

# The WHPS Weekly

Friday 2nd October 2026



## YEARLY OVERVIEW 2026-27

Dear WHPS Families,

It was great to see so many parents and carers at the Secondary Transfer meeting last week and the OFSTED report meeting this week. We hope you found the information useful!

We have had such a calm, purposeful start to the year! The children have settled in well and have been enjoying the new playground. We have also had lots of new children joining us this term and they have also settled in really well. One of the highlights of the year so far has been the trip to the Houses of Parliament that took place this week. Children from School Council and Eco-Committee were elected by their classmates and therefore selected for the trip. The purpose of the trip was to learn about the British Value of 'Democracy'.



**Paternity Leave:** For anyone who met my wife at the Summer Fair, this will come as no surprise to you, but I will be going on paternity leave later this term! I am anticipating that I will probably be off for two weeks, straight after the Autumn half term (November 2<sup>nd</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>). However, these days are subject to change!

In my absence, Mr Kilty will be covering for me, with Miss Over, Miss Lawson and Mr Dougan supporting him. If you have any safeguarding concerns, then the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads are Amanda Martin & Mr Kilty.

On the next page I will be sharing some key information about the rest of the year and Parents Evening. We are still awaiting a conformation for the date of our Sports Day. We will share this as soon as possible

Have a great weekend!

Sam Drake, Headteacher



### EVENTS NEXT WEEK

|            |                                                               |
|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| MONDAY:    | Danube Class Swimming PM                                      |
| TUESDAY:   | 9:15-11:15 Prospective Parent Tour                            |
| WEDNESDAY: | Yr4 Trip to Little Angels Theatre<br>Mersey Class Swimming PM |
| THURSDAY:  | British Library Trip—Beryl Gilroy project                     |
| FRIDAY:    | 2:15 Golden Time                                              |



# WHPS YEARLY OVERVIEW

Please find attached below an overview of all the events we have planned for the year. This document is subject to change, but we will give advance warning if anything changes or is added.

We haven't added school trips to the list, as we expect there to be more trips throughout the year. Prior to each event, you will receive a letter with more specific information. From your year group team.



We hope this will help you to organise the rest of your year. Have a fantastic weekend!

## PARENTS EVENINGS 2026/27

### Autumn Term:

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November (3.40 – 6.30pm) and Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November (3.40 – 5.30pm).

Spring Term: Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March (3.40 – 6.30pm) and Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March (3.40 – 5.30pm)

The meetings will last for 10 minutes and give teachers a chance to discuss with you how your child is settling in, academic progress and provide ideas on how you can support your child at home. There will also be time for you to ask any questions you may have and see your children's books.

If you are unable to make an appointment at school on those dates, you may send an email to your child's year group email address, in order to request a separate meeting.

Just a reminder that in order to book a time slot, you will need to download the School News app. We will not be making bookings via email or through the office so it is very important that you download the app in time to make a booking. All you need to do is download the app, log in, and select a date and time that suits you.

Summer Term: There is no Parents Evening, instead we have a more informal Parent Event on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July. The Parent Event is an end of year celebration where you can 'drop in', speak to the teacher, talk about your

child's report and see all of the amazing work they have done this year.

Please use this link below for instructions on how to download the School News app or visit the website and follow the Parent Information tab. We hope this will help you to organise the rest of your year. T



Thanks for your continued support.

| Autumn Term – 2026                                           |                                                                          |                                     |                       |                 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Event                                                        | Date                                                                     | Time                                | Location              | Year Group      |
| INSET Days                                                   | 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> September          | All Day                             | Whole School          | All year groups |
| Children start school                                        | Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> September                                         | All Day                             | Years 1-6             | Years 1-6       |
| Nursery and Reception Home Visits                            | w/c Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> September                                     | All Day                             | Nursery and Reception | New pupils      |
| EYFS Picnic                                                  | Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> September                                        | 3.40                                | EYFS Playground       | EYFS Families   |
| School Photographer – Individual/Sibling photos              | Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> September                                     | All Day                             | Middle Floor          | All year groups |
| Nasal Flu Vaccinations                                       | Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September                                      |                                     | Bottom Hall           | Y1-Y6           |
| Meet the team meetings                                       | Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September                                     | 3.45pm in school<br>5.00pm via Zoom | Year group classrooms | Years 1- 6      |
| Residentials & Secondary Transition Meeting                  | Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> September                                      | 5.00 - 6.00                         | Middle Hall           | Year 5 & 6      |
| Parent Coffee Workshop. Theme: OFSTED                        | Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> October                                         | 9am                                 | Dining Hall           | All year groups |
| Parent Coffee Workshop. Theme: Wrap Around                   | Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> October                                        | 9am                                 | Dining Hall           | All year groups |
| Half Term 27 <sup>th</sup> - 31 <sup>st</sup> October        |                                                                          |                                     |                       |                 |
| Anti-Bullying Week                                           | Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> November                       | All Week                            | Whole School          | All year groups |
| Odd Sock Day                                                 | Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> November                                          | All Day                             | Whole School          | All year groups |
| Nasal Flu vaccinations YR6 & catch up                        | Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> November                                          | 9-12.30                             | Ground Floor Hall     |                 |
| Parent Coffee Workshop. Theme: Mental Health                 | Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> November                                        | 9am                                 | Dining Hall           | All year groups |
| Parents Evening                                              | Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> November<br>Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November | 3.40 – 6.30<br>3.40 – 5.30          | Classrooms<br>Zoom    | Nursery – Y6    |
| Individual and sibling photo- Catch up                       | Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> November                                         | 9-3pm                               | Bottom Hall           |                 |
| Fluoride Varnish Check-up Nursery-Y2                         | Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> November                                      | 9-12pm                              | Bottom Hall           | Nursery-Y2      |
| Amazon Class Assembly                                        | Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> November                                         | 9.10 – 9.40                         | Middle Floor          | Amazon Parents  |
| Parent Coffee Workshop. Theme: Early Reading                 | Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> November                                       | 9am                                 | Dining Hall           | All year groups |
| Nile Class Assembly                                          | Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> November                                         | 9.10 – 9.40                         | Middle Floor          | Nile Parents    |
| Eco Committee Assembly                                       | Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> December                                          | 9.10 – 9.40                         | Middle Floor          | Eco Parents     |
| Christmas Jumper Day                                         | Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> December                                       | All Day                             | Whole School          | All year groups |
| Christmas Lunch                                              | Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> December                                       | Lunch                               | Whole School          | All year groups |
| Year 2 Nativity                                              | Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December                                         | 9.20am                              | Middle Floor          | Y2 Parents      |
| Class Parties                                                | w/b Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> December                                     | 1.30-3.30                           | Classrooms            | All year groups |
| Year 1 Christmas Sing-a-long                                 | Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December                                        | 9.20am                              | Middle Floor          | Y1 Parents      |
| Year 4 Pantomime                                             | Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December                                       | 9.20am                              | Middle Floor          | Year 4          |
| End of Term                                                  | Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December                                         | 2pm                                 | Whole School          | All year groups |
| Christmas Holidays 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec- 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan |                                                                          |                                     |                       |                 |

### Spring Term – 2027

| Event                                                               | Date                                                      | Time                       | Location              | Year Group                  |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| INSET DAY                                                           | Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January                            | All Day                    | Whole School          | All year groups             |
| First Day Back                                                      | Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January                           | 8.50                       | Whole School          | All                         |
| Science Week                                                        | Week beginning Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> January            | All Day                    | Whole School          | All year groups             |
| Read Aloud Event                                                    | Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> January                        | 3.45-4.30                  | Whole School          | All year groups             |
| Mersey Class Assembly                                               | Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January                           | 9.10 – 9.40                | Middle Floor          | Danube Parents              |
| Thames Class Assembly                                               | Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> January                           | 9.10 – 9.40                | Middle Floor          | Seine Parents               |
| NSPCC Number Day                                                    | Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> February                           | All Day                    | Whole School          | All year groups             |
| Safer Internet Week                                                 | Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> February                           | All Week                   | Whole School          | All year groups             |
| Coffee Morning<br>Theme – Online Safety                             | Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> February                        | 9.10-10.10                 | Dining Hall           | All year groups             |
| <b>Half Term 16<sup>th</sup>- 20<sup>th</sup> February</b>          |                                                           |                            |                       |                             |
| Swimming changeover                                                 | Week beginning Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February           | 1- 3.30                    | Hampstead school      | Danube (Mon) & Thames (Wed) |
| A Night at West Hampstead (Music)                                   | Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> February                        | 4.30-6.00                  | Middle Floor          | All year groups             |
| Parents Evening                                                     | Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> & Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March | 3.40 – 6.30<br>3.40 – 5.30 | Year group classrooms | All year groups             |
| World Book day                                                      | Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> March                            | All Day                    | Whole School          | All year groups             |
| Danube Class Assembly                                               | Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> March                              | 9.10-9.40                  | Middle Floor          | Tyne Parents                |
| Seine Class Assembly                                                | Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> March                             | 9.10-9.40                  | Middle Floor          | Severn Parents              |
| Fluoride Varnish Check-up Nursery-Y2                                | Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> March                           | 9-12pm                     | Bottom Hall           | Nursery-Y2                  |
| Avon Assembly                                                       | Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> March                             | 9.10-9.40                  | Middle Floor          | Avon Parents                |
| Kench Hill                                                          | Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> March          | 9am                        | Kench Hill            | Year 5                      |
| End of Term                                                         | Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> March                           | 2pm                        | Whole School          | All year groups             |
| <b>Easter Holiday 30<sup>th</sup> March – 10<sup>th</sup> April</b> |                                                           |                            |                       |                             |

### Summer Term 2027

| Event                                                   | Date                                                     | Time            | Location              | Year Group            |
|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| First Day Back                                          | Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April                            | 8.50            | Whole School          | All                   |
| Lily Assembly                                           | Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April                            | 9.10-9.40       | Middle Floor          | Lily Parents          |
| Tyne Class Assembly                                     | Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> April                            | 9.10-9.40       | Middle Floor          | Mersey Parents        |
| BANK HOLIDAY – May Day                                  | Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May                               | All Day         | Whole School          | All year groups       |
| Severn Class Assembly                                   | Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> May                               | 9.10-9.40       | Middle Floor          | Severn Parents        |
| Year 6 SATs Week                                        | W.B. Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> May                         | N/A             | Classrooms            | Year 6                |
| Ganges Class Assembly                                   | Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> May                              | 9.10-9.40       | Middle Floor          | Ganges Parents        |
| International Evening                                   | Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> May                            | 5-7pm           | Middle Floor          | All Parents           |
| <b>Half Term – May 31<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup></b> |                                                          |                 |                       |                       |
| INSET DAY                                               | Monday 1 <sup>nd</sup> June                              | All Day         | Location              | Year group            |
| Multiplication test check starts – 2 weeks              | W.B. Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> June                        | N/A             | N/A                   | Year 4                |
| Year 6 Residential – The Mill TBC                       | Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> June | All Day         | The Mill              | Year 6                |
| Phonics Screening Week                                  | W.B. Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> June                        | N/A             | N/A                   | Year 1                |
| Class Photos                                            | Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> June                            | All Day         | Bottom Hall           | All                   |
| Mississippi Class Assembly                              | Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> June                             | 9.10-9.40       | Middle Floor          | Mississippi Parents   |
| Shannon Class Assembly                                  | Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> June                             | 9.10-9.40       | Middle Floor          | Shannon Parents       |
| Clyde Class Assembly                                    | Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July                              | 9.10-9.40       | Middle Floor          | Clyde Parents         |
| Nursery Assembly                                        | Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> July                              | 9.30-10.00      | Middle Floor          | Nursery Parents       |
| New Parents – Nursery and Reception                     | W.B. Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> July                         | 9.30am & 6.00pm | Middle Hall           | Nursery and Reception |
| EYFS Sports Day                                         | Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July                          | 9.30-11am       | Main Playground       | Nursery & Reception   |
| Reports emailed to parents                              | Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> July                           | 4pm             | Email                 | All year groups       |
| Reception Celebration                                   | Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July                             | 9.30-10.30      | Middle Floor          | Parents               |
| Parent Event - end of year celebration                  | Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> July                             | 3.40 – 4.30     | Year group classrooms | All Classes           |
| Class Parties                                           | WB Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> July                          | 1.30-3.30       | Classrooms            | All year groups       |
| Y6 Show                                                 | Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July                            | 5pm             | Year 6                | Year 6 Parents        |
| Year 6 Leavers                                          | Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July                           | 9.15am          | Middle Hall           | Year 6 Parents        |
| Last Day of the Year                                    | Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July                           | 2pm             | Whole School          | All Year Groups       |



# HALLOWEEN

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3.30PM

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## **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](https://camdenmusic.org)

### **How to sign up:**

1. Go to the [Camden Music registration page](https://camdenmusic.org/registration/) 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://www.camdenmusic.org)

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**#WeMakeMusic**

# 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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## 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](https://youtu.be/0FHUYfZcNp8)



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**Parenting Lead Team**  
Strengthening Families,  
Strengthening Communities  
(SFSC)

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Youth and  
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5 Netherwood St,  
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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
- Share your views & experiences of parenting in a confidential space
- Understand why you parent the way you do and how to make improvements
- Set boundaries for your children which they will enjoy and respect
- Build a better relationship with your child
- Motivate your child to do their best at home and school
- Address concerns about drinking, drugs, antisocial behavior or truanting
- 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:  
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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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

