

# Primrose Hill Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Well – what a week it has been. We had three amazing concerts that I'm so pleased we could put on given the current situation. It was only made possible by both the venue being able to accommodate the numbers and the cooperation and help of parents to keep it covid secure. Thank you so much for this. They really were wonderful events and showed me the type of community Primrose Hill is close up for the first time. The feedback from parents and carers was overwhelmingly positive and credit to Tom, Rob, Danny and all of the staff for ensuring the events went off so successfully. It went to prove 2 things:

There is nothing quite like a group of children singing to warm the heart.  
PHS is a very special place indeed.

...and we finished it off with Christmas Jumpers and Christmas Lunch today 😊 **Phil**

## SEATING IN THE FOYER

We have reinstated the seating in the foyer of the school in order to make it easier for people with appointments to wait. To that end can I reinforce that those seats are not a waiting area at the beginning or end of the day or any other time unless you are waiting for a prearranged appointment. This would be the case in normal times but during the extra measures for the omicron variant it is imperative we do not have unnecessary visitors into the school. Thank you for your cooperation in this.

## PICK UP AFTER SCHOOL

We appreciate that parents/carers want to collect their children quickly at the end of the day but we do need to ensure the safety and care of all children during that short period. To that end can we ask 2 things:

- As soon as you have collected your child/children you leave the school site. It is important this happens because we have our after school provider P3 that need to use the playground
- As you collect your child/children can you take your child from the line and walk to the back and behind the lines round towards the gate. This will create a 'one-way' system rather than causing groups of people walking in both directions at what is already a very busy time

Thank you for your help with this.

## FAREWELL!

At the end of this term we say goodbye to two members of staff who will be much missed: Lyra our admissions and attendance officer leaves us to join a start up company in their administration section. It is an exciting opportunity for her and despite her being much missed we know it was too good a prospect to miss. She leaves us with heavy hearts but our blessings and good wishes!

Laura Beeson, our Assistant Headteacher overseeing curriculum is leaving us too. Laura has been at the school for 10 years and seen both the life of the school and her own change significantly over that time.



She has been instrumental in developing so much in respect of the outstanding curriculum we have and what we provide for the children in a wider sense too. Her input as well as her bright, cheery persona will be hugely missed by staff and children alike. You do not invest 10 years of your life into a place like Primrose Hill without it being a hard decision to make, and I know for Laura it was a tough, but necessary one. She leaves with our very best wishes for the future, and I am sure you will join me in thanking Laura for all she has done for the school during her time here.



## FESTIVE FIESTA

### 16th December



*To All of our wonderful families*

*Come and join us for some singing, delicious food, mulled wine warm drinks, arts, crafts and raffles. We are so looking forward to the community coming together again.*

16th December 3-4pm      *Phil Allman and FOPH*

We need your help to make our Festive Fiesta a memorable one! We would very much appreciate a donation of:

- A nut free cake - please bring it into school on the day
- Luxury items for the raffle

Please buy a raffle ticket for a chance to win a luxury hamper!

Raffle tickets will be on sale every day in the playground



Thanking you all in advance, your ongoing support and generosity is truly wonderful.

December 2021      *Phil Allman & FOPH*

## ATTENDANCE

Happy Friday everyone!

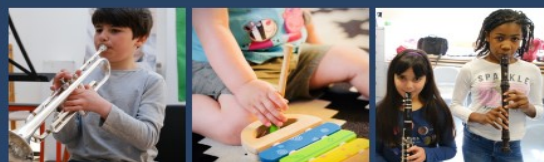
We've noticed a rise in late comers this week across the whole school. A reminder that the registers close at 9:05 so any arrivals after that is counted as late. Any arrivals after 9:30am is counted as unauthorised late, which affects attendance marks.

From next week, the playground gates will close at 9:10am promptly and children will need to come through the office to be marked in. We know it's been a very long term, but we're so close to the end, so let's try to end on a high note. See you all on Monday!



## WELCOME TO CAMJAM!

The Camden Music Junior Saturday Centre



## JOIN US ON SATURDAYS

at Brecknock School, NW1 9AL

- Music making sessions for children up to Year 5
- Instrumental lessons
- Bands, orchestras and choirs
- Music technology
- Adult choir
- Music groups for babies and very young children



[www.camden.gov.uk/saturday-music-centres](http://www.camden.gov.uk/saturday-music-centres)



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### Primrose Hill Primary School



#### Term Dates 2021 - 2022

##### Autumn Term 2021

**Monday 6th September to Friday 22 October 2021** (35 days)

*Half-term: Monday 25 October to Friday 29 October 2021*

**Monday 1st November - Friday 17 December 2021** (35 days)

*Christmas break: Mon 20 December 2021 to Monday 03 January 2022*

##### Spring Term 2022

**Wednesday 05 January to Friday 11 February 2022** (28 days)

*(New Year's Day - Saturday 01 January 2022 (Monday 03 substitute day))*

*Half-term: Monday 14 February to Friday 18 February 2022*

**Monday 21 February to Friday 01 April 2022** (30 days)

*Easter/Spring holiday: Monday 4 April to Monday 18 April 2022  
(Including Good Friday, 15 April, and Easter Monday, 18 April)*

##### Summer Term 2022

**Wednesday 20 April to Friday 27 May 2022** (27 days)

*Early May Bank Holiday: Monday 2 May 2022*

*Half-term: Monday 30 May to Friday 3 June 2022*

*(Including Spring Bank Holiday 2 June, Jubilee Bank Holiday 3 June)*

**Monday 6th June to Friday 22 July 2022** (35 days)

##### INSET DAYS

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>, Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> & Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022

### Star Learners!

**Tadpoles** - Leni & Fatima

**Froglots** - Koushan & Evie

**Ladybirds** - Omer & Maia Q

**Dragonflies** - Millie & Ismaeel

**Butterflies** - Harvey & Leo

**Grasshoppers** - Mohamed & Ursula

**Beetles** - Abdulrahman & Ida

### Bats - ALL

**Squirrels** - Zayyana & Klara

**Hedgehogs** - Andi & Jordan & Tiss

**Foxes** - Aisha & Poppy

**Blackbirds** - Adam, Greta, Richie

**Woodpeckers** - Taleyah, Samy, Archie

**Heron** - Wyatt & Ayub

**Kestrels** - Isa & Rukan



## EYFS...



*Christmas has come early in Ladybirds! We have had a very busy week getting ready for Christmas by decorating the classroom, making Christmas cards for our school fair, helping Santa wrap gifts in his workshop and we got to visit Santa at the Zoo! We're had a blast getting creative and using lots of glitter.....*



## Year 1 & 2...



Year 1 and Year 2 have been practising their songs and dance moves for some time. Finally, the day came where they all stood on stage at Cecil Sharp House and sang beautifully and danced so brilliantly. It was such a lovely event for all the grownups to see. You can also see their festive hats which were super sparkly!

**Well done KS1!**



## Year 5 & 6...

To finish our science unit on life cycles, Year 5 all took part in a big quiz! They had to answer questions on the life cycles of flowering plants, insects, amphibians, birds and mammals. It was tricky, but all the teams did very well! Well done to the winning group...Charles, Hiwaad and Elyse!

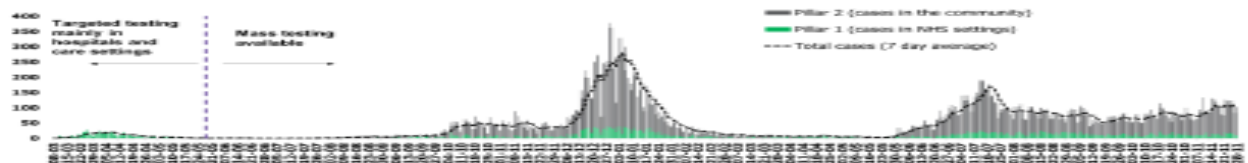




## COVID-19 in Camden Last week (22 November – 28 November)

**Deaths 1**  
**New cases per day average 112**

Number of daily cases in Camden, 08 March 2020 to 28 November 2021



It is important to note that as mass testing wasn't available until 28<sup>th</sup> May 2020, many cases early on will not have been tested. Therefore, current number of cases cannot be compared to the start of the pandemic.

Camden has had a total of **29,018** confirmed cases.

### Weekly incidence rate = 271 per 100,000

This is lower than London's rate at 373 per 100,000 and is the 3<sup>rd</sup> lowest amongst the 32 London boroughs. This is higher than last week (265) and is rated maroon.

### 6.2% of tests are positive

For every 1,000 tests taken 62 on average are coming back positive. A weekly percentage of 6.2% is rated amber.

These indicators are RAG (red-amber-green) rated to indicate whether they are good or bad.

Green ▲ Amber ● Red ▼  
Dark red ◆ Maroon ■

### London's R number = 0.9-1.2



An R number between 0.9 and 1.2 means that on average every 10 people infected will infect between 9 and 12 other people. If the R value is above 1 the pandemic is growing, if it is below 1 the pandemic is shrinking.

More information on COVID-19 in Camden is available on the [council website](https://www.camden.gov.uk/coronavirus)

This infographic has been created by Camden and Islington's Public Health Intelligence Team, contact [PHASS@Islington.gov.uk](mailto:PHASS@Islington.gov.uk) for more information

## COVID-19: Update from Camden Council

For the latest information and support from Camden Council and its partners, including updates to services:

- Visit [camden.gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.camden.gov.uk/coronavirus) – includes information in different languages
- Check the rolling news pages at [news.camden.gov.uk](https://www.news.camden.gov.uk)
- Follow Twitter @CamdenCouncil, Facebook [facebook.com/LBCamden](https://www.facebook.com/LBCamden) and Instagram @WeMakeCamden
- Speak to someone at the Council directly by calling 020 7974 4444 (option 9).

**SIGN UP** to the Council's coronavirus newsletter at [camden.gov.uk/coronavirus-updates](https://www.camden.gov.uk/coronavirus-updates)

### Save a life don't risk a life

COVID-19 cases remain high across London and, with news of the Omicron variant, it's more important than ever we protect ourselves and each other.

- Get the COVID-19 vaccine as soon as you can, and your booster as soon as you're eligible. Find out more at [camden.gov.uk/getting-the-vaccine](https://www.camden.gov.uk/getting-the-vaccine)
- Take regular rapid tests to check you're COVID-free – particularly before spending time in busy or enclosed spaces and before meeting older or more at-risk family and friends. Visit [camden.gov.uk/rapidtest](https://www.camden.gov.uk/rapidtest) to find out how
- Wear a face covering over your nose and mouth – this is compulsory on all public transport and in shops unless you're exempt
- Open windows regularly to let fresh air in
- Wash your hands regularly and use hand sanitiser while you're out

For full details, visit [gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

### Get your COVID-19 vaccine

Getting both doses of the vaccine and a booster when eligible remains the number one way to protect yourself and those around you from COVID-19 this winter. Everyone aged 12+ is eligible to get vaccinated, with the NHS working to expand second doses and boosters to more age groups in the coming weeks.

- Book online at [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus) or call 119 for free
- Visit a walk-in vaccination clinic or our vaccination bus, find out where at [camden.gov.uk/getting-the-vaccine](https://www.camden.gov.uk/getting-the-vaccine)

If you or your child aged 12 or over is clinically vulnerable, please speak to your GP about booking the COVID-19 vaccine as soon as possible.

When you're offered a booster dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, it may be different to the one you had for your first and second doses. Please know that this approach to boosters has been authorised by UK vaccine experts. If you have any questions, please speak to your vaccinator.



News of the spread of the Omicron variant will understandably be concerning for us all. The Government has introduced additional COVID-19 restrictions – it's vital we follow them to protect ourselves and others. I want to reassure you that we will continue to work with local partners in support of everyone who needs help in the days and weeks ahead. As part of that work we will do everything in our power to identify anyone who may have come into contact with this variant and offer them testing. If you think you might have any symptoms, please do get tested as soon and as safely as possible – and if you need help whilst self-isolating, call us on 020 7974 4444 (option 9).

This week marks one year since the first Londoner got vaccinated against COVID-19. The vaccine remains the number one way to protect yourself and others from the virus. It's not too late to get your first dose, so please get yours as soon as possible and get the booster as soon as you're eligible. I know many people will be looking ahead to festive gatherings with family and friends, and social activities – it's more important than ever that we follow the measures in place to keep us all safe. This includes regular testing to check you're COVID-free and wearing a face covering, unless exempt.

You can find more useful advice, support and tips for staying safe and well in Camden's winter 2021 booklet, which is being delivered to all residents and businesses this week. Copies will also be available in local libraries.

**Councillor Georgie Gould, Leader of Camden Council**

### Winter Holiday Activities and Food Programme for 5 to 16-year-olds

The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme offers children aged 5 to 16 – who attend Camden schools and are registered for free school meals – free fun activities with a healthy meal at a variety of venues and providers.

The Winter HAF Programme takes place in December 2021. All provision will follow the latest government COVID-19 guidance to ensure safety. Families can search for activities and sign up at [haf.youngcamdenfoundation.org.uk](https://haf.youngcamdenfoundation.org.uk)

### Support and advice for people who privately rent in Camden

We know that since the beginning of the pandemic many tenants are struggling to pay rent and possibly facing eviction. If you rent privately in Camden and need help or support with any housing issues, Camden Council is here to help.

Visit the Council's new dedicated website at [camden.gov.uk/private-tenants](https://www.camden.gov.uk/private-tenants) to find useful advice, including what to look for in a property, talking to your landlord about repairs, financial help or dealing with threats of eviction.

You can also email [camdenprivaterenters@camden.gov.uk](mailto:camdenprivaterenters@camden.gov.uk) if you have any concerns.



### Accessing healthcare and attending appointments this winter

Using the right service for your health needs means that you can get the care you need, faster. If you're not sure where to go, but think you need medical help right now, visit [111.nhs.uk](https://www.111.nhs.uk) or call 111 for free from mobiles and landlines. Only call 999 in a medical emergency – when someone is seriously ill or injured and their life is at risk. GP practices continue to offer face-to-face, video and telephone appointments. You can also speak to your community pharmacist for advice on minor illnesses.