

SCS Newsletter

5th September 2025



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Dear Families,

The first week of school has been a great success. It has been a delight to see the children return, and they have enjoyed settling in, learning new routines, and building relationships with their peers and class teams.

We are looking forward to the term ahead and to meeting with each of you over the next 2 weeks with the class teacher in the **Parent Meetings**. You will have received your appointment times, but please do contact the office team on admin@swisscottage.camden.sch.uk if you have any questions or are unable to attend in person so that we can arrange a virtual option.

Today, families will receive photos of the classroom on the **Evidence for Learning app**, and an **information pack** will be sent home with your child that features:

- **Medium Term Planning** (this shows the subjects and themes covered across the term)

- **Class Timetable** (this shows how the day is organised, including specialist slots such as swimming, which you will receive a letter about before this begins)



- **Class Team Photo** of the staff and children assigned to your child's class

- **Personalised Learning Intention Maps (PLIMs)** which are your child's proposed termly targets (new pupils will receive their's later this month once we have gotten to know the children and families' aspirations better).



If you need any help logging in or accessing **Evidence for Learning** (our online learning platform where examples of learning in class are uploaded each fortnight), please email: accountsupport@swisscottage.camden.sch.uk



At present, there are **TFL strikes due next week** which will impact staff and families who travel to school on the **tube and DLR**. From Monday 8th to Thursday 11th September 2025, Tube services will be severely disrupted, with little to no service expected, and on Tuesday 9th and Thursday 11th September 2025, there will also be no service on the DLR. We hope that the strikes will be cancelled (we will monitor and update you accordingly), but in the meantime we are advising staff and families to plan alternative travel arrangements for that period.

We have a range of **Parent Coffee Morning** sessions available this term on **Tuesday mornings from 10.00 – 11.30am** and will be sending a detailed schedule next week of all sessions this term. In the meantime, please see information about this month's planned sessions

Coffee
and
chat



Date	Session	Description
Tuesday 9th September	Catch Up Coffee Morning	Informal catch up with senior leaders and our Family Inclusion Team.
Tuesday 16th September	Visitor from Special Parents Forum (SPF)	A representative from the SPF (a Camden SEN service for parents, run by parents of children with special educational needs) will attend to chat to families.
Tuesday 23rd September	Coffee Morning Visual Support	Staff will help families to create visuals for communication or for routines/timetables.
Wednesday 24th September	What Happens When My Child Leaves Swiss?	This is for families with children in Year 10 to Year 14. Our Connexions careers advisor, an internships specialist and Camden's post 16 SEND caseworker will present and be available to talk.
Tuesday 30th September	Local Authority SEN/D Visit	Representatives from the Local Authority SEN/D Engagement Team will visit. They work with parents and carers to share their views and co-produce service improvements.

Here is a reminder of some helpful links on our website:


- [Who's who on the leadership team](#)
- [Term lunch menu](#) A reminder that school lunch is free for Primary aged pupils and £2.88 per day for pupils over 11 years of age. To access the online payment system, called School Gateway or click [here](#). If you need any support, please contact: finance@swisscottage.camden.sch.uk
- [Evidence for Learning support video](#) that walks you through how to set up and use the app

Finally, overleaf you will find some useful information about inclusive local events and offers. This includes how to apply for one to one music lessons at school with the **Camden Music Service** which are in addition to the rich curriculum offer at Swiss Cottage. You will also find information on the **Special Parents' Forum**, a borough wide parent support service that is led by one of our own Swiss Cottage School parents.

We look forward to working with you all and having a fantastic school year.

Yours Sincerely,

Syra Sowe
Principal (Interim)



Vocal and Instrumental Lessons at Swiss Cottage School – Sign Up Now!

Dear Parents/Carers,


Your child can learn to sing or play a musical instrument at Swiss Cottage School with Camden Music. Lessons take place during the school day with specialist music tutors.

What's on offer?
Your child can learn to play acoustic or classical guitar, piano, musiclements or sing.

When do lessons start?
Lessons start in September 2025. Each lesson is 30 minutes long. Your child will go to 10 lessons each term.

How to sign up:

1. Go to the Camden Music registration page by clicking here or scanning the QR code
2. Choose your instrument
3. Click "Show More"
4. Click "Join Waiting List"
5. Click the shared email icon to get right to confirm and complete your details




We will contact you when a space is available. Please note that signing up does not guarantee a place as it goes first come, first served.

Need an instrument?
You can apply for hire once you clicking here.

Help with fees
If your child receives Free School Meals, you may be eligible for a discount. Please tell us in your application.

We hope your child will enjoy learning music with us!

Kind regards,
Camden Music
For more information and to find out how to contact us, please email: info@camdenmusic.org or visit our website: www.camdenmusic.org



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COMETS FOOTBALL SESSION

WEEKLY ON SATURDAYS | 9:30 - 11:00
MARIA FIDELIS CATHOLIC SCHOOL, NW1 1LY
PRICE: £2

IF YOU REQUIRE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, PLEASE EMAIL
info@bloomsburyfootball.com

A RECREATIONAL FOOTBALL PROGRAMME FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 5-11, WHERE PLAYERS WITH A BROAD RANGE OF IMPAIRMENTS AND HEALTH CONDITIONS COME TOGETHER.

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September 2025 Calendar

Welcome to our AUTUMN Term Calendar of events, workshops and meetings for any parent, carer in Camden with a child or young person (0-25 years) with special needs. Whether you are seeking guidance, looking to share your experiences or simply hoping to connect with other parents or carers, our calendar has something for everyone. Please join us!

Coffee Mornings are a chance to meet other parents for a chat & to share advice and info.

Walk and Talks are relaxed walks on Hampstead Heath and a chance to get together with other parents, have a cup of coffee along the way and just talk about anything and everything.

Workshops are held each term on different subjects.

Forum Meetings are when we get together as parents with different professionals from services in and around Camden – ask questions, get updates and give feedback.

You will need to book in to get Zoom links & join our sessions. To book anything on our calendar below, get on our mailing list or to find out more please get in touch:

Aishatu.Mohammed@kids.org.uk Text or Call Aisha 07385 003 662 Or contact
Jade.Green@kids.org.uk Text or call Jade on 07711 767 258

We are on facebook – www.facebook.com/CamdenSpecialParentsForum Twitter @CamdenSPForum and IG @CamdenSPF

September

- 10 Wed Forum meeting, 10:30am-12:30pm @ Greenwood Centre, Kentish Town.
- 15 Mon Walk and Talk, 10:15am-12:30pm @ Hampstead Heath
- 17 Wed Coffee Morning, 10:30-11:30 @ Greenwood Centre, Kentish Town.
- 23 Tue Movement, relaxation & lunch, 12pm-2pm @ Kentish Town Congregational Church, Kelly Street, NW1 8PH

WALK and TALK, Hampstead Heath



Meet near Parliament Hill cafe/toilets on Hampstead Heath by the Parliament Hill side of the Heath near the tennis courts (bus access from C2 or 214 or C11 get off at Parliament Hill/ Swains Lane bus stop).
Contact Ali Turner for more information: 07788 521693.

[Click here for more information](#)

Forum Meeting

Wednesday 10th September 25 – 10:30am – 12:30pm
The Greenwood Centre (37 Greenwood Place, Kentish Town NW5 3LB)



This meeting is for Camden Parents and Carers who have or care for a child or young person (0-25 years old) with additional needs.

- Camden Special Parents Forum
- Camden's Special Educational Needs (SEN) Service
- Children and Young People with Disabilities Service (CYPDS)
- MOSAIC Health Service

It is a great opportunity to meet other parents/carers and get to know the different teams, staff and services that they provide. We will also be able to give you advice, help and support you need to help your child/young person to thrive.

Everyone is welcome, but please only come if you are able to attend the forum. To book, please email Aishatu.Mohammed@kids.org.uk or text 07385 003 662. <https://www.facebook.com/CamdenSpecialParentsForum>

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'Walk & Talk' Sessions – Autumn 2025



- Are you a Camden Parent or Carer of a child or young person (0-25) with additional needs?
- Do you enjoy walking and talking out & about in nature?
- Would you like to 10 up your own eye and make friends with other parents and carers at the same time?

If so, join us for our popular 'Walk & Talk' sessions, led by fellow Camden parent Ali.

It is a chance to meet other parents and carers who have the same experience. We will be able to give you advice, help and support you need to help your child/young person to thrive.

PS If you prefer to walk or listen that is too! You are not expected to carry a bag or anything else.

When: Monday 17th September 25 Monday 27th October 25
Time: 10:15am – 12:30pm

Where: Hampstead Heath (near the water tower/Parliament Hill/Parliament Hill Tennis Courts) or the water tower/Parliament Hill/Parliament Hill Tennis Courts (near the water tower/Parliament Hill/Parliament Hill Tennis Courts)

Please let Ali know if you're coming to a session and also if you need to cancel as you can't attend. Keep an eye on Facebook, add your name to our contact list and keep in touch. www.facebook.com/CamdenSpecialParentsForum

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Coffee Morning

Wednesday 17th September 2025 10:30-11:30am
The Greenwood Centre (37 Greenwood Place, Kentish Town NW5 3LB)



Jointly hosted by: Camden's Children and Young People with Disabilities Service (CYPDS)

Would you like to know more about the CYPDS service and the support they provide for children and young people with disabilities? Would you like to meet the staff who work for the service? Would you like to meet other parents and carers who have children and young people with disabilities?

Come along to this meeting to learn more about the CYPDS service and the support they provide for children and young people with disabilities. It is a chance to meet other parents and carers who have children and young people with disabilities. We will be able to give you advice, help and support you need to help your child/young person to thrive.

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Movement, Relaxation & Lunch



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

If so, please go to the:

When: Tuesday 24th September 25 Tuesday 24th October 25
Time: 12:30pm – 2:30pm

Where: Kentish Town Congregational Church, Kelly Street, Kentish Town NW1 8PH (The entrance is through the gates across the street)

These sessions will be a gentle, relaxing, and enjoyable way to get to know each other and the staff who work for the service. We will be able to give you advice, help and support you need to help your child/young person to thrive.

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