



News update

Welcome to a new year at Yerbury Primary School. It has been lovely to see our returning children and to begin to get to know our new starters this week. The children seem to have shot-up over the holidays and have been busy getting to know their new teachers and learning about their new topics. Yesterday morning, we had a very impressive turnout to the launch of the [Nocado campaign's new fundraising initiative](#) where you can help to reveal part of [Mark Wallinger](#)'s bespoke artwork by donating to the campaign (more below).

Of course, the week has also been marked with sadness with the news of the passing of HRH Queen Elizabeth II. A special assembly was held this morning where her life was celebrated and the events of the coming days were touched upon. For many of our children, this will be the first experience of the loss of such a well-known figure in their lives. We will continue to acknowledge events and celebrate the Queen's life across assemblies and activities in the coming days and weeks.

We will be holding our customary welcome meetings for each year group next week. If you can make it along then we do encourage you to do so, they are a great way to meet your child's teacher and get to know about the year ahead.

Attendance

There is going to be a big national drive on school attendance and punctuality this year so please ensure your child arrives for school on-time every-day. If your child is too unwell to attend school please email or call the school office, choosing option 1 by 8.30am on that morning, giving the reason for your child's absence. Please do remember to do this as the office team will have to contact families when children are absent without explanation. Please also let the school know if you know in advance of any dates in the future when your child will not be attending.

Term Dates

You can find the school term dates by clicking the image below:

SCHOOL DATES 2022 - 2023

TERM DATES	TERM STARTS	TERM ENDS	CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL
TERM AUTUMN 1	01/09/2022	21/10/2022	MONDAY 5 TH SEPTEMBER 2022
TERM AUTUMN 2	31/10/2022	16/12/2022	MONDAY 31 ST OCTOBER 2022
TERM SPRING 1	03/01/2023	10/02/2023	WEDNESDAY 4 TH JANUARY 2023
TERM SPRING 2	20/02/2023	31/03/2023	MONDAY 20 TH FEBRUARY 2023
TERM SUMMER 1	17/04/2023	26/05/2023	MONDAY 17 TH APRIL 2023
TERM SUMMER 2	05/06/2023	21/07/2023	MONDAY 5 TH JUNE 2023
GREY SHADE SHOWS THE DAYS SCHOOL IS CLOSED			

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5 INSET DAYS: *Thursday 1st & Friday 2nd September 2022, Tuesday 3rd January 2023, Monday 20th February 2023 and Monday 17th April 2023
BANK HOLIDAY: Monday 1st May 2023

Clubs

- Yerbury activity clubs commence Monday 19th September.
- Highbury Roundhouse activity clubs commence Monday 19th September
- Chess lunchtime club commences Monday 19th September

There are still some club spaces available, you can find out more by logging into ScoPay.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club continues to run from 8am each morning on a drop-in basis (you can register the first time your child attends). The only change to report is that now the school day begins earlier, we ask that any children who haven't eaten breakfast arrive by 8:40am so that there is time for them to eat and for the hall to be cleared ahead of the start of the school day.

Brass Instrument Lessons

Brass lessons are available at Yerbury on Wednesdays and Thursdays after school for students in years 4, 5 and 6. Students have a choice of learning trumpet, trombone, or baritone and at the end of each term, all of the brass students get the opportunity to rehearse and play together as a band in a concert.

Lessons are £16 per 25 minute lesson and are paid for by the term and instruments are free for the students to use, under the condition that they are responsible for any repairs if damaged.

If you're interested, please contact Rachel Adams

(subcontrabasstuba@gmail.com)

Free School Meals Online Assessment

To ensure the school receives the correct funding for your child it is imperative you complete the FSM assessment online https://ems.islingtonschools.net/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en even if you know you are not eligible We still need you to apply to ensure we do not miss any funding. Also your circumstances may have changed since you last completed so if this is the case please ensure you complete again.

Nocado

Mark Wallinger fundraiser launched!!

Thank you so much to everyone who came down to the launch of our new crowdfunder on Thursday morning. It was incredible to see so many people with so much energy and passion after nearly three years of fighting this battle!

The new fundraiser aims to raise money for our barrister to represent us at the upcoming appeal to make sure Ocado's witnesses are scrutinised and the views of the school, parents and residents are heard.

Head to nocado.org/markwallinger to reveal the artwork - £1 per square.

And please, share the page and spread the word!



York Rise street festival this Sunday

We will also be at the York Rise street festival this Sunday handing out QR codes and spreading the word about the new crowdfunder.

See you there!

Meet The Parents - *Find out about local Secondary Schools*

Yerbury Parents in all year groups are invited to join any one of our Meet the Parents autumn events. Meanwhile, Yerbury is hosting its own event on Monday 12th September from 6.30 to 7.30pm. Please come along and join the discussion about local Camden secondary schools. There will be a panel of children and parents/carers representing their school bringing an up-to-date and honest account of their education experience.

You, the audience, are encouraged to ask any question that is important to

you when choosing a secondary school for your child.

Registration will be in advance by Eventbrite.

<https://YerburyMTP12thSept.eventbrite.co.uk>

We are also running virtual events on 14th, 20th, 28th September and 4th October.

<https://VirtualMTPWestSide14thSept.eventbrite.co.uk>

<https://VirtualMTPEastSide20thSept.eventbrite.co.uk>

<https://VirtualMTPWestSide28thSept.eventbrite.co.uk>

<https://VirtualMTPEastSide4thOct.eventbrite.co.uk>

For more information about Meet the Parents see [MEET THE PARENTS – Supporting schools in the community](#)



Islington Cost of Living Support

Islington Council have launched a campaign to ensure that Islington residents have access to support, money advice and all the benefits they're entitled to during the cost of living crisis.

As part of the campaign, Cllr Michelline Ngongo, Lead member for Children, Families and Young People has written a letter to parents with details about free school meals, uniform grants, help with childcare costs and other local help with the cost of living.

You can read her letter by clicking [HERE](#).

Polio Booster Vaccine Walk-In Clinics

The NHS has recently written to all parents and carers who have children aged 1-9 in London to inform them of the availability of a [polio vaccine booster](#).

Children aged 6-9 can access the vaccine at local clinics. A walk-in clinic for children aged 6-9 only is open at [Hornsey Central Vaccination Clinic](#) seven days a week, 8am-8pm for the polio booster vaccine. Parents should bring their child's redbook. There is free parking onsite. Other local clinics are available for walk-ins and appointments.

For children aged 1-5 years, parents and carers will be contacted by the NHS to book a polio vaccination.

Yerbury Foundation

The Yerbury Foundation was established in 2018 to safeguard and future-proof Yerbury's ability to deliver a rich, creative and diverse school experience for all children, despite financial challenges. We raise money to help the school to continue to offer outstanding provision and school improvement projects that can't be funded from the school's state budget, seeking financial donations from parents and the local community members, developing partnerships with businesses, and applying for grant funding where available.

To become a regular donor or make a one-off donation, please click the image below:



What have we been learning?

Reception

It has been a wonderful first few days week in Reception, the children have done so well settling in and it has been lovely getting to know them all. This week we have mainly been learning the routines of the classroom and having lots of fun!

The children have loved exploring all of the different areas in Reception and reading lots of stories together. We have been very impressed with their knowledge of nursery rhymes!

Please continue to remember to bring your child's water bottle each day and don't forget that we don't allow children to bring their own toys into school - we have plenty here for them to choose from.

We hope you have a lovely weekend and look forward to a full week in Reception next week!

[Reception webpage](#) - *Parent/teacher time: Rec D - Mondays 3.45pm - 4.15pm, Rec G - Mondays 3.45pm - 4.15pm*

Year 1

We have had an excellent start to Year 1 and it has been lovely getting to know all the children. The children have really impressed us with their enthusiasm and how quickly they have adjusted to the new routines of Key Stage 1. We have begun to look at our topic '**Who are we?**', thinking about some of the things that make us special - our families, friends, school and community.

We have been reminding ourselves of our sounds with lots of **Phonics** work in **English** and making sure we remember our **counting** in **Maths**. Children have also been enjoying a carousel of activities in the afternoons, where they have been working on their fine motor skills, letter formation, reading, oracy and pencil control all through creativity and play!

We look forward to meeting parents and carers in the Year 1 welcome meeting. Have a wonderful weekend.

[Year 1 webpage](#) - *Parent/teacher time: 1B - Wednesdays 3.45pm - 4.15pm, 10 - Wednesdays 3.45pm - 4.15pm*

Year 2

Year 2 have had a fantastic first week back at school and got stuck in to lots of fun learning. On the first day, we discussed our three class rules: being **Ready, Respectful and Safe**. We talked about what these words mean and why it is important to follow them, then went on to making some lovely posters.

In PSHE we read '**The Love Monster**' and talked about things that we love. We also recapped '**Getting Back to Green**', and the different ways we can bring ourselves back to feeling calm and happy. Some things that may

help us include talking to a trusted adult at home or at school, or writing something in the Worry Box.

In **English**, we explored a surreal picture of a night scene, used **drama to create a soundscape** and then wrote **phrases describing what we could see and hear** in the forest. For example, a pale moon with a face, a howling wolf, twinkling stars and fluffy clouds. We then took these phrases and wrote a **descriptive paragraph** about the scene.

In **Maths**, we have been playing some addition games, especially focusing on **recapping number bonds to 10** and **addition within 20**. We also painted numbers up to 50 with dienes to visualise the tens and ones in each number.

[Year 2 webpage](#) - Parent/teacher time: 2A - Mondays 3.45pm - 4.15pm, 2P- Mondays 3.45pm - 4.15pm

Year 3

We have had a great first week getting to know each other again in class! We have spent some time getting into routines and discussing changes to the school day in KS2.

In maths we have reviewed some learning from last year particularly mental addition and subtraction strategies as well as using maths language to discuss methods and ideas. An important concept at this point of the year is to understand that numbers can be broken down into Hundreds Tens and Ones in order to make calculations easier. Talk to your child about the difference between a number and a digit (a part of a number) i.e. 324 is a 3-digit number.

In English the children planned and wrote a letter to their future selves to explain their thoughts and feelings on entering Year 3 and to ask any burning

questions they have about the upcoming year. We have sealed the letters and they will open them this time next year.

We began our RE topic of 'What do different people believe about God?' and discussed the children's thoughts as a class.

In art we looked at examples of prehistoric cave paintings and the children speculated on how and why they were made.

[Year 3 webpage](#) - Parent/teacher time: 3J - Mondays 3.45pm - 4.15pm, 3N - Thursdays 3.45pm - 4.15pm

Year 4

We have had a fantastic first week with Year 4 and the children are really excited about this term's topics. In **English** we have reflected on our time in Year 3 and recorded our hopes for a new school year, reading our previous **letter to my future self** and writing a new one. In **maths**, we have been **recapping on place value** on numbers below a thousand, and getting stuck in with times tables practice in some **multiplication games**. We have also begun thinking about our new **Active Planet** topic in **Geography**, discussing what we already know about volcanoes and earthquakes and what we hope to find out. It's been a great start and we look forward to meeting many parents and carers at our welcome meeting next Friday.

[Year 4 webpage](#) - Parent/teacher time: 4A - Mondays 3.45pm - 4.15pm, 4H - Mondays 3.45pm - 4.15pm

Year 5

We have really enjoyed getting to know the children this week and are looking forward to a great year!

In **Maths**, we have begun our work on **place value**. We focused on **powers of 10**, and **place value up to a million** and used Gattegno charts to look at how numbers change when multiplied or divided by ten.

In **English**, we focused on reading this week. We looked at the opening chapters of 'Cogheart' and 'The Clockwork Crow'. We discussed how effective story openings set the scene but also provoke the reader to ask questions and compel the audience to continue with the story.

In **Spanish**, we started to look at our new unit '**Mi Casa**'. We learnt how to say apartment or house in Spanish as well as the location of the building.

Ask your child how to say in Spanish where they live and in what type of home.

[Year 5 webpage](#) - *Parent/teacher time: 5M - Mondays 3.45pm - 4.15pm, 5R - Mondays 3.45pm - 4.15pm*

Year 6

In Year 6 this week we have all been excited to begin what will surely be an incredible year! The children, as well as the adults, have all been getting used to their new settings and routines. As they are now the oldest children in the school the Year 6s have been making sure that they are role models for the rest of the school and leading by example!

We have spent a lot of time on our PSHE work in class. We have been getting to know each other a bit better, develop our understanding of our school rules (Ready - Respectful - Safe) and have carefully considered what makes us who we are and how we are all unique and different! Of course, we have also reminded ourselves of how we can get back to green -GBTG.

We have begun our new topic - World War II in Islington. We have begun this

by discussing the countries involved in the beginning of the war in September 1939. Please make sure your child takes the time to learn the information on their knowledge organisers as we will be referring back to these facts throughout the term.

We are excited by what we have seen from the children this week and cannot wait to see the wonderful work that they will produce this year.

[Year 6 webpage](#) - - *Parent/teacher time: 6D - Wednesdays 3.45pm - 4.15pm, 6R - Wednesdays 3.45pm - 4.15pm*

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