



Headteacher's Newsletter

Friday 21 November 2025

Accent Caterers

The school's catering company (Accent Catering) will be attending the Parent Consultation Evenings next week. Please do pop along and speak to them about school meals. If you are a parent of a child with allergies or Celiac disease, please speak to them if you have any questions relating to their management of allergies and their food preparation to prevent contamination.

<https://rhodesavenue.school/parents/school-meals/>

Book Fairs

Anywhere Book Club

The Anywhere Book Club will be running a stall during both of next week's Parent Consultation Evenings (a sign will be posted to let you know the location) for those parents interested in finding out more about supporting and encouraging their child's reading and writing but who were unable to attend their presentation last month. The stall will be open from 4.30pm on both evenings.

They will be available to discuss some of the barriers that children might face and offer advice and suggestions about how you can support your child's literacy using their games that are quick, accessible and fit easily into busy family life. Anywhere Book Club activities are carefully designed not only to develop language skills, but also wellbeing and confidence and are aimed primarily at 6 - 10 year olds but can be adapted for both younger and older children.

Anywhere Book Club products will be available to purchase at a discounted price.

Muswell Hill Children's Bookshop

The Muswell Hill Children's Bookshop will be running a book fair during Tuesday's Parent Consultation Evening and will operate from 3.30-8pm (a sign will be posted to let you know the location).

Chess

We would like to wish the school's U9 and U11's chess teams good luck in the new London Junior Team Chess Championships which are being held this weekend. It is always a pleasure watching the children in Chess club. I know they will demonstrate their great strategy, remain calm under pressure, think several moves ahead and deliver some brilliant checkmates against their opponents.

U9 team

Year 4 - Auden, Kai, Leonardo, Miles, Orestis and Victor.

U11 teams

Year 6 - Aidan, Dimitris, Ethan, Hooud, Jaan, Kostandinos, Liam, Philippos, Seb, Tobias, Tom and Xander.

Haringey SEN newsletter

Please find below the link to Haringey's SEND Newsletter (November 2025 edition):

[SEND Newsletter: vaccination support, housing advice, sleep workshops and more!](#)



Dates for the diary

Monday 24 th November 2025	Parent Consultation Meetings
Monday 24 th November 2025	Flu Vaccination Catch-Up
Tuesday 25 th November 2025	Parent Consultation Meetings
Wednesday 26 th November 2025	INSET day
Thursday 27 th November 2025	Year 6 trip to Palmers Green Mosque
Friday 28 th November 2025	Understanding and Supporting Neurodivergent Children Parent Workshop
Sunday 30 th November 2025	RAPSA Winter Festival
Monday 1 st December 2025	The Connected Parent Workshop
Thursday 4 th December 2025	Reception Christmas Show
Tuesday 9 th December 2025	Santa's Grotto for Nursery-Year 2
Wednesday 10 th December 2025	Choir at Alexandra Palace
Thursday 11 th December 2025	Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 15 th December 2025	Woodpecker Nursery Winter Warmers Christmas Concert
Monday 15 th December 2025	Hedgehog Nursery Winter Warmers Christmas Concert
Tuesday 16 th December 2025	Year 1 Winter Warmers Christmas Concert
Tuesday 16 th December 2025	Year 4 Winter Warmers Christmas Concert
Wednesday 17 th December 2025	Year 2 Winter Warmers Christmas Concert
Wednesday 17 th December 2025	Year 6 Winter Warmers Christmas Concert
Thursday 18 th December 2025	Year 5 Winter Warmers Christmas Concert
Thursday 18 th December 2025	Year 3 Winter Warmers Christmas Concert
Friday 19 th December 2025	End of autumn 2 nd half – normal school day finish

Kelly Hashemi

Kirsty Spittle (Reception Year Group Leader) writes:

As many of you know our beloved Kelly (ex Rhodes Avenue EYFS teacher) lost her long and brave battle to cancer earlier this year.

We will be holding a 'teddy bear sale' in honour of her on Monday 24th November 2025 in the Infant playground from 3pm onwards.



Our ex Rhodes Avenue Nursery Nurse and volunteer in school, Margaret Stow and her wonderful friends, have been busy knitting bears and their outfits! The bears have been made with love. ALL of the money raised will go to a charity, which will be chosen by Kelly's family.

The price of each bear is £10 and we will only be able to accept cash donations. We will also have bucket if anyone would like to donate. There are only a limited number of bears for sale.

Kelly was an inspiration who always put others first. She did a sponsored walk for Ovacome where she walked 44 miles in 3 days. Her dog Frida walked 17 miles by her side and joined her again for the last 8.5 miles!

Mastering Number

This academic year, as part of our School Development Plan priority 'Rising Numbers', Rhodes Avenue has begun the NCETM's (National Centre for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics) Mastering Number national programme. This is an evidence-based programme which aims to secure firm foundations in the development of good number sense for all children from Reception through to Year 1 and Year 2. Please click on the link below to see a short video about the programme.

https://youtu.be/QnElt_L92FA?si=cUxMROBYgER-LUC6



Year 1 and 2 have already begun using the rekenreks (see photo) as part of this programme. A rekenrek is a hands-on calculating frame. A rekenrek often becomes confused with an abacus. Please click on the link below to find out more about rekenrek.

<https://youtu.be/gtb7X2UJNWw?si=ZAQhtqjQjqZHa-Uk>

Outdoor Learning

As part of our School Development Plan priority 'Learning Beyond the Classroom', class teacher Meghan Grove has recently been appointed as the school's Outdoor Learning Leader. Meghan will lead on the whole-school priority area for this academic year and will focus her work on the objectives we have set.



Parent Gym

The school has secured a ParentGym parenting programme for the Spring term. The Parent Gym programme is a programme made up of six two-hour sessions with missions to complete between sessions. The programme has been designed by psychologists, drawing on parenting research. Sessions are designed to be highly interactive and participative. The programme is limited to twenty parents and will be issued on a first-come-first-served basis. When the dates are confirmed these will be shared with you. This programme is taking place at school but is led by an external provider. <https://parentgym.com/>

Prevent Assemblies

This half term infant and junior children had age-appropriate assemblies from Haringey's Prevent Education Officer. Prevent is part of the government's safeguarding work and in school it simply means helping children stay safe from any form of extreme or harmful influence.

Infant children had an assembly which focussed on respect. Children learnt that respect is where everyone's ideas are important even if they are different to ours and that even if we have different opinions, we can still be friends.

Junior children had an assembly which focussed on standing together against hate. They learnt about what hate looks like and why someone might experience hate. Children also learnt about what they should do if they see hate inside or outside of school.



Proposed bus lanes and pedestrian crossings

The school is aware of a Haringey public consultation for proposed bus lanes and improvements to pedestrian crossings close to the vicinity of the school. The consultation closes on Friday 28th November 2025.

[Public Consultation letter B106 Corridor](#)

[B106 corridor - consultation plan A to D](#)

[B106 corridor - consultation plan E](#)

Roads surrounding the school

Please remember not to block driveways or to double park during school drop-off and pick-up times.

Smartphone Free Childhood

A reminder of the two online sessions we have organised for parents.

<https://onecollectivepower.co.uk/meet-the-team/>



- **The Connected Parent – a session with expert Yael Shahar, Monday 1 December at 7pm** - This practical workshop bridges the gap between theory and action, providing real-world tools to navigate the emotional and digital challenges of modern family life. Topics include managing screen time, addressing peer pressure, and creating a family tech agreement. Parents will leave with simple, effective strategies to reduce conflict, improve communication, and build stronger connections.
- **Understanding and Supporting Neurodiverse Children – with expert Adam Tobias, Friday 28th November at 9.30am** - This insightful session offers a compassionate and practical approach to supporting neurodiverse

children in a digital world. It will explore emotional regulation, sensory sensitivities, and executive functioning, with actionable strategies for building calm routines, advocating in school, and supporting healthy digital habits.

We will share the online links with you as soon we receive them. We look forward to sharing more details soon.

Term dates

The term dates for this academic year, 2025-26 and 2026-27 are always available on the school website.

<https://rhodesavenue.school/news-events/diary-dates/>

Year 1 trip to Woodberry Wetlands

This half term Year 1 visited the Woodberry Wetland as part of their Woodland Wonder topic. Children explored first hand various habitats and discovered the wildlife that lives there.



Year 4 trip to Celtic Harmony Camp

This week I had the pleasure of supporting the Year 4's trip to Celtic Harmony Camp. Year 4 children experienced a Boudicca Warrior Day consisting of: training as a Celtic Warrior, learning the art of archery, exploring the woods on Boudicca's Quest, crafting their own Torc headbands, war painting the clan and trading and bartering. Year 4 were split up into groups across the three classes and they were challenged to work in cooperation to gain points for their team. The winning clan were the 'Bears' who were announced as winners in the Chieftain Roundhouse. Thank you to all of the parents across the classes who supported the trip and braved the outdoors in the cold.



Workshops for parents - ADHD

SEND Power! CAMHS **SEND Haringey**

New series of free monthly workshops for parents

Do you think your child may have ADHD or are they on the waiting list for an assessment?

- Come along and hear about helpful information and strategies.
- Meet other parents and professionals

Led by CAMHS and the Educational Psychology Service

Sign up here:
<https://sendpowerinharingey.eventbrite.com>

Upcoming sessions:

- Tuesday 21st October 2025 - ADHD and executive functioning
- Tuesday 18th November - ADHD and sleep
- Tuesday 16th December - ADHD and support in school

Time: 10 - 11.30am
Place: Chestnuts Community Centre (N15 5BN)

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Who can attend these workshops?
These workshops are for any parent/carer whose children:

- live and/or go to school in Haringey
- and/or have a GP in Haringey

What are these workshops about?
These are interactive workshops where you will have the chance to get accurate information around ADHD from practitioners, ask questions, and meet and chat with fellow parents/carers.

There will be individual sessions on a range of topics - attend when you can, sign up in advance if possible.

What topics will be discussed?
Future topics for workshops next term (Spring 2026) include:

- ADHD: pros and cons of diagnosis and medication
- ADHD over the lifespan
- ADHD and managing behaviour
- ADHD and emotion coaching
- ADHD and screen time
- ADHD and the development of attention

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Best wishes,
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