



Fleet News

Friday 9th January 2026

Happy New Year to you all — and welcome back! It's been so lovely to see everyone returning after the winter break, looking rested and recharged after the long autumn term. There's been a great buzz around the school this week, and the new topics are already well under way.

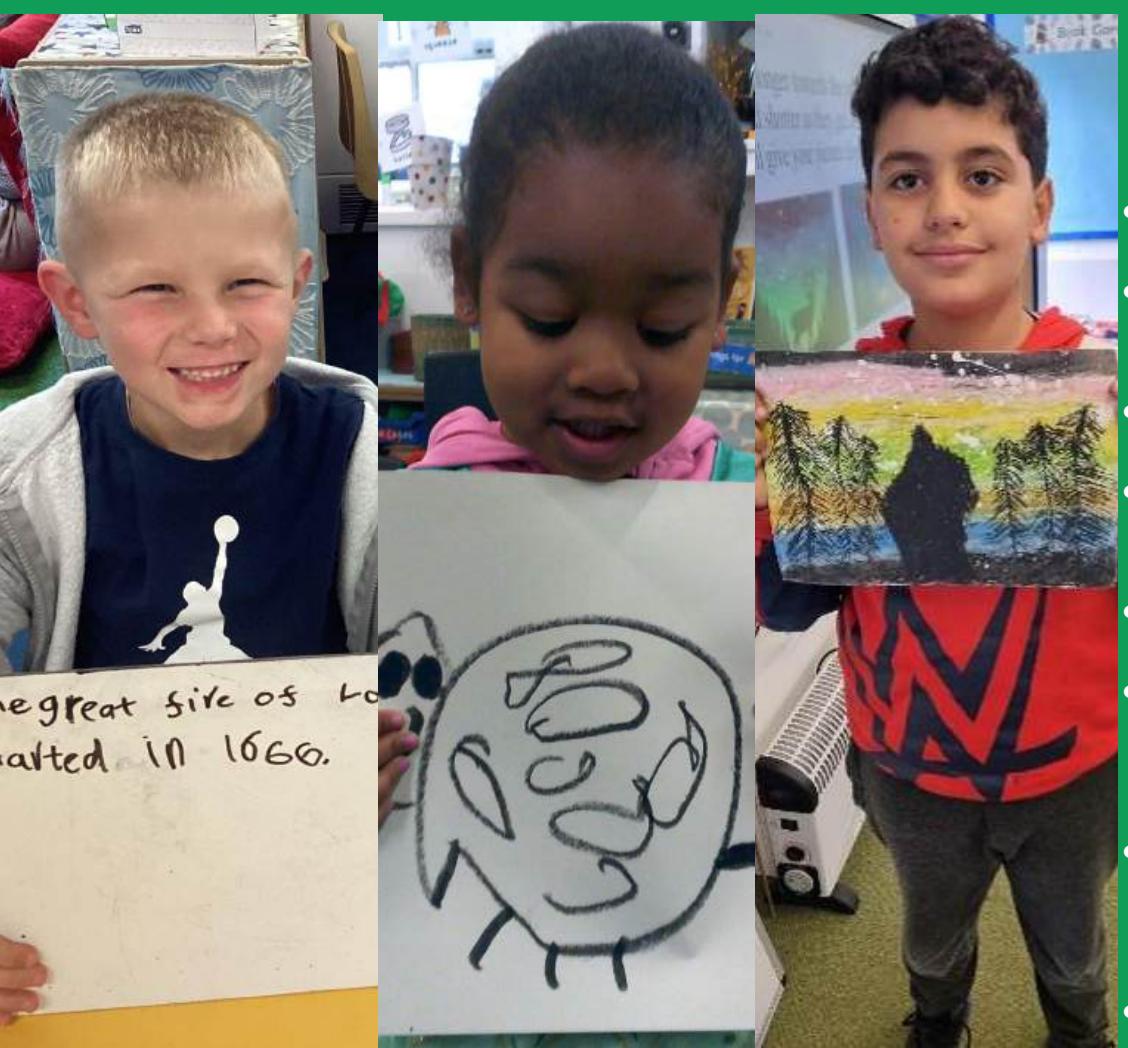
Look out for topic letters and snapshots coming home via ParentHub early next week — they'll give you a clear picture of what your child will be learning this term, and how you can support them at home.

Although the spring term is a short one, it's always packed with exciting learning, visits and workshops. There's lots to squeeze in! Please keep an eye on this newsletter each week so you don't miss any important dates — whole school events as well as class-specific ones can be found in the Class Pages section.

Clubs will start next week. If you applied for a club place, you should already have heard from us. If not, but your child is interested, there are still a few places available in some clubs — just contact the office to find out what's left. We're running slightly fewer clubs this term due to staff and parent availability, so if you have a skill or interest you'd be willing to share by running a club in the summer term, I'd love to hear from you!

Finally, if you have friends or family applying for Reception places for September 2026, please do recommend us. The deadline for applications is next Thursday, 15th January. We're always so grateful for your support in spreading the word about our brilliant school.

Here's to a happy and successful 2026 — I'm really looking forward to all the learning and experiences ahead this year!



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 qube 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.

Mobile Phones...

If you choose to send your child to school with a mobile phone - please remind them and ensure they hand it in to the office on arrival. It should not be collected until they are leaving school (if going to an after school club the phones stays in the office until after the club).

Children should not have a mobile phone on them around school under any circumstances.

Thank you for your ongoing support with this.





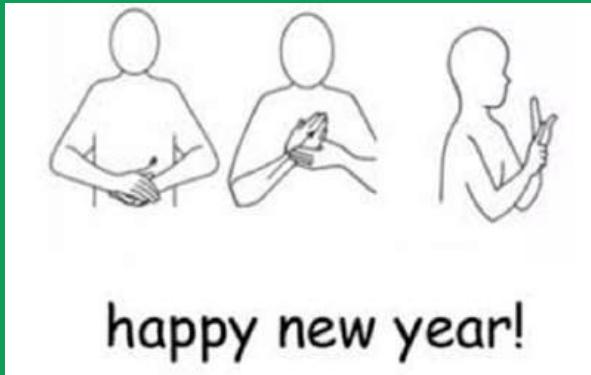
Makaton Sign of the week...

Each week we'll be sharing a new *Makaton sign* that the children are learning in school. You'll find the sign in this newsletter, along with a QR code if you'd like to see more information or practise at home. Please ask your child to show you the sign—they'll love teaching you what they've learned!

What is Makaton?

Makaton is a way of communicating that uses simple signs and symbols alongside speech. It helps children (and adults) to understand and express themselves, especially if they find language tricky. You may have seen Makaton being used on TV, in hospitals, or in other schools—it helps make communication more inclusive for everyone.

By learning Makaton together, we're giving all our children an extra tool to support understanding, confidence, and inclusion.



This week's
sign is...
**Happy
New Year**

Weekly Punctuality Award

Punctuality Update: Thank you to all families for continuing to make punctuality a priority. Arriving on time sets children up for a successful day of learning, and we appreciate your efforts to ensure pupils are in class ready to start at **9:00am**. This week, we recorded **41 lates** across the school – this is really not good enough and still far too high. Last term we had a huge amount of late comers to school and this can not be repeated this term. We can definitely get these figures lower - you can do it!

Punctuality Summary – This Week

- **Reception: 6** – Come on reception let's bring this down next week!
- **Year 1: 6** – We know you can do better Year 1!
- **Year 2: 6** – Year 2 do you think we can do better? You've got this!
- **Year 3: 8** – Not so great Year 3 we need to improve!
- **Year 4: 8** – Year 4 you have got to improve we know you can do it!
- **Year 5: 6** – Can we aim for 0 next week?!
- **Year 6: 1** –Wow Year 6 well done! What a great example to the rest of the school!

Helpful Reminders

- Classrooms open at 8:45am
- Breakfast Club is available from 8:00am in the QUBE
- Free bagels are served daily from 8:30am in the playground
- Children arriving after 9:00am will be marked as late

Class	Lates this week
Rec	6
Y1	6
Y2	6
Y3	8
Y4	8
Y5	6
Y6	1
Total	41

Please help your child to be more organised in the morning so that they are able to get to school on time ready to start the school day!

 **Remember – the school day starts promptly at 9:00am.** Arriving late can cause disruption to your child's learning and the class as a whole.

 **Free Bagels:** Available every morning from **8:30am** in the playground – a great way to start the day.

 **Breakfast Club:** Breakfast is available from 8am.

Weekly Attendance Award

Attendance Update: A huge thank you to all our pupils and families for your continued commitment to excellent attendance. **Congratulations to Year 6**, who topped the attendance chart with an impressive 96.8% – an outstanding achievement!

Weekly Attendance Summary

- **Reception:** 92.3% – We have had a few bugs this week let's hope they are gone next week!
- **Year 1:** 88.2% - We have to improve on this next week Year 1 you can do it!
- **Year 2:** 91.9% – Very low Year 2 let's be resilient next week and do better!
- **Year 3:** 91.1% –This is quite low Year 3 do you think you can improve next week?
- **Year 4:** 92.3% - Can we improve on this next week Year 4? We know you can do it!
- **Year 5:** 96% – A very close second can we get top of the school next week?
- **Year 6:** 96.8% - Top of the school this week well done Year 6!

Whole School Attendance this week

- **This week:** 92.5%
- **Overall for the year so far:** 91.6%

Class	% this week
Rec	92.3%
Y1	88.2%
Y2	91.9%
Y3	91.1%
Y4	92.3%
Y5	96%
Y6	96.8%
Average for the week	92.5%
Overall for the year so far	91.6%

While this week's attendance sits at 92.5%, below our 96% target, we're proud of the effort shown by many classes. Let's keep the momentum going as – remember, **every day in school counts!** Remember if your child has been unwell and no longer has a high temperature they are welcome to come to school, we really need to show some resilience going forward. If your child has had the morning off and feels better you are more than welcome to bring them in if they are feeling better and we can always call home if they are feeling really bad however, you will find once they are in it takes their mind off of feeling unwell.

Helpful Reminders

 **Reporting Absence:** If your child is unwell, please call the school office by **9:00am on 0207 485 2028**.

 **Free Bagels:** Available every morning from **8:30am** in the playground – a great way to start the day.

 **Term-Time Holidays Reminder:** Please remember that holidays during term time are **not permitted** unless approved under **exceptional circumstances** by the Headteacher. In line with the **London Borough of Camden's attendance policy**:

- Unauthorised leave may result in a **Fixed Penalty Notice of £80 per parent, per child** (if paid within 21 days – rising to **£160** after 28 days).
- Repeated unauthorised absences can lead to **court prosecution, fines up to £1,000**, and may affect your child's school place.

We strongly encourage families to book holidays during official school breaks to avoid missing valuable learning time.

Meet the staff...



Name: Don McGibbon

Role: Head Teacher

How long worked at Fleet:

Since Sept 2016 - 9 years

Any other jobs...

I worked part-time jobs since I was 13 - I didn't start training to be a teacher until my late 20s so have had many jobs: Paperboy, Heather Beater (anyone know what that is?), Potato Picker, Barman, Video Shop Assistant, Mental Health Support Worker, Electronic & Electrical Engineer, Behavioural Manager...

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.

Favourite Food...

I like lots of different types of food - from Chinese to Ethiopian, Japanese to Mexican, but Italian has to be my favourite - I love a Lasagne or a seafood Linguini (Pizza a favourite too!). Although is anything as tasty as Haggis?

Favourite Book as a child...

When very young I loved anything by Eric Carle and also 'Where the Wild things Are'. As I got older, my absolute favourite (and probably still is!) was Lord of the Rings - from the age of 13 to about 20 I read it at least once every year!

Hidden Talent...

Not sure it's a talent that would get me very far but I can do a lot of keepie-uppies and headers without dropping the ball - I can also spin a basketball on my finger for as long as I want - both products of my youth and the amount of time spent doing sport!

Favourite thing about school as a child...

I went to school in the Highlands of Scotland - my favourite days were snow days as there was a big hill that was part of the playground and we would sledge and slide on the ice down it. When there wasn't snow it was usually very windy so we would run down with our coats behind us like capes and jump trying to fly!

Dream destination...

When I was in my 20s I spent a few months travelling around India and Nepal. I would love to visit again, especially Nepal and perhaps go into Bhutan - I love the mountains - they remind me of home!

Surprise fact about you...

I played Basketball for Scotland at Under 17 level - I played in the a 4 nations tournament (Scotland/England/Ireland/Wales) and I was the shortest player in the tournament!

Favourite Film...

I love films so picking one is very difficult. One film I can watch over and over again though is Ferris Bueller's Day Off! I also remember as a child I spent one summer-holiday where with my cousins we watched 'Bugsy Malone' every day! I love a sports movie too like 'Coach Carter' or 'Any Given Sunday'.

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

My earliest hope was to be a footballer - I did make it to play for Ross County's second team when I was 15 but didn't make it any further - I left home for uni and didn't have the chance to keep playing. At one point I also considered joining the Air Force so I could get trained to be a pilot.

Favourite activity to do when not at Fleet...

One of the things I enjoy doing the most is to be out exploring/travelling with my family - even better if it's on my bike and we are in the middle of nowhere! Another thing I love to do is to go to music concerts.

Lunch Menu: 12th - 16th January

Meat Free Monday

Vegetarian:
Chefs Special Lentil Curry
or
Creamy Chickpea & Coconut Curry

Flatbread
Rice

Veg of the day & Salad Bar

Peaches Upside Down Cake

Tuesday

Meat/Halal:
Chicken & Sweetcorn

Meatballs in tomato sauce

Vegetarian:
Pizza

Wedges
Rice

Veg of the day & Salad Bar

Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit

Wednesday

Meat/Halal:
BBQ Chicken &

Vegetarian:
BBQ Quorn

Potato & sweetcorn salsa

Veg of the day & Salad Bar

Yoghurt & Tinned Fruit

Thursday

Meat/Halal:
Beef & Lentil Bolognais

Vegetarian:
Vegetable Bolognais

Spaghetti

Veg of the day & Salad Bar

Sticky Apple Crumble with custard

Friday

Meat/Halal:
Salmon Fish Fingers

Vegetarian:
Smashed Bean & Lentil Patty

Wedges
Chips

Veg of the day & Salad Bar

Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit

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

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 6 th January 2025
Half term (inclusive)	Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th February 2026
Last day of term	Friday 27 th March 2026 – close at 2pm

SUMMER TERM

First day of term	Tuesday 14 th April 2026
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 4 th May 2026 - school closed
Half term (inclusive)	Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th May 2026
Last day of term	Friday 17 th July 2026 – close at 2pm

STAFF INSET DAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED

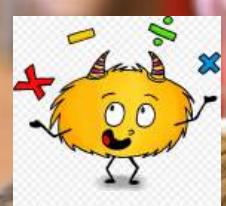
	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
1 st half term	Monday 1 st and Tuesday 2 nd September 2025	Monday 5 th January 2026	Monday 13 th April 2026
2 nd half term			Monday 20 th July 2026

WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS

16th January	Parent workshop - Pod - 9-10am focused on sleep
27th January	Years 3 and 4 Maths Open Morning
28th January	Year 1 and 2 Maths Open Morning
29th January	Year 5 and 6 Maths Open Morning
16-20th February	Half Term Break - School Closed
27th February	Parent workshop - pod - 9-10am - focused on screen time
5th March	World Book Day - dress as your favourite book character!
6th March	Everyone's invited programme parent coffee morning - 9-10am in the Qube
19th March + 1 other day this week t.b.c	Parent Teacher Conferences for all classes
23rd - 27th March	Wellbeing Week
27th March	Last Day of Term - close at 2pm
13th March	INSET Day - school closed
14th March	Summer Term Starts - children back

PARENTS ASSOCIATION & SPECIAL EVENTS

19th March	Spring Term - whole school tea after school
9th July	Summer Term - whole school tea after school



Fleet Facts!

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

Year 2:

Year 3: Aria, Elijah, Mia, Riva, Syed, Tommy, Zeinab

Year 4:, Robin, Ron, Suhayb, Umar, Yusuf, Zaina

Year 5: Lorel, Mahir, Maizie

Year 6:

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: **



Year 3: *Aqsa*

Year 4: *Ron*

Year 5: *Yahya*

Year 6: *Leo*

Numbots Stars of the Week!

Year 1: *Mya*

Year 2: *Gladiator*

This week at Fleet...



It has been wonderful to see the children coming back this week excited to begin their new topics and getting straight back into their learning. Curriculum letters and topic snapshots for the Spring Term will be sent home via ParentHub next week detailing all the learning happening this term and of course we will continue to showcase what is happening in school in all the classes each week through this weekly newsletter. Welcome back and happy new year!

Star of the week!



Nursery

Everyday with you in Nursery is a joy! Thank you for all the positivity you bring to Nursery.

You always try your best and making sure everyone is included. Keep shining bright!



Dates for your diary...

NURSERY 2025-26

Friday 30th January 9-10am	Camden Kids Talk Stay and Play
Friday 13th February 9-10am	Camden Kids Talk Stay and Play
Friday 27th February 9-10am	Camden Kids Talk Stay and Play
Friday 13th March 9-10am	Camden Kids Talk Stay and Play
Tuesday 17th March - pm	Trip to Kentish Town City Farm



Star of the week!



Reception

You've made a great start to the term! You are making fantastic progress with your blending, and your writing and letter formation are wonderful. You are also a kind and caring friend, always looking out for others when they are sad or hurt. Well done – keep it up!



Dates for your diary...

RECEPTION 2025-26

16th January	Occupation Dress Up Day
4th February	Trip to Postal Museum
12th March	Trip to October Gallery
24th March	Trip to London Zoo



Star of the week!



Year 1

For all the amazing writing you have done this week. You have worked so hard to carefully hold the pencil and form your letters. We have loved reading your writing and are so proud of you. Well done!



Dates for your diary...

YEAR 1 2025-26

28th January	Maths Open Morning
11th February	Trip to the October Gallery
5th March	World Book Day
20th March	Class Assembly
23rd March	Trip to ZooTown



...Year 1!



Star of the week!



Year 2

For an excellent start back! You have shown great focus and are putting lots of effort into all subjects - and you do it all with a smile and sense of fun!



Dates for your diary...

YEAR 2 2025-26

29th January Maths Open Morning

Date TBC Trip to ZSL

24th February Trip to Science museum

13th March Year 2 Assembly





Star of the week!



Year 3

Well done for working hard on your presentation this week. It has been fantastic to see you persevere and try your best in every learning task. The most amazing thing that has been noticed is all your incredible contributions during learning time. Well done you!



Dates for your diary...

YEAR 3 2025-26

20th Jan	Zoo Trip
27th Jan	Maths Open Morning
6th Feb	Year 3 Class Assembly
5th March	World Book day
18th + 19th March	Year 3 Parents Meetings

...Year 3!



Star of the week!



Year 4

For the effort you put into your learning this week. I noticed how focused you were in maths and I loved how often you put your hand up to share your ideas in English! Keep it up AJ - I'm proud of you!



Dates for your diary...

YEAR 4 2025-26

13th January	Keats Library
20th January	London Zoo
27th January	Year 3 and 4 Open Morning
10th February	Keats Library
27th February	Class Assembly
10th March	Heath Education Centre
17th March	Keats Library

...Year 4!



Star of the week!



Year 5

You have come back to school with such a positive energy! You have been super focused and engaged in every lesson. You are proactive when it comes to helping out around the classroom and you are a kind and helpful friend to others. Well done, keep it up you superstar!



Dates for your diary...

YEAR 5 2025-26

6th Jan-16th Jan	Swimming
Tues 13th January	Solar System Workshop
Wed 21st January	UCL Observatory
Mon 26th January	Lightroom Trip
Thurs 29th January	Maths Open Morning
Tues 10th February	CPR & Defib training
Thurs 5th March	World Book Day
Friday 13th March	Science Museum

...Year 5!



Star of the week!



Year 6

For having such gumption!
You complete your work quickly and efficiently and always use your initiative. You are a wonderful student and always a pleasure to have in the classroom!



Dates for your diary...

YEAR 6 2025-26

29th January	Maths Open Morning
30th January	Autograph Gallery trip (pm)
6th February	Class Assembly
25th February	RAF Museum trip
5th March	World Book Day



...Year 6!

