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Kentish Town C of E Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I trust you all had a very restful half term holiday! Here is the latest news regarding recent and upcoming events.

Rights Respecting Gold Award Reaccreditation

We have been successful in achieving the RRSA Gold award for the 3rd time!

UNICEF is the world's leading organisation working for children and their rights. The Rights Respecting Schools Award is only granted to schools that show commitment to promoting and realising children's rights and encouraging adults, children and young people to respect the rights of others in school.

Gold is the highest accolade given by UNICEF UK and shows a deep and thorough commitment to children's rights at all levels of school life. There are only 600 schools across England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales that have received Gold.

A massive thank you to Marcia and the school council who have shown incredible leadership in raising awareness of children's rights in our community.

Sports Day

A huge thank you to everyone for a fantastic Sports Day event at the Parliament Hill running track on Monday! This was a really fun day which was clearly enjoyed by all. A very special thanks to Coach Chloe for leading such a great event.

School Attendance

Currently our attendance is sitting at **93.5%**. The national average is **94.8%**. We are therefore significantly below this which is cause for concern. Our persistent absence rate is currently **21%**. This means that 1 in 5 children have attendance levels below **90%** in our school. The national average is **15%**. **There is a direct link between poor school attendance and low academic outcomes.**

Please remember that you are sending your child to school so that they will receive an education which will enhance their future lives.

The school is also accountable for ensuring that children attend school as per the law. We have tried our best to support parents whose children have very low attendance and have offered a range of supportive measures to improve their attendance, without using Penalty Notices (fines) to achieve this. Sadly, these efforts have largely been ignored. This leaves us no choice but to adopt a more rigorous approach to absence.

Term Time Holidays

Just a reminder to all parents that holidays during term time will **not** be authorised. Whilst we appreciate the high cost of travel during the school holidays, the school is not able to authorise any holidays. Only truly exceptional reasons for absence will be considered and you will be asked for evidence. Should you take unauthorised leave during term time, you do run the risk of receiving a Penalty Notice from Camden LA.

Community Breakfast

We have 2 more breakfasts coming up on the **Friday the 19th June and Friday the 3rd July**. We are always looking for financial support to run these great events so if you know of any business or individuals who may be willing to support, please do get in touch! It costs about £250 per session to run. We would like to thank the Friends of Kentish Town for their contribution recently enabling us to run the Summer term breakfasts.

Best wishes,

Grant Jacobson
Headteacher



Summer Fair

Join us for our annual Summer fair on Friday 26th June after school. This is a huge fundraising event for our school and we need your support to make it a success!

Want to help? All parents and carers are automatically members of The Friends of Kentish Town. To get involved, please email friendsofkts@gmail.com or speak to your class rep. !

Non Uniform Day

Children can wear their own clothes on **Friday 19th June**, in exchange for a **bottle donation** (e.g bubble bath, soft drink, wine, beer).

This stock will be used for the popular Bottle Tombola at the Fair. Please drop off bottles at the school office on the morning of 19th June.

Thanks!

Key Stage 1 & 2 Seaside Trip to Broadstairs – Friday 10th July 2026



We are delighted to be able to offer your child the opportunity to visit the seaside with a visit to Broadstairs-Kent on **Friday 10th July 2026!**

School funds are also being used in order to keep the cost at a very reasonable **£10.00** per child and **£12.00** per adult volunteer. Please be aware that the current adult return train fare to Broadstairs is in excess of £60.

We will be travelling via coach from the school and unless there are exceptional circumstances, the expectation is that **all children/adult volunteers will travel on the coach.**

We have prioritised parent places for the youngest classes and places will be allocated in the following way:

Beech- 8 parents needed

Chestnut -8 parents needed

Sycamore-8 parents needed

Cedar-10 parents needed

Willow-10 parents needed

Ash-10 parents needed

Total= 54 parents.

Payments for child and adult places will need to be made on **ParentPay**. Payment for adult volunteer places will only be needed **if** you have been allocated a volunteer place. No permission slip is necessary as by paying for your child you will be giving them permission to attend the trip.

Volunteer places will be allocated on a “first come, first served” basis from **9 am on Monday 8th June 2026** via the school office.

We anticipate the demand for volunteer places to be high. If you are unable to secure a place, you will be more than welcome to join us at the beach in Broadstairs, having made your own way there.

We will operate a **waiting list** should the places be oversubscribed and spare places may be available in the day. Parents will be prioritised over other family members.

Further information will follow soon.

Thank you for your support!

Big news about your local Library!

Dear Parents / Carers,

Your child, if they are not already, will soon be a member of Camden libraries! Camden Council is working with all local state schools to auto-enrol primary-age children to the public library service if they don't already have a library card. The library card will be delivered to your child through their school during the summer and autumn terms.

This year is the National Year of Reading, and Camden wants every child to discover the joy of reading, because we know the benefits it has for wellbeing and education. The library card can be used to borrow up to 20 books. There are thousands to choose from in our nine libraries, including picture books, talking books, stories and information books, books in other languages and graphic novels.

Why are we auto-enrolling children to the library service?

Reading for pleasure helps a child's development in language and understanding. It supports academic success and aids problem-solving.

We've made it easier for parents and carers to support children to use the library by introducing this auto-enrolment. By becoming a member of Camden libraries, your child will have access to thousands of books they can borrow and will support reading at each stage of their life, as well as free events and activities that help to foster a love of reading and learning. Membership is free and borrowing books is free - and there are no charges if you return books late.

Every year, Camden libraries run the Summer Reading Challenge to encourage reading over the summer holidays. As a member, your child can take part and join free activities.

We hope you will come and visit our libraries with your child and their new library card, to help them find and borrow books. You do not need to bring any further information or proof of address for your child's membership of the library.

We hope you will come and visit our libraries to help your child find and borrow books. There are nine Camden libraries, and you can visit any of them. A member can also use our free 24/7 digital library, that can help with homework - this can be found online at camden.gov.uk/digital-library.

How do I find my local library?

Please check on the website to find your local library and opening times at camden.gov.uk/library-information.

What data do you hold about my child and what if I don't want my child to be part of this?

We will hold some of your child's personal data on the Library Management System. This includes their name, address, school, school year and date of birth. You shared the data with the Council when you enrolled them at primary school.

You have the right to opt out of library membership. To do so, please contact your local library or email libraries@camden.gov.uk. We will then delete your child's information from the library management system. If you want more information about how we use your personal data please see the [library privacy notice](#) and our main privacy notice at camden.gov.uk/privacy or scan our QR code:



Yours sincerely,

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