May at WCU

Learn. Explore. Grow. Together.

We hope you all had a fantastic break—we certainly did! It was brilliant spending time with so many of you exploring London, learning together and making memories.

Now we've stepped into May, one of the most exciting months of the year. With longer days, warmer weather, and the feeling of summer just around the corner, it's the perfect time to get outdoors, explore, and take part in all the wonderful opportunities happening across our schools and community.

A LOOK BACK AT OUR RECENT TRIPS

We've had some incredible experiences recently, both during the holidays and with our partner schools:

Visits to Hampton Court Palace, bringing Tudor history to life

Exploring the beauty and science of Kew Gardens

Time spent at ZSL learning about wildlife and conservation

Canal adventures with the Floating Classroom

These trips have given everyone a chance to learn beyond the classroom, build confidence, and enjoy London in a hands-on way.

LOOKING AHEAD – MAY HOLIDAY CAMP

We're excited for what's coming next. This May, we'll be running a Holiday Camp with the Floating Classroom and ZSL, combining outdoor learning on the water, wildlife exploration, teamwork, and adventure.

It's set to be a fantastic experience, and we can't wait to see many of you there!

EYFS INDOOR BEACH & POOL PROJECT

We're especially excited about our upcoming EYFS Indoor Beach and Pool Project with partner schools. This will give our youngest learners a chance to explore sensory play, build confidence in water-based environments, and enjoy a creative "summer by the seaside" experience indoors.

MAY DAY & COMMUNITY SPIRIT

May begins with May Day, a celebration of community, nature, and the arrival of summer. While we may not have a maypole, we are continuing to build our second community space. Recently, we received a donation of two beautiful, mature rose bushes, which will help us mark the season and grow something lasting together with support from our volunteers.

MAKING THE MOST OF THE OUTDOORS

May is the perfect time to enjoy London's green spaces. Parks and gardens are full of life! We encourage everyone to spend time outdoors, take part in planting and gardening activities, and explore local parks and community spaces. Our work in Queen's Park continues to show how important green spaces are for wellbeing, wildlife, and community connection.

VE DAY – 8TH MAY

Victory in Europe Day is an important moment of remembrance, marking the end of World War II in Europe. It is a time to reflect on bravery, sacrifice, and the importance of peace. Across London, there are often free events and commemorations that help us understand this important part of history.

SATs PREPARATION – YOU'VE GOT THIS!

SATs are an important moment, but remember—they are just one part of your learning journey. You've already done so much work to get here, and this is your chance to show what you know.

WHAT TO EXPECT

You'll be tested on:

- Maths
- English Reading
- Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling

Knowing what's coming helps you feel more confident and prepared.

TOP TIPS FOR SUCCESS

- ☑ Read regularly: Try different types of books and practise summarising what you've read
- ☑ Practise little and often: Short, focused revision works best
- ☑ Break problems down: Take one step at a time, especially in maths
- ☑ Check your work: If you have time, go back and review your answers

MAKE LEARNING FUN

- Turn spelling into games like word searches or quizzes
- Challenge family members with quick maths questions
- Revise with friends and help each other

LOOKING AFTER YOURSELF

- Get plenty of sleep (8–10 hours helps your brain recharge)
- Eat well and drink water
- Take breaks and get outside for fresh air
- Talk to someone if you're feeling worried—you're not alone

It's completely normal to feel a bit nervous—but that just means you care. Remember:
You are prepared ★ You are capable ★ You don't need to be perfect—just do your best
Every question you try is an achievement. Every effort you make matters. We are all incredibly proud of you!

STEM & CAREERS WEEK

May is also a key time for STEM and Careers learning. Thanks to support from the Young Westminster Foundation, we'll be welcoming professionals into schools to share their experiences, inspire future ambitions, and show how STEM connects to real life. We're excited to see what you discover!

LOOKING AHEAD – JULY OPPORTUNITIES

We're already preparing for an exciting summer term ahead.

Our STEM Coding Holiday Club is coming this July, giving students the chance to explore coding, problem-solving, and technology in a fun and hands-on way.

We are also delighted to welcome back Nexaim Sports into our partner schools, bringing high-quality sports coaching, teamwork opportunities, and active sessions for everyone to enjoy.

These opportunities will help build skills, confidence, and new interests as we move toward the summer holidays.

LONDON IN MAY – SO MUCH TO EXPLORE!

London truly comes alive in May. Parks are full of colour, museums offer free and inspiring experiences, and local events bring communities together.

Whether outdoors or indoors, there are endless ways to learn, explore, and have fun.

GETTING READY FOR JULY

As we move through the summer term, please make sure your hours lists are being completed and shared with coordinators so everything is ready ahead of July. Staying organised now will make things much easier later.

FINAL THOUGHTS

May is a month full of energy, opportunity, and growth. From exciting trips and holiday camps to creative projects, STEM opportunities, and sports, there is something for everyone at WCU.

Keep exploring, keep learning, and keep supporting each other. We can't wait to see everything you achieve this term!

Thank you to our amazing students, families, volunteers, and partners. Together, we make our community stronger!

A Big Thank You to SUTTONS!

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Inspiring a love of gardening

We are incredibly grateful to Suttons for their **generous support and amazing donations** of plants and seeds for our **forest school**, **sensory** and **outdoor** work.

Your kindness helps us grow, learn and thrive together!

Exploring nature

Sensory play

Growing together

Thank you, Suttons, for helping us create vibrant, inclusive and inspiring spaces for all our children and communities.

Together, we're planting brighter futures

MAY at WCU

WESTMINSTER COMMUNITY UNION

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A month full of opportunities, exciting projects, and community spirit.

LOOKING FORWARD TO SATS SUCCESS!

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- ✓ Break problems down
- ✓ Check your work
- ✓ Look after yourself

You are prepared. You are capable. You've got this!

OUR POLISH HERITAGE PROJECT

WITH HEKTOR'S TALE & RENATA

We are proud to celebrate Polish culture, history and stories through creative workshops, storytelling and community connections. Dziękujemy!

HECTOR & FRIENDS

TAKE AN EMOTIONAL ROLLERCOASTER THAT INCLUDES HIGHS AND LOWS, JOY AND SORROW, LOSS AND NEW LIFE.

ORDER YOUR COPY OF HECTOR, A DOG'S STORY

WELCOMING OUR NEW AND EXISTING SCHOOLS!

CARLTON VALE JUNIOR SCHOOL | KILBURN PARK SCHOOL | BRENT CROSS SHOPPING CENTRE | TOPSY TURVY NURSERY

We're excited to work together, learn together and grow together!

SEND DAY

CELEBRATING EVERY ABILITY

A wonderful day of inclusion, understanding and celebration! Thank you to everyone who took part and helped make it so special.

STRAWBERRY DAY WITH VEOLIA

A sweet day of fun, learning and sustainability! Thank you to Veolia for supporting our community and sharing the joy of healthy living.

VEOLIA

OUR UPCOMING AXIS PROJECTS

Exciting times ahead– lots more opportunities to learn, explore and thrive!

- ✓ STEM & Careers Week
- ✓ Coding Holiday Club (July)
- ✓ Nexaim Sports Coaching
- ✓ EYFS Indoor Beach & Pool Project
- ✓ Community Space Development
- ✓ Trips, Workshops & More!

THE FLOATING CLASSROOM HOLIDAY PROJECTS

Join us on the water for

- ✓ Canal Exploration
- ✓ Wildlife & Conservation
- ✓ Teamwork & Leadership
- ✓ Fun, Learning & Outdoor Challenges!

Learn outside. Grow together.

WEEKLY FOREST SCHOOL

Every week, we explore, discover and connect with nature.

- Build confidence
- Develop skills
- Support wellbeing
- Have fun outdoors!

Fresh air. Great friends. Amazing memories.

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Let's keep learning, exploring and supporting each other this May!