

The WHPS Weekly

Friday 20th March 2026



WHPS Awarded Area of Excellence for Maths

Dear WHPS Families,

We are delighted to announce that WHPS has been recognised with an **Accredited Area of Excellence** for our **mathematics curriculum and approach to adaptive teaching**, following a Quality Assurance Review in February by **Challenge Partners**. This prestigious recognition highlights the strength of mathematics teaching across the school and the impact it has on pupils' achievement and confidence.

Since 2019, WHPS has been a lead primary school within the National Centre for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics (NCETM) Maths Hub. Over this time, we have developed a **bespoke mastery curriculum** and a clear, consistent approach to teaching that supports all pupils to succeed. Our whole-school **Teaching Standards**, created collaboratively by staff in 2023, set out the key features of high-quality teaching, including clear lesson structures, strong mathematical vocabulary, learning in small steps, modelling, questioning and the use of representations and manipulatives.



WHPS also supports schools beyond our own community by hosting NCETM work groups, welcoming visitors to see mathematics teaching in action and sharing practice at regional professional events. Reviewers noted that the school has **“helped to improve mathematics in a number of schools and inspired teachers across the north of London.”**

Most importantly, the review recognised that **pupils enjoy mathematics and experience success in their learning**, with outcomes significantly above national averages. We are very proud of this achievement!



QUALITY ASSURANCE REVIEW

REVIEW REPORT FOR WEST HAMPSTEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Quality Assurance Review

The review team, comprising host school leaders and visiting reviewers, agrees that evidence indicates these areas are evaluated as follows:

Leadership at all levels Leading
Quality of provision and outcomes Leading

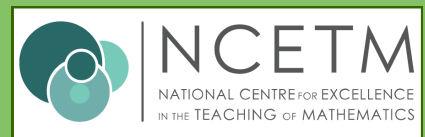
AND

Quality of provision and outcomes for disadvantaged pupils and/or pupils with additional needs Leading

Area of excellence Accredited

Previously accredited valid areas of excellence N/A

Overall peer evaluation estimate Leading



Olivia Cooper, Maths Leader

EVENTS NEXT WEEK—LAST WEEK FOR AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

- MONDAY:** Danube Class Swimming PM
3:45-4:30 Yr4 MTC Meeting for parents
- TUESDAY:** Prospective Parent Tour
Royal Academy of Music visit Nursery
- WEDNESDAY:** Thames Class Swimming PM
- FRIDAY:** 9:10 Lily Class Assembly
9:00-3:30 Debating Club Competing at South Hampstead School
11:00 Golden Time

END OF TERM—SCHOOL DAY ENDS at 2:00PM

Celebrating Positive Feedback from Our Challenge Partners Review



We are delighted to share some very positive news with our school community. Recently, West Hampstead Primary School (WHPS) took part in a **Quality Assurance Review (QAR)** carried out by Challenge Partners. Challenge Partners is a national network of schools that work together to improve education through collaboration, peer review and shared expertise.



A QAR involves experienced school leaders visiting a school to review key aspects such as leadership, curriculum, teaching and learning. **It is important to note that this process is not the same as an Ofsted inspection.** As the report explains, it is *“a voluntary and developmental process”* designed to support schools through professional dialogue and shared learning.

Despite this, the feedback offers valuable external validation. We are extremely proud that WHPS received an **overall peer evaluation estimate of**

“Leading.” The review recognised the strong work taking place across the school and confirmed that our approach is having a positive impact. As the reviewers noted, WHPS is a school with *“a strong ethos and culture, underpinned by shared values, consistency and high aspiration.”*

Leadership at All Levels

The review team judged **Leadership at all levels** to be **Leading**, highlighting the strong and thoughtful leadership across the school. The report praised the headteacher and senior leadership team for continuing to drive improvement and keeping pupils at the centre of every decision. They described the leadership as *“reflective and astute,”* and recognised that leaders share *“a moral imperative and strong ambition for the community that their inclusive school serves.”*



Reviewers also noted the positive professional culture within the school. Staff feel supported through clear communication and opportunities for professional development, with leaders who *“actively listen to staff and respond thoughtfully, which has helped to foster trust.”*

Another strength highlighted was the way leadership is shared across the school. Middle leaders are empowered to develop their subjects and contribute to school improvement. The report recognised *“knowledgeable and passionate middle leaders”* who are trusted to monitor and develop their areas. This distributed leadership has helped strengthen the curriculum and build capacity across the school.

Quality of Provision and Outcomes

The **quality of provision and outcomes** at WHPS was also judged as **Leading**, with the review team highlighting the strong learning culture throughout the school. They noted that *“strong, trusting relationships contribute to a positive, purposeful learning environment where pupils are encouraged to be curious, confident learners.”*

During their visit, reviewers observed calm classrooms and pupils who were engaged and motivated. Behaviour for learning was described as strong, with clear expectations and routines supporting pupils to focus on their learning. The report also praised the high level of pupil participation, noting that pupils *“demonstrate a strong sense of belonging and pride in their school.”*

Teaching was recognised for its adaptability and clarity, with teachers using effective questioning and scaffolding to help pupils succeed. Vocabulary development is a particular strength, helping pupils express their ideas clearly across subjects.

The review also highlighted strong outcomes. Pupils achieve above national averages in phonics at the end of Year 1, and Key Stage 2 outcomes are also above national figures. The school’s curriculum was praised for providing opportunities for depth and challenge, with the report describing it as *“low threshold and high ceiling.”*



Quality of Provision and Outcomes for Disadvantaged Pupils and Pupils with Additional Needs

The review team also recognised the school’s strong commitment to ensuring that **disadvantaged pupils and pupils with additional needs** thrive. This area was also judged as **Leading**, reflecting the school’s inclusive ethos and focus on equity.

Leaders were praised for ensuring disadvantaged pupils are central to planning and evaluation. The report highlighted that leaders consistently emphasise *“that high-quality teaching is the most important support for these pupils.”* Regular discussions about pupil progress ensure that support strategies are carefully targeted and responsive.

Reviewers also commented on the strong culture of belonging within the school, noting that pupils described enjoying school and feeling successful in their learning. They wrote that there is *“a strong culture of belonging, which supports disadvantaged pupils to feel welcomed, valued and confident.”* The report also celebrated the impact of the school’s **Willow provision**, which provides specialist support for pupils with complex needs. This was described as offering *“transformational opportunities to some pupils,”* with a carefully designed curriculum and personalised support helping pupils make meaningful progress.

Overall, the review offers wonderful recognition of the work happening across WHPS. It reflects the dedication of staff, the enthusiasm of pupils and the support of families. Together, we truly live our motto:

“Together, We Achieve.”

Sam Drake, Headteacher



Community Association for West Hampstead



FREE Children's Program Easter Break 2026



Monday, 30th March, 11am – 3:30pm

Fairy Tales Drama Workshop with Sasha and Elif

Tuesday 31st March, 12 – 2:30pm

Create Easter or Spring Cards with Janine, followed by an energetic Capoeira session run by Senzala London

Wednesday, 1st April, 11am – 2pm

Arts & Crafts with Michelle, followed by a dance workshop with Lauren from Spencer Stage School

Thursday, 2nd April, 1:30 – 5pm

Nature filled Arts & Crafts afternoon with Sabrina painting, drawing, printing & weaving

Tuesday, 7th April, 11am – 3:30pm

Easter Mobiles using natural resources and Easter Pop Up Cards with Tash

Wednesday, 8th April, 11am – 1:30pm

Spring Mini Books with Roshi, create you own colourful spring art zine using drawing, painting and collage

Thursday, 9th April, 11am – 3:30pm

Blooming Paper Flowers and Flower Fairies, create spring characters with split-pin moving parts

All workshops are aimed at children aged 6 and over.
Please get in touch via email for more information and to book your place: candypeople@cawh.org.uk

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Camden Mobile Health

Come and visit us for a free KYR and BMI assessment, blood pressure checks, information and advice, no appointment needed

We will be open at the following location:

Sidings Community Centre

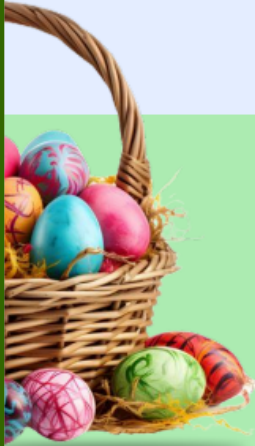
150 Brasseley Road, NW6 2BA

Tuesday 24 March
11am-3pm

The **Camden Mobile Health Bus** is a walk-in service offering free KYR, BMI and blood pressure checks, health information and advice to support residents to make positive health and wellbeing choices, and to prevent them from developing serious health conditions in the future.



CAMDENFOODBANK URGENT EASTER DONATION APPEAL



Please help Camden Foodbank to feed local people in food crisis. In the year to March 25, Trussell foodbanks gave out 2.9 million crisis food parcels, **over a million of these emergency food parcels were given out to children.** With food inflation up by over 38% since 2020, many local people have fallen into food poverty. In 2025 Camden Foodbank supported 6,260 people with emergency parcels. **Please help Camden Foodbank this Easter by donating targeted food or money to support local adults and children living in food poverty.**

URGENT FOOD ITEMS !

- Easter Eggs
- Tinned Meat and Fish
- Tinned Vegetables
- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Rice
- Pasta, Pasta Sauce
- Baked Beans
- Long Life Juice
- Long Life Milk
- Tea, Coffee and Sugar
- Cooking Oil
- Cereal
- Toothbrushes & Toothpaste
- Soap & Shower Gel
- Washing Up Liquid
- Laundry Powder
- Toilet paper

• DONATE MONEY THROUGH JUSTGIVING

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/camdenfoodbank>

Please select GIFT AID which will increase your donation.

• FOR CHEQUES / DIRECT DEBITS AND OTHER DONATION

<https://camden.foodbank.org.uk/support-us/donate-money>



JustGiving

• DONATE FOOD IN PERSON

DAY	TIME OPEN	ADDRESS
Tuesday & Friday	11:30am - 3pm	Camden Foodbank, 14 Pratt Mews, London NW1 0AD
Sunday	10am - 12pm	Camden Foodbank, 14 Pratt Mews, London NW1 0AD
Everyday	8am - 10pm	Camden Town Methodist Church, Wesley Hotel Camden Town, 89 Plender Street London NW1 0JN
Everyday	8am - 10pm	Wesley Euston Hotel, 81-103 Euston Street London NW1 2EZ
Thursday	10am - 6pm	St Mary-le-Savoy with St George German Lutheran Church, Sandwich Street London WC1H 9PL
Sunday	10am - 4pm	St Mary-le-Savoy with St George German Lutheran Church, Sandwich Street London WC1H 9PL

• DONATE BY ONLINE SHOPPING

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Tuesday & Friday	11:30am - 2:30pm	Camden Foodbank, 14 Pratt Mews London NW1 0AD

CAMDEN FOODBANK IS CLOSED FOR EASTER FROM 3RD APRIL 2026 AND REOPENS 7TH APRIL 2026.

Please Donate Here



Camden Foodbank 14 Pratt Mews, London NW1 0AD

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Movement, Relaxation & Lunch



Would you like to join a group of parents and carers, led by an instructor in gentle movement and relaxation sessions followed by a lovely, freshly prepared group lunch?

If so, please join us on:

When?

Tuesday 27th January 26

Tuesday 17th March 26

Tuesday 10th February 26

Tuesday 2^{8th} April 26

Time?

12-2pm

Where:

Kentish Town Congregational Church, Kelly Street, Kentish Town NW1 8PH (The entrance is through the gates and across the garden)

These sessions will focus on gentle movement, stretching, relaxation and well-being, followed by a re-invigorating lunch freshly prepared by our KIDS keyworkers – suitable for all abilities.

Come along and try it out, this one is for looking after YOU!

To book a place please text your name to Aishatu.mohammed@kids.org.uk call or text 07385 003 662/ Jade.Green@kids.org.uk call or text 07711 767 258

<https://www.facebook.com/CamdenSpecialParentsForum>

Limited numbers - booking in advance is required.

Please bring an exercise mat or something comfortable to use.