

Reaching out

William Tyndale
Primary School



An exceptional education for all

9th September 2022

It has been so lovely to welcome you all back and have such a fantastic start to the new year. We hope you had a lovely summer break! Thank you all for the prompt drop-off and collection which is making the start and end of the day run so smoothly.

I would particularly like to welcome the children and families new to William Tyndale this year as well as three new teachers – **Kinga** in **Spindle Class** (Year 2), **Emily** in **Sycamore Class** (Year 3) and **Holly** in **Acacia Class** (Year 4).

I would like to say a big 'Thank you' to **Nancy and her team** for organising such a successful holiday playscheme this summer (see below).

Parent Information Meetings have been running this week and continue next week. A creche will be provided. Please make sure to attend; the meeting will provide you with vital information about what your child will be learning, the expectations of the year group and the various resources available so you can support your child's learning and well-being.

Please be aware that **Thursday 20th and Friday 21st October** are INSET days just before **the half term break**.

The Senior Leadership team will be in the playground each day in the morning or afternoon; please see our photos below!

A big thank you to **Orla** for organising the wonderful mural near the Upper Street entrance and to **Jessie** for coordinating a highly successful Race to Health (see below). Also read on for information about instrumental lessons and the Secondary Transfer closing date.

Please could **all parents and carers** fill in our [school meals form](#). (hard copies available in the office) regardless of income and whether or not your child eats a school meal or a packed lunch? Kindly return it to **Tina**, in the school office or email to: parentmessages@williamtyndale.islington.sch.uk.

September's Skill of the Month is **LISTENING** and our Right of the Month is **ARTICLE 28: ACCESS TO EDUCATION**. Please read below for more information.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Bea Mayer

Assistant Head Teacher

EVENTS

September

Parent Information Meetings @ 3:45 pm

12th Year 3

13th Year 2

15th Year 1

21st Year 5 trip to local parks

27th Year 5 trip to London Zoo

October

3rd Year 2 to Little Angel Theatre

11th Nursery Parent Information Meeting @ 3:45pm

18th Reception Parent Information Meeting @ 3:45pm

20th INSET Day

21st INSET Day

24th - 28th HALF TERM

Our Holiday Play Scheme will run for all Tyndale children this week

November

9th Parent Conferences 4-7pm

10th Parent Conferences 4-6pm

11th Remembrance Assembly

17th KS1 Number Facts Bee

23rd KS2 Multiplication Bee

December

17th Last day of term (1:45pm finish)

The next newsletter will be published on 7th October.

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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 **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** will no longer gather in the school foyer; they will line up outside the Reception play area at 3.30pm, in front of the handwashing trough, by the office as you come down the lane from Upper Street. (This will be subject to review.)
- **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** (see below for changes to Kids' Club charges).

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 absence 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.

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). A reminder about these is outlined below:

- If your child is sick please inform the school office on the first day of absence.
- 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.
- Please 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.
- 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.**

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Holiday Playscheme

We would like to say a big 'Thank You!' to Nancy, Elvira, Prabhuta, Eve, Tracy, Kerry, Vanessa and Stephanie for running such a successful Holiday Playscheme, during what turned out to be the hottest couple of weeks for over 100 years.

Despite the heat, the children were able to enjoy a huge range of activities from: arts and crafts, including salt dough decorations, making seahorses and jellyfish from recycled school items, an experiment with tie dye; baking; a mini sports day; a hugely enjoyable trip to Highbury Fields - taking in the playground and playing games on the fields themselves; drama and gymnastic activities with Nick; Podley in the playground; a mixed age rounders game; as well as playing with the playground equipment, including bikes and scooters. The children had a fantastic time and the staff are already planning activities for the October half term play-scheme. A letter will be coming soon for you to book for the 24 - 28th October.



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Senior Leadership

The Senior Leadership Team comprises:



Tanya
Head Teacher



Claire
Deputy Head
Teacher



Olivia
Assistant Head
Teacher and SEND
Lead



Sophie



Bea

Assistant Head Teachers

One of us will be around in the playground during drop off or pick up times, please do come to speak with us if you have any concerns, but also just to say 'hello'. We look forward to seeing many familiar faces and meeting some new ones.



HEALTHY STREETS EVERYDAY DESIGN-A-MURAL COMPETITION!

William Tyndale school was delighted to take part in the Car Free Day Mural Competition last year. Children across the year groups designed wonderful artwork with their interpretation of what our roads would look like without cars.

There were over 150 submissions from schools all across London and we are very pleased to announce that William Tyndale School was one of the 3 winners. The children in Years 3, 4 and 5 took part in a wonderful art workshop with fantastic artists Carina and Cathy (Stamped Arts) where they collaborated and designed beautiful artwork for the school mural. The mural is located at the top of the school path to the left of the green gates. This artwork represents the children's ideas and their designs were brought to life with the help of Carina and Cathy.

We would like to say a big thank you to the competition organiser, Fiona Coull (Healthy Streets Project Manager), and the amazing artists, Cathy and Carina, and finally to the children at school for their creativity and imagination. We hope this mural inspires all of us to be more mindful about our children and their future!
Orla (Art and Design Technology Lead)

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INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS

Instrumental lessons will be starting in the next couple of weeks. Lessons are timetabled between 12.30 and 4pm. You will have received an email with the exact times.

Instrument	Teacher	Start Date	Day of lesson
Clarinet & flute	Dom	13th Sep	Tuesday
Violin	Matt	20th Sep	Tuesday
Guitar	Zack	22nd Sep	Thursday
Cello	Rosie	23rd Sep	Friday
Brass & flute	Vahan	16th Sep	Friday

Orchestra is run as a separate club (for which there will be a small charge) from 12.30 – 1 on Fridays starting on **Friday 16th September**. Both Vahan and Rosie are in charge of this. Orchestra is open to all of KS2, whether or not they learn in school, who have had at least one year's tuition and are of a reasonable standard.

All the children in Year 3 receive lessons on the recorder with Dom, which will start on **Tuesday 13th September**. Please ensure that you buy a plastic descant recorder for this lesson.

If you have any questions please email parentmessages@williamtyndale.islington.sch.uk. Please note that Music fees are payable in advance for the year, online, through *School Money*.

Race to Health Journey to Jubilee: Evaluation Report William Tyndale

From 13 June to 3 July 2022 William Tyndale took part in Islington's *Race to Health: Journey to Jubilee challenge*.

Race to Health is an online whole school physical activity challenge to encourage primary school aged children to increase the number of minutes they are physically active. Pupils are set the challenge of meeting their 60 minutes' recommended daily physical activity to collect personal points, medals and certificates online whilst achieving the collective school goal of following a route around the world to a set destination. The 2022 edition follows the 300-mile route from Brunton Street, Mayfair to Windsor Castle.

Results

At William Tyndale Primary School 167 pupils took part in the race by logging physical activity minutes. As a whole William Tyndale Primary School logged 109,608 physical activity minutes and completed 103 miles of the *Race to Health* ending up in **5th Place**, finishing between Buckingham Palace and St James Park.

Secondary Transfer 2022

If your child is in Year 6, now is the time to think about applying for Secondary schools. The Secondary Transfer brochure is available on the Islington website – go to www.islington.gov.uk/admissions

The closing date for applications is **31st October 2022**. Islington Council recommend that you apply by **18th October** in case there are any problems.

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September Right of the Month

The Right to Learn

Article 28

Throughout September, children will have assemblies to discuss the Right to Learn and each class will be creating a Class Charter to support a positive learning environment for all children. This is an opportunity for all children to learn more about all the Rights of the Child and helps to establish shared values and relationships for creating a Rights Respecting ethos in the classroom.



GDPR

We updated our Data Protection Policy and the Privacy Notice for parents and pupils in May 2021.

The updated documents are available to view on the school website:

<https://www.williamtyndale-islington.co.uk/about-us/policies-and-procedures>

Please be aware that any consent regarding your child's data which was given in the past will continue to be valid (e.g. consent for taking and distributing photos). You have the right to withdraw your consent at any time.

Breakfast Club & Kids' Club

0207 354 6106/ 07398 006 395

Charges

Breakfast Club 8am – 8.50am £6.50

Kids' Club 3.30pm – 6pm £13.50

(Nursery children 3pm – 6pm £16.50)

Any collection after 6pm will result in an on the spot fine of £30 + £1 per minute

Jewellery, Nail Varnish and Hair Dye!

We know how tempting it is for children to experiment with adornments but ask you please not to let your child do this in school.

It can cause upset and jealousy as well as, in the case of jewellery, present serious health and safety problems.

Children are welcome to wear watches and stud earrings – no hooped earrings of any kind are allowed.

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Dates for the Academic Year 2022 - 2023

AUTUMN TERM 2022

FIRST DAY OF TERM	Thursday 1 st September
INSET DAYS	Thursday 1 st and Friday 2 nd September
CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL	Monday 5 th September 2022
INSET DAYS	Thursday 20 th and Friday 21 st October
HALF TERM	Monday 24 th – Friday 28 th October
LAST DAY OF TERM FOR CHILDREN	Friday 16 th December 2022

SPRING TERM 2023

FIRST DAY OF TERM	Tuesday 3 rd January 2023
HALF TERM	Monday 13 th – Friday 17 th February
INSET DAY	Monday 20 th February
LAST DAY OF TERM FOR CHILDREN	Friday 31 st March 2023

SUMMER TERM 2023

FIRST DAY OF TERM	Monday 17 th April 2023
May Bank Holiday	Monday 1 st May
HALF TERM	Monday 29 ^h May – Friday 2 nd June
Spring Bank Holiday	Monday 29 th May
LAST DAY OF TERM FOR CHILDREN	Friday 21 st July 2023

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Universal Free Meals Registration Form

Please could all parents and carers complete this form. Completion of this form also enables us to check for Free School Meal Eligibility and whether the school can claim additional money (Pupil Premium) from the Government.

Pupil Premium is the additional funding given to schools for pupils who have been registered as being entitled to Free School Meals (FSM) at any point in the last 6 years. Schools receive this funding to support their eligible pupils and narrow the attainment gap between them and their peers. Further information about how the school spends these monies can be found on the school website.

We urge you to complete this form even if your child does not have school meals.

To register please complete the boxes below using black ink and BLOCK CAPITALS and return it to your school

Parent/Guardian Surname:		
Parent/Guardian Date of Birth:		
National Insurance Number: OR National Asylum Seeker Support Reference Number (NASS):		
Child(ren)'s Name(s)		

For eligibility criteria please see overleaf

DECLARATION:

I confirm that the details supplied are correct and accurate. I understand that my personal information is held securely and agree that the school can only use the information provided to process my claim for Pupil Premium by contacting Strictly Education 4s, who will check entitlement via a secure government website.

I understand that I am responsible for informing the school immediately if I stop receiving one of the qualifying benefits.

By signing this form I am confirming that I have read and fully understood the above declaration.

Signed Parent/Guardian 1 Signed Parent/Guardian 2.....

Date.....

Date

N.B. This form must be signed by the person who is in receipt of the qualifying benefit

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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA – DOES EITHER PARENT RECEIVE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING?	
IF YES PLEASE TICK RELEVANT BOX BELOW	<input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/>
• Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Income support	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Income based Jobseeker's Allowance (IBJSA)	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Income related Employment and Support Allowance (IRESA)	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999	<input type="checkbox"/>
• The guarantee element of Pension Credit	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual gross income of no more than £16,190, as assessed by HMRC N.B. If you receive WORKING TAX CREDIT you do NOT qualify even if you receive child tax credit and your income is below £16,190	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Is your child a looked-after child (LAC)? I.e. in the care of, or provided with accommodation by an English local authority?	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Has your child ceased to be looked after by the local authority because of <u>adoption</u> , a special guardianship order, a <u>child arrangements</u> order or a residence order?	<input type="checkbox"/>
FOR PUPILS IN YEAR GROUPS RECEPTION TO YEAR 11	
• Are either or both <u>parents</u> regular members of HM Forces and designated as personal category 1 or 2 (PStat Cat 1 or 2), in the armed forces of another nation and stationed in England or in receipt of a child pension from the Ministry of Defence?	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Support Services Offered By Islington

Corinne, Pastoral Lead, has collated some of the services that are offered by Islington. 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>

Islington

Bright Start Family Support Service

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

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

Islington

Parenting Programmes

http://directory.islington.gov.uk/kb5/islington/directory/service.page?id=GOa1wRnKc_E

Islington

Benefits and Financial Support

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

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Support Numbers

Emergency Services

999

Islington Children's Social Care

020 7527 7400

Domestic Violence National Helpline

0808 200 247

NSPCC

0800 800 500

Childline

0800 1111

Islington Library Service

Islington Library has **free e-books** and **audio books** which you can borrow for your child. If you haven't already got one, you will need to sign up for account to access these by going to the website below:

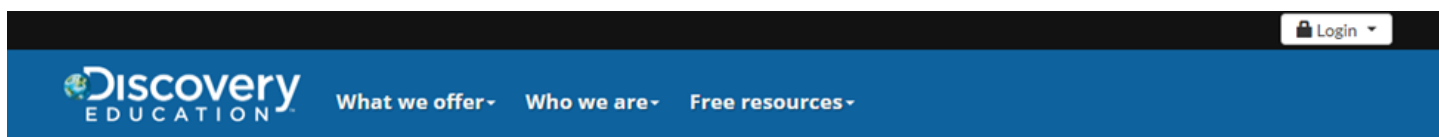
<https://www.islington.gov.uk/libraries-arts-and-heritage/libraries/online-resources-journals-and-magazines/ebooks-and-eaudio>

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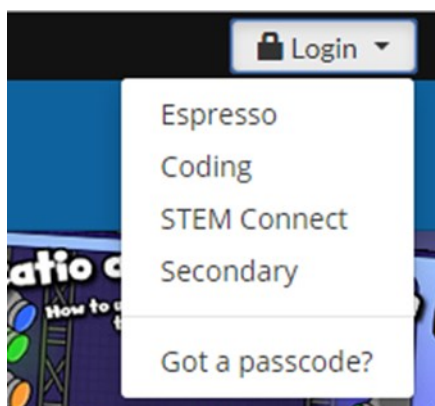
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ESPRESSO HOME ACCESS

Espresso Home Access is filled with wonderful resources across all subject areas for children to access from home. Please follow the instructions on how to get into all the great material. Open a webpage and type in <https://www.discoveryeducation.co.uk/>



Click on 'Login'



Choose 'Espresso' from the drop down

Type in the username and password that your class teacher has given you. If you have forgotten it, please ask.



My services



Click on espresso and you are able to access all of the resources. There are fantastic activities, videos and printable resources for all year groups. You can use espresso on both PCs and iPads. Some activities require Adobe flash.

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Reading and Maths Resources

All children from Year 1 upwards have an individual Reading Eggs password. Please ask your class teacher if you need your password.

Please login at www.readingeggs.co.uk.



All children from Year 1 upwards receive a login to Doodle Maths.

Doodle Maths is an app that allows children to practise their mathematical skills independently, both in school and at home.

Doodle Maths works by assessing areas of maths that children complete easily or find challenging; it then re-assigns questions to teach children new mathematical learning in small steps.

Your child has been given a **username** and **password**, and has been shown how to log in and use **Doodle Maths**.

It is very important that children complete the activities on **Doodle Maths** independently so that the app can assess which areas they need further practice in. Please do not help your children by giving them the answers, but direct them to the hints and explanations that can be found in the help section at the top of each question.

To link with your child's account, follow these simple steps:

- Download the **Doodle Maths** app;
 - Ask your child to sign in, using the details they have been given;
 - Tap on the Grown Ups section and follow the instructions there to link yourself to your child;
 - Login to www.parents.doodlemaths.com with your Grown Ups username and password and click on Monitor - Live so you can see how your child is doing as they complete their exercise; and
 - Download the Parent Connect app where you can see a snapshot of what your child is doing.
- Encourage your child/ren to earn at least 50 Doodle Stars a week and get instant updates through your app.

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