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Message from FSA

Thank you everyone for making the Halloween Disco a success. The Halloween disco is just another example of us coming together as a community to have fun and raise funds for the school. Where we really need some help, is for the main way the FSA raises money to support the school, which is via monthly parental contributions. Currently we have 66 monthly parental donations which is slightly down from the 70+ we had last year. Our contributions are going towards a better experience for our kids and If you have the means to do so, you can do so here: <https://www.fitzjohnsprimary.com/> If you have any questions please contact Lee Fels (Dad of Oscar Y3 and Rae in Reception) at leefels79@gmail.com

Thanks for your continued support of our school and see you at Popcorn Night!



EQUALITY WORKSHOP

On Wednesday and Thursday this week Y6 too part in an equalities workshop organised by the Anne Frank Trust—they also covered Anti-Semitism and Islamophobia as well as other forms of discrimination and prejudice.

A reminder that school is closed on Monday so that we can host our parent/teacher meetings.

Dates for your Diary (so far)

Friday 15 November Y3 Parent/teacher meeting
Monday 18 November School closed to children Parent Teacher Meetings
Tuesday 18 November Y5 Swim (for two weeks)
Thursday 21 November Y6 RAF Museum
Thursday 21 November Cake Stall
Friday 22 November Popcorn Night Doors 5.45pm
Monday 25 November Y6 The Magic Circle
Thursday 28 November Nursery Little Angel Theatre
Tuesday 10 December 2pm Y1/2 Christmas play
Thursday 12 December Father Christmas pm
Thursday 12 December Rec Stickman am
Friday 13 December Christmas Fair pm
Tuesday 17 December Cinderella—WHOLE SCHOOL
Tuesday 17 December Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day
Wednesday 18 December Y3/5 The Little Prince
Thursday 19 December 1.30 Magic Show 2.30 parties
Friday 20 December School closes 13.30

Class Assemblies 9.15am

Thanks to Y4 for sharing in today's wonderful assembly—I love the Egyptian topic and we all learned some gory facts!

29 November Y5

6 December Reception

13 December Y3 (note change)

Nursery do their first assembly in the Spring Term and Y1/2 will be performing a version of the Christmas story at 2pm on Tuesday 10 December.

Y1 and Y2 The Christmas Story 2pm Tuesday 10 December		Attendance for the week Our target is 95%	
Come and hear some of the songs the children have been singing: Year 1 and Year 2: 9.30am Thursday 12 December Nursery and Rec: 2.30pm Tuesday 17 December Year 3, 4, 5, and 6: 9.30am Thursday 19 December		Year 1	95.67%
		Year 2	91.35%
		Year 3	99.62%
		Year 4	94.63%
		Year 5	97.24%
		Year 6	98.14%
		School	96.02%
Well done Y3!			



At the Criterion Theatre in Piccadilly Circus.
 A family friendly magic show by magician Jamie Allen. Some great magic and a lovely heartfelt message runs through the show.

In The Vaults Waterloo

An immersive show for **adults** only with lots of amazing close-up magicians who perform at your table. Your ticket price also includes 5 cocktails (alcoholic or non-alcoholic). This is great value. (Until 23 November)



In a secret venue near London Bridge.
 Another immersive show for **adults** set during the wake of a fictitious magician. A fun story with great close-up magic.

Underbelly Soho

Asi Wind is a real favourite amongst magicians and has created effects for people like David Blaine. I've seen this show and another show in NYC and he's great.
Aimed at 12+ with some strong language



This morning Y4,5 and 6 were treated to an awe-inspiring presentation by Eytan Stibbe (Ax-1 Astronaut) about his time on The International Space Station. It was brilliant and humbling. With thanks to Roy Zipris for organising.

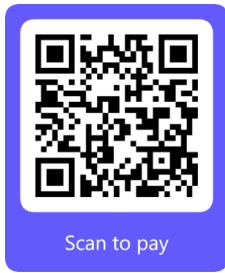


FITZJOHN'S SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES: 2025/2026

AUTUMN TERM 2025	
INSET Days - pupils not in school	Monday 1 and Tuesday 2 September 2025
TERM BEGINS FOR PUPILS	Wednesday 3 September 2025
Half term holiday	Monday 27 – Friday 31 October 2025
SECOND HALF-TERM BEGINS	Monday 3 November 2025
INSET Day – pupils not in school (Parent/Teacher Meetings)	Monday 17 November 2025
Term Ends	Friday 19 December 2025 13.30
SPRING TERM 2026	
INSET Day - pupils not in school	Monday 5 January 2026
TERM BEGINS FOR PUPILS	Tuesday 6 January 2026
Half term holiday	Monday 16– Friday 20 February 2026
SECOND HALF-TERM BEGINS	MONDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2026
Term Ends	Friday 27 March 2026
SPRING HOLIDAYS	Monday 30 March – Friday 10 April 2026
SUMMER TERM 2026	
INSET Day - pupils not in school	Monday 13 April 2026
TERM BEGINS FOR PUPILS	Tuesday 14 April 2026
Half term holiday	Monday 25 May - Friday 29 May 2026
SECOND HALF-TERM BEGINS	Monday 1 June 2026
Term ends	13.30 Friday 17 July 2026
PUBLIC HOLIDAYS	
Christmas Day	Wednesday 25 December
Boxing Day	Thursday 26 December
New Year's Day	Wednesday 1 January
Good Friday	Friday 3 April
Easter Monday	Monday 6 April
May Day	Monday 4 May
Spring Bank holiday	Monday 25 May
These are term dates for 2025-2026 (next academic year).	

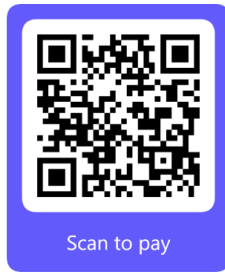
This week in class	
Nursery	There's been so much happening in Nursery this week. We began the week talking about kindness and respect and what that means. As well as what it means to be a friend. Then we met our year 5 class buddies for the first time on Tuesday. It was lovely to see the children respond well to the older children joining us. This week we read 'Dog's colourful day' which helped us with our number recognition and understanding of counting 'one more'. It was Ellie C, Matteo R and Elliot's focus week. Ellie wanted to paint so we looked at art created by Jackson Pollock and made our own inspired splatter painting. Matteo was keen to play pirates; we made pirate hats and maps, as well as dressing up and the children learnt a new pirate song. Elliot loves cats and inspired his friends to become vets and look after all the animals! In phonics we discovered the phoneme /a/. We made silly soup with ingredients beginning with /a/. Our number of the week is 2! We watched Numberblocks 'meet two' and used our fingers to show different ways of making two.
Reception	Reception have been learning new sounds this week- the three digraphs ll, ss and ff, and the phoneme j. Our new tricky words are pull and full. Our drawing club story has been 'the giant jam sandwich', it was fun drawing wasps and then a factory which will produce something to attract the wasps. We had a go at making our own jam sandwiches. First we had to write our shopping lists, and then some of the us headed to Tesco to get the ingredients. The jam sandwiches were very popular and good at working on spreading skills. We have also had a focus on PSHE this week- thinking about how we can be kind, what makes us happy and how to recognise when children are not being kind.
Class 1	This week in phonics we have continued learning our phase 5 phonemes. We have played phonics games, read some really tricky words and written some fantastic sentences in our phonics books. In maths we have been focusing on number bonds within 10 and writing addition number sentences. The children have enjoyed doing lots of practical activities centred around addition and learning the number bonds to 10 song. In music we have been practising our nativity songs. We are so impressed with how quickly the children are learning the words and actions. In PSHE we discussed the act of kindness and what actions and words we can say and do to one other. Well done for a great week Year 1.
Class 2	We thoroughly enjoyed our trip to the Florence Nightingale Museum at St Thomas's Hospital this week! Class 2 were greeted by a 'real life' Florence Nightingale, who shared many interesting facts and details about her life. We had an opportunity to look around the museum and then a chance to look at the Mary Seacole statues in front of St Thomas's. We will be studying Mary Seacole in greater depth next week, as she also played a very important but under-reported part in treating and healing soldiers in the Crimean War. In maths, we have continued to work on addition and subtraction. Please keep reading with your child every night. It is so important to hear them read regularly! Thank you
Class 3	Class 3 have been busy at work this week. We had our Big Write session, where students were required to write a biography on Mae Jemison. They did such a great job, and it is evident through their writing that they not only enjoyed this unit, but that they thought the life of Mae was inspiring. In Math, we are moving on from our 2's, 5's and 10's and focusing on division of these facts as well as our 3's, 6's and 12's. It is impressive to see that some students even know their time tables up to 12 already! Practice makes perfect. After the success of Science Week, students are looking forward to getting stuck into our new science topic 'Light and Dark.' It is so pleasing to see how many curious and inquisitive minds are have in Class 3.
Class 4	This has been a very busy and productive week! It was anti-bullying week, which we learned about choosing respect and finding ways to navigate and resolve disagreements respectfully using discussion and role-play. We learned to identify the features of non-chronological reports and about the importance of tense consistency within our writing. We learned more about the zones of regulation and how being in different zones affects how we think, feel and behave in different situations. We have also been very busy rehearsing and practising for our first class assembly of the academic year, on Ancient Egypt. We were so excited to finally share this with our parents and the rest of the school. We're very proud of ourselves!
Class 5	Class 5 has been enjoying having swimming lessons every afternoon this week. In the mornings, we've been learning in Maths about unit, non-unit and equivalent fractions, as well as converting improper fractions into mixed numbers. In Literacy, we planed and wrote our own suspense stories, using different senses, powerful words and detailed descriptions to create suspense. We also discussed what it means to be respectful towards others, especially during disagreements, as it was Anti-Bullying week.
Class 6	We started the week with a really informative visit to the Salvation Army which hosted the year 6 Junior Citizenship day. Representative from TfL, the police and fire service as well as Hope UK - a charity that focuses on educating children about the dangers of drugs. In our History topic, we learned all about Anne Frank and this learning was continued during a two-day workshop which extended the theme to talk about anti-Semitism and Islamophobia and others forms of prejudice and discrimination. A huge thank-you to Bethany and the Anne Frank Trust for such an interesting and involved workshop - I know the children enjoyed it immensely and learned many useful new facts. On Friday, we extended our learning about anti-bullying (not being a bullying bystander), by meeting with our buddy class and completing our odd socks. Finally, we were treated to a talk by Eytan Stibbe (Ax-1 Astronaut) regaling the children all about their personal experiences and adventures in space!

Monthly contributions + gift aid = 68% of FSA revenue



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PLEASE HELP CAMDEN FOODBANK



Camden Foodbank is a local charity supporting adults and children in food crisis. In the past 12 months the Trussell Trust group of foodbanks gave over 3.1 emergency food parcels to people in food crisis with over 1.1 million of these parcels being given out to children. The winter months are the worst for people with no access to food as they also need to keep warm to survive.

HOW CAN YOU HELP? Please donate **targeted food** to help Camden Foodbank make up emergency parcels or please donate money.

THIS AUTUMN & WINTER PLEASE HELP US TO FEED LOCAL PEOPLE IN FOOD CRISIS

HOW TO DONATE FOOD BY HAND?

DAY	TIME OPEN	ADDRESS
Everyday	8am – 10pm	Camden Town Methodist Church, Wesley Hotel, Camden Town, 89 Plender Street, NW1 0JN.
Everyday	8am – 10pm	The Wesley Hotel, 81-103 Euston Street, NW1 2EZ.
Tuesday	11.30am – 3pm	Camden Foodbank, 14 Pratt Mews, NW1 0AD.
Friday	11.30am – 3pm	Camden Foodbank, 14 Pratt Mews, NW1 0AD.
Sunday	10am – 12pm	Camden Foodbank, 14 Pratt Mews, NW1 0AD.

URGENTLY NEEDED TARGETED FOOD

- Tinned Meat
- Tinned Fish
- Tinned Vegetables
- Tinned Soup
- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Pasta & Pasta Sauce
- Rice
- Biscuits
- Jam and Honey
- Baked Beans
- Cereal
- Longlife Milk
- Longlife Juice
- Toothbrush & Toothpaste
- Soap/Shower Gel
- Toilet Rolls
- Laundry Powder

HOW TO DONATE FOOD OVER THE NET?

DAY	TIME	ADDRESS
Tuesday or Friday	11.30am – 2pm	Camden Foodbank, 14 Pratt Mews, NW1 0AD.

HOW TO DONATE MONEY?

THROUGH JUST GIVING

<https://checkout.justgiving.com/c/3445418>

100% of your donation will go directly to Camden Foodbank.

Selecting **GIFT AID** which will increase your donation.

FOR CHEQUES/DIRECT DEBITS AND OTHER WAYS OF GIVING <https://camden.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money>

<https://camden.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money>

Camden Foodbank 14 Pratt Mews, London NW1 0AD.

Phone for food deliveries only Tuesdays and Fridays – 020 7387 4551

info@camden.foodbank.org.uk

<https://Camden.foodbank.org.uk>

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Just Giving for Camden Foodbank



School T-Shirts etc:

Take a look at this site <https://shop.spreadshirt.co.uk/FitzjohnsNW3> where you can order and create t-shirts, etc in a variety of colours and sizes (children's and adults).

The logo is based on the iconic street signs around Hampstead.

Please note that you can “personalise” each item and choose any item from the site.

We receive approximately 20% (plus £3 for the logo) for each sale.

A tip: To try to cut down a bit on postage charges why not club together as a class.

Turn your weekly shopping into BIG donations for our school

No matter who you shop with, or how you shop, you can now raise FREE MONEY for Fitzjohn's!

Supermarket	Home delivery		Click & Collect	
	First order	Existing customer order	First order	Existing customer order
TESCO	£8.50	£1.75	£3.50	£1.75
Morrisons	£3.50	£1.50	£3.00	£1.50
ASDA	£2.50	£1.00	£3.00	£1.00
WAL MART	£1.23	90p	£1.23	90p
Sainsbury's	£4.00	60p	£4.50	60p
Iceland	1.50%	0.50%	1.50%	0.50%
ocado	1.50%	0.50p	1.50%	0.50p

Minimum spend requirements apply. Full retailer T&Cs apply. Donation rates may change from time to time, rates above were correct as of 18/03/2023.

Raise a donation every time you shop with your supermarket

Last year we raised close to £1,000 just from parents using easyfundraising for their online shopping. It takes a couple of minutes to set-up, and that's it!

These donations really help us, so it would be great if you could take a moment to get started: [easyfundraising for Fitzjohn's](https://www.easyfundraising.com)
Thank you!



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Bank Address (optional)	
Bank Sort Code	
Bank Account Number	
Please Pay	
Payee Bank Name	Lloyds TSB
Payee Account Name	Fitzjohn's School Association
Payee Sort Code	30-93-80
Payee Account Number	00008235
Payment Amount (circle)	£30 £50 £100 £250 £500 Other: £
Frequency	STANDING ORDERS from my account as detailed in this instruction on the ___ day of every month
Date of First Payment	
Reference	Fitzjohn's Parents Appeal
Customer Details	
Print Name	
Signature	
Date	
Address	
Email	
Phone number	
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