

End of Half Term Newsletter



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Friday 22nd May 2026

We have come to the end of another wonderful half-term – please take some time to read and celebrate some of the highlights in learning and provision across the school this half-term overleaf. Your children continue to impress us all with their progress and achievements, and the staff and families continue to work to provide the best educational experience and outcomes that they deserve.

Before we look back to the past half-term, we have lots to look forward to in the upcoming half-term. There are some key dates and highlights to follow, including your child's class slot for Family Learning Week starting week of 8th June (dates are listed below for each class at either 10.00 or 11.00 am).

You will be able to confirm your attendance when we return to school (we will add a slip to the home/school diary).

Family Learning Week 10.00 – 10.30am

Monday 08/06	Tuesday 09/06	Thursday 11/06	Friday 12/06
Jonathan Bryan (Ciara)	Tulip (Kerry)	Malala (Jenny)	Mandela (Ben)
Rosa Parks (Emma)	Dandelion (Kat)	Marigold (Emily)	
Chris Packham (Siobhan)	Ellie Goldstein (David)	Elton John (Shola)	
Rose Ayling-Ellis (Karen)	MLK (Georgie)	Michelle Obama (Bernadina)	
Iris (Olivia & Alba)		Temple Grandin (Alessia)	

Family Learning Week 11:00 – 11.30am

Monday 08/06	Tuesday 09/06	Thursday 11/06
Clover (Aisha)	Derek Paravacini (Bev)	Stevie Wonder (Kate)
Bluebell (Gabbie)	Lucy Bronze (Ibon)	Dahlia (Maria)
Katherine Grainger (Hetty)	Lotus (Charlotte)	Sunflower (Flo)
Lilac (Peter) Morgane	Elderflower (Ruth)	Nnenu Kalu (Bonita)
Benjamin Zephaniah (Josie)	Lizzie Emeh (Michelle)	Michael Rosen (Monika)

Below are the coffee mornings coming up after half-term, with the first one being a workshop with Educational Psychologists on Trauma Informed Practice (a framework to understand and support trauma and challenging behaviours) on Tuesday 2nd June, at the usual time of 10.00am.

Finally, a massive thank you to all of the families who are already supporting and donating for the charity fundraising event on Saturday 11th July. All families are invited to come and discuss and volunteer to support to a special coffee morning on Wednesday 3rd June, 10 – 11am.

Date	Coffee Morning Focus	Description
2nd June	Trauma Informed Practice with EPs	Educational Psychology and our own Family Inclusion Team will support parents with understanding and supporting trauma and strategies for co-regulation
9th June	No Coffee Morning – Family Learning Week	This week is dedicated to Family Learning Week so there will be no coffee morning (see below for your slot)
16th June	Upper School (Secondary) – Relationships, Sex and Health Education session	With a focus on healthy and safe relationships and how we can support pupils at school and at home, led by Assistant Principal Morgane, Positive Behaviour and Family Inclusion team, Susan from CAMHs
23rd June	Lower School (Primary) - Relationships, Sex and Health Education session	With a focus on healthy and safe relationships and how we can support pupils at school and at home,, led by Assistant Principal Morgane, Positive Behaviour and Family Inclusion team

Have a wonderful half-term – we look forward to seeing you and your children on 1st June.

Life Skills in the Pearl Pathway

Temple Grandin class have been enjoying weekly visits to the Roundhouse in Camden where they have been developing their social skills and confidence with public speaking through a range of games and drama activities.

Malala class have been making weekly visits out in the community to increase their confidence in speaking with appropriate new people for things they may need. For example, they have visited shops and cafes to ask for specific prices and offers. They are really enjoying being out and about with their friends and represent the school well with their brilliant behaviour and manners.

Obama class & Lucy Bronze classes have been working hard during sessions in the life skills room to develop their cooking skills and confidence in the kitchen! They are making some delicious dishes which hopefully they can begin to showcase at home!

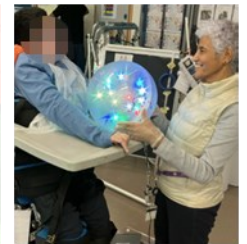


Outside Learning with Ruby Pathway

This half-term, the Ruby Pathway classes have been delighted to welcome our new Lotus class teacher, Charlotte. She has quickly become an integral part of the team, bringing expertise and passion to the pathway.

With the warmer weather, we have made the most of opportunities to take learning outside. Some pupils have been exploring the local community, visiting shops, parks and cafes to develop functional living skills and generalise their learning in real-world contexts.

These trips have supported communication, choice-making and independence, while also giving pupils rich sensory and social experiences.



Trips and Visit with Emerald Upper

Lots of exciting trips and visits have been happening across the Emerald pathway in our secondary phase (Upper School) this term including trips to Inflatation, Hampstead Heath, Frameless Gallery, London Zoo, Camden Arts Centre and Bubble Planet! We have learnt about travel, the natural world, creative expression and had some brilliant fun along the way.



Sports Across the School

This term we have had some wonderful highlights in sports across the school, facilitated by our Physical Education specialists. Our pupils represented the school at the London Youth Games Boccia competition, with one learner experiencing his first ever trip out of school.

Chris Packham Class enjoyed gymnastics sessions at Talacre, confidently using public transport. One pupil from Obama class was scouted for the Kayaking Youth Games during a class trip.

Marigold class pupils excelled in hydrotherapy, with one pupil now swimming full lengths independently, and Bluebell Class made impressive progress in swimming sessions.

Finally, some of our pupils won Gold medals in the Camden Swimming Gala!



Physical and Mental Wellbeing in Sapphire Pathway

This term, Sapphire Pathway (sixth form) pupils have embraced a wide range of activities promoting both physical and mental wellbeing. Pupils explored facilities within the local community, learning how leisure centres, parks and support services can help maintain healthy lifestyles and positive wellbeing.

In school, pupils have enthusiastically participated in activities such as Zumba, teamwork games and mindfulness sessions, developing confidence, resilience and social skills. Alongside wellbeing activities, pupils strengthened their technology skills by learning how to use phones, tablets and computers responsibly, with a focus point on the importance of protecting personal information and ways to communicate feelings on content.

We look forward to carrying on learning about the benefits of technology alongside the safety elements in the remainder of the summer term.



Camden School Choir Festival

On April 27th, 28 of our fantastic pupils sang at the Camden Schools Choir Festival at Somers Town Community Sports Centre. They had been working hard rehearsing the five songs every week in choir practice, as well as working on our solo piece ("Lovely Day" by Bill Withers).

Everyone was very impressed with our school's performance at the event, and our students' rendition of "Lovely Day" was met with rapturous applause!

We're already looking forward to next year's performance at the Royal Albert Hall!



Sensory Toy Shop

Throughout this half-term, Amethyst Pathway has opened its Sensory Toy Shop on Mondays, providing wonderful hands-on learning opportunities for our pupils. Children have actively stepped into the roles of shopkeeper, customer, stock taker, and toy maker. We are incredibly proud to share that several of the items on sale are uniquely designed and crafted by our talented pupils and staff!

Alongside these enterprise skills, pupils on the pathway have enjoyed a wide range of opportunities to expand their understanding of the world around them. Over the past few weeks, our classrooms have been full of curiosity as we celebrated Earth Day, Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday, Red Cross Day, and World Bee Day - just to name a few.

It has been a truly enriching half-term of growth, creativity, and global awareness.



Learning Across Emerald Lower

In our Emerald pathway classes across our primary phase, we have been busy rehearsing our new play *One Springy Day* from the beloved 'Percy the Park Keeper' series. Each pupil has taken on the role of a different animal, bringing the story and characters to life with enthusiasm, teamwork and creativity. We are all looking forward to seeing their wonderful performance (invitations to follow)!

Classes have been learning how to choose the correct ingredients from a recipe to prepare healthy meals for snack time. The pupils have enjoyed making a variety of tasty snacks, including delicious sandwiches, while developing their independence and healthy eating skills.

We have also been combining maths, art and imaginative play in a creative way this term. Inspired by Pablo Picasso, the pupils created colourful artwork while practising their understanding of fractions by colouring halves and quarters of the shapes in different colours. They also used their money skills to add price tags so that they could "sell" their fantastic pieces of art.

Also this term, there was a visit from a Transport for London colleague who came to teach the class about travelling on London Transport. The pupils learnt how to keep safe, how to use an Oyster card, and who can help them.



Swiss Cottage School Charity: Community Day

We are hosting a community fundraising event at the school on Saturday 11th July, 11-2pm. It will be an opportunity to celebrate our wonderful community and raise money for the school charity. We hope that you can all attend, and we welcome your support by way of ideas, food and/or raffle prizes.

This term, we are aiming to raise just over £5000 to invest in a new set of playground resources.



Scan or [click](#) the QR code to donate.

Swiss Cottage School Charity

COMMUNITY DAY

Unlocking potential, inspiring independence, and championing inclusion.

Join us for a wonderful Saturday filled with community spirit, music, food, shopping, and family fun – all while helping raise money for our amazing pupils.

Grand Raffle
Fantastic prizes to be won

Games and Activities
Fun and games children throughout the day

Market Stalls
Purchase unique crafts and gifts

Homemade Food & Cakes
Delicious homemade baked goods

Special Performance by the School Choir
Our talented choir will perform during the afternoon

Want to Get Involved?

Stall holders welcome!

Pitch spaces are available for local businesses, makers, and families.

Pitch Fee: £50

11 JULY 2026 | 11.00 AM - 2.00 PM
Swiss Cottage School, London, NW8 6HX

To book a stall, please contact: fundraising@swisscottage.camden.sch.uk
02076818080

Swiss Cottage School Charity

CAMDEN Parent Carer Forum
Summer Term Calendar 2026

WELCOME TO OUR SUMMER TERM CALENDAR OF EVENTS, WORKSHOPS AND MEETINGS FOR ALL PARENT CARERS IN CAMDEN WITH A SEND CHILD OR YOUNG PERSON (0-25 YEARS)

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU ALL!

APRIL
Wed 23rd: The PCF Breakfast Club, 10.30-11.30am Harwood Children's Centre & Family Hub, NW1 5DC
Wed 29th: Movement, Relaxation & Lunch 12.30pm Kenish Town Congregational Church, NW1 8PH

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Mon 4th: Schools White Paper Info session 10.30am-11.30am @ Kilburn Grange Family Hub, NW9 2L
Mon 11th: Schools White Paper online info session ONLINE 12.30-2pm (register for link)
Tue 12th: Parenting 420 Girls Reflective Space 11-12.30pm @ Kenish Town Congregational Church, NW1 8PH
Wed 13th: Sleep Workshop: Online via Teams 12.30pm-2.30pm (register for link)
Mon 18th: CAMHS Reflective Space, 12.30-2pm @ Kenish Town Congregational Church, NW1 8PH
Wed 20th: Virtual Coffee & Catch-up, 11.30am-12.30pm Online - register for link

JUNE
Mon 8th: Forum Meeting Hybrid 10.30am-12.30pm @ Greenwood Centre Online - register for link
Tue 9th: Understanding & Managing Behaviour Workshop 12-2pm Zoom, Online (register for link)
Wed 17th: The PCF Breakfast Club 10.30am-11.30am @ LA Children's Centre & Family Hub, EC1R 4JH
Tue 23rd: Intro to SEND Training with SENDIAS, 10.30am-12.30pm @ The Greenwood Centre, NW5 1LB
Mon 29th: Summer Walk, Talk & Picnic 10.15am-10.30pm @ Hampstead Heath
Tue 30th: Movement, Relaxation & Lunch 12pm-2pm @ Kenish Town Congregational Church, NW1 8PH

JULY
Wed 1st: Annual Review Workshop with SENDIAS, 10.30am-12.30pm @ Greenwood Centre, NW5 1LB
Wed 8th: Summer Wellbeing Event 11am-2pm (venue TBC)

TO REGISTER FOR AN EVENT YOU CAN EMAIL, CALL OR TEXT:
CAMDENPCF@KIDS.ONLINE.UK / 07385 003 662

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CAMDEN Parent Carer Forum

Forum Meeting Hybrid

Monday 8th June 2026
10.30-12.30pm

Greenwood Centre, 37 Greenwood Place NW51LB

Are you a Camden Parent or Carer of a child or young person (0-25 years) that would like to hear service updates from Camden SEND Services including:

- Camden SEND & Inclusion Team
- Children & Young People with Disabilities Service (CYPOS)
- Short Breaks
- MOSAIC Health Service
- SENDIAS
- Transport (CATS)

Join us at our Forum Meetings, a chance to connect with other parent carers, share your experiences and help shape more effective services.

Meetings are typically held Bi-monthly on a Tuesday, 10.30-12.30pm.

Meetings are Hybrid - online and in-person. Please register to receive the online link.

If you would like to register please email:
camdenpcf@kids.org.uk
or call/text 07385 003 662

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CAMDEN Parent Carer Forum

Understanding & Managing Behaviour

With CAMHS Clinicians
Susan Cottam & Adele O'Hanlon

Tuesday 9th June 2026
12.45-2.00pm
ONLINE

Are you a parent carer of a child or young person with SEND who would like to better understand their behaviour and learn ways to support them?

This online session will explore the reasons behind behaviour and provide practical approaches and strategies to help you build confidence in understanding and preventing behaviours of concern.

If you would like to register for the link please email:
camdenpcf@kids.org.uk
or Call / Text 07385 003 662

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Term Dates

To view our term dates, including 2026/27, please visit [our website](#).

Wishing all of our families a safe and enjoyable break. The first day back for pupils is **Monday, 1st June!**

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Written by parents, for parents

