

SCS Newsletter

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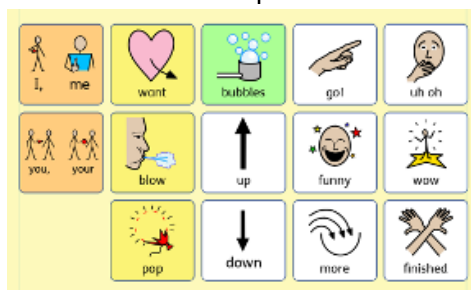
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Today we are celebrating National Teaching Assistant Day. We know that families will join us in thanking the Teaching Assistants for being such valuable partners in supporting the pupils' progress and wellbeing. We are fortunate at Swiss Cottage School to have such committed and caring colleagues, and thank each Teaching Assistant for making a difference every day.

**National
Teaching
Assistants'
Day**

This week's Tuesday coffee morning was a great success, with families learning about the effective use of visuals to support their children. We will be offering further sessions where we will invite parents and carers to co-create visuals such as timetables and communication boards so that you can use them at home or in other spaces.



Wednesday's workshop - What Happens When My Child Leaves Swiss? – was very well attended and feedback from our families were overwhelmingly positive. We know that it can be daunting to consider the next steps for your child when they leave Swiss Cottage School, but doing so early helps us all to work towards the best outcomes for their adulthood.

Next week's coffee morning features a representative from the Local Authority SEN/D Team who will explain the service that they offer and can help to answer families' questions about the Local Authority's processes relating to Annual Reviews and Education and Health Care Plans. See below for coffee morning themes for the next two weeks.

Finally, we're giving advanced notice to those families who would like to join us in celebrating National Mental Health Day on Friday 10th October by wearing yellow.



Tuesdays 10am – 11.30am	Coffee Morning Theme	Description
Tuesday 30th September	Coffee Morning: 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.
Tuesday 7th October	Coffee Morning: Short Breaks Coordinator	A visitor from the Short Breaks team will be visiting. Short Breaks is for children with special educational needs and disabilities to spend time supported, away from families, engaging in activities or clubs. It will also be an opportunity to ask questions.

Yours Sincerely,

Syra Sowe
Principal (Interim)

FOCUS GROUP OPPORTUNITY

The HAF Programme is funded by the Department for Education (DfE) and provides children and young people from Reception to Year 11 (who are eligible for Free School Meals) with:

Free access to fun physical and creative activities (including specialist SEND provisions & SEND spaces within inclusive provisions), a free nutritious meal each day and opportunities to learn, play & make friends during the Spring, Summer, and Winter holidays.

THEY NEED YOUR SUPPORT....

Camden's HAF Team are reviewing the eligibility criteria for SEND provisions within this programme & want to hear your views, experiences, and suggestions

HAF are particularly interested in hearing from parents and carers of children with a broad range of support needs, including:

- Current HAF users
- Families not currently accessing HAF provision
- Those in receipt of different types of Short Breaks support
- Parents of children whose needs are below the Short Breaks threshold

There will be two online feedback sessions on:

29th September at 4.30–5.30pm
6th October at 2–3pm

To reserve a space and receive the Teams link please email Camden.SPF@kids.org.uk
Alternatively, you can call or text on 07385 003 662



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AUTUMN TERM Calendar 2025

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 jointly with other services and agencies on various 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.

If you would like to attend any of the events on our calendar below, request a zoom link for our online workshops, find out more information or to join our membership and receive regular updates directly - please get in touch:

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We are also on Facebook – www.facebook.com/CamdenSpecialParentsForum Twitter @CamdenSPForum and IG @CamdenSPF. Please do connect with us!

September

- 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.
- 24 Wed Forum meeting, 10:30am-12:30pm @ Greenwood Centre, Kentish Town.

October

- 7 Tue Intro to SEND Workshop, SENDIASS 10:30am-2pm @ Greenwood Centre, Kentish Town.
- 13 Mon Walk and Talk, 10:15am-12:30pm @ Hampstead Heath.
- 14 Tue Movement, relaxation & lunch 12pm-2pm @ Kentish Town Congregational Church, Kelly Street, NW1 8PH.
- 22 Wed Coffee Morning, 10:30am-11:30am @ Greenwood Centre, Kentish Town.

November

- 4 Tue Tour of Charlie Ratchford Court (Extra care scheme) 11am-12pm, Chalk farm - Registration required
- 11 Tue Forum meeting, 10:30am-12:30pm @ Greenwood Centre, Kentish Town.
- 17 Mon Walk and Talk, 10:15am-12:30pm, @ Hampstead Heath.
- 18 Tue Movement, relaxation & lunch 12pm-2pm @ Kentish Town Congregational Church, Kelly Street, NW1 8PH.
- 24 Mon CAMHS Understanding and Managing behaviour all ages, 11:45am-1pm Online via Zoom- register for link.
- 26 Wed Coffee Morning, 10:30am-11:30am @ Greenwood Centre, Kentish Town.

December

- 2 Tue Movement, relaxation & lunch 12pm-2pm @ Kentish Town Congregational Church, Kelly Street, NW1 8PH
- 3 Wed Annual Review workshop, SENDIASS, 10:30am-12:30pm @ Greenwood Centre, Kentish Town.
- 8 Mon Walk and Talk, 10:15am-12:30pm, @ Hampstead Heath.
- 9 Tue Forum winter wind down, 12pm-2pm @ Greenwood Centre, Kentish Town.

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