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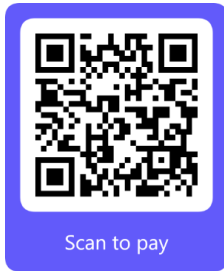
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**29 November 2024**

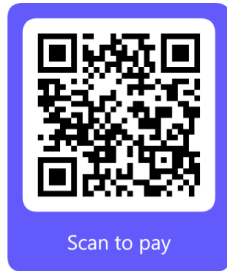
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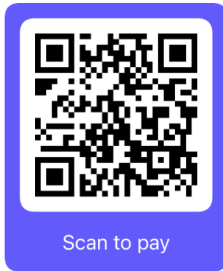
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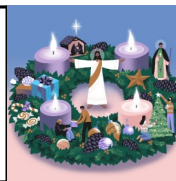
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**Happy Thanksgiving**  
to all our American families who celebrated yesterday.



**Our Christian families** will celebrate the first Sunday of advent this week-

**Christmas Fair**  
**Friday 13 December**

**Set up 13.00 onwards**  
**Fair begins 14.45**

The staff are decorating the hall tonight in readiness for the Christmas celebrations. Our Victorian hall always looks magnificent at this time of year. Pop in and see if from Monday.

**Dates for your Diary (so far)**

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 Y5 for their lovely assembly this morning which focused on the Greeks.

Next week we look forward to Reception's class assembly.

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

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

**Attendance for the week**  
**Our target is 95%**

Year 1	92.41
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Year 2	96.99
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Year 3	96.55
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Year 4	93.67
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Year 5	96.55
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Year 6	95.19
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<b>School</b>	<b>95.23</b>
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**Well done Y2!**

## Social Events

We are blessed that our phenomenal parents association (The FSA) run a huge amount of social and fund raising events throughout the year. The whole point of them is to help continue to develop community and a sense of belonging.

Please note that during these events (discos, popcorn nights, fairs) your child is your responsibility. None of these are drop and leave events so you must have oversight over their safety and behaviour.

If you are ever unable to come to an event then, of course, an other adult/parent can be in charge of your child but you must make this clear to both child and adult.

Please be mindful of where the child is, who they are playing with and tell them where they should go if they can't find you.

As the vast majority of social events are open to extended family and friends and often ex-Fitzjohn's people as well as neighbours then the gates are left open to allow access and egress.



## Attendance

Attendance at school is statutory. If your child is late after the register is closed then this may count as an absence. Punctuality is a good life skill so please ensure that your child is here on time every day. Please do not take them out of school (or bring them in late) because a family member is visiting. It is very disrupting to your child's learning and to the learning of the rest of the class.

## Sharing together

I love the fact that we have families from all over the world who speak a multitude of languages. However, there is one language that we all have in common in school and that is English. May I therefore politely remind you to always endeavour to speak in English to everyone when you are on the school site as this encourages community, allows everyone to feel engaged and not feel left out. It also helps children understand that our common language here is English so they practise their English too.

# ART CLASSES FOR CHILDREN IN HAMPSTEAD



**BOOK A  
TRIAL NOW**



**art-k.co.uk**

*art-K offers art classes for children aged 6-18 and adults! Located at 84 Mill Ln, West Hampstead, NW6 1NL, our classes run after-school and on weekends, evenings & school holidays. art-K aims to develop students' artistic abilities in a relaxed and stimulating environment, giving them the opportunity to explore and experiment with different mediums.*

Camden Family Learning  
FREE STORY SESSIONS for Children Aged 3 Years Plus



## Weekend Story Sacks For All The Family

A free fun and creative storytelling and prop making session.

Come along and find out how to bring storytelling to life.

Pick a session and call Alison to book a family place 07876 651950.

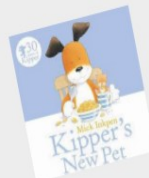
You must book to join in  
(due to health and safety rules)

**Saturday 30 November**

Pancras Sq Library NIC 4AG

11:00am-1:00pm

Big Cat



**Saturday 14 December**

Kentish Town Library NW5 2AA

11:00am-1:00pm

Kipper's New Pet

**Saturday 21 December**

Swiss Cottage Library NW3 3HA

11:00am-1:00pm

The Nutcracker



A free book for every family that attends

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### After School Club

### Ballet

**@Fitzjohns Primary School**

**Monday**

**13th January - 24th March**

**3:30-4:15**

**£10.00 per session = £100 TOTAL**

#### **Club details:**

- Our ballet club gives an introduction to the basics of ballet for beginners.
- We will focus on warm ups, technique, floor work, stretching, performance, and confidence building.
- Parents are invited to the end of term where our coach will put on a performance.
- Our club is designed to be fun and engaging whilst learning the basics of ballet.

To book a place for your son/daughter please request a link by emailing:  
[bethany@thelondonballetcompany.co.uk](mailto:bethany@thelondonballetcompany.co.uk)

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BALLET COMPANY  
SCHOOL  
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**FREE AGES 5-11**



# **WINTER HAF PROGRAM**



**DECEMBER: 21st, 23rd, 24th, 26th  
11-3PM BASIL & JELICO NW1 1LE**



**SPORTS FREE LUNCH  
ACTIVITIES STORYTELLING**

**HURRY!**

**DON'T WAIT, REGISTER YOUR  
CHILD TODAY!**



<https://kindlecorner.co.uk/coordinate.cloud/project/62068>



**This is being managed by one of our TAs (Rosh) so speak to her if you want more information.**

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

AUTUMN TERM 2025	
INSET Days - pupils not in school	<b>Monday 1 and Tuesday 2 September 2025</b>
<b>TERM BEGINS FOR PUPILS</b>	<b>Wednesday 3 September 2025</b>
Half term holiday	Monday 27 – Friday 31 October 2025
<b>SECOND HALF-TERM BEGINS</b>	<b>Monday 3 November 2025</b>
INSET Day – pupils not in school (Parent/Teacher Meetings)	<b>Monday 17 November 2025</b>
Term Ends	Friday 19 December 2025 13.30
SPRING TERM 2026	
INSET Day - pupils not in school	<b>Monday 5 January 2026</b>
<b>TERM BEGINS FOR PUPILS</b>	<b>Tuesday 6 January 2026</b>
Half term holiday	Monday 16– Friday 20 February 2026
<b>SECOND HALF-TERM BEGINS</b>	<b>MONDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2026</b>
Term Ends	Friday 27 March 2026
SPRING HOLIDAYS	Monday 30 March – Friday 10 April 2026
SUMMER TERM 2026	
INSET Day - pupils not in school	<b>Monday 13 April 2026</b>
<b>TERM BEGINS FOR PUPILS</b>	<b>Tuesday 14 April 2026</b>
Half term holiday	Monday 25 May - Friday 29 May 2026
<b>SECOND HALF-TERM BEGINS</b>	<b>Monday 1 June 2026</b>
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).	

<b>This week in class</b>	
<b>Nursery</b>	<p>This week we read 'Pete the cat and his four groovy buttons'. The story linked to our number of the week, four. We've used a range of resources to support our understanding of number bonds, such as Numicon and multilink cubes. In phonics we learnt the phoneme /p/. We discovered the following words all start with the same sound; pink, pencil, penguin, pumpkin, pineapple, pizza and peppa pig! This week it was Ari, Jagoda and Michaela's focus week. Ari loves Owls so we revisited the story 'Owl babies' and learnt some interesting facts about owls. Did you know, an owl has different sized ears and three eye lids?! We created a sea world full of sharks for Michaela, as well as reading shark in the park. To support Jagoda's interest in art, we had an art and craft day today. We've thoroughly enjoyed singing our new weekly rhyme, 5 current buns. We made current buns with salt dough and the children have played independently singing the song, whilst gaining an understanding of take-away.</p>
<b>Reception</b>	<p>Reception have done really well this week learning three new sounds. They learnt the final letter of the alphabet 'z', and then two digraphs 'qu' and 'ch'. Our new tricky words were 'go' and 'no'. The children are doing really well at writing simple CVC words. We have continued with our Naughty Bus book- painting our wooden buses we made, drawing our own buses, and learning prepositions as he travels all over the classroom. In maths we have been working on the numbers 4 and 5. We are looking at the numbers they are made up of, and trying to subitise so we don't always count! We finished the week doing a vehicle tally of how many vehicles we saw from the school gate- lots of cars and bikes, but quite a few buses too! We don't think they were Naughty!</p>
<b>Class 1</b>	<p>This week in literacy the children have started creating their own version of the story 'Lost in the Toy Museum'. They have planned out their stories and designed a front cover ready to write next week. In maths we have focused on writing eight number sentence fact families. In science we looked at toys and discussed their materials and their properties. In art we drew and coloured a rocking horse. In topic we have started creating our toy shop and have started learning about how toys have changed over the years.</p>
<b>Class 2</b>	<p>This week in Class 2, we have written a newspaper report about a true British hero, Mary Seacole. The children enjoyed writing about her life and tremendous achievements. They used presentational devices such as headlines, paragraphs, expanded noun phrases and facts about the main event, to create eye-catching articles. In maths, we learnt how to use the column method to add two two-digit numbers, which many of us have found to be easier than other methods! The children have done a great job of learning their lines for the Nativity, which we began to rehearse today. Please help them to memorise them over the weekend. Thank you so much to the parents who have been able to help us with props and scenery. Just a reminder that we will be going to Keats Library on Tuesday, so please make sure books are returned by Tuesday morning in order for new ones to be borrowed. A second reminder to bring in costumes by Wednesday at the latest (in a named bag) Thank you.</p>
<b>Class 3</b>	<p>This week in Class 3, we completed our maths unit on addition and subtraction, tackling multi-step word problems, as well as using inverse operation and estimation to check our answers carefully. Our next unit will be on multiplication and division, starting on Monday. In literacy, we used our studies of the legend of St. George to plan exciting words for a character description. We used a thesaurus to widen our vocabulary too. In our big write, we then composed a detailed character description of either the dragon or George for our Big Write – we chose which character we preferred. We included details of appearance, personality, and how they were feeling too. In science, we conducted an experiment to see which materials reflected the most light, making a prediction and recording the results carefully. Next week, we'll be writing our class assembly together ready for the 13th December.</p>
<b>Class 4</b>	<p>This week in maths, we started our multiplication and division topic. We have been working on multiplying and dividing by 4, 6 and 9. We have been learning to use strategies such as repeated addition for multiplication, as well as sharing and grouping for division. Not only that, but we have also been learning different 'tips and tricks' to help build up our fluency in our multiplication and division facts. In literacy, we have moved onto learning about persuasive letter writing. We identified the features of these and ordered and labelled a persuasive letter. We also explored different persuasive techniques such as exaggeration, flattery and the use of emotive language. In history, we examined pictures of different ancient Egyptian artefacts, drew our own illustrations of these. We also described and posed questions about them. In science, we planned our evaporation investigation, which we will carry out next week.</p>
<b>Class 5</b>	<p>Class 5 has been learning in Maths how to add and subtract fractions and mixed numbers, while in Literacy we've started reading A Christmas Carol, characterizing Scrooge. In Science, we learned about thermal conductors and insulators, and in Geography we looked into the different features of Physical and Human Geography. Class 5 has also been spending a lot of time rehearsing of our assembly, coming up together with lines for the script and making our props in Art.</p>
<b>Class 6</b>	<p>Would you know how to define a fraction? Class 6 have dipped their toes into equivalent fractions, fractions on a number line and they have used this knowledge to begin to compare and order fractions - by manipulating denominators. Our Literacy biographies have finally been penned, checked, edited and improved. In our History topic, we had an interesting discussion around the concept of propaganda - an issue as relevant today as it was during the height of WW2. Our lessons in P.S.H.E and R.E. saw us learn about medicinal drugs and their responsible use and what religions teach us about 'life after death': some really interesting points were raised I can tell you! Finally, in Art we began the construction of a wooden base, using the skills of measuring, cutting and gluing bits of wood to create a stable, box frame and in Science we researched and shared work on both good and bad microbes.</p>



**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. A great night out.

### 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**



## 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.



### 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](mailto:info@camden.foodbank.org.uk)

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

Camden Foodbank registered charity in England and Wales 1084806



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
<b>TESCO</b>	£3.50	£1.75	£3.50	£1.75
<b>Morrisons</b>	£3.50	£1.50	£3.00	£1.50
<b>ASDA</b>	£2.50	£1.00	£2.00	£1.00
<b>MALINDA</b>	£1.23	90p	£1.23	90p
<b>Sainsbury's</b>	£4.00	60p	£4.50	60p
<b>Iceland</b>	1.50%	0.50%	1.50%	0.50%
<b>ocado</b>	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/charity/1084806)  
Thank you!



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**Huffy Bikes**  
30% off RRP

**Scoot & Ride**  
30% off RRP



**Skate Hut**  
50% off RRP



**STANDING ORDER MANDATE**

<b>To The Manager</b>	
Bank Name	
Bank Address (optional)	
Bank Sort Code	
Bank Account Number	
<b>Please Pay</b>	
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
<b>Customer Details</b>	
Print Name	
Signature	
Date	
Address	
Email	
Phone number	
<b>GIFT AID IT—UK TAXPAYERS!</b>	
<p>For every pound you give to us we get an extra 25p from the INLAND REVENUE so please sign below if you are a UK taxpayer*</p> <p>I am a UK taxpayer and under the GIFT AID scheme, I would like the Fitzjohn's School Association to claim back the tax on any donations I make until further notice OR have made in the past 4 years.</p> <p>Signature _____</p> <p><i>*To qualify for Gift Aid what you pay in UK income tax or capital gains tax must be at least equal to the amount we will claim in the tax year from the Inland Revenue. NB. Please notify us if you change your address. NB. You can cancel your standing order form at anytime.</i></p>	

PLEASE RETURN THE COMPLETED FORM TO THE FITZJOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL'S OFFICE.

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