



New End News



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See the future



...it starts here!

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Events over the Next Week

Friday, 21st March Red Nose Day – including Bake Sale and Food Bank Collection
Tuesday, 25th March Year 6 School Journey Parents and Carers' Meeting – 6pm
Wednesday, 26th March 2S Class Assembly – 3pm

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Comic Relief's RED NOSE DAY 2025 – TOMORROW, Friday, 21st March 2025

We cannot wait for Red Nose Day tomorrow!

On previous RNDs, New End has raised lots of money for Comic Relief and this year we would like to try to do the same. It will give us all a chance to help other people and be part of something positive and should bring us all some well-deserved joy and laughter.

This year, the event will focus on supporting those in need during the current cost of living crisis, focusing on issues like **lack of food and homelessness**.

The aim is to have lots of fun at the same time as raising money for this very worthy cause. Please encourage your child to choose some of the suggestions below and bring into school the money needed to take part in these activities:

- Donate £2 to dress up for the day – e.g. superheroes, PJs, onesies
- Donate £2 to dress up as a teacher
- Grown-ups pay £2 to wear school uniform/RND t-shirts
- Donate £2 to wear as much red as you can! Wear red socks, red pants, red t-shirt, red hair – just make it as red as possible!
- Donate £1 to wear a red nose
- Donate £3 to teach a planned lesson in your own classroom (which will be scheduled by your teacher to happen over the course of a few weeks)
- Donate £2 to call your teacher by their first name
- Donate £3 to enter your child's phase talent competition (sing, dance, play an instrument, tell a joke)
- Get sponsored to do something around the house prior to the big day. Help around the house, make mum breakfast in bed over the weekend, help dad make the dinner – and charge for doing it, then bring in your collection to add to New End's donation!
- Get sponsored to give up something for a day, a week (e.g. chocolates, speaking) and bring in the money you manage to make
- Donate Red Nose Day themed cupcakes or biscuits for an after school cake sale.

In addition, as there is a focus on lack of food this year, we will be doing another **food bank collection**. Please bring in tins or dried goods on Friday, 21st March.

Please help us to support Comic Relief and raise as much money as we possibly can. **We would be really grateful if you could send the money into school in an envelope with the activities your child is participating in clearly written on the outside.** This will help enormously.

March into Reading

Our annual **Read-a-thon** is an amazing way to get your kids' noses in books, and raise money doing so! Please head over to <https://go.rallyup.com/readathon2025> to sign up your child(ren), and find out more.

Remember reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator for success in life, more than family circumstances, educational background or income.

As part of our reading month, author visits have been planned for all children across the school.

- TBC date – Nursery and Reception children will have a session with Emily Hanna-Grazebrook, a professional story teller with the theme of *Dragonfly Tales*.
- 19th March – Year 1, 2 and 3 children will have a visit by **Abiola Bello**, author of *Wild Magic*.
- 26th March - Children in Year 4, 5 and 6 will have a visit by **Eve Wersocki Morris**, author of *The Wildstorm Curse* and *The Bird Singers*.

All these author visits are FREE thanks to the funds that we raised last year!

You will be able to purchase both authors' latest books. Sadly we have sold out of our signed copies of *Wild Magic*. Eve's book, *Clem Fatale has been betrayed*, will be available next Wednesday and will cost £7.

Yesterday we had our first visit by **Abiola Bello**, author of *Wild Magic*, for children in Years One, Two and Three. As you can see from the photographs below, they really enjoyed the visit.



To mark the end of our read-a-thon, on Friday, 4th April we will be holding a book character / Pyjama Day. All children are encouraged to come into school in either fancy dress as a favourite book character or wear their pyjamas or lounge wear. On that day we will have the big reveal of our fundraising efforts from the read-a-thon!

Let's make sure we raise lots of money with our read-a-thon to ensure we have more author visits next year as well as giving every class the opportunity to purchase new books at the start of the academic year! Your support make these things happen.

Science Week Poster Competition

Congratulations to all the children who returned posters for our Science Week competition.

The quality of entries was great to see and it was clear that all the children put a lot of effort into their posters.

Congratulations to Rosie (Rec), David-Arthur (1D), Neel (1K), Alma (2S), Jia (3J), Amira (3P), Avigail (4M), Daniil (4W), Clara (5M), Rinako (5P), Gaukhaur (6R) and Sorayah (6S) for being the winners!



Attendance and Punctuality

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

	Attendance	Unauthorised Absence	No of Lates (no of chn)
RF	98.40%	0 😊	3 (2)
1D	94.21%	1.05%	0 😊
1K	92.22%	0 😊	0 😊
2S	99.67%	0 😊	0 😊
3J	89.31%	0.69%	2 (1)
3P	94.62%	2.31%	0 😊
4M	98.62%	0.45%	3 (1)
4W	96.67%	0 😊	0 😊
5M	98.80%	0.40%	2 (1)
5P	96.00%	0.80%	0 😊
6R	99.20%	0.80%	4 (2)
6S	98.40%	0.80%	5 (3)

Well done RF, 1K, 2S and 4W – the classes with no unauthorised absence last week!

Well done 1D, 1K, 2S, 3P, 4W and 5P - everyone in school on time last week!

Attendance across the school last week is 96.63%, with an unauthorised absence level of 0.61%. Remember that good attendance is seen as 96% or better. Attendance to date this academic year is 95.52% with an unauthorised absence level of 0.34%.

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....

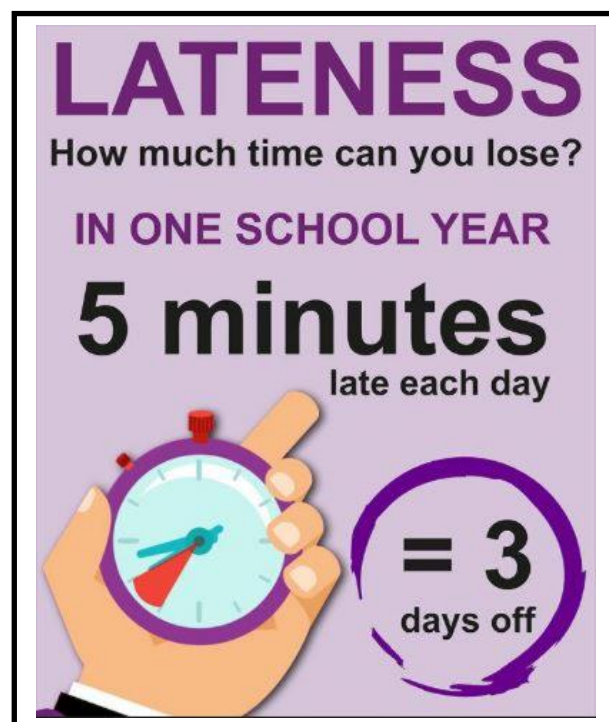
School gates open at 8.50am.

School starts at 8.55am.

There have been **19 lates** last week (4 less than the week before) involving **10 children** (5 less than 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.



NESA News**NESA – the New End School Parent-Teacher Association****Read-a-Thon**

Our annual Read-a-Thon fundraiser is well underway. Well done to the 43 registered students who have raised over £1500 for the school so far! It's not too late to join in: <https://go.rallyup.com/readathon2025>

Secret Garden Update

Did you know New End has a secret garden off Boades Mews? It's a relaxing space for the whole school to enjoy - parents, carers, children, teachers AND it's just had an incredible makeover with lots of new woodland planting, herbs and fruit!

We'd love to invite everyone to come and enjoy the updated garden around drop off time daily during the first week of next term - more details to come soon!

The garden loves having volunteers who can help keep it tidy on an ad hoc or regular basis. If you'd like to volunteer for this, or if you'd like to help during the "open week" at the start of next term, please join the secret gardeners WhatsApp group to discuss: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/EOy8qxnnTdx80mxlucODok>

**Uniform Donations**

With the warm weather approaching is it time to pass on the jumpers and cardigans your children have outgrown?! We are accepting uniform donations now! (All uniform pieces accepted, jumpers and cardigans particularly welcome. Please make sure uniforms are clean with no stains or rips). Please drop off in the reception area at the school by Wednesday 26th March.



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Levantini & Martinis

Mediterranean and North-African
Cooking Workshop

With Chef Roy Cohen

Founder of Hampstead Yummies
A homemade catering service in London

Monday 24.3

19.00 - 21.30

Private house in Hampstead

Price: 30-50 £ sliding scale

Space is limited

- Chraime (Spicy fish)
- Lebanese kababs
- Mediterranean Salads
- Lubya (white bean dish & Couscous)

All proceeds will go into Year 6 leavers fund

To book your space please RSVP: Naama, 079-25605755



And Finally

Children from Reception to Year Six received a letter yesterday about entering a randomized draw to represent New End in the London Mini-Marathon. Parents are reminded that slips to go into the draw should be returned to the school office by 9.30am Wednesday, 26th March.

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



Karyn Ray Headteacher

2024-2025 Dates for your Diary

Fri, 21 st March	Red Nose Day
Tues, 25 th March	Year 6 School Journey Parents and Carers' Meeting – 6pm
Wed, 26 th March	2S Class Assembly
Tues, 1 st April	Nursery Class Assembly – 9.30am – note change of day and time
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
Sat, 26th April	New End compete in the Mini-London Marathon
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!