE Coaches**. Every class has a weekly session with one of these coaches.

Gabrielle Morelli is our specialist **Chess Teacher** who works with children in Years Two and Three. Gabrielle is part of a team from Chess in Schools.

Ray Tudor and **Steve Buzzard** are our specialist **Cricket Coaches**. Children from Year Two to Five receive a half term's coaching whilst children in Year 6 receive a term's coaching.

Estelle Adier and **Sarah Rohde** are our specialist **French Teachers** who work with children from Nursery to Year 6. Both Estelle and Sarah are part of the team from Club Petit Pierrot.

Unlocking Potential at New End

Thanks to NESAs's continued funding, we are delighted to be able to continue a partnership with UP – Unlocking Potential. Unlocking Potential is a charity based in London. They work collaboratively with communities to enable children and young people with social, emotional, and mental health needs to unlock their full potential.

As part of their work, the charity run a Schools Programme. The Schools Programme is a school based mental health service offering therapeutic interventions and wellbeing activities to primary and secondary age children. New End has access to a multi-disciplinary team, including Psychotherapists and Creative Arts Therapists. They provide flexible, timely and targeted interventions to improve emotional wellbeing and help children and families thrive.

Isobel McCallum is our school based therapy team manager, currently working three days a week. Isobel has worked at New End since February 2025 and is also a trained play therapist. She provides support for children across the school through such activities as "Speak Up", "Check Ins", "Six time talk time" and "Wellbeing groups". Speak Up allows the children to self refer for a 1:1 chat with Isobel if they have a worry or a problem. Check Ins can be organised by the school or parents, whilst Six time talk time is a short, focused intervention supporting children through a specific problem or challenging experience.

Aurore Blair, Sebastian Dreuneau and **Eleni Sotiropoulou** work as therapists at New End.

This term (and in Summer Term 2025) we also have **Hannah Mohamed** working at the school one day a week. Hannah is a trained Speech and Language Therapist and is providing input for small groups.

Isobel is in school every Monday - Wednesday at one of the school gates so look out for her and say hello. We will hold a Coffee with Karyn on **Wednesday, 8th October** at 9am so that any interested parents can hear about this exciting project at New End. We hope to see you there!

Instrumental Tuition at New End

Learning a musical instrument provides children with cognitive benefits, including improved memory, concentration, and abstract reasoning, which can lead to better academic performance. It also enhances motor skills, such as hand-eye coordination, and helps develop crucial life skills like discipline, patience, and responsibility. Furthermore, playing music offers an outlet for self-expression and creativity, boosts confidence, and provides opportunities for social connection and teamwork.

For these reasons, every child in Year 4 have a recorder lesson every week during the year. These lessons are funded by NESa to whom we are very grateful.

Spaces are now available for children who would like to start **violin lessons** with **Denise Georgiou**. **Application forms are available from the school office.**

Piano, woodwind, guitar and voice lessons are also offered at New End through Camden Music Service. If you are interested in any of these lessons, please contact <https://camdenmusic.org/lessons-in-school/>

Support can be provided to families who may find funding these lessons challenging.

School Clubs

Autumn Term Clubs are now up and running.

Please remember that ... **WE CANNOT SWAP CLUBS BETWEEN PARENTS. IF WE AGREE TO REFUND A SPACE THAT YOU NO LONGER REQUIRE, THE SPACE WILL BE PUT BACK ONTO SCOPAY.**

Please remember that where clubs finish at 4.30pm, children need to be collected from the Infant Playground.

Thank you for your ongoing co-operation.

Running Club

The Tuesday morning running club will continue until half term. The club sets off from school at 7.45am PROMPTLY so please arrive by 7.40am in order to leave school bags and personal items in the school hall. A huge thank you to **Megan Pye** and **Lucy Martin** for leading the way with the run!

Secondary Transfer – A Reminder

Year 6 parents and carers are reminded that they need to complete their ONLINE applications for secondary school by 31st October 2025.

If you are taking your child to visit a secondary school, please let the school office know so that we can mark your child in the register accordingly.

DBS Checks – A Reminder

As part of our ongoing commitment to safeguarding, we ask parents and carers who wish to volunteer to support in school or accompany their child's class on a trip at any point during the academic year, to complete a DBS Check.

Please speak to Amanda in the school office who will be able to explain and start the process for you. **It may take up to six weeks to approve, so please ensure that you leave adequate time to apply or you may not be able to attend a planned trip.**

Anyone who has asked for a DBS check at the office, please remember that the email will come directly to your email from **Know My People**. Once you have completed the link attached to the email, please bring in the three **original** documents to the school office for verification.

Attendance in School

The government is continuing to emphasise the importance of regular school attendance. Chronic absenteeism, defined as missing 10% or more of school days, has been a significant issue, especially post-pandemic.

Every state school in England will continue to share their daily attendance registers across the education sector - including with the department for education, councils, and trusts in the next stage of the government's drive to reduce pupil absence in school. The sharing of daily school registers will form a new world-leading attendance data set that will help schools spot and support children displaying worrying trends of persistent absence or those in danger of becoming missing in education.

Parent fines for unauthorised absences are under a national framework to help tackle inconsistencies in their use. **A fine to parents must be considered if a child misses 5 days of school for unauthorised absence.** These 5 days may be in a series of five consecutive days or five days in total over the year. (For example, taking five days off without reason at the end or start of terms.) **In Camden, unauthorised absences from school can result in a [Penalty Notice](#) fine of £80 per parent per child if paid within 21 days, rising to £160 if paid within 28 days, under the latest national framework. Failure to pay the fine may lead to court action, with a potential fine of up to £2,500 and/or a 3-month prison sentence, resulting in a criminal record.**

Parents and carers are reminded that the school cannot authorize time away from school for holidays. In exceptional circumstances, the school can grant exceptional leave but only if proof for the exceptional leave is required and your child's attendance for both this and last academic year was above 96%.

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

	Attendance	Unauthorised Absence	No of Lates (no of chn)
RC	96.70%	0.73%	0 😊
1K	98.52%	0 😊	3 (3)
2D	100% 😊😊	0 😊	0 😊
2S	94.12%	0 😊	1 (1)
3J	95.30%	0 😊	0 😊
4P	97.66%	0.78%	3 (2)
4Q	98.57%	0 😊	1 (1)
5H	99.13%	0 😊	1 (1)
5L	97.39%	0.80%	1 (1)
6P	94.23%	0.38%	4 (4)
6SG	93.05%	0 😊	0 😊

Congratulations 2D – 100% attendance last week

Well done 1K, 2D, 2S, 3J, 4Q, 5H and 6SG – the classes with no unauthorised absence last week!

Well done RC, 2D, 3J and 6SG - everyone in school on time last week!

Attendance across the school last week is 96.76%, with an unauthorised absence level of 0.18%. Remember that good attendance is seen as 96% or better. Attendance to date this academic year is 96.55% with an unauthorised absence level of 0.40%.

There have been **14 lates** last week involving **13 children** throughout the school. **Children who are late will miss important learning time. Children who are late disrupt teachers' teaching and other children's learning!**

NESA News**AGM**

NESA's Annual General Meeting is on NEXT Friday 3rd October, from 9am in the dining hall - join us for a coffee and a pastry, and to hear more about NESA.

Reps and WhatsApp Groups

By now, most of you will have had your class meetings, so you should know your reps and be in the class WhatsApp chats. This is the best place to get information so if you're not in them, please consider joining them!

We are still on the hunt for a Nursery Rep - please get in touch with me if you are interested/want to know more - nesachair@gmail.com

Best wishes,
Max Christodoulou
NESA Chair



**NESA'S
ANNUAL
GENERAL
MEETING**

**FRIDAY
OCTOBER 3RD
9AM - 10AM**

**The meeting will be on the
SECOND FLOOR, in the hall.**

We warmly invite everyone to NESA's AGM, where we will give a brief overview about the charity that helps fund New End School.

This will be followed by complimentary drinks and nibbles, and a chance to meet other members of the school community.

Snacks at Breaktime

Parents and carers are reminded that all snacks bought into school should follow our health guidelines which have been noted in several newsletters this academic year.

Our playground bins have a lot of empty crisp packets which suggests that some children appear to be bringing these into school. Please ensure that your child does not bring these into school.

And Finally

Many of our families have been celebrating Rosh Hashanah this week so to all of those families Shana Tova!

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

Karyn Ray Headteacher

2025-2026 Dates for your Diary

Wed, 8th October	Coffee Morning – Unlocking Potential – 9am
Mon, 27th – Fri, 31st Oct	Half Term
Fri, 7th November	Star Assemblies
Fri, 19th December	Last Day of Autumn Term – School Closes at 12.30pm
Fri, 28th February	Star Assemblies
Mon, 5th January	INSET Day – school closed to children
Tues, 6th January	Children return to school
Fri, 9th January	Star Assemblies
Wed, 11th February	4Q Class Assembly
Mon, 16th Feb – Fri, 20th February	Half Term
Fri, 27th February	Star Assemblies
Wed, 4th March	2S Class Assembly
Wed, 18th March	2D Class Assembly
Wed, 25th March	Reception Class Assembly
Fri, 27th March	Last Day of Spring Term – School Closes at 12.30pm
Mon, 13th April	INSET Day – school closed to children
Tues, 14th April	Children return to school
Fri, 17th April	Star Assemblies
Wed, 22nd April	4P Class Assembly
Wed, 29th April	3J Class Assembly
W/B 11th May	Year 6 SATs
W/B 18th May	Year 6 School Journey
Mon, 25th – Fri, 29th May	Half Term
Mon, 1st June	INSET Day
W/B 1st June and W/B 8th June	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
Fri, 5th June	Star Assemblies
W / B 8th June	Year One Phonic Screening
Wed, 10th June	Nursery Class Assembly
Wed, 17th June	1K Class Assembly
Fri, 17th July	Last Day of the 2025-2026 Academic Year – School Closes at 12.30pm
Mon, 20th 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!