



New End News



Newsletter 7
Thursday, 9th October 2025

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Events over the Next Week

Open Classrooms – 9-9.30am
Tuesday, 14th October Year 6
Wednesday, 15th October Year 2, Year 3, Year 5
Thursday, 16th October Year 1
Friday, 17th October Year 4

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Open Classrooms for Years One to Six

Open classrooms will be held next week for classes from Year One to Six. These will run from 9-9.30 on the following days:

Tuesday, 14 th October	Year 6
Wednesday, 15 th October	Year 2, Year 3 and Year 5
Thursday, 16 th October	Year 1
Friday, 17 th October	Year 4

These sessions will enable you to take the time to visit your child's classroom and see their learning so far this year. This is a valuable thing to do prior to the Parent-Teacher meetings which are being held in the final week before half term.

P.S. A separate afternoon event will be held for Nursery and Reception classes later in the term.

Parent-Teacher Meetings

This term's opportunity to meet the teacher and discuss how well your child has settled into their new class will be similar to last year. In order to reduce risk we will operate a controlled-entry system whereby Year Group teachers will be available from 3.50pm - 7 pm for 10 minute slots on

Tuesday, 21st October

Bookings will open on Tuesday, 14th October at 8.15am. In order to be allocated a slot with the appropriate teacher, please go via your Scopay account and ensure you book **by 2pm Friday, 17th October.** If you do not have a Scopay account, please contact the school office for an online code.

On the evening of your allocated slot, all access to the building will be via the Main Gate in Sreatley Place. We ask that you arrive **5 minutes** before your time in order to be admitted. The meetings will be held in your child's classroom. Adhering strictly to timings is important so that we can regulate the flow of parents in and out of the building.

Harvest Festival Collection

New End Primary School will be celebrating Harvest Festival just before half term. We will be talking about Harvest in our Wednesday assemblies and asking families to make their donations.

So that we donate essential items which will help, could we please ask for donations of dried or tinned goods and please ask you to ensure that all goods are in date.

Last year families were very generous in their donations. Please bring all donations **on Tuesday, 21st October.** Each class will add to the collection at some point in the day. If you are able to contribute several items, please ensure that your child has ONE item in their bag that they can bring to the collection with their class and leave the others with the member of staff in the bottom hall at drop off that morning.

We hope you will agree that this is a very worthwhile cause, helping people in need. Thank you for your ongoing support.

School Journey Year 6 – May 2026

Please note that the next minimum instalment of £200 should be paid via the school's payment system (SCOPAY) by Friday, 28th November 2025. Payments can be made as frequently as is convenient, including the whole balance paid off in one instalment. The deadline for final balances to be paid is 27th March 2026.

Please check that your child's passport is valid for the dates of departure and return. The government's advice is that there should be at least 3 months remaining before expiry for the passport to be valid.

Age Appropriate Programmes, Videos and Games

We are all 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.

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 programmes 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 programmes, movies, music performances, and games that emphasise reading, language, and math skills.

Talk to your child about what interests them. After selecting programmes 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 programme ends. See what excites or troubles them.

Model good TV viewing habits.

Flu Vaccinations

For families who missed the flu vaccinations in school last week, there is a chance to get your child vaccinated on Saturday, 18th October between 11.30am and 2.30pm at Kentish Town Library. No booking needs to be made – just turn up on the day!

Lost Property

We have collected a lot of lost property – with over 90% without a name! If your child has misplaced something, please take the time to look at the vast collection of jackets, sweatshirts, cardigans, hats, etc which can be found just off the ground floor hall.

We also seem to have a large collection of water bottles and lunch boxes in lost property or left in the playgrounds (often with leftover food still inside!) For health and safety reasons, those without names will be disposed of at the end of each week so please ensure that your child brings all their snack boxes and bottles home – or are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Attendance in School

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

	Attendance	Unauthorised Absence	No of Lates (no of chn)
RC	93.90%	0 😊	1 (1)
1K	98.87%	0 😊	7 (5)
2D	96.32%	0 😊	2 (2)
2S	93.18%	2.27%	4 (3)
3J	93.67%	0 😊	1 (1)
4P	95.38%	0 😊	3 (3)
4Q	94.64%	0 😊	1 (1)
5H	96.19%	0 😊	2 (1)
5L	95.65%	0 😊	2 (1)
6P	88.85%	0 😊	5 (4)
6SG	97.31%	0 😊	1 (1)

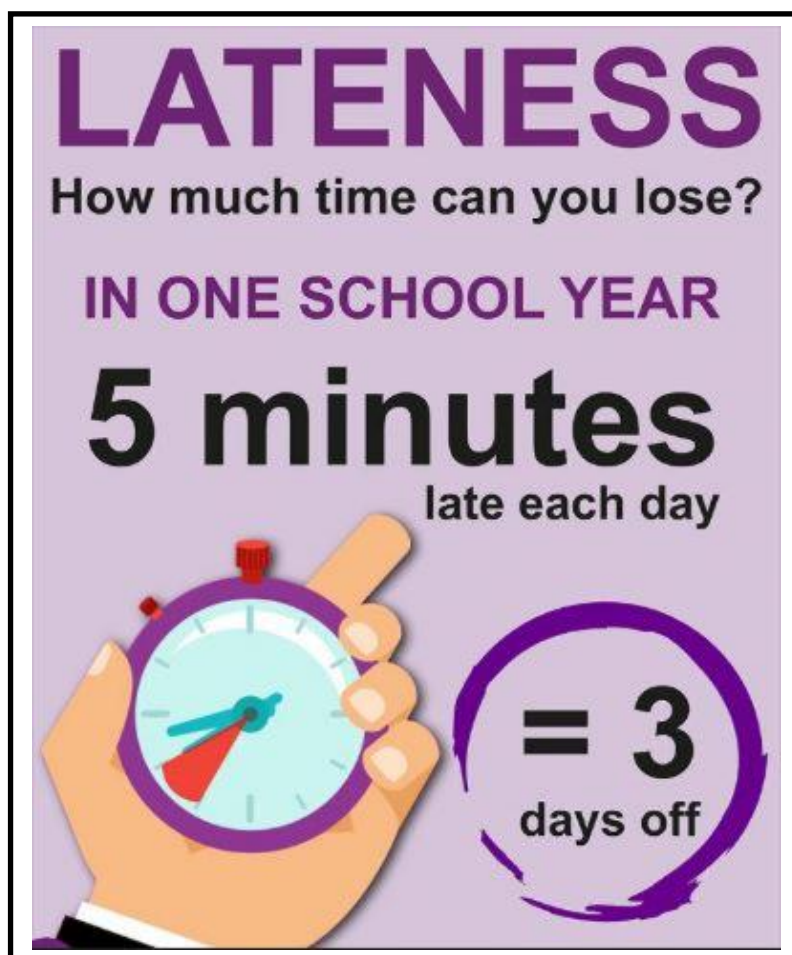
Well done RC, 1K, 2D, 3J, 4P, 4Q, 5H, 5L, 6P and 6SG – the classes with no unauthorised absence last week!

No class had everyone in school on time last week!

Attendance across the school last week is 94.88%, with an unauthorised absence level of 0.15%. Remember that good attendance is seen as 96% or better. Attendance to date this academic year is 95.67% with an unauthorised absence level of 0.32%.

There have been **29 lates** last week (15 more than last week) involving **23 children** (12 more than last week) 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

Hello from the new NESA Chair!

I'm thrilled to take on this role, and am very grateful to Max for her leadership over the past 3 years.

I have two children at the school (5H and 2S) and love being part of the incredible New End community.

I have been a 'class rep' and trustee of NESA [New End School Association] since 2020 and it's been a great way to meet other parents/carers, support the fabulous New End staff, and contribute to events and fundraising to enhance the opportunities for our children.

You will often find me near the main gate at drop off in the mornings, and I'm happy to have an informal chat anytime or you can reach me by email at nesachair@gmail.com.

Many thanks to all who attended the NESA AGM last Friday. During the meeting we reviewed NESA's financial position, and discussed planned fundraising activities and forecasted spending for this upcoming school year.

We also voted in our NESA officers and trustees, these are the others who help run NESA (I have put either their role at the school or their child's class in brackets beside their name to provide some context):

Kim Foley - Chair (5H and 2S)
Thorarinn (Toti) Freysson - Secretary (2D)
Jonathan Foley - Treasurer (5H and 2S)
Karyn Ray - Trustee (Head Teacher)
Alan Girling - Trustee (Deputy Head Teacher)
Max Christodoulou - Trustee (3J)
John Eberhart - Trustee (3J and Reception)
Helen Shariatmadari - Trustee (3J and 6P)
Zoe Scott - Trustee (6P)

I look forward to working with you all this year!

All the best,

Kim Foley
NESA Chair

**Applications for Reception and Nursery September 2026 – A Reminder**

Applications for BOTH Reception and Nursery places from September 2026 close by 15th January 2026.

For reception places you need to **apply online** before **15th January 2026** if your child was born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022. Apply online now. Visit Camden's primary admissions web page - [Primary admissions - Camden Council](#) If you have any questions, email **admissions@camden.gov.uk**

Applications for New End Nursery for September 2026 must be made directly to the school by **15th January 2026**. **Forms are available directly from the school and should be returned to the school office.**

And Finally

Looking forward to seeing everyone at open classrooms next week!

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



Karyn Ray Headteacher

2025-2026 Dates for your Diary

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