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20 September 2024



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Secondary Transfer

Thanks to those parents who came for the Secondary Transfer Information Evening on Monday. I hope that you found it useful.

Thanks also to Meet the Parents who came along to share their lived experiences of being in Camden secondary schools. It was particularly lovely to hear from former a former pupil who came back to share.

Dates for your Diary (so far) Check the school diary online for more information

Tuesday 24 September Great Fire of London Friday 27 September KS2 Cross Country Running

Friday 25 October Y5 British Museum 28 October 1 November Half Term Week beginning 4 November Science Week Monday 4 November The Crick

Monday 4 November Y6 Junior Citizens Tuesday 5 November Dr Matt Pritchard Thursday 7 November Y5 The Crick trip Friday 8 November Environmental Magic Week of Monday 11 November Y5 Swim (2 weeks)

Tuesday 12 November Y2 Nightingale Museum Monday 18 November School closed to children Parent Teacher Meetings

Tuesday 10 December 2pm Y1/2 Christmas

Tuesday 17 December Cinderella

Thursday 19 December 1.30 Magic Show 2.30

Friday 20 December School closes 13.30

KS2 (Y3-Y6) Cross Country Running

Friday 27 September

On Friday 27 September those children from Y3 to Y6 who want to take part in Camden's Annual Cross Country race (on the heath near Parliament Hill Running Tracks) may do so. More information to follow. (Parents are welcome and encouraged to join us).

Parent Donations

£50

Donation

£100

Donation



Attendance for the week Our target is 95% Year 1 94.64

Year 2 91.18 Year 3 99.07 Year 4 96.33 Year 5 96.54 Year 6 93.85 School 95.18

Well done Year 3

Key Stage Assessments 2024

Tests are a snapshot of learning and are obviously dependent on the needs of the class in Year 2/6. (Y2 SATs are no longer statutory and are not reported nationally.) Exams only test some key skills in reading, maths and SPAG; they do not tell you what a kind person you are, how well you've matured, how well you play in a team or act in a play. We also use informal quizzes and tests to help identify gaps in learning. The charts below give you an indication of how our Reception, Y2 and Y6 classes (in 2024) compared to their peers in other schools in Camden and across the country. We've also included our Y1/2 phonics results and Y4 multiplication results. (Some figures are still provisional) Thank you to all of the staff who played a part in the children's learning. We are all very proud of everyone's learning

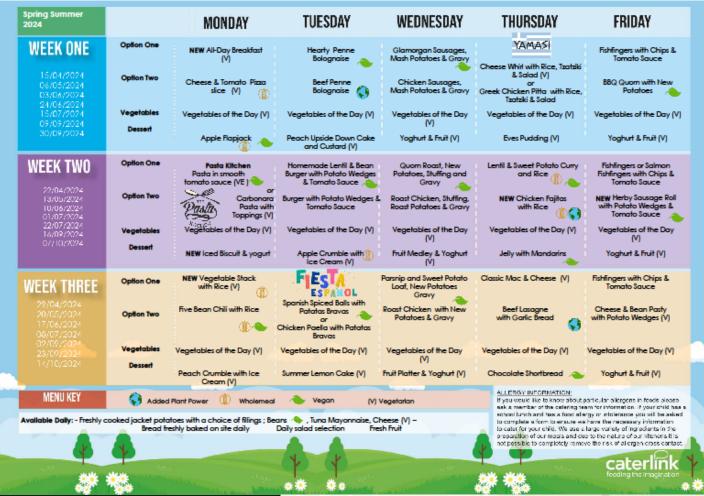
Reception Class 2024

At a "good" level of development	2022	2023	2024
Fitzjohn's	80%	73%	85%
Camden	65%	69%	70%
London	68%	69%	69%
National	65%	67%	67%

Year 2					
% of Y2 children working at expected level	Reading Y2	Writing Y2	Maths Y2	Science Y2	
Fitzjohn's 2024	93%	67%	78%	96%	
Camden 2024	76%	68%	76%	82%	
	2024Year 2 Key Stage 1 (Greater depth)				
% of children working at higher level (Greater depth)	Reading	Writing	Maths		
Fitzjohn's 2024	33%	11%	30%		
Camden 2024	24%	13%	22%		

2024 Year 6 Key Stage 2 SATS (Expected +)					
% working at ex- pected	Reading	Writing TA	SPAG Test (Av Scaled score)	Maths	Combined
Fitzjohn's 2024	89%	81%	113	85%	81%
Camden 2024	82%	79%	107.7	82%	73%
London 2024	78%	76%	107	79%	67%
National 2024	74%	72%	105	73%	60%
		Year 6 Key Stage	2 (Greater depth)		
% working at GD	Reading	Writing TA	Maths	Comb	ined R, W, M
Fitzjohn's 2024	48%	37%	38%	33%	
Camden 2024	36%	20%	33%	13%	
London 2024	34%	18%	32%	12%	
National 2024	28%	13%	24%	8%	

Y1 Phonics – met required standard	2022	2023	2024
Met required			
Fitzjohn's	90%	93%	93%
Camden	77%	81%	84%
London	78%	81%	
National	75%	79%	
Y2 Phonics – met required standard Met required level	2022	2023	2024
Fitzjohn's	93%	93%	96%
Camden	87	88	90
London	88	89	89
National	87	89	89
Year 4 Multiplication Check – average score	2022	2023	2024
Fitzjohn's	22.9	22.3	22.3
Camden	21.2	21.4	21.9
London	20.9	21.1	
National	19.8	20.2	



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!

	Hom	Hame delivery		Click & Collect	
Supermarket	First order	Existing customer order	First order	Existing customer order	
TESCO	£3.60	C1.78	63.60	£1.75	
Morrisons	£3.50	61.60	£3.00	£1.50	
ASDA	£2.50	£1.00	×	×	
WV 18551	£1,23	90p	£1.23	×	
Sainsbury's	£4,00	60p	€4.50	60p	
iceland	1.50%	0.50%	×	×	
@ocado	1.50%	0.50p	×	×	

Minimum spend requirements apply. Full retailer TSC's apply. Donation rates may change from lime to time, rates above were correct as of 18/08/2023.

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

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Thank you!



This is our place of work so please leave promptly after drop off and pick up so that staff can get on with their work. For safeguarding reasons, if you ware waiting for siblings in clubs please wait in the monkey bar area or inside The Lab. Football and ball games are not allowed after school.

Our clubs are an extended school offer but will be in jeopardy should we have to keep dealing with repeated play incidents after school. We need time, space and quiet to get on with our work when children are not meant to be around.

FITZJOHN'S SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES: 2024/2025

AUTUI	MN TERM 2024
INSET Days - pupils not in school TERM BEGINS FOR PUPILS	Monday 2 and Tuesday 3 September
Half term holiday	Wednesday 4 September Monday 28 – Friday 1 November 2024
SECOND HALF-TERM BEGINS	Monday 4 November 2024
INSET Day – pupils not in school (Parent/Teacher Meetings)	Monday 18 November 2024
Term Ends	Friday 20 December 13.30
SPRIM	NG TERM 2025
INSET Day - pupils not in school	Monday 6 January 2025
TERM BEGINS FOR PUPILS	Tuesday 7 January
Half term holiday	Monday 17- Tuesday 21 February 2025
SECOND HALF-TERM BEGINS	MONDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2024
Term Ends	Friday 4 April 2025
SPRING HOLIDAYS	Monday 7 April – Monday 21 April 2025
SUMMI	ER TERM 2025
INSET Day - pupils not in school	Tuesday 22 April 2025
TERM BEGINS FOR PUPILS Half term holiday	Wednesday 23 April 2025 Monday 26 May - Friday 30 May 2025
SECOND HALF-TERM BEGINS	Monday 2 June 2025
Term ends	13.30 Tuesday 22 July 2025
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Christmas Day Wednesday 25 December Boxing Day Thursday 26 December	г
New Year's Day Wednesday 1 January Good Friday Friday 18 April Easter Monday Monday 21 April May Day Monday 5 May Spring Bank holiday Monday 26 May	

Term Dates

Please do NOT book leave during term time as we will not be authorising any leave that is not for exceptional reasons.

Government guidance states that: Holidays do not count as exceptional nor does visiting your country of origin for religious festivals.

Should unauthorised leave be taken during term time then we may need to make a referral to Camden and they may issue a fine.

Help to fill us up!

We are funded by how many children we have on the school register on Thursday 3 October. For each child we receive approximately £5-6,000 of income so it is vital that we are as full as possible. Fewer children means less money, means less resources. Some classes are full some have a few spaces. If you have friends/ relatives or know someone who are still looking for spaces tell them to contact us 02074359797 or admin@fitzjohns.camden.sch.uk

They can visit this link for application information: http://www.fitzjohns.camden.sch.uk/school_information/admissions/admissions-policy.html

Please could all parents check this as we get free money into our account. Then let us know if the answer is YES.

Help obtain government funding for your child's school in England!

Did you know the government gives additional funding to schools for those children entitled to free school meals (pupil premium)? (Every child in primary school already gets a meal paid by the Mayor of London—this is a different pot of money).

Schools use this money to obtain additional staff and resources that help improve the quality of education.

To find out whether your child qualifies for pupil premium, and hence whether their school would receive additional funding, please fill in the details requested on the site.

In addition, the following pupils will be protected against losing their free school meals (pupil premium) as follows:

- Pupils who were eligible on 1 April 2018, or who became eligible since then, continue to receive free meals, even if their household is no longer eligible under the benefits/low-earnings criteria, up until March 2025 and then until the end of their phase of education
- New applicants for free school meals on or after 1 April 2018, who are in receipt of Universal Credit and have earnings above the earned income threshold, will not be eligible for free school meals

The Universal Credit rollout is currently expected to complete in March 2025

- An LGfL school can check eligibility on behalf of a parent, the parent will need to contact your child's school, as they can run a check on your behalf.
- A parent of a child attending any LGfL school can now use this website to check their eligibility.
- A Certificate of Eligibility is only available for an eligible child that is attending a school in England not using the full LGfL service. The Certificate of Eligibility should be taken to your child's school.

https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/?

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The Fitzjohn's School Association (The FSA)

Registered Charity No 102 9947

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

8.45am-9.15am Tuesday 1 October

The Fitzjohn's School Association is our version of the PTA or the Parent/Teacher Association which you find in many schools. It is a voluntary charity of which everyone in our community is a member. It has an important function in helping our community to socialise and to raise funds.

One of our most important meetings is the Annual General Meeting where we elect the people who will help run The FSA and make decisions on where the money will be spent.

Please come to the AGM at 8.45am-9.15am on Tuesday 1 October The meeting will be held in the hall and everyone is welcome.

Agenda

- 1. Welcome
- 2. This term's FSA events
- 3. FSA AGM

President's address
Election of The Chair
Election of the Treasurer
Treasurer's report 2023-2024
School Funding Requests 2024-2025 - for vote and approval (see below).

Funding Requests 2024-2025 Coaching and Support

Art: £6,000

Games/Gym Coach: £15,000

Music: £21,000

Playgrounds

General Resources: £4,000

Computing

Camden City Learning membership, iPads, computing resources £20,000

Resources

Musical instruments for class lessons: £10,000

RE resources: £5,000

On-going:

Transport for trips (circa) £6,000

Support and sponsorship for children on Free School Meals to attend one club per

term: £6,000 Events: £4,000

Ongoing: messaging, etc: £3,000

Total: £100,000

Solar Panel Project Separate from the above, we are looking to fundraise and invest £40,000 for solar panels for environmental and cost saving benefits.

	This week in class
Nursery	This week we welcomed more friends to Nursery. The children have been busy exploring new friendships, as well as all of the areas in the classroom. The children are already playing harmoniously! We're very proud of the children, they have settled quickly into Nursery life. The water area, playdough and arts and craft have been very popular this week! The children have responded well to our visual timetable to help them understand the routine of the Nursery day. Next week we'll start our topic 'All about me'. Have a wonderful weekend.
Reception	Reception have been fantastic this week. Some lovely choosing, listening, following instructions and being creative. The children were very good at painting their own self portraits, which will shortly be displayed outside the classroom. We have been particularly working hard on our listening skills by playing games to hear initial sounds of objects and things that rhyme. We have also been listening to special robot talk when we have to blend the sounds to work out the word. In the afternoons we have been watching Numberblocks and meeting the numbers 2-6. We love the songs, and then colouring in the characters. We have also enjoyed doing some dough disco to strengthening our fingers for writing! Finally we had Holly visit so we could learn the new Wake Up Shake Up dance reading for next week!
Class 1	This week in literacy the children have been busy writing their lost poster all about Beegu. They have worked hard on remembering their capital letters and full stops and even included some lovely adjectives in their work. In maths we have worked on recognising numbers as words and counting on from any number to 10. In science we have looked at seasonal changes and discussed the different types of weather we observe. In art the children have created some fantastic self portraits which we will display in our art gallery. In phonics this week the children showed off their reading and writing skills to their parents during our phonics workshop. They are now super confident at recognising the phase 3 phonemes and are making Selma and I very proud!
Class 2	It's been another busy week in Class 2. The children created beautiful pieces of artwork using collage to create backgrounds and line drawings to invoke the London skyline. In maths, we have been working on Place Value (the value of a number in its place e.g. a '1' in the tens column means '10') and partitioning numbers into various different parts. The children have been practising subitising (the ability to look at a small set of objects and instantly know how many there are without counting them) and their facts to 10. Thank you to all of you who came to our first Magical Maths Morning. There won't be one next week, as we'll be on our trip into London to look at the locations of the Great Fire of London.
Class 3	Another great week in Class 3! In writing, students combined their knowledge from our Geography unit 'Passport to Europe' with our writing topic, by drafting letters home as if they were visiting a specific country. It was great to see how much knowledge and personal experience came into their writing. In maths, students have been enjoying using hands on materials to help understand place value. We continue to practice our times tables, and students are proving that they are extremely capable of moving beyond their 2s, 5s and 10s. In science, we have continued to talk about healthy food choices and what makes up a healthy and nutritious meal. Well done on a wonderful week.
Class 4	This week in Maths, we learned to partition numbers up to 10, 000 firstly in a standard way then more flexibly in non-standard ways. Then we learned to find 1, 10, 100 and 1000 more or less than a given number. We found our base 10 dienes and place value charts helped us with us. We also learned to label and estimate numbers on a number line up to 10, 000 and explored different strategies to help us to calculate the intervals and find halfway points between intervals. In literacy, we described characters in our class text, 'Adventures of Robin Hood' using metaphors and similes then applied these skills while writing a fuller, more detailed character description of the main character, Robin Hood. In science, we carried out an investigation involving the gas, carbon dioxide, exploring its weight. We also explored the different viewpoints of Ancient Egyptians and their reliance on the River Nile for survival, through role-play. What a fun and exciting week it has been!
Class 5	This week, Class 5 has been learning in Maths to partition, compare, order and round numbers to 1,000,000. In Literacy, we completed the build-up, problem, resolution and ending of our Ancient Greek myths and also made comic strips of it. In History, Class 5 compared democracy in Ancient Greece with democracy in the UK today, while in PSHE we discussed the importance of healthy eating and learned about the Eatwell guide. In RE, we read the story of Adam and Eve, talking about the importance of taking accountability. Lastly, in Science, Class 5 learned about the asexual reproduction of plants and in Computing we looked at how sensor pedestrian crossings work.
Class 6	A fun week of comparing, rounding and ordering numbers in maths. In Literacy, we used our knowledge of figurative language (studied over the last weeks), to begin our planning for a descriptive narrative based on the Normandy landings during WW2. Our science lessons included learning how different animals and plants of the world have inherited characteristics that have enabled them to survive, thrive and adapt to even the most inhospitable areas of the world. Did you know a camel has two sets of eyelashes to protect it during sandstorms? In R.E., children talked about how Christians express their faith in Art and in French we reviewed numbers to 20.

Help!

We will need your help at 3.40pm on Friday 25 October to clear Reception class so they can fit the line in October half term.

Moving on to secondary school in Camden

Parents and carers who are applying for Year 7 places can visit Camden secondary schools at their open events this term. These open events are a great way for parents and carers to find out more about the borough's 10 state secondary schools for themselves before applying. Local group Meet the Parents also holds its own independent forums at local primary schools, where families can 'meet the parents' and students who attend their local secondary schools. Children will be due to start secondary school in September 2025 if they were born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014. Year 7 applications for 2025 entry open on 1 September 2024 and you need to apply before 31 October 2024. Visit camden.gov.uk/secondary-school-admissions to find out more, including dates of open events and our secondary admissions guide.

Class Assemblies

These happen on Fridays at 9.15am and last about 15 minutes.

Join Rob afterwards for the class meeting!

- 25 October Y6
- 15 November Y4
- 22 November Y3
- 29 November Y5
- 6 December Reception

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.

Parent Donations

£50

Donation



Scan to pay

£100

Donation



Please leave school promptly at the end of the day as staff are still working.



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.







FITZJOHNS FENCING CLUB

ENQUIREIES:
DIAMONDBLADEFENCING.COM/SCHOOLS/FITZJONHS-PRIMARY-SCHOOL

Dear Parent/Student,

It is our pleasure to introduce ourselves and the amazing sport of fencing to the Fitzjohns community. This session will be coached by international athlete and national medalist Olga kalkutina

The students will be engaging in warm-up & mobility games including some that teach them a variety of footwork and blade skills. By gradually, but methodically developing these skills, the children gain confidence and self-discipline. In fact, they develop skills for life!

Dates

Sep: 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th

Oct: 7th, 14th 21st (October half term: 28th - 1st)

Nov: 4th, 11th, 19th 25th

Dec: 2nd, 9th

Monday

£10

per session 3:30pm - 4:30pm

To sign up, enter the link above or scan the QR code below











020 8863 8832

In this spooky 5-day Holiday Science Activity Camp, your children enjoy lots of premium fun, hands-on, chemistry, biology and physics STEAM activities and special demonstrations with take home experiments (see below).

Week A: Mon 21 Oct-Fri 25 Oct 2024 (5 days) Week B: Mon 28 Oct-Fri 01 Nov 2024 (5 days)

*Check online for which weeks are running at your Location

9am - 3:30pm (6.5hrs)

Extended Hours: 8:30am; latest collection 4pm

- simply add when booking online
- aged 5-12 years
- ons: across Greater London (look right>)

lalloween Science! - New 2024 Activities

Day 1> Atomic Monste Getting To Know You!

Viral Viruses! Pumpkin Life Cycle! Haunted House! **Eerie Eruptions!** Spooky Slime! Witch's Cauldron! Blood Making! Skelly, the 3D Skeleton! Witchcraft Illusions!

Day 4: Witchcraft Science!

Flying Bats! Spooky Spider Webs! Broom Zoom! Brain Building!

Manic Bone Hand! Dancing Franken-Worms!

and meny, meny more cool science demanstrations, experiments, games and quirzes!

Haunted School Venues this Halloween Serving:

Independent Service Ratin

- NW London Barnet
- Brent
- Camden
- · Ealing
- Harrow
- Hillingdon Westminster

NE London

- City of London
- Enfield
- Haringey Islington
- Tower Hamlets
- Waltham Forest

SW London

- Kensington Hammersmith and Fulham
- Hounslow
- Kingston
- Merton Richmond
- Sutton Wandsworth

See online for full list...

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www.mnature.co.uk

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"Science camp has inspired my child to learn more and he adores it, which says a lot about the

teaching. It was incredibly reassuring to know he was in good hands. Highly recommend it. We will definitely be back for more!"



Did You Know? we also do THE BEST

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STANDING ORDER MANDATE

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Payment Amount (circle)	£30 £50 £100 £250 £500 Other: £			
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GIFT AID IT—UK TAXPAYERS!

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*

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. Signature

*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.