



Whitehall Park School

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Friday 25th September 2026

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MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

One month down (nearly) and three more to go to close out the autumn term

It has been an absolute joy watching our wonderful children settle so brilliantly over the past four weeks. They are fully into the swing of their new routines (like the 3Ss and 'silent stairs'), and the vibrant energy around the school continues to be fantastic. Behaviour across the school is currently excellent, and the children look incredibly smart every single day - thank you so much for your ongoing support with our uniform policy, particularly in ensuring everyone is wearing either all-black trainers or traditional school shoes. It really sets a proud, high-standard tone for our whole community.

I also want to take one last moment to celebrate our fantastic Year 6 cohort from last year - our SATs results are pretty strong! We are immensely proud of the children's hard work, dedication, and resilience, and we wish them every success as they settle into their secondary schools. A huge well done to all of them!

Important Updates & Notices:

- **Play Structure:** Sadly, our large play structure on the main playground did not pass its latest safety test, so children are currently unable to play on it. We will keep you updated as soon as we have more news on repairs or next steps.
- **Parent Governors Wanted:** We are actively looking for new Parent Governors to join our governing body. If you are interested in making a difference in our school community, please pop into the school office for more details.
- **Join the PTCA:** We are also seeking new members for our PTCA! We will be holding a PTCA meeting on Thursday 8th October to elect new roles. Please come along if you'd like to get involved.
- **Clubs:** Bookings are live via the Arbor Parents App, so please log in to secure your child's spots for this term if you haven't already.
- **Parents' Evening:** We have provisionally scheduled Parents' Evening for the very first week back after the October half-term. More details and booking information will follow shortly.
- **Our Staff:** Thank you for giving such a warm welcome to the new teachers who joined our team this term. They are fully settled in and feeling right at home!

We have so much excitement planned for the coming months and can't wait to share it all with you. Thank you, as always, for your continued partnership and support in making our school community such a brilliant place to learn and grow.

Mr T Mills-Bishop

Supporting Our Children Through Interventions

My name is Miss T, and our interventions are now up and running! Alongside Miss Lilley, I deliver ELSA, Boxall and Nurture interventions to support children's emotional, social and communication needs.

Boxall Profile helps us understand children's social and emotional development and identify areas where they may benefit from additional support.

ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) helps children understand and manage their emotions, build confidence, develop positive relationships and learn strategies to cope with challenges.

Nurture provides a supportive environment where children can develop their emotional, social and communication skills through positive relationships and structured activities.

All interventions are tailored to individual needs and delivered through one-to-one sessions, small groups or classroom activities.

If your child is taking part and you would like to find out more, please feel free to come and speak to Miss T or Miss Lilley.

Attendance

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Did you know?

Learning days lost

Acceptable sickness & unforeseen absences.

98% = 4 days

97% = 6 days

96% = 8 days

Attendance below 95% is of concern to the school & you will be contacted automatically. 10 days unauthorised absences for holidays over the year mean you will only achieve 95% attendance. Sickness & medical appointments, although usually unavoidable & authorised, will add further to your child's absence record.

95% = 10 days

94% = 12 days

93% = 14 days

92% = 16 days

Poor attendance

Attendance below 90% is a serious concern. Your child has now missed nearly 4 weeks' education. You may be referred to the Early Help team at the local authority.

91% = 18 days

90% = 20 days

89% = 21 days

88% = 23 days

87% = 25 days

86% = 27 days

Very poor attendance

85% = 29 days

84% = 31 days

82% = 35 days

80% = 39 days

If you child misses...	Every day over the week is...	Every day over the year is...	Every day over 13 years of school is...
10 mins a day	50 mins	1 ½ weeks	Nearly ½ year
20 mins a day	1 hour 40 mins	2 ½ weeks	Nearly 1 year
30 mins a day	½ a day	4 weeks	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 hour a day	1 day	8 weeks	Nearly 2 ½ years

DATES COMING UP!

All diary dates will now be saved on our [website](#). Please import dates into your calendar or bookmark the page for quick access: <https://www.whitehallparkschool.co.uk/Calendar/>

SCHOOL ARRIVAL AND LATENESS

All children should be in school by 8:50 a.m. The school gates open at 8:40am and close promptly at 8:50 am. Any children arriving after 9am are considered late and must report to the School Office and be signed in.

Parents will be notified by letter if their child is persistently late for school, and persistent lateness may be noted on the child's Annual Report.

If you know that your child is going to be late, please contact the school by telephone as soon as possible to let us know.

PHOTO DAY



Individual photos will be taken on Thursday 22nd October. Please ensure your children are in full school uniform (including tie and blazer), looking smart and presentable.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Free school meal entitlement

The DfE is requesting that we confirm parents' eligibility to Free School Meals as a matter of urgency. This is because, from the start of academic year 2026 to 2027, all children in households receiving Universal Credit will be entitled to free school meals, regardless of earnings.

Please may we ask you to access the FSM checker via the link below.

It will take just a few minutes and will provide the school with the most up to date and accurate information. <https://fsm.lgfl.net/>

Holiday Supermarket Vouchers

Islington Council has ended its holiday free school meal supermarket voucher scheme following the expiration of the government's Household Support Fund and its replacement by the Crisis and Resilience Fund.

FREE FAMILY SWIMMING LESSONS

Learn to swim for free with your family. Take part in 8 weeks of lessons with a qualified teacher. Improve your swimming skills and water confidence while learning fun games to play in the pool.

8 WEEKS OF LESSONS



Free Family Swimming Course

We are running free swimming courses for all families, and we are encouraging applications from black and Asian families as data from the Black Swimming Association shows that 95% of Black adults and 80% of Black children don't swim; 93% of Asian adults and 78% Asian children don't swim.

We are working towards supporting families to learn water safety, have confidence in the water, and to learn to swim or improve their swimming skills, to encourage families to swim together.

The eight-week course runs from on Saturdays, 1.45-2.45pm at Cally Pool, 3 October – 21 November 2026.

Each member of the family will be given free swimming equipment - a swim cap, swimming goggles. These lessons will enable all members of the family to spend some fun quality time together and to learn and/or improve upon the lifesaving skill of swimming.

To book the swimming lessons, please contact Mikael Kiviniemi, GLL Community Sport Manager

Plant Pot Donations Needed



We are looking for medium or large sized plant pots to help develop our woodland area. If you have any spare plant pots at home that you no longer need, we would be grateful if you could donate them to the school. The pots will be used by the children for planting and growing activities, helping us make our woodland area even more exciting and engaging.

Thank you for your support!

Spanish - Afterschool Club



We are excited to announce our new spanish afterschool club!

This is a fantastic opportunity for children to learn Spanish in a fun and engaging environment. The sessions will include fun activities, games, songs and simple Spanish conversation, helping children to develop their language skills while having fun.

There are still lots of of spaces available on our other after-school clubs. If your child would like to join please book their space on the arbor app.



School Lunch



Please ensure that you are booking your child's lunch option via the **Arbor Parent App**. If no lunch option is selected, your child will be assigned an office-issued meal choice. Your child will always be provided with a meal; however, it may not be their preferred option.

To help us ensure your child receives their chosen meal, please make your selection the evening before. If you are unable to book a lunch, please contact the school office for assistance. For guidance on how to select meal choices in Arbor, please see the link below: <https://support.arbor-education.com/hc/en-us/articles/6956696271261-Meal-Menu-choices-on-the-Parent-Portal-or-Parent-App>

Apply for secondary school - Year 7 - 2027

You are now able to apply for your child's Year 7 place for September 2027.

Important Information:

Secondary Transfer Deadline Date: 31 October 2026 – All applications must be submitted by this date; applications received after this date will be classed as late and not considered until all on time offers have been made.

Attached is the admissions guide from Islington. Please ensure you carefully read through the information before making your application via eAdmissions.

Apply online: www.eadmissions.org.uk This will take you to the eAdmissions site where you can apply online. Please ensure that you read the application form carefully before ticking any boxes and ensure that you provide the evidence required. Make sure that you submit your application and any edited versions by the deadline date of 31 October 2026.

We understand that children may take time out to visit secondary schools for open days, tours and possibly assessments. Please ensure you notify the Office of any absence for these reasons in advance.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Islington Admissions Team:

Tel: 020 7527 5515

Email: admissions@islington.gov.uk

Open Events



St Aloysius' College
Open Evening
Thursday 17th September
4.30-6.30pm

A very warm welcome to our bustling, open-hearted community! As the new Headteacher, I look forward to welcoming you to our Open Evening on 17 September. Keep a close eye on our social media channels for all the latest updates. This year, once again, we are celebrating excellent academic outcomes, and we are delighted to welcome our new Year 7 boys and girls into this thriving community. Come and visit us, and see St Aloysius' in action for yourselves!

Robert Mahon
Headteacher

Stay connected
You're always in the know about what's going on at St Aloysius' College - just follow us on Instagram, Facebook and X.
@StAloysiusC

Register
for Open Evening here. Signing up is quick and simple.

St Aloysius' College is a high-performing, welcoming school where students find their feet and achieve more. With GCSE and A-Level results exceedingly above national outcomes and Ofsted describing pupils as "happy, confident and polite," we provide a safe, supportive environment where children thrive.

Open Morning - Monday, 28th September, 9.15-10.30am

Open Morning - Tuesday, 29th September, 9.15-10.30am

Open Morning - Wednesday, 30th September, 9.15-10.30am

Open Morning - Thursday, 1st October, 9.15-10.30am

Open Morning - Friday, 2nd October, 9.15-10.30am

Open Saturday - 3rd October, 9.00-11.00am



WILLIAM ELLIS SCHOOL

OPEN EVENTS 2026
For Year 7 entry in September 2027

WES WEDNESDAYS!
Every Wednesday between 16th September and 14th October there'll be an opportunity for families to visit us.

Open Mornings - 9-10.30am

Wednesday 16th September
Wednesday 23rd September
Wednesday 7th October
Wednesday 14th October

"Meet The Head" Event - 4-5pm
Wednesday 30th September

OPEN EVENING
Thursday 24th September, 6-8pm

Ofsted Good Provider

www.williamellis.camden.sch.uk

Contact us
Year7admission@williamellis.camden.sch.uk

Register your attendance via our website or by scanning the code above



Hornsey School for Girls
FORTIOR QUO PARATIOR
The Better Prepared the Stronger

OPEN EVENING

Thursday
1st October, 2026
5:30 - 7:30 PM

Open Mornings:
24th Sept,
2nd, 6th and 13th Oct
9:20am - 10:30 am

The Better Prepared
Hornsey School for Girls



HWS Highgate Wood School
Everyone matters
Everyone achieves

CONSIDERATION | COURTESY | COOPERATION | CONTRIBUTION

OPEN EVENING
Thursday 15th October 2026
5:00pm – 7:00pm

Open Mornings
19th, 20th, 21st October 2026
9:15am - 10:30am

We look forward to welcoming you on your visit to Highgate Wood School

Please see the link to booking info for morning slots below:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/2000567362836?aff=oddtcreator>

Parliament Hill School

Open Evening in 2026:

- Thursday 24th September 2026, 5-7.30pm

No need to book

Open Mornings in 2026:

- Wed 30th September, 9-10.30am
- Thursday 1st October, 9-10.30am
- Tuesday 6th October, 9-10.30am

No need to book

Please email enquiries@parliamenthill.camden.sch.uk for further information



We are a community in which
everyone enjoys academic and social
success



Highbury Fields School is hosting the following open events for
students starting secondary school in September 2027

Open Mornings

Tuesday, 29th September
Tuesday, 6th October
Wednesday, 7th October
9:20am - 10:30am

Open Evening

Wednesday, 30th September
5pm - 7pm
Headteacher's speech
5:30pm & 6:30pm

Please book your visit via the school website

We look forward to welcoming all potential students and parents
If you are unable to attend these Open Events, please contact the school office to arrange a tour of the school

Highbury Hill | Islington | N5 1AR | 020 7288 3888

www.highburyfields.islington.sch.uk



Greig City Academy

Year 7 entry for September 2027 Open Evening Monday 28th September 2026 4.30pm - 7.00pm

Open Evening and Open Mornings

Year 7 entry for September 2027

Open Evening:

Monday 28th September 2026 - 4.30pm - 7.00pm



La Sainte Union CATHOLIC SCHOOL

OPEN EVENTS

We're looking forward to meeting prospective families at our Open Events this term.

Open Evening: Tuesday 29th September 4pm-7pm

Open Mornings: Tuesday 13th October and Thursday 15th October

Please, see the Open Events page for more details: [La Sainte Union - Open Events](#)

Open Evening and Mornings 2026

In the autumn term we host an **Open Evening** and three **Open Mornings** for prospective pupils and families to visit our academy, see our state-of-the-art facilities, and meet our students and staff.

To book your place, please RSVP using the links below:

Year 6 Open Evening – Thursday 24 September 4.30pm–7.00pm (Principal's Speech 6.00pm) [RSVP Link](#)

Year 6 Open Morning 1 – Thursday 1 October 9.00am–10.15am (Principal's Speech 9.45am) [RSVP Link](#)

Year 6 Open Morning 2 – Thursday 8 October 9.00am–10.15am (Principal's Speech 9.45am) [RSVP Link](#)

Year 6 Open Morning 3 – Thursday 15 October 9.00am–10.15am (Principal's Speech 9.45am) [RSVP Link](#)

Arts & Media School ISLINGTON



OPEN EVENTS

OPEN EVENING

Tuesday 22nd Sept 2026: 5-7.30pm
Headteacher's presentation 6.15pm

OPEN MORNINGS

Thursdays from 1st-22nd Oct: 9.15-10.45am
SEND Focus Visit - 21st October 9.15-10.45am



Further details: www.artsandmedia.islington.sch.uk



"This is an inclusive school where pupils have positive working relationships with their teachers."
"Pupils are proud of the diversity of their school and the wide range of opportunities that are provided."

Ofsted April 2023

RECEPTION & NURSERY

As part of our All About Me topic in Parsley and Sage Class, we have been exploring what makes each of us special, as well as the ways we are the same and different from one another.

Inspired by the work of Vincent van Gogh, we created our own beautiful self-portraits. Using mirrors, pencils and carefully matched skin-tone paints, we looked closely at our unique features before sketching and painting ourselves.

The children worked with great care and creativity, and we are very proud of their wonderful artwork!

Come and see our inspirational self-portrait display in school.



YEAR 1/2

Jasmine Class have had a fantastic week of learning! In Maths, we have continued developing our understanding of place value by exploring part-whole models and representing numbers in different ways, including writing numbers as words.

In Science, the children have been learning about everyday materials and practising how to describe different materials using their properties. In History, our Year 1 children have been learning about houses over time, exploring how homes have changed throughout history, while our Year 2 children have been learning about the incredible lives and work of Florence Nightingale and the impact she has during the Crimean War.

We are also continuing to develop our phonics and reading skills, building confidence with sounds, blending and reading new words. It has been wonderful to see the children working hard, supporting one another and making such positive progress across all areas of their learning this week and so early into Autumn term. Well done, Jasmine Class!

YEAR 2/3

Lavender Class has continued their fantastic start to the new term, building perfectly on the excellent progress they made so far in Years 2 and 3! The children are working incredibly hard across all subjects.

In English, they have been writing wonderful diary entries, while in Maths, they are mastering place value using number lines and counters. They have also been exploring creative new drawing techniques in Art. We are so proud of their ongoing hard work and focus keep it up, Lavender Class!

YEAR 4

In PSHE we are learning about my healthy self: How can I make healthy choices? Understanding how healthy choices support both physical and mental wellbeing by exploring, exercise, nutrition and hydration.

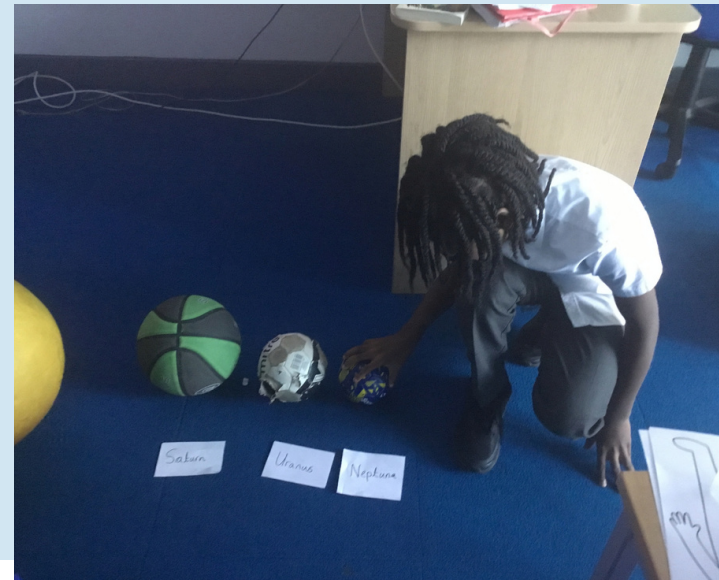
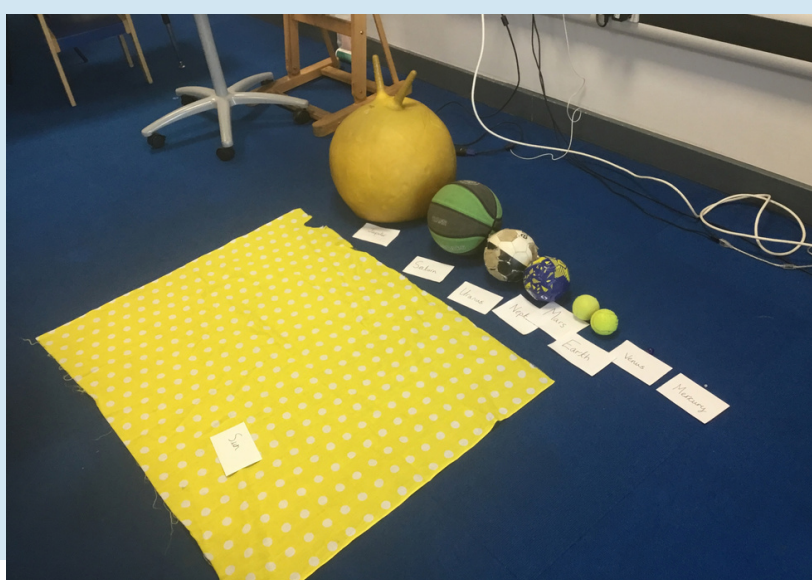
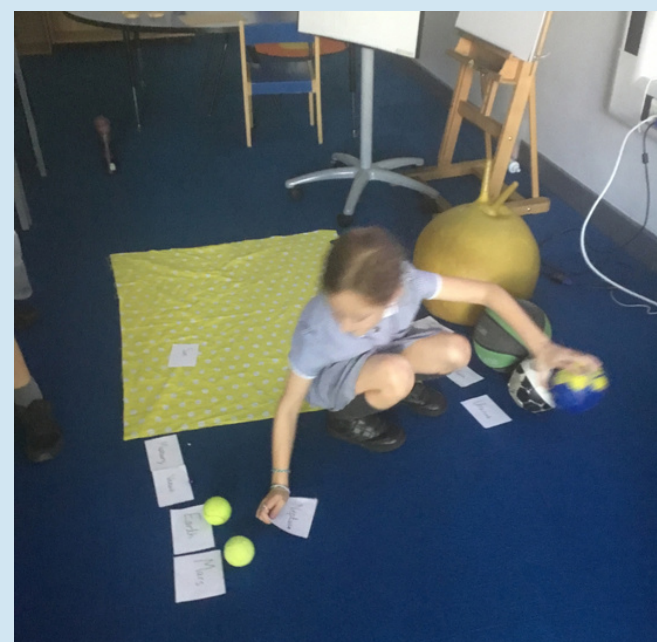
In science we are learning about Animals including humans . This unit 'Animals including humans' takes children through six lessons where they learn how to: describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans; identify the different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions; and finally, construct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and preys.

YEAR 5

In Art, we have been looking at how lines can express both movement and emotions in our sketches. We started out by experimenting and drawing a range of different lines and discussed how line, shade and colour can offer differing perspectives when interpreting movement and emotion within a drawing.

In Science, we have been learning about the 8 planets within our solar system. We used different sized balls to help us understand the sizes of the planets in relation to each other (not to scale) and placed them in the correct order.

Finally we conducted some research into each planet such as the planet's atmosphere, how long it took each planet to spin on its axis and orbit around the sun.



YEAR 6

It has been another busy and purposeful couple of weeks in Year 6. We held interviews and made the final appointments for our new House Captains and Vice Captains. We were incredibly impressed by the strength of the field this year; the candidates presented themselves exceptionally well. We are very proud, and the whole school is excited to see our Year 6 pupils take on such important and responsible positions.

In English, the children have been writing historical narratives inspired by War Horse. They have been working hard to weave purposeful dialogue and figurative language into their writing. Crucially, we have focused heavily on avoiding anachronisms, challenging the children to really get into the mind of a character living in England over a hundred years ago and understand how different their lives were from the ones we live today.

Our maths lessons have focused on rounding and navigating negative numbers. As the curriculum demands increase, it is incredibly important that the children continue to shore up their basic arithmetic skills. Having a rapid, secure grasp of mental arithmetic is essential so that they can access all the new learning in Year 6 and achieve well in their assessments later this year. Extra practice of these foundational skills at home makes a significant difference.

Finally, it has been wonderful to see the quality of discussion and thought that has been evident across the wider curriculum. This has been particularly striking in our history lessons, where the children have been thoughtfully interpreting complex historical concepts, such as the devastating impact of hyperinflation in Weimar Germany.



SPORTS GOLD AWARD

I am happy to say that we have once again been awarded the School Games Gold Award for the third year in a row!

This award reflects Whitehall Park’s commitment to the development of competition across the school and into the wider community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our continued success.

EVENT DATES

Date	Event
Thursday 24th September	Islington Year 5/6 Boys Football Tournament
Friday 2nd October	Year 5 boys Local Football Festival
Wednesday 7th October	Islington Year 5/6 Girls Football Tournament
Wednesday 14th October	Islington Year 3/4 Boys Football Tournament
Wednesday 21st October	Islington Year 3/4 Girls Football Tournament
Friday 23rd October	Year 5 girls Local Football Festival

PE DAYS

Just a reminder that children can only wear PE kit on their PE days. Please ensure children with long hair wear a hairband.

Days	Year Groups
Monday	Year 4
Tuesday	Reception
Wednesday	Year 1, 2 and 3
Thursday	Year 6
Friday	Year 5