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Kentish Town C of E Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Headteacher Interviews

As you will be aware, Grant was appointed as the new Headteacher of our school from September 2025. I am delighted that Grant will be taking our school forward and I will give him my full support in planning for the future. I feel sure you will do the same.

Ryan also applied for the post of Headteacher and he acquitted himself brilliantly, I am told, but in the end he lost out to Grant's wealth of experience.

I will now be working with Grant and our staff team, as well as with Governors, to put in place the strongest possible team for September. I will be meeting with all teachers in the week after half term, to discuss their plans for next year and their preferences for the year groups they wish to teach. The official resignation date for teachers is the end of May and so plans will be finalised after that date.

International Afternoon — Friday 14th February

On Friday 14th February we will be celebrating the wonderful mix of languages, cultures and heritages in our school. Children and parents can bring something from their culture or heritage to share. In the past we have had Bollywood dancing, French opera, poetry in German, guitar playing, dancing from Ethiopia and lots more. Please practice something to share and come along! Parents and carers are welcome to attend and to perform! **We would love it if you would bring some food from your culture to share after the show.** Please email Coren at c.peacock@kentishtown.camden.sch.uk if you need music or any other help.

Performances will be from 1:45pm and food shared from 3:30pm — parents welcome!

Daily Supported Reading in Y1

We are having a big push on reading in Ash class. Please email Emily: e.fox@kentishtown.camden.sch.uk if you can help with the reading programme.

School Band at St Paul's Cathedral

On Thursday 30th January, Coren and I took our Band to play at St. Paul's as part of the Diocese of London service of thanksgiving for the staff and children in their schools. The children were amazing and they played beautifully in front of an audience of approximately 1500! My thanks to the children for their efforts and particularly to Coren for arranging things. It was a truly magical occasion.



New Library Area

Kate and Ryan have been busy researching and ordering some new library shelves and seating for the library area of our school. Many thanks to those parents and carers who have been able to help out. We need some volunteers on Thursday 13th February to help Kate with putting the books onto the new shelves. When finished, we will reopen the library and dedicate it to our much missed friend and colleague, Lorraine. Lorraine did so much to promote reading in our school and she had a deep and intuitive understanding of how young children begin to read and develop a taste in books. It seems appropriate to remember her in this way.

Wishing you all a restful half term holiday, school will be closed Monday 17th — Friday 21st February.

James Humphries — Headteacher

FINAL CALL for the HALL FOR ALL

Apologies if you have given already to the Hall for All campaign, but Acland Burghley school is still short of £165,000 to restore the Grade 2 listed Brutalist hall as a community arts and heritage space for our whole area. The deadline to match the funding given by the National Lottery Heritage Fund is February 26th. So if anyone has suddenly won the lottery themselves... any donations, however big or small, would be so gratefully received.

Do take a look at the Hall for All website, in particular the case study on the home page which shows how much effort our local community has put in so far.

hallforall.org

With kind regards,

The Acland Burghley School Trust

Below, here's the hall in action for a primary school Christmas concert. The school would like to restore the original ceiling lighting (where the holes are), have disabled access, an environmentally friendly heating system and much more.



WORLD
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CHILDREN'S ART COMPETITION!

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DESIGN A BOOK COVER

KENTISH TOWN LIBRARY

Design a new cover for a book you love,
a favourite character or invent a brand
new book of your own! Will it be
dragons, fairies or even your own face?
Imagination is the limit!

Come to one of our workshops - try
out your ideas and have a go!

Thursday 13th & 20th 4.30-5.30pm

(booking required for workshops)

Competition deadline Feb 28th

Hand in your completed design at the library desk

All entries will be displayed and winners
announced on World Book Day - 6th March

3 LUCKY WINNERS GET A
BOOK VOUCHER!



£20



£15



£10

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Girls Get Moving Mondays

An opportunity for girls aged 8 to 14 years old to get active in a safe place, socialise and develop new skills and most of all to have fun whilst taking part in their favourite activities such as: trampolining, football, mini tennis, table tennis badminton, fun games and more.

Ages: 8 to 14 years

Location: Talacre Community Sports Centre, Dalby Street, NW5 3AF

Dates and times: Monday 17 February, 4pm to 6pm

For more information, contact Jenny.mungroo@camden.gov.uk.

Register: Complete online form via QR code [here](#)



Active Wednesday

Lots of fun activities, such as trampolining, cricket, tennis, table tennis, football, basketball and much more.

Ages: 11 to 17 years

Location: Talacre Community Sports Centre, Dalby Street, NW5 3AF

Dates and times: Wednesday 19 February, 4pm to 6pm

To book a place or for more information, contact

shaun.taylor@camden.gov.uk.

Arsenal In The Community

Football sessions open to both young girls and boys and will involve a mixture of fun and enjoyable drills, rather than serious competitive tournaments. Priority is given to children eligible for free school meals.

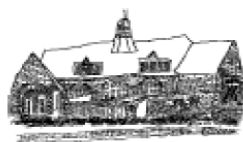
Ages: 12 to 14 years

Location: Canteloves Gardens, Camden Road, NW5 2AU

Dates and times: Wednesday 19, Thursday 20 & Friday 21 February, 10am-1pm

Register: Complete online form via QR code [here](#)





KTS CE School Term & Holiday Dates 2025/26

Autumn Term 2025		Total Days: 71
Term Starts:	<i>INSET – Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd September 2025</i>	
	Children Return – Wednesday 3 rd September 2025	
	<i>INSET – Friday 24th October 2025</i>	
Half Term:	Half-Term: Monday 27 th October – Friday 31 st October 2025	
	Children Return – Monday 3 rd November 2025	
Term Ends:	Thursday 18 th December 2025 @ 1.15pm	
Christmas Holidays:	Friday 19 th December 2025 – Friday 2 nd January 2026	
Spring Term 2026		Total Days: 56
Term Starts:	<i>INSET – Monday 5th January 2026</i>	
	Children Return – Tuesday 6 th January 2026	
Half Term:	Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th February 2026	
	Children Return – Monday 23 rd February 2026	
Term Ends:	Friday 27 th March 2026 @ 1.15pm	
Spring Holidays	Monday 30 th March – Friday 10 th April 2026	
Easter Holidays	Good Friday – 3 rd April 2026	
	Easter Monday – 6 th April 2026	
Summer Term 2026		Total Days: 63
Term Starts:	<i>INSET – Monday 13th April 2026</i>	
Half Term:	Monday 25 th May 2026 – Friday 29 th May 2026	
	Children Return – Monday 1 st June 2026	
Term Ends:	Friday 17 th July 2026 @ 1.15pm	
Bank Holidays	Thursday 1 st January 2026	
	Monday 4 th May 2026 – May Day Bank Holiday	
	Monday 25 th May 2026 – Spring Bank Holiday	
	Monday 31 st August 2026 – Summer Bank Holiday	