

End of Half Term Newsletter



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Friday 27th March 2026

Dear Families,

As we reach the end of another busy and rewarding half term, we would like to take a moment to celebrate the many achievements, big and small, across our school community. It has been a term filled with growth, resilience, and moments of real pride for our pupils, supported every step of the way by our dedicated staff and families.

We continue to be inspired by the determination and individuality of each child. In this newsletter, we are pleased to highlight some of the wonderful activities, progress, and experiences that have taken place over the past weeks.

Music Across the Pathways

On Friday 20th March, pupils from Pearl and Emerald Pathways enjoyed a trip to the Barbican Centre to watch a concert by the world-famous London Symphony Orchestra! The concert was a special event to introduce pupils to orchestral music, while telling a fun and engaging story through the music. The title of the story was "The King Who Tried To Change His Fate" and it was brought to life by renowned storyteller Jan Blake and accompanied by a series of dramatic musical pieces played by the orchestra. All our pupils had a great time joining in with the audience participation song, which they had practised in advance of the concert.

Also this week, a group of our pupils took part in a song-writing workshop at Keats House in Hampstead. Led by two experienced facilitators and a musician from the London Symphony Orchestra, the students learned about the house and its famous former resident, the Romantic poet John Keats. Together, they have started to develop their own lyrics and music. Over the coming months, they will continue to refine their work before eventually performing the song alongside the LSO musician. Watch this space.



Amethyst Celebrations

This half term, the pupils in Amethyst Pathway were learning about the passing of time through exploration of nature. Classes were busy sprouting different seeds and observing the process of growth, learning about the life cycle of a plant.

We have celebrated many different events in our Pathway in true Amethyst-style : Chinese New Year, Holi, Global Day of Play, World Book Day, British Science Week, our own sensory Eid assembly and not to forget our own Spring Festival.



Emerald Adventures

There have been a number of highlights across Emerald Pathway this Spring Term. Tulip and Sunflower classes transformed the corridor into an engaging Alice in Wonderland scene, creating an immersive learning environment that supported creativity and storytelling.

Clover Class pupils shared their reading of The Gruffalo with pupils from the Ruby Pathway, promoting communication and positive peer interaction across pathways.

Pupils in all classes have enjoyed applying their learning in real-life contexts through the use of shopping lists and shopping activities, both in class and in the local community.

In My Thinking sessions, pupils have engaged well with learning about measurement through creative and sensory-based activities, supporting understanding in a meaningful and accessible way.

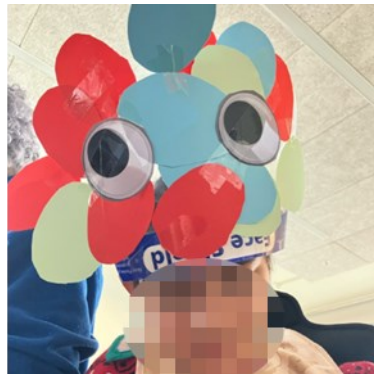
In Emerald Upper, pupils have been enjoying lots of trips offsite. We've been practising our road safety and social communication skills. It's been fun getting outside!



Cross-Class Literacy

Ruby have continued to enjoy a sensory rich curriculum and have been working hard on developing their literacy skills through cross-class sessions on Wednesday afternoons.

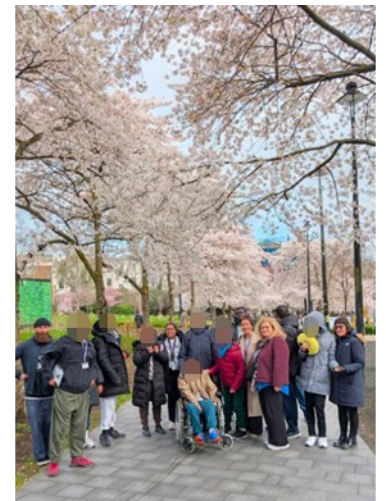
Much fun was had during the Easter Bonnet parade, in which pupils modelled exceptionally made headwear!



Pupil Voice and Choices

Pupils in the Sapphire Pathway have had a very positive and productive term. They have continued to develop strong peer interactions through cross-class learning, weekly assemblies and community trips.

Through engaging in interview-style questions, pupils are building confidence in expressing their voice and making thoughtful choices. A highlight of the term was supporting the opening of the Swiss Café, where students helped to serve staff lunches with great enthusiasm.



As we look ahead to summer, students are also taking part in gardening activities, developing teamwork and responsibility. We are very proud of their ongoing progress and achievements.

VOTE for ART!

We are delighted to share some fantastic news – three of our talented students, from Tulip, Sunflower and Lilac classes have had their artwork shortlisted on the Art Bytes website. This is a wonderful achievement, as Art Bytes is a national organisation that celebrates children's artwork through a digital gallery. You now have the opportunity to support our students by voting for your favourite of the three shortlisted pieces. The artwork with the most votes will be featured in the digital gallery, and the school with the highest number of votes will be awarded the Community Engagement Prize.

We would greatly appreciate your support – please share this message with friends, family, and your wider networks to help us gather as many votes as possible. Use this link or see the attached posters.

<https://artbytes.co.uk/schools/swiss-cottage-school-640/>.

Thank you for supporting our students and celebrating their creativity!



Healthy Breakfasts

Pearl Pathway enjoyed a workshop led by Emma from Magic Breakfast, where they all were learning about the importance of healthy foods and how they can make their own healthy cooked breakfast! Pupils developed their cooking skills and independence by making scrambled egg with spinach on toast. With lots of focus and concentration in the kitchen, everyone produced a healthy meal they could eat. All students enjoyed the session and are keen to learn more dishes they can make independently - well done!



Social Enterprise

Post-16 students held a stall in our local community Waitrose, selling handmade cards and pottery. They set up the table, priced the items, sold the ceramics, and interacted with customers.

As part of a social enterprise activity, students developed their independence, communication and interaction skills, as well as initiative including carefully packaging items for customers. The group is able to follow instructions, work collaboratively and respond to unfamiliar situations within a real-life context.

Also in Post-16, we have been running soup making workshops which are inspiring pupils to cook with passion and commitment while learning new skills.



The Great Race

The Creative Team planned and delivered an immersive sensory story to celebrate Chinese New Year, based on "The Great Race." Students were engaged and focused, demonstrating high levels of attention and actively participating in a range of sensory activities.

They contributed to the organisation and creation of resources, props and backdrops through sensory art sessions, showing creativity and independence. This experience supported the development of communication and interaction skills, as well as improved engagement and attention skills.



Jack & Friends

Jack & Friends is an interactive, inclusive dance show by the SLiDE Collective, featuring learning-disabled artists in a celebratory performance exploring friendship and independence.

Our pupils were in awe during this amazing experience.



Events

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UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 2026

Wed
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CPCF Breakfast Club IN-PERSON
10:30-11:30pm Harwood Children's
Centre & Family Hub, 1 Forge Place,
Ferdinand Street NW1 8DQ

Tue
28

Movement, Relaxation & Lunch
IN-PERSON
12-2pm Kentish Town Congregational
Church, Kelly Street
NW1 8PH

To register for any of these events please email:
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Aishatu.Mohammed@kids.org.uk

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MAY 2026

Wed
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New schools white paper
information session *IN-PERSON*
10:30-11:30am Kiburn Grange, 1
Palmerston Road,
NW6 2JL

Mon
11

ONLINE; New schools white
paper information session
12:30-2pm Online via TEAMS (Please
register for the link)

ONLINE

Tue
12

ASD Girls Reflective Space
11-12:30pm In-person @ Kentish Town
Congregational Church, Kelly Street,
NW1 8PH

Wed
13

Sleep Workshop
12:30-2:30pm Online (Please register for
the link)

ONLINE

Mon
18

CAMHS Reflective Space
12:30-2pm In-person @ Kentish Town
Congregational Church, Kelly Street,
NW1 8PH

Tue
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Forum meeting- 'HYBRID'
10:30-12:30pm Online & in-person @ The
Greenwood Centre, Kentish Town
NW5 1LB

Wed
20

Virtual Coffee & Catch up
11:30-12:30pm Online (Please register for
the link)

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Term Dates

Spring Term 2026

Spring Holiday: Monday 30 March – Friday 10 April 2026

Summer Term 2026

Monday 13th April to Monday 20th July 2026

Monday 4th May: **May Day Bank Holiday – no school for pupils**

Half-term: Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May 2026

Monday 22nd June: **Staff training day - no school for pupils**

Monday 20th July 2026: **Last day for pupils**

To view our term dates, including 2026/27, please visit our website:

www.swisscottage.camden.sch.uk/parents/termdates

Wishing all of our families a safe and enjoyable break.

The first day back for pupils is

Monday, 13th April!