

Reaching Out

In July, we learnt about:



July's Right of the Month:



Key Dates

Please check the **school calendar** on the website for upcoming events.



As we reach the end of this academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in our school community for their contributions in making our school such a special place for our children.

First and foremost, I want to extend huge gratitude and a fond farewell to the following members of our staff who are moving on to new adventures:

- Thank you to **Anne** for all your hard work and dedication supporting our children.
- Thank you to **Jess**, for being part of the Year 6 team this year!
- Thank you to **Jessie**, who returned to us in February after leaving last summer - it has been wonderful having you back! Good luck in your new role!
- Thank you to **Kati** for your dedication and the wonderful impact you've had on our children and school community for over 20 years!
- Thank you to **Michelle**, Speech and Language Therapist. It has been wonderful to have you as part of the team.

Your contributions have made a lasting difference, and you will always be a part of our school community. We wish you all the very best in your future endeavors.

Thank you to Parents and Carers

To all our parents and carers, thank you for your unwavering support throughout this year. Your involvement and commitment are integral to our school's community, and we couldn't achieve our goals without your partnership. Whether you've helped with school events, supported learning at home, or simply been there to encourage your children, your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to all our Children

A big well done to all our children who have worked so hard and achieved so much. The staff are very proud of all your learning and achievements this year. We wish our fantastic Year 6 children the very best as they move to their new schools.

Summer Break and Key Dates for the New Term

As we look forward to the summer break, I hope that everyone has the chance to relax and enjoy some well-deserved rest. Spend time with your families, explore new activities, and most importantly, have fun!

Please take note of the key dates for the start of the new term which are now available on the school calendar on our website. This includes year group meetings with your child's class teacher to go through key information for the year.

I look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new academic year, refreshed and ready for new challenges and opportunities.

Wishing you all a fantastic summer break!

Warm regards,

Sophie
Head Teacher

REACH for your future **Respect Enterprise Ambition Confidence Happiness**

Huge thanks to you all for supporting our Windows of Opportunity Campaign!

We have raised
£60,000 from the school
community. With matched funding
from the Charitable Trust, this
brings up to a grand total of
£120,000!



the
dally



You may have noticed a new venue opening up at 181 Upper Street, opposite the school. The Dally is a local members' club with a restaurant, cocktail bar and places to relax and / or work. The club is owned by an ex William Tyndale pupil!

The Dally have become our latest local business to sign up to our **Skills Builder** partnership, and we look forward to working with them in the new school year. They have also kindly agreed to host an event in the autumn to thank donors to the **Windows of Opportunity campaign** - date and details to come in the autumn term.

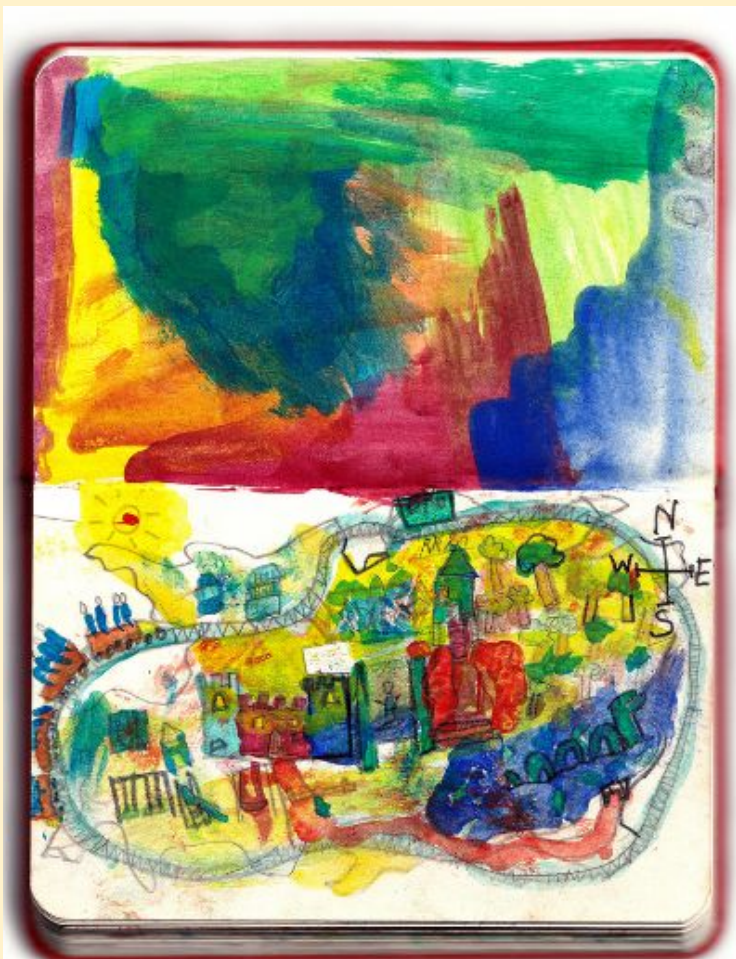
The Dally would also like to offer a membership deal to William Tyndale parents and carers, as follows:

- *Our regular membership costs £630 a year, or £66 a month plus a £250 joining fee;*
- ***We'd like to offer parents at William Tyndale a waived joining fee from today's date until the 31st of July;***
- *Children are welcome in the club as your guests and in our neighbourhood restaurant Margo's;*
- *Here is the link to the application form:*
<https://thedallyclubltd.peoplevine.co.uk/survey/group/379?logout=done>

Young Artists' Summer Show

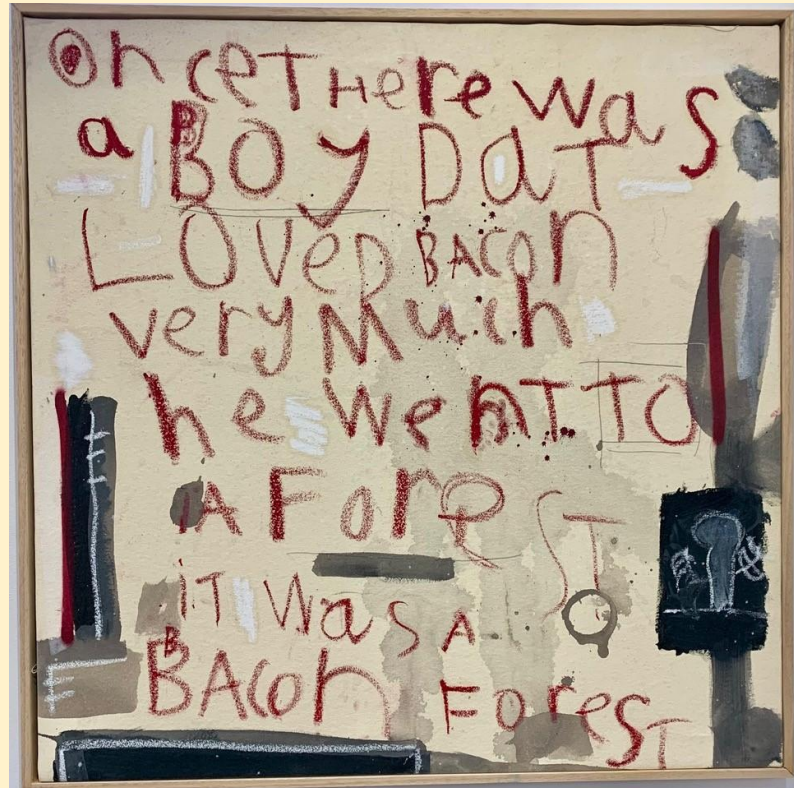
We are so proud that two of our children, **Adriano** (Year 1) and **Olive** (Year 5) have their work on display at the Royal Academy as part of the Young Artists' Summer Show! Huge congratulations to them!

Adriano and Olive's work were selected out of a staggering 21,400 applications!



Olive's *My Faraway Land*

[RA Young Artists Olive](#)



Adriano's *Bacon Forest*

[RA Young Artists Adriano](#)

You can visit the exhibition at the Royal Academy, Clore Learning Centre, Burlington Gardens.

16 July - 11 August 2024

Free - no booking required

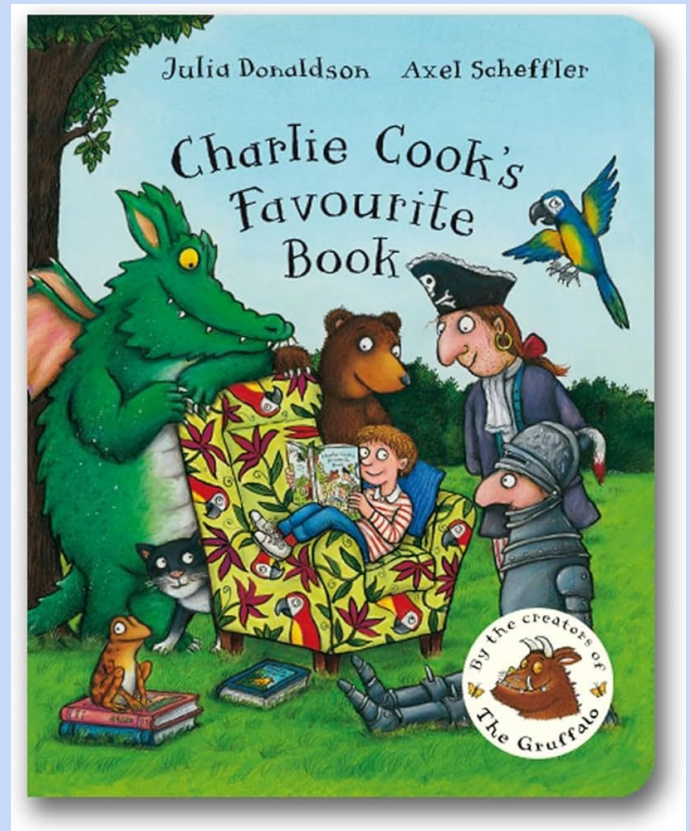
Tues - Sun: 10am - 6pm
Fri: 10am - 9pm

Charlie Cook's Favourite Book

On Thursday 4th July, the Little Angel Theatre came to visit the **Reception** children and put on an amazing interactive workshop based on the story, Charlie Cook's Favourite Book.

There were a range of immersive activities including, pirate games, walking the plank, creating storm noises, freeze framing and hand puppets made from everyday items.

The children really enjoyed the creativeness of the ideas and enthusiasm of the facilitators.



Year 2 Puppet Workshops



Year 2 had the amazing opportunity to take part in a special puppet making workshop, delivered by members of the Little Angel Theatre. The children were inspired by the story of Persephone, creating puppets for each of the main characters; Zeus, Hades, Hermes, Persephone and Demeter.

We had so much fun being creative and making our puppets unique as well as retelling the story using special puppeteer techniques taught by the Little Angel Theatre members.





Maths Successes

Number Facts Bee

Half of 12?

$$? = 5 + 13$$

$$17 - 4 = ?$$



4th July @
assembly time

In June, we participated in the First Maths Challenge. This is aimed to give children aged 7-9 the opportunity to take part in a fun maths challenge. We had 42 children who wanted to take part! We were delighted to have so many enthusiastic mathematicians. I was really impressed with their problem solving ability as well as their skills with aiming high and staying positive.

Key Stage One took part in the Number Facts Bee on Thursday 4th July. Congratulations goes to Julio (Quokka) and Victor (Hedgehog) who were the champions for year 1 and Year 2 respectively, and Evelyn and Ananya who were the runners up. I was so proud to see how all of KS1 respected their peers during the assembly and how strong the number facts are across the years. Keep up the good work!

Summer Challenge with Doodle Maths



Between the **1st July and the 31st August**, we invite learners to join one or both of our Summer Challenges -- the **DoodleMaths Challenge** and the **DoodleEnglish Challenge**!

Designed to encourage a few minutes of daily Doodling, the Summer Challenge promotes healthy learning habits and builds each child's confidence, helping to spark their love of learning.

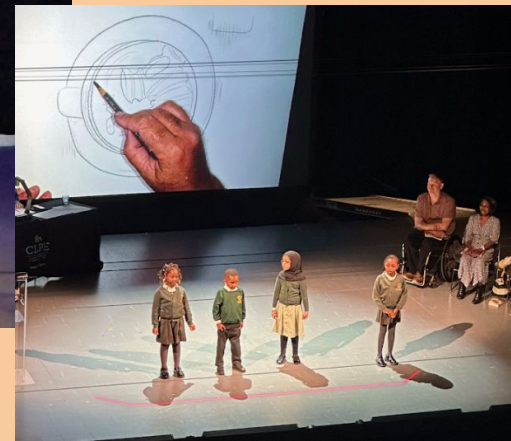
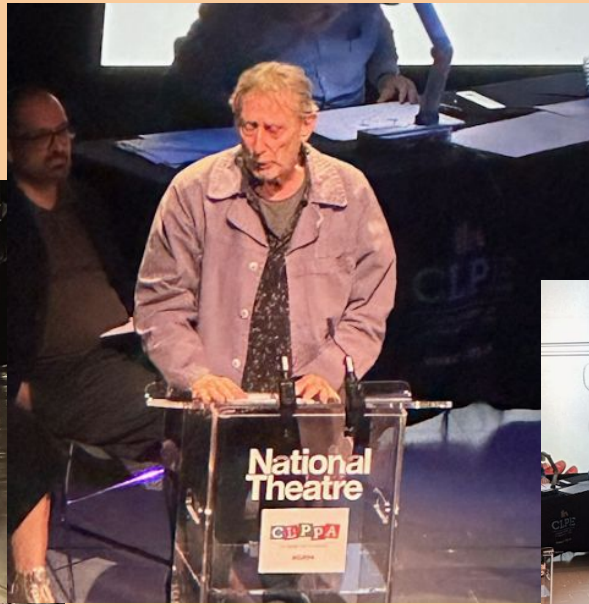
Most excitingly, all those who complete the challenge will earn a **FREE in-app badge**, a **real-life pin badge** and an **exclusive downloadable certificate** to celebrate their hard work!

Year 2 Poetry Performance

National
Theatre

We had a fantastic opportunity to witness some spectacular performance poetry at the **National Theatre** in Southbank. We were so excited to see some children from other schools perform poems to a huge crowd of people and we even got to hear some exclusive poems from some really famous poets, who were shortlisted as this year's best entries!

Michael Rosen even appeared at the end to perform a very special poem, in honour of **Benjamin Zephaniah**! **Chris Riddell** also entertained the crowd by drawing pictures to accompany all the poetry recitals.



*Michael Rosen on
stage at the
National Theatre*





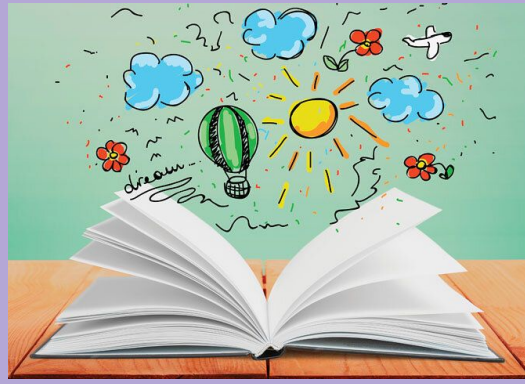
Year 5 and 6 Debate Showcase

The Debate Mate after school club put on a wonderful showcase debate for parents after school on Thursday 1st and Friday 12th July. Each club chose their own motion to present to parents.

Year 5 debated 'Should we have a 3 day weekend' and Year 6 debated 'Should parents attend parenting classes'.

The audience had the opportunity to join in with the debate and challenged the children with questions. It was the perfect opportunity for them to show everything they had learnt since joining the club and a rousing end to the term. Thank you to Martina and Kerry for organising this and guiding the children this year.





The Great Outdoor Read!

The library moved location for the morning of Friday 12th July and hosted families for a fantastic outdoor reading session.

Thank you to everyone who came along to support the event and made the best of the slightly windy weather. The atmosphere was very special and it was a joy to see so many children and adults enjoying books together.



William Tyndale Sports Days 2024!

On Tuesday 25th of June EYFS and KS1 took part in their annual Sports Day on the school pitch. It was a great day and the children embraced every activity, worked as teams and tried their very best. A big thank you to all the Playground Leaders who ran the events, and to parents and carers who came to show their support!!

On Wednesday 26th June, KS2 Sports Day took place at Highbury Fields. A massive **thank you** to all the parent volunteers who come to help set up and run the events - your support makes the children's experience so much better!



Islington Primary School League Finals

On Monday we took our year 5 / 6 boys and girls football teams to the Islington Primary Football League Finals after their successful league campaigns!

The format of the finals was for each team play to play a semi final match with the winner progressing to the final and the losing team would play again in a match for 3rd or 4th place.

In the first round of matches the girls faced St Joseph's Primary School but unfortunately lost 3-0. The team ran tirelessly and kept motivated when they went behind showing great character.

The boys faced Yerbury Primary School in their first match and went on to win the match 2-1. They went 2-0 up thanks to goals from Jacob and Tom but Yerbury scored a free kick setting up an intense end to the game.

For the second round of games, the girls played first against Ambler and the winning team would claim 3rd position. They won the match 1-0 thanks to a goal from Romi. The girls played some brilliant football. It was outstanding defending and goal keeping from Ambler that kept the shoreline and 1-0. **Well done William Tyndale girls for winning 3rd place!**

The boys match was right after and they were playing for 1st or 2nd place against Canonbury. Unfortunately, after an intense and close final the boys lost 2-0. The first half ended 0-0 but Canonbury scored two goals in quick succession towards the end of the 2nd half. **Well done William Tyndale boys for winning 2nd place!**

It was a wonderful day for William Tyndale football teams! At the award ceremony, the girls were awarded **gold medals** for coming 1st in the South League and the boys were awarded silver medals for being the **runners up** at mixed South League.





We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the **School Games Gold Mark Award** for the 2023/24 academic year!

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

With a total of 44 events and hundreds of young people competing in local inter-school competitions this year, we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible. As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been awarded this year. A special thanks to **Vanessa** and **Jaykey** who have helped tremendously this year. We look forward to applying once again in 2025!



Parent and Carer Workshops

Autumn Term 1 2024

Parent and Carer Information Meetings

Please come and meet your child's class teacher and find out about the curriculum and the expectations of the year group.

[Dates can be found on the Google Calendar on the school website](#)



Online Safety

Tuesday 1st October 10.30am and 4.15pm at Halifax

These hour-long sessions will be hosted by Get Safe Online. This session will cover how to support your child at home with navigating the online world, update you on recent updates to online safety and give you a chance to ask an expert all your questions.



Zones of Regulation

Friday 4th October 9am Meeting Room

Learn about the school approach to managing emotional regulation. You will find out how to help children identify and communicate how they are feeling in a healthy way.



Skills Builder Curriculum

Friday 11th October 9am Meeting Room

Come to this workshop where we will introduce you to how we teach the eight essential skills and the Skills Builder framework. You will also learn about how to support your child at home using HomeZone



Special Educational Needs

Tuesday 15th October at 9am

Learn more about SEND support in the school. This session will talk through outside SEND services available to our school and how we support SEND within the school.



Rights Respecting Curriculum

Wednesday 16th October 9am Meeting Room

This session will provide an overview of how we teach children about their rights and responsibilities and how it also supports their wellbeing.



Read for Pleasure in the Summer Holidays



The Summer Reading Challenge returns this summer with the theme 'Marvellous Makers'. The annual Challenge is delivered in partnership with public libraries, and it's free to take part.

From June to September, children taking part in 'Marvellous Makers' can discover new stories, join in with free activities at the library, and explore their creativity – from junk modelling to music, dance to drawing and painting. Children have to read 6 books between July and September from local libraries. This is also a wonderful opportunity to support our local community library.

To help promote reading over the summer we encourage children to take part in this. The library have visited the school to talk to the children about this and they were all keen to get involved. Children who complete the challenge will also be celebrated in assembly and the newsletter in September.

For more information login to the Summer Reading Challenge.

[Summer Reading Challenge](#)

Reading Ambassadors

The reading ambassadors have been busy this term helping to promote reading for pleasure across the school.

Year 4 ambassadors helped Alicen take delivery of a large amount of new books for the library. These were purchased with all the money raised from the Book Fair that visited the school in March. After a survey of the children, it was clear that they wanted to buy more graphic novels for the school. The ambassadors helped Alicen to label all the new graphic novel books and enter them into the system so children could start enjoying reading them at home. Well done Year 4 - there were a lot of books to organise and thank you to the parents who all bought a book at the fair.

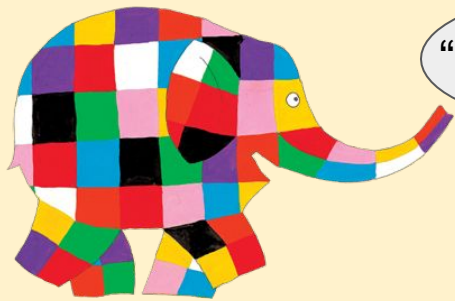


Reading ambassadors in Year 3 and 5 also conducted their own survey across the year groups. After the visit from the local library to promote the summer reading challenge, they asked each year group what would be the perfect summer read. See what they found out and the recommendations they have compiled for you on the next page.

Reading Ambassador Recommendations

Nursery

1. Elmer (David Mckee)



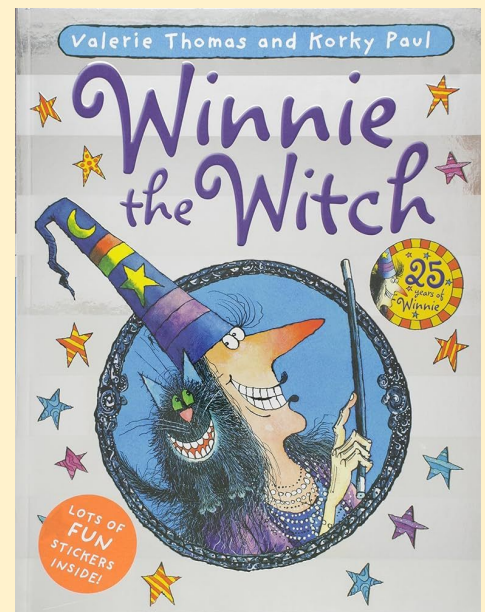
"Read me!"

2. The Highway Rat (Julia Donaldson)

Reception

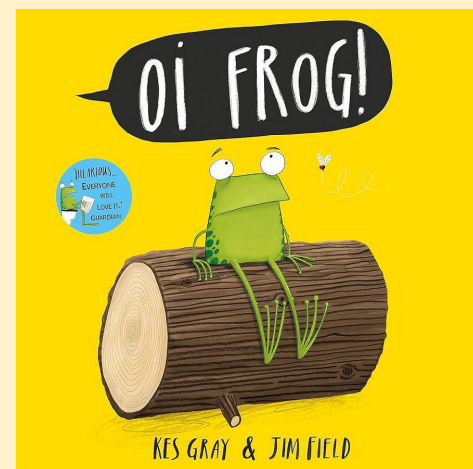
1. Smeds and the Smoos (Julia Donaldson)

2. Winnie the Witch (Valerie Thomas)



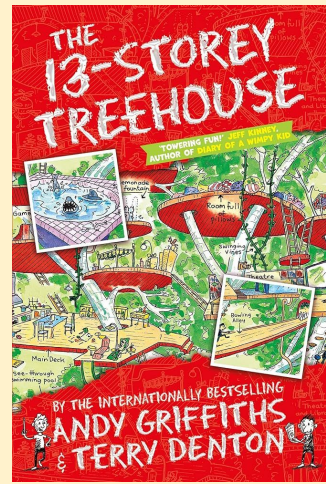
Year 1

1. Oi Frog! (Kes Grey)
2. The Tooth Fairy and the Crocodile (Julia Donaldson)



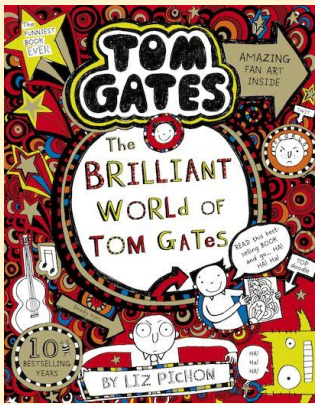
Year 2

1. Room on the Broom (Julia Donaldson)
2. The 13 storey Treehouse (Andy Griffith)



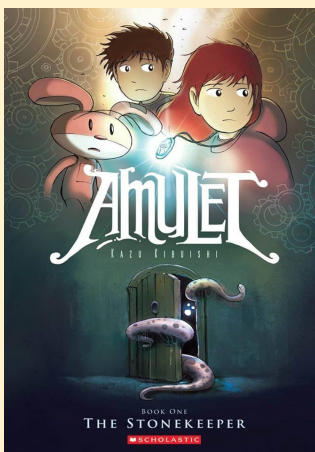
Year 3

1. Wonder (R.J. Palacio)
2. Horrible Histories
3. (Terry Deary, Peter Hepplewhite)



Year 4

1. Percy Jackson (Rick Riordan)
2. Tom Gates (Liz Pichon)

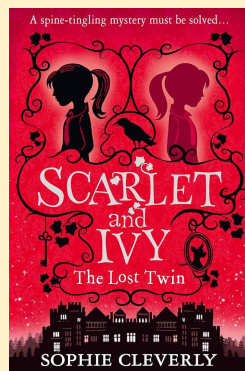


Year 5

1. Amulet (Kazu Kibuishi)
2. City of Dragons (Jaimal Yogis)

Year 6

1. Harry Potter (J.K. Rowling)
2. Scarlet and Ivy (Sophie Cleverly)



Would you like to help William Tyndale School secure an extra £4000 on average in additional funding?

Great, as David Astburys Estate Agents would love to help support this incredible cause. For a limited time only, we are offering:



Sales

To pay 20% of our fee for any property we sell, which comes via a William Tyndale recommendation. This would result in an average £4000 being paid back to the school, for every completed transaction we are a part of.

Lettings

10% for the first 5 properties let, subject to referral to us by the parents, guardians, carers or staff. Thereafter, 15% on any successful lets carried out, subject to referral from the 6th January let, running throughout until tenancies commencement. (Up until 31st December 2024)

Property Management for just £49/month

For a limited time we are offering a heavily reduced fixed rate for NEW and existing clients.
*Terms and conditions apply.

Referral Incentive

To support the fundraising for the schools we sponsor, we will give William Tyndale a percentage of our fees for any referrals to us by the parents, guardians, carers or staff across deals complete in Sales and Lettings in 2024. This can be an external referral bought to us from you too!



Keeping your Child Safe Online

One of our top priorities for our whole school community, is our children's mental health and wellbeing. There is more and more evidence showing the impact of screens on children. We will be running another Online Safety Workshop with Get Safe Online in September at the Halifax Flagship Store. In the meantime, please look at these resources:

If you haven't already done so, please make sure that you have Parental Controls on all your devices.

Get a step by step guide here: [Parental controls & privacy settings guides | Internet Matters](#)

[Keeping children safe online | NSPCC](#)



The infographic is titled 'ISLINGTON Digital Charter' and features the Islington coat of arms. It includes logos for 'Safer Internet Day' and 'Children's Commissioner Digital 5 A Day'. The 'Digital 5 A Day' logo is a circular pie chart with five segments: 'Be Mindful' (red), 'Connect' (purple), 'Be Active' (green), 'Get Creative' (yellow), and 'Give to others' (blue). The main text states: 'Islington wants to promote the safe, happy and creative use of technology. In consultation with our children, parents and staff we have developed our very own 'Digital Charter''. Below this are ten numbered items, each with an icon and a title:

-  **Mobile-free mealtimes**
-  **Real books at bedtime**
-  **Be kind online**
-  **Create, don't consume**
-  **Balance online and physical activity**
-  **Think before you share**
-  **If something upsets you, tell an adult**
-  **Age appropriate content only**

PUNCTUALITY and ATTENDANCE

Punctuality

Children are happier when they arrive punctually at school and their learning gets off to a fine start. We have many incentives to encourage children to arrive punctually, including certificates and medals.

Please remember:

- **The school gates open at 8.45am** and children are able to go straight to their classes.
- **School starts at 8.55am** but we give you a 5-minute grace period to account for exceptional circumstances; therefore, any child arriving at **or after 9am will be marked late.**

Timings for the end of the day will be as follows:

Nursery door will open at 2.50pm. (Children not collected by 3 will incur a charge.) **Reception** and **Year 1** doors will open at 3.25pm.

- **Year 2** line up outside the Reception play area at 3.30pm, flanking the fence in front of the hand washing trough, by the office as you come down the lane from Upper Street.
- **Years 3 – 6** will be brought down to the playground at 3.30pm. Please could parents wait near to where their child's class lines up, avoiding bottlenecking by the new extension of the Morris Building. Children will not be dismissed as they come out and down the stairs – only from their line.
- **Any children not collected on time will be taken to Kids' Club where a charge will apply from 3.40pm.**

It is really important to a child's feeling of security that they are brought in regularly and that parents arrive and depart promptly once they are settled. Children who arrive late can become distressed and find it hard to settle to their activities. Again, at home time, please collect your child promptly as they can become very anxious if you are late.

Please find further information in the [Parent and Carer Handbook](#) on the school website.



Attendance

The school and Educational Welfare officers monitor attendance on a regular basis. We expect children to have **at least 95% attendance. If your child's attendance falls below 95% then the Educational Welfare Officer will contact you. A child is considered a persistent absentee once their attendance falls to 90%.**

Please let us know of any changes in your child's home life, routines or health that may affect their attendance or punctuality at school, so we can support you accordingly. If you would like any more details about punctuality and attendance, please see Penny in the school office.



What do I do if my child is sick?

1. If your child is sick please inform the school office on the first day of absence.
2. On your child's return to school please bring a note to the school office explaining why your child was absent. If your child is absent directly before or after a holiday you will need to bring in medical proof to support the absence.

We award children medals and badges for 100% attendance and punctuality over a term and for over the whole year. Well done and thank you to everyone who continue to help reduce our absences, cooperating with procedures required by the Department for Education (DfE).

What about medical appointments?

Please try to avoid making dental or medical appointments for your child during the school day; if an appointment is absolutely necessary please show your appointment card (preferably in advance) to the school office as evidence for this absence.

What if I need to apply for leave during term time?

Any leave of absence has to be applied for, four weeks in advance, using the appropriate forms from the school office; each case is reviewed individually but please be aware that absence will be authorised in only the most exceptional of circumstances. **Holidays during term time will never be authorised.**

Any unauthorised absence may result in an immediate penalty notice of £60 per parent per child from Islington's Educational Welfare Department.

Support Services

Corinne, Pastoral Lead, has collated some useful services available to parents. This is not an exhaustive list and do continue to contact the school if you require support.

Islington Bright Futures, Early Help 5-19 (school-age to 19 years)

<https://directory.islington.gov.uk/kb5/islington/directory/service.page?id=txWgdPi-Gz0>

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Bright Start Family Support Service

Parents-to-be and parents and carers of children under 5 years

[Find Your Islington | Bright Start Family Support Service](#)



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Benefits and Financial Support

<https://www.islington.gov.uk/children-and-families/benefits-and-financial-support>

Islington Parenting Programmes

[Parenting Programmes in Islington](#)

Support Numbers

Emergency Services

999

Islington Children's Social Care

020 7527 7400

Domestic Violence National Helpline

0808 200 247

NSPCC 0800 800 500

Childli

ne 0800 1111



“ERIC is the national charity dedicated to improving children’s bowel and bladder health.

Our mission is to reduce the impact of continence problems on children and their families.”

The website has lots of information about toileting issues such as toilet anxiety, potty training, bowel and bladder problems. It offers lots of practical advice around how to support your child, webinars and a HELPLINE.

www.eric.org.uk



Free helpline: 0808 801 0343 Mon to Thur, 10am - 2pm