



Eid al-Fitr - Eid Mubarak!

To all those who have been fasting for Ramadan and will be celebrating Eid in the coming days we wish you Eid Mubarak. It's still unclear if Eid will be Sunday or Monday. If Eid falls on Monday, and you are celebrating, your children are entitled to take Monday off. School will be open as usual for all other children on Monday. Those celebrating Eid would come back Tuesday.



Fleet News

Friday 28th March 2025

Message from the Head...

We've reached the end of the penultimate week of the spring term – thank you, as always, for your continued support. I hope you were able to attend this week's parent-teacher meetings. Working together is key to helping your children thrive. Recently, a number of parents have been in touch to talk about children and smartphones, sharing with me the **Smartphone Free Childhood** campaign (SFC). It encourages delaying smartphone ownership to protect children from early exposure to apps and social media – many of which are designed for much older users and can be difficult for children to navigate safely.

At Fleet, we have a clear rule: no phones (smart or not) are to be kept on children during the school day. Those who bring one for travelling in drop it off at the office when they arrive. But I know, as both a headteacher and a parent, that the bigger decision about *when* to give your child a phone is not an easy one.

My wife and I agonised over this with each of our three children. It's a real balancing act – wanting to protect them from what they're not emotionally ready for, while not wanting them to feel left out socially when friends have phones. Reading through the SFC website, I found myself wishing we'd had access to something like that at the time – it helps you feel less alone in those decisions. Once you hand over a smartphone, it can feel like letting the genie out of the bottle.

If you'd like to learn more, you can visit: smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk

And please remember: if you're ever worried about something your child is experiencing online – even if it's outside school – we're here to help. Just because it didn't happen in school doesn't mean we can't support you or your child.

Have a fantastic Eid for all those celebrating - see notice to the left and to all, have a good weekend and look forward to seeing you all next week.



General Health & Safety Reminders...

- Don't send in any snacks or food containing nuts - we are a nut free school.
- If your child is going on a playdate with another parent after school please make sure to let the teacher know directly. Do not rely on the other parent to tell us.
- If you change phone numbers or addresses please let us know immediately. We need your current contact details.
- Please do not prop open the main gate to the school site either before or after school. If there is not a member of staff there, the gate should be kept closed.
- If adults need to use the toilet on the school premises, even if accompanying a child, they must use the staff toilets in the corridor.
- The site is open to parents from 8am for breakfast club, please wait until then, even if a member of staff is buzzed in whilst you're waiting *(some parents have been coming in before 8 and leaving their children in the cubs unattended)*
- If you are in the junior playground after school, please supervise your children carefully and be mindful that the equipment in the junior playground is designed for older children and is unsafe for little ones. Other playground equipment (balls etc) is not for use after school.
- If you need to walk between the main school and the Nursery please use the path rather than cutting through the hall or corridor.

The logo for Red Nose Day is centered on a white circular background. It features the words "RED", "NOSE", and "DAY" in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The letter "O" in "NOSE" is replaced by a bright red circle, which has a small white crescent shape on its right side, resembling a nose.

**RED
NOSE
DAY**

**Message from the Fleet
Rights Respecting
Ambassadors**

**A huge thank you to everyone
who donated last Friday...**

**Together we raised
£132!**

Do something funny for money!

The RRS Ambassadors hosted a 'do something funny for money' event as part of the fundraising and recognising Read Nose Day last Friday. A huge success - thank you to them for the idea and to all the children who shared their talents and humour with us!



Weekly Punctuality Award

Punctuality Matters! There was a fantastic improvement this week - back to the low levels seen earlier in the term. Mainly due to the fantastic showing on KS2 - only 1 lates across 4 classes - brilliant. KS1 - can you match them next week? Overall down to only **10 lates this week** from last week's 25. We've made fantastic progress with punctuality this year and after two weeks in a row over 20 it's great to be back down to such a low number - almost single figures! To those who had been struggling getting in on time the last couple of weeks thank you for the renewed effort this week and to the majority getting here on time everyday and everyweek - you are superstars! If your child was late this week please endeavour to get them here on time next week - only one more push before the Easter break. A child's morning is often dictated by how they have come into school - rushed and last minute does not set them up well for a productive morning. Leave 10 minutes earlier if you are finding you are getting here late to ensure that they have a calm and settled start to their day. Thank you for all those who are on time every day.

How Did Each Year Group Do?

Year 3, Year 4 & Year 5 - no lates - perfect! Making the most of those early morning learning opportunities and coming in fresh. Keep it up.

Year 6 - 1 late - so close to a perfect week. Great effort - no lates next week? We know you can do it - you have done it before!

Reception - 2 lates - big improvement from last week's 8 and the best of the KS1 and EYFS classes. One more week to go before the holidays - do you think you can get a perfect week!

Year 1 - 3 lates 1 more than last week and the second week at the bottom end of the school for overall lates. Come on Year 1 - you can do better!

Year 2 - 4 lates From the best last week with only 1 late to the worst this week. Please try to get back to your previous levels. We know you can do it.

Arriving on time gives everyone the best start to the day. Let's keep working together to make sure every child is in class, ready to learn, right from the start. **Well done, everyone!**

Top Tips for a Smooth Morning


Mornings can be a rush, but small changes can make a big difference! Here are some simple ways to make getting to school on time easier:

Prep the night before - Lay out clothes, pack bags, and fill water bottles in advance.

Set alarms a little earlier - A calm morning sets the tone for the day.

Plan a quick and easy breakfast - Or remember, children can grab their **morning bagel at school!**

A Few Helpful Reminders

 **Classrooms open at 8:45am** - No need to wait outside in the cold or rain!

 **Breakfast Club at the QUBE starts at 8am** - A warm and friendly start to the day.

 **Bagels served from 8:30am in the outside area** - Fuel for a great day of learning!

If a child arrives in class after 9am they are late

Class	Lates
Y3, Y4 & Y5	0
Y6	1
Rec	2
Y1	3
Y2	4
Total	10

Weekly Attendance Award

Attendance Update – Well Done to Year 5! It's been another challenging week for some, especially Year 6, Year 3 and Year 2 with a bug continuing to cause them problems but most other classes seem to be through it and attendance overall for the week improving based on the last few weeks. 3 class above 96% this week and Reception just off that. Please remember, in an effort to not spread this bug the guidance on vomiting and diarrhoea is that children should not be in school until they have had 24 hours free from these symptoms - call the office if you are unsure. Thank you for your continued support and hopefully as it seems to have for the other classes, the bug passes and Year 3, Year 2 and Year 6 can match the attendance of the other classes for the last week of term.

Attendance Summary:

- **Year 5:** 98.4% (up 1.7%) – continuing the upward trend from last week and on top of the tree this week - well done!
- **Year 4** 97.8% (up 6.2%) – good to have everyone back fit and healthy - great attendance this week
- **Year 1:** 96.7% (up 4.8%) – like year 4 good improvement and good to have them back fit and well (in time for their assembly too!)
- **Reception:** 95.5% (up 4.5%) - another big increase from very low last week. Hopefully that signals the end of the illnesses!
- **Year 3:** 93.3% (down 5.1%) – Many missing with illness still - get well soon Year 3!
- **Year 2:** 91.7% (down 2.2%) – still affected by illness - they're a resilient bunch though so hopefully all well soon
- **Year 6:** 86.1% (down 5%) - continue to be affected by the bugs circulating - worst week yet this year for them. Get well soon Year 6.

Overall School Attendance:

Our whole school attendance this week was **94.2%** up 0.7% from last week as classes return to health (second week in a row of increasing overall). Overall for the school year has stayed at **94.6%**. We're still close to our goal – let's keep going and work together to reach that **96%** each week and bring up the overall for the year.

Attendance Spotlight:

We held another set of **attendance meetings recently**. Alison, our **School Inclusion Officer from Camden**, came in to review attendance and met with parents. She will be visiting again in April.

A Few Friendly Reminders:

- **If your child is unwell** and can't attend school, please call us by **9am each day** on **0207 485 2028**.
- **Free breakfast!** Bagels are available in the playground from **8:30am every morning** – a great way to start the day!

Thank you for your support in making sure **every child attends school every day they can!**

Class	% this week	% last week
Y5	98.4%	96.7%
Y4	97.8%	91.6%
Y1	96.7%	91.9%
Rec	95.5%	91.0%
Y3	93.3%	98.4%
Y2	91.7%	93.9%
Y6	86.1%	91.1%
Average for the week	94.2%	93.5%
Overall for the year so far	94.6%	94.6%

Meet the staff...

One of our aims is that our fabulous staff work in partnership with you, our parents and carers, to support your children on their journey through school laying strong foundations for resilience and future success. To help build this relationship each week we will be introducing different staff who looking after and work with your children. We want you to get to know the adults in school and some things about them over and above their school role.



Name: Kelly Hilliard

Role: Admin Officer

How long worked at Fleet:

Joined this academic year!

Favourite Food...

It's going to have to be a Roast dinner but i also really love pasta especially spaghetti bolognese and Lasagne!

Favourite Book as a child...

Michael Rosen's book of very silly poems was my favourite and i got to meet him in primary school at the book fair which was really cool.

Hidden Talent...

I have a photographic memory and i have been told i have a good musical memory making me quite good at music quizzes.

Favourite thing about school as a child...

Spending time with my friends and i also really liked English, art and German.

Dream destination...

Iceland as i would love to see the Northern lights and an orca whale, i would also love to visit Ireland one day.

Surprise fact about you...

I am a qualified hairdresser and have a diploma with L'oreal.

Any other jobs...

I have worked in hair salons (see surprise fact!) and i also worked in catering for 7 years.

Favourite Film...

Too hard to choose just one! Matilda (1996), Harry Potter (all of them) and Goodnight Mr Tom are a few of my all time favourites.

What did you want to be when you grew up...

A forensic scientist!

Favourite activity to do when not at Fleet...

Going for long walks with my dog Teddie and spending time with my family.

Dates for your diary...

Please bear in mind that occasionally trips may be arranged or cancelled last minute. Where possible we will give as much notice as we can. We need adult volunteers to support on these trips so please do look out for notices on class windows or sent out via ParentHub. Thank you.

SPRING TERM

First day of term	Tuesday 7 th January 2025
Half term (inclusive)	Monday 17 th Feb – Friday 21 st Feb 2025
Last day of term	Friday 4 th April 2025 – close at 2pm

SUMMER TERM

First day of term	Wednesday 23 rd April 2025
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 5 th May 2025 - school closed
Half term (inclusive)	Monday 26 th May – Friday 30 th May 2025
Last day of term	Tuesday 22 nd July 2025 – close at 2pm

STAFF INSET DAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
1 st half term	Monday 2 nd and Tuesday 3 rd September 2024	Monday 6 th January 2025	Tuesday 22 nd April 2025
2 nd half term			Monday 2 nd June 2025

Please note Nursery and Reception start dates in the Autumn Term differ due to home visits and phased transition. You will receive your child's start date as part of the welcome pack and will be discussed at the meeting prior to the Autumn Term start.

WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS

31st March - 4th April	Wellbeing Week
4th April	Last day of term - close at 2pm



If you are able support our next Whole School Tea on the 3rd April (see poster to the left) please do send in donations, come on the day to help serve, and/or come along with your children to enjoy a snack, a drink, a game and a fun time socialising with other families!



PARENTS ASSOCIATION & SPECIAL EVENTS

3rd April	Whole School After School Tea Party - donations and volunteers needed - see class reps and PTA (see poster above)
22nd May	Eid Celebration after school

Easter Egg Decorating Competition - Friday 4th April



Every year we hold an Easter Egg decorating competition and we are all impressed and amused with the children's eggs-cellent decorated eggs and eggs-tremely funny egg scenes!

They have freedom to decorate their Easter Egg scene in any way they see fit – they **don't need to use real eggs** (they can craft egg shapes from anything they would like) it just has to have an element of a designed 'egg' shape in it.

The countdown is now on for this year's competition. Entries should be brought in on the last day of term, **Friday 4th April**. They will be judged that morning and then shared in the end of term assembly and prizes given out.

To submit your entry you need to:

- Decorate your egg/egg scene—special consideration for prizes given for creativity and imagination!
- Bring in your egg/scene on the morning of **Friday 5th April** for judging with winners prizes in that morning's assembly!

We can't wait to see the fantastic entries this year.



Bring in your decorated eggs and egg scenes on Friday morning next week and put them on the tables in the hall. Write your name on a post-it note beside your creation so we know whose it is! Prizes given out in that morning's assembly.

Lunch Menu: 31st March - 4th April

Meat Free Monday

French Bread
Pizza
or
Tomato & Veg
Pasta Bake

Veg of the day

Yoghurt & Fruit

Tuesday

Meat/Halal:
Spaghetti
Bolognaise
Vegetarian:
Vegan Mince
Spaghetti

Veg of the day

Fruit Jelly &
Mandarins

Wednesday

Meat/Halal:
Roast Chicken
Vegetarian:
Cheese & Tomato
Quiche

Veg of the day

Fruit Medley

Thursday

Meat/Halal:
Chickpea Chat
Aloo
Vegetarian:
Chinese Chicken

Rice
Veg of the day

Peach Crumble &
Custard

Friday

Meat/Halal:
Battered Fish
Vegetarian:
5 Bean Chilli

Jacket Potato
Vegetables of the
day

Oaty Cookie

Please remember to let the office know if you want to change your child to or from school lunches so that adequate amounts of food are produced and waste is reduced

Available Daily
Freshly Cooked Jacket Potato
Freshly Baked Bread
Salad



Fleet Facts!

Well done to all these children who have passed their Fleet Facts test this week!

Year 2: Aqsa, Azim, Blu, Zaida

Year 3: Darcey, Yusuf, Yaseen, Suhayb, Lucas, Robin, Sovann, Aleeza

Year 4: Annie, Jannah, Musa, Yahya C, Zara

Year 5: Angelo

Times Table Rock Stars

Well done to all these children who have earned the most coins in their class on Times Table Rock Stars this week!



Year 2: **Aqsa**



Year 3: **Zaina**

Year 4: **Yahya C**

Year 5: **Leo**

Year 6: **Jake Sullivan**

Numbots Stars of the Week!

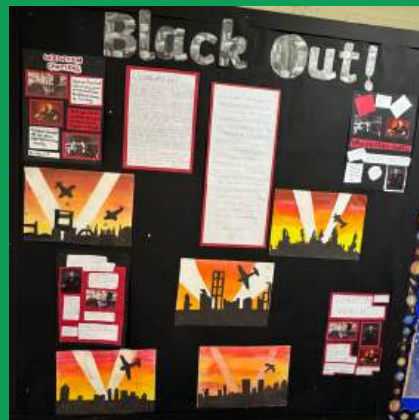
Year 1: **Idreece**

Year 2: **Charlie**

THE FLEET CREATIVE CURRICULUM – SPRING TERM TOPICS...

Topic Letters and Snapshots were sent home via ParentHub (and a hard copy of the snapshot for yr1-6 should have come home with your child too to refer to at home and practice/learn the key factual information. These are also on the website and can be found here:

<https://www.fleet.camden.sch.uk/learning/curriculum/topic-overviews>



Year 6: Black Out

Year 5: Reach for the Stars

Year 4: Hopes and Heroes

Year 3: Glorious Greeks

Year 2: Seeds and Thneeds

Year 1: Wild Things

Reception: When I Grow Up

Nursery: Three is the Magic Number

This week at Fleet...

We've been lucky with the weather this week, with plenty of sunshine and milder temperatures. It's been lovely to see classes making the most of it—whether out around the school site or up on the Heath, learning in the fresh air. Alongside the usual trips and outings, there's also been a focus in school on assessments and wrapping up end-of-topic work. As you'll see over the next few pages, our teachers continue to offer the children a wide range of exciting and enriching learning experiences—met with enthusiasm and a real thirst for knowledge. Just one more busy week to go before we all enjoy a well-earned break at the end of what's been an action-packed Spring Term!



Star of the week!



Nursery

We loved seeing you have so much fun on our visit to the farm. You were so gentle when you stroked the animals and we are all so proud of you!



Fleet Primary School, Fleet Road, London. NW3 2QT

Tel: 0207 485 2028

Web: www.fleet.camden.sch.uk

Dates for your diary...

NURSERY 2024-25

Friday 4th April

School finishes at 2pm



...Nursery!



Star of the week!



Reception

For your efforts in identifying 3D shapes on our shape hunt! You are a math whizz.



Fleet Primary School, Fleet Road, London. NW3 2QT

Tel: 0207 485 2028

Dates for your diary...

RECEPTION 2024-25



Web: www.fleet.camden.sch.uk

...Reception!



Star of the week!



Year 1

For being so confident during our class assembly this week! You quickly learned your lines and spoke loud and clearly. We're so proud of your growing confidence. Well done!



Fleet Primary School, Fleet Road, London. NW3 2QT

Tel: 0207 485 2028

Dates for your diary...

YEAR 1 2024-25



Web: www.fleet.camden.sch.uk

...Year 1!



Year 1 Class Assembly...

What an amazing Class Assembly
from our Year 1 children today!



Year 1 Class Assembly...



Star of the week!



Year 2

For always putting your best efforts into everything you do! You work so hard and it's reflected in your fabulous learning! You are a pleasure to have in class - well done!



Dates for your diary...

YEAR 2 2024-25

29th April

Trip to Waitrose for cooking session



...Year 2!



Star of the week!



Year 3

You have worked really hard this week at staying focused and participating in class learning time. You've made considerate choices with your friends and been polite and respectful to the adults in the class. Well done!



Dates for your diary...

YEAR 3 2024-25

4th April

Life in Ancient Greece Exhibition 8:45-9:10



...Year 3!



Star of the week!



Year 4

For always taking part and giving things a go. You consistently get involved in activities and group discussions. We're really proud of your growing confidence in sharing your ideas, your positive attitude, and your willingness to try new things. I was particularly impressed with your engagement in science this week, you were super focused when making your circuits. Keep up the fantastic work!



Dates for your diary...

YEAR 4 2024-25

1st April

Trip to the Heath (morning only)



...Year 4!



Star of the week!



Year 5

For your dedication and hard work in all aspects of school life. You try your absolute best with everything you do and it really shows in the incredible amount of progress you are making in Year 5. Keep it up!



Dates for your diary...

YEAR 5 2024-25

30th April

Royal Albert Hall Concert



...Year 5!



Star of the week!



Year 6

It has been wonderful to see your confidence grow this term. You are putting your hand up more frequently and making interesting and insightful contributions to our class discussions. Keep it up superstar!



Dates for your diary...

YEAR 6 2024-25

12th-15th May	KS2 SATs Week
9th-13th June	Residential Trip to Gower



...Year 6!

