

# SCS Newsletter

14<sup>th</sup> March 2025



Swiss  
Cottage  
School  
Development &  
Research Centre

Inclusive  
Nurturing  
Inspiring

Dear Families,

Classes across the school have engaged in collaborative science experiments for National Science Week. Four different science experiments were designed to focus on cause and effect and plant growth. They have brought our curriculum pathways together to explore and investigate. We are looking forward to the updates from our scientists on the rate of growth for the seedlings! We will feature updates on National Science Week in the End of Term Highlights Newsletter.

**Camden Special Parents Forum:** Camden SPF is hosting a CAMHS Support Session for parents and carers of children with additional needs, with a focus on understanding and managing behaviour in children (all ages). This will be held on Zoom on Monday 31st March, 11:45am-1pm, with limited spaces available. For more information, [click here](#).

## Terms Dates:

### Spring Term 2025

Monday 6th January to Friday 4th April 2025

Monday 6th January: Staff training day - no school for pupils

**Half-term:** Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February 2025

**Spring Holiday:** Monday 7th April - Monday 21st April 2025 (Easter weekend 18th - 21st April)

### Summer Term 2025

Tuesday 22nd April to Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Monday 5th May: May Day Bank Holiday - no school for pupils

**Half-term:** Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May 2025

Monday 30th June: Staff training day - no school for pupils

Tuesday 22nd July 2025: Last day for pupils

A reminder that the last day of Spring Term is **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

The 2025-2026 School Year Term Dates can be found on our website, here:

[www.swisscottage.camden.sch.uk/parents/termdates](http://www.swisscottage.camden.sch.uk/parents/termdates)

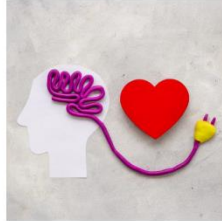
Wishing all of our families a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Yours Sincerely,  
Swiss Cottage School

**CAMHS Support Session for Parents and Carers of Children with Additional Needs in Camden**

**Understanding and Managing Behaviour in children (all ages)**

**When: Monday 31st March 11:45am-1pm**  
**Where: On ZOOM (Register for a link)**



A group session run on Zoom by Mosaic CAMHS to think about how to understand behaviours of concern in children. We explore meanings of behaviour and approaches to building parental confidence to help prevent and manage behaviours of concern.

**BOOK EARLY - only a limited number of spaces available.**

**This CAMHS support session will be delivered by Susan Cottam, clinical psychologist, and Adele O'Hanlon, child psychotherapist, who are working with many Camden families.**

To book onto this session please email:

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[Aishatu.Mohammed@kids.org.uk](mailto:Aishatu.Mohammed@kids.org.uk) Text or Call Aisha 07385 003 662

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**Camden MOSAIC**  
*Group for parents of adolescents with extra needs - 2025 at Swiss Cottage School*

**OPEN TO PARENTS WITH CHILDREN AT ANY CAMDEN SCHOOL**  
Interpreters are available if you let us know in advance

**Monday mornings from 10am to 11am on:**

**Monday 13 Jan 2025 ADOLESCENCE - WHAT TO EXPECT**  
**Monday 20 Jan 2025 FRIENDSHIPS**  
**Monday 10 Feb 2025 SEXUALITY**  
**Monday 24 Feb 2025 IDENTITY AND INDEPENDENCE**  
**Monday 10 Mar 2025 SIBLINGS**  
**Monday 24 Mar 2025 YOUR ADULT RELATIONSHIPS**

**WE ARE INFORMAL, FRIENDLY AND WILLING TO LISTEN**  
**– COME ALONG AND TRY A SESSION**

Group run by Susan Cottam and Will Parkinson from Camden MOSAIC CAMHS  
Contact us on 020 3317 2261 or [susan.cottam@nhs.net](mailto:susan.cottam@nhs.net) or [william.parkinson@nhs.net](mailto:william.parkinson@nhs.net) if you would like to come



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CAMDEN   
Special Parents Forum  
**SPRING Calendar 2025**

Welcome to our SPRING 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.

To book onto anything on our calendar below, get on our mailing list or to find out more please get in touch:  
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[Aishatu.Mohammed@kids.org.uk](mailto:Aishatu.Mohammed@kids.org.uk) Text or Call Aisha 07385 003 662  
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<b>Jan</b>	
14 Tue	Coffee Morning, 10.30am-11.30am @ Greenwood Centre, Kensal Town.
22 Wed	Themed Forum Meeting, 10.30am-12pm @ Greenwood Centre, Kensal Town.
27 Mon	Walk and Talk, 10.15am-12.30pm @ Hampstead Heath.
29 Wed	Coffee Morning, 10.30am-12pm @ Charles Backford Court, 43 Croftland Road, Chalk Farm, NW1 8FA.
<b>Feb</b>	
05 Wed	Total communications workshop, 10am-12pm Online via Zoom- register for Zoom link.
11 Tue	Annual Review workshop, SENDSAS 10.30am-12.30pm @ Greenwood Centre, Kensal Town.
24 Mon	Walk and Talk, 10.15am-12.30pm @ Hampstead Heath.
26 Wed	KIDS Camden Parent, Carer Well-Being day 10.30am-2pm @ Greenwood Centre, Kensal Town
<b>Mar</b>	
04 Tue	Coffee Morning, 10.30am-11.30am @ Greenwood Centre, Kensal Town.
05 Wed	Movement, rest and relaxation, 12pm-2pm @ Kensal Town Congregational Church.
12 Wed	Forum meeting, 10.30am-12.30pm @ Greenwood Centre, 37 Greenwood Place, Kensal Town.
20 Wed	Themed Forum Meeting, 10.30am-12pm @ Greenwood Centre, Kensal Town.
31 Mon	Walk & Talk, 10.15am-12.30pm @ Hampstead Heath.
31 Mon	CAMHS understanding and managing behaviour, 11:45am-1pm Online via Zoom- register for Zoom link.

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