

The WHPS Weekly

Friday 25th September 2026



Celebrating Our new WHPS Ofsted Report

Dear WHPS Families,

I am delighted to finally share the outcome of our recent Ofsted inspection with our school community. Despite the inspection taking place on June 30th, we have been unable to release the report until today! As I stated in my recent letter, schools will no longer receive a single, overall label like *Outstanding* or *Good*. The government recognised that a single word cannot possibly capture everything a school does. Instead, schools now receive a digital **Report Card** that breaks down performance across different key areas. Please click on this link: <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/21/100009>

This inspection took place under Ofsted's **new and more challenging inspection framework**. Against this framework, we are particularly pleased that 'Early Years Foundation Stage' (EYFS) and 'Inclusion' were **both judged to be 'Strong'**.

These judgements are a wonderful recognition of the care, expertise and commitment of our staff and the work we do to ensure that every child is supported to thrive. The report also confirms that the remaining areas of our provision are as '**Expected**', providing us with a secure foundation from which to continue developing our practice. Unlike back in 2022, Ofsted now uses a strict "**Secure Fit**" model. This is essentially a definitive, all-or-nothing checklist:

- **The Expected Standard is a mandatory baseline:** To achieve this standard, a school must securely tick *every single box* in that category.
- **The Strong Standard requires complete compliance first:** Inspectors are not even allowed to consider a school for a higher rating until the school has flawlessly met 100% of the criteria for the Expected Standard. Because of this rigid rule, therefore achieving the **Expected Standard** is a significant achievement, and reaching a **Strong Standard** requires flawless consistency.

This is the most positive Ofsted report that WHPS has ever had, so I am extremely proud of the outcome and, above all, of the staff and pupils who have contributed to it. We will take great pride in this report while continuing to reflect, develop and strive for the very best for every child at WHPS. We will be aiming for an even better report in 2030. Onwards and upwards!

I would like to invite you again to another coffee morning to talk through this report and explain the new scorecard system. **OFSTED Coffee Morning—Thursday 1st October—9-10am.**

Have a fantastic weekend!

Sam Drake, Headteacher

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

MONDAY:	Danube Class Swimming PM
TUESDAY:	9:15– 1:45 Houses of Parliament trip
WEDNESDAY:	Mersey Class Swimming PM
THURSDAY:	9am-10am OFSTED Coffee Morning
FRIDAY:	2:15 Golden Time



Music Lessons at West Hampstead Primary School– Sign Up Now!

Dear Parents/Carers,

Your child can learn to play a musical instrument or sing at West Hampstead School.

What's on offer?

- Your child can learn to play the piano, guitar, ukulele, violin, drum kit, recorder, flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone or learn to sing.
- Lessons are 20 minutes, 30 minutes or shared. There are 10 lessons a term.
- Lessons take place during the school day with specialist Camden Music tutors.
- The cost can be found on our website camdenmusic.org

How to sign up:

1. Go to the [Camden Music registration page](https://camdenmusic.org) or scan the QR code
2. Choose your instrument
3. Click 'Show More'
4. Click 'Join Waiting List'
5. Click the shopping cart (🛒 top right) to confirm and complete your details



When do lessons start?

- Once you have applied, lessons will start as soon as there is space available. Please note that signing up does not guarantee a place straight away.

Need an instrument?

- You can hire one from Camden Music when your child has been offered lessons.

Help with lesson cost

- If your child receives Free School Meals, we may be able to help with the cost. Please tell us when you apply.

We hope your child will enjoy learning music with us!

Kind regards,

Camden Music

[www.camdenmusic.org](https://camdenmusic.org)

Read our Terms and Conditions <https://camdenmusic.org/terms-and-conditions/>

Read our Frequently Asked Questions <https://camdenmusic.org/faqs/>



#WeMakeMusic

Opportunities for Pupils

CamJam Taster Days – 19th and 26th September

Do you have students in Years 1, 2 and 3 who love to make music? Then please tell their parents and carers all about our CamJam Taster Days. Hosted at Brecknock Primary School, CamJam is our Junior Music Centre that takes place on a Saturday mornings. We have free taster sessions available for our choir and lots of our group music lessons, where young people can have a go at playing a violin, cello, recorder or ukulele. We'd love to welcome lots of young people as we start the year off on Saturday 19th and Saturday 26th September. If you would like to sign up to take part, please use the following link: [Camden Music Saturday Centre Taster Days – Fill in form](#)

Reduce your energy bills

and get free advice from Camden's Home Energy Advice team

If you're a council tenant, you can get free help and advice from Camden's Home Energy Advice team over the phone or through a home visit.

Camden's Home Energy Advice team can help **you** to:

- manage your energy use
- lower your energy bills – including electricity, gas and water
- tackle existing fuel debt
- keep your home warm

They can also:

- talk to your energy suppliers on your behalf to help manage any issues you're experiencing
- check to see if you'd benefit from free draught-proofing, low energy light bulbs and other energy and cost-saving measures



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@ HomeEnergy@camden.gov.uk



To report a repair,
WhatsApp us **07360 277909**

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Home Energy Advice Team feedback from residents

"I'm very grateful for your intervention. You got rid of incorrect charges from my heating supplier, which will have a massive impact on my medical needs."

"Thanks for draught-proofing my door, it made a massive difference."



If you're a council tenant and you're worried about energy bills, energy costs or energy debt – or if you know someone who is – please get in touch.

Find out more about the Home Energy Advice team by watching this video with John and Carmel, two of our Home Energy Advisors, by scanning this QR code or visiting youtu.be/0FHUYfZcNp8



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Parenting Lead Team
Strengthening Families,
Strengthening Communities
(SFSC)

Venue:
**Netherwood
Youth and
Family Hub,
5 Netherwood St,
Brondesbury
NW6 2QU**

Free
childcare
and travel
available

Dates:
Thursdays
17/09 – 17/12/26
11am – 2pm
including
lunch

SFSC parenting programme for parents with children aged 4 - 17 years

**Do you have a good relationship with your children?
Do you enjoy spending time together?**

After completing the 13-week programme the answers to
the questions will be **YES**.

Sign up now and you can expect to:

- Meet other parents and carers
- Build a better relationship with your child
- Share your views & experiences of parenting in a confidential space
- Motivate your child to do their best at home and school
- Understand why you parent the way you do and how to make improvements
- Address concerns about drinking, drugs, antisocial behavior or truanting
- Set boundaries for your children which they will enjoy and respect
- Make connections with your wider community and services in Camden
- Develop your confidence as a parent

For more info and to book a place, please contact:
referralsfamiliesinfo@camden.gov.uk or:



Sharmina Begum: Sharmina.Begum@camden.gov.uk Tel: 020 7974 2233

Alison Drukker: Alison.Drukker@camden.gov.uk Tel: 020 7974 5881



THE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION FOR WEST HAMPSTEAD

Bringing the local community together

FREE CARPENTRY TRAINING COURSE

This course is for you if you are currently looking for work and wish to improve your chances in gaining work as a carpenter.

The course will concentrate on you gaining the basic skills required to become a carpenter.

Spaces are limited.

Contact us for more details on

manager@cawh.org.uk



Saturdays 5th Sep – 7th Nov

9:30am – 12:00pm



Mill Lane Garden Centre

160 Mill Lane, NW6 1TF



**FREE (proof of benefits required)
+ £15 donation for tutor's materials.**



Scan to register your interest or visit

cawh.org.uk/events/107/details

manager@cawh.org.uk | 0207 794 3729

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THE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION FOR WEST HAMPSTEAD

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Digital Inclusion



Tech doesn't have to be stressful
Let's learn together.

Open session with Chris, our tech tutor,
here to help with your phone, tablet or
connection issues.



Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday

11:00 to 12:30



West Hampstead Community Centre

17 Dornfell Street, NW6 1QN

FREE!



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or visit

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THE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION FOR **WEST HAMPSTEAD**

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ESOL Class for Women only

(English for Speakers of Other Languages)

Improve your English grammar, conversation & writing skills with Qendresa, an experienced ESOL teacher.

Level : Intermediate +



Every Monday from 14th September

14:00 - 15:00



West Hampstead Community Centre

17 Dornfell Street, NW6 1QN



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Mums together

**Are you a mum with
a child in nursery,
reception or Year 1?**



Would you like to come and share experiences about the ups and downs of motherhood, with other mums, in a supportive, non-judgemental space?



Join our drop-in support group at
West Hampstead Women's Centre,
Every Friday from 10-11.30am.
starting **Friday 2nd October 2026**

Facilitated by Naomi Landau -counsellor and psychotherapist with a special interest in supporting women during motherhood.

For more details contact us on 0207 328 7389

