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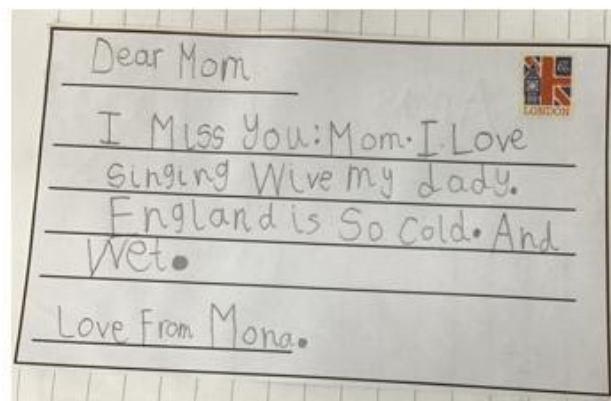
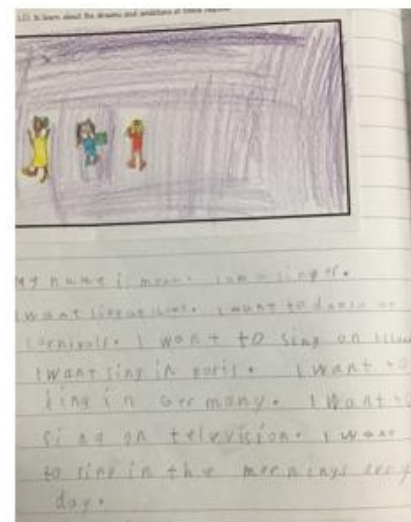
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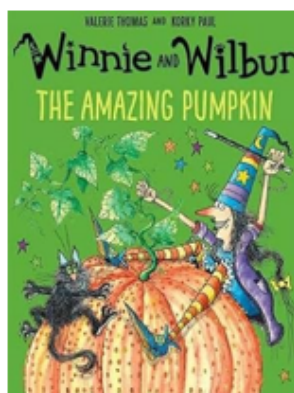


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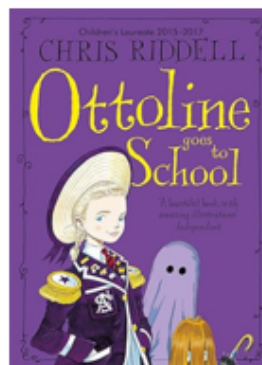


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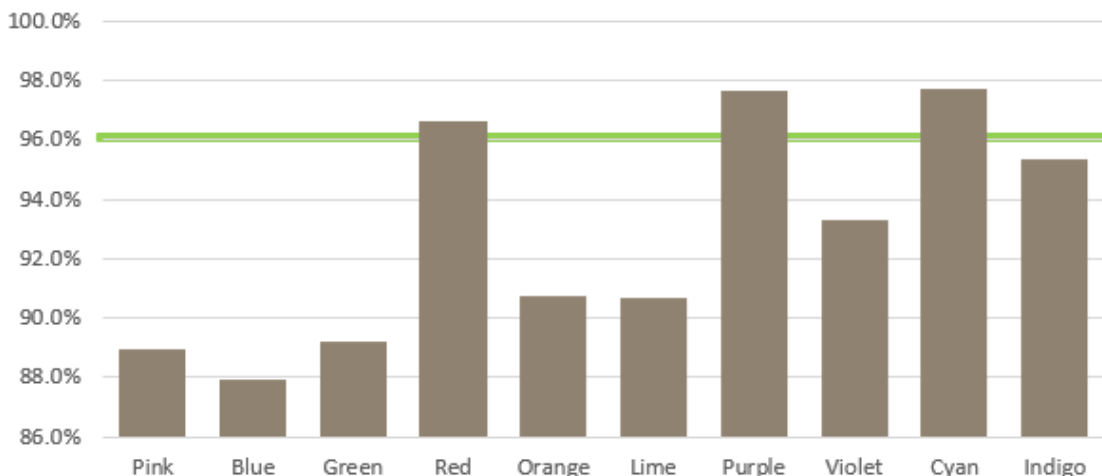


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Holiday Activities

We also offer additional activities during the school holidays. To keep up to date with what is going on in your area, sign up to the Bright Futures Newsletter, or access information through school drop-in surgeries.



Find us.

Bright Futures services are delivered in the North, Central and South areas. You can attend sessions in any area but for some services you will need to know which area you live in.

Scan the QR code or visit islington.gov.uk/your-area to use the local area finder on Islington's website.

You can also call our helpline on **020 7527 4343**. The line is open Monday – Friday, 9am – 5pm



October Half Term holidays 2025

If you would like any more information on any of the activities please call **020 7527 4343** or email **Early.Help@islington.gov.uk**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 October	28 October	29 October	30 October	31 October	1 November
1pm – 6pm Celebrating Black History month Cooking Workshop @ Jean Stokes Community Centre (Booking required- eventbrite.co.uk)	9.30am – 4.30pm Kew Gardens Tickets (booking required- email early.help@islington.gov.uk)	11am – 1pm Lumby Hill Adventure playground	1pm – 4pm Resettlement support group Cooking and Crafts @ Lift	11am – 1pm Waterside Adventure playground	1-4pm Black history month celebrations Jean Stokes Community Centre
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		4.30 – 8pm Highbury Youth Hub			

Calling
all young
people ages
13-19!

Black history month highlights

Black history month celebrations – Celebrating legacy, together in unity



**Saturday
1 November
1pm – 4pm**

Jean Stokes Community Centre, Coatbridge House, Carnoustie Drive, London N1 0DX

What's happening:

Traditional photography
Food and refreshments
Speakers
African drumming
Henna
Face painting
Children's activities
Arts and crafts
Music and vibes



**An Afternoon with
Entrepreneur, Record Label Executive, Mentor
Dumi Oburota**

at Lift on 31 October, 2-5pm

Join our live Q&A with Dumi — real talk, real insights, real inspiration. Don't miss your chance to learn from an industry disruptor.

In celebration of Black History Month 2025 theme **"Standing Firm in Power and Pride"**, Dumi will talk about what this means to him.

Scan the QR code to book your FREE spot – limited spaces!

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we're looking for
inspirational volunteers
to encourage families
in islington to get
active and eat well

training
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Families for Life

feeling good and living well



Do you want to help families live healthier lives while **building your skills and making new friends?**

Become a Champion!

Families for Life is looking for enthusiastic parent or carer volunteers to help promote healthy lifestyles in schools and communities. Whether it's chatting at the school gate, running fun workshops, or sharing events on WhatsApp - you can make a real difference!

What you can do:

- ☒ Help out with exciting health programmes like Family Kitchen and Taste Education
- ☒ Support school gate activities (flu jabs, oral health, parent surveys)
- ☒ Run parent workshops on healthy snacks, lunches, and breakfasts
- ☒ Share info through your networks and help families thrive

What you'll get:

- Free training & certificates
- Travel reimbursements
- Boost your CV & explore paid opportunities
- Build friendships & community connections
- Learn more about local services and healthy living

Flexible commitment: Just one activity per half term, with full support and training provided.

Mandatory induction training takes place 10am-12pm every Thursday from the 6th November to the 18th December at Kings Square Community Centre (EC1Y 8DY).

Ready to get involved?

Scan the QRCode below and apply **BEFORE THE 31ST OCTOBER!**



Don't hesitate to email margherita.locatelli@islington.gov.uk for more information

families for life programmes offer free
healthy eating and active play activities
for families with children aged 2 to 11

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if you are:

- an islington resident
- passionate about improving the health of your community
- available to volunteer two to three hours a week

what do families for life community champions do?

- They are volunteers who help families access services in Islington, particularly Families for Life programmes
- Support families to feel good and live well
- Talk to families about healthy lifestyles

what are the benefits of being a community champion?

- Flexibility to fit volunteering around your routine
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- Improve your communication skills
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If this sounds like you and you're interested in being part of our champions team, please contact:

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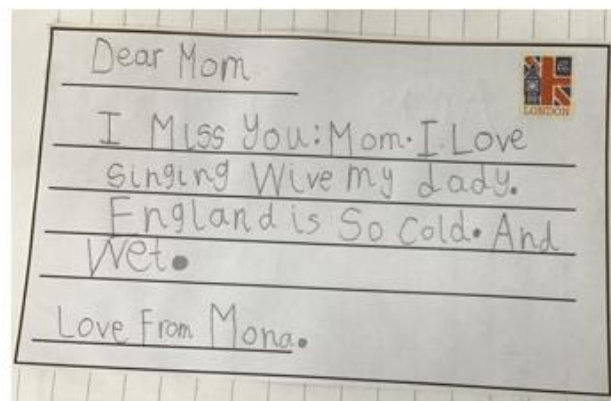
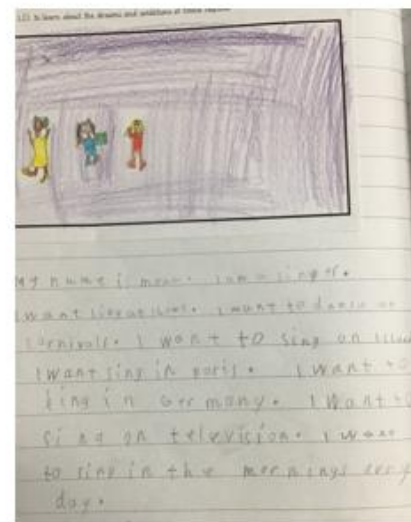
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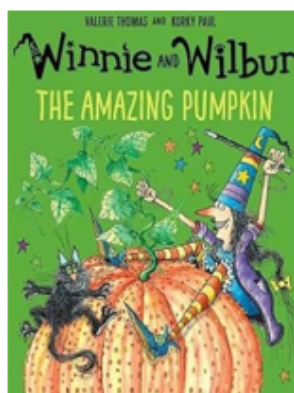


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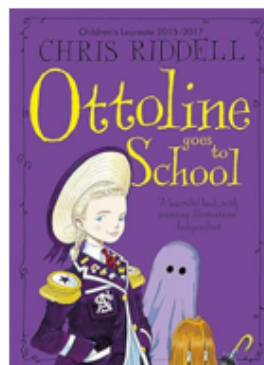


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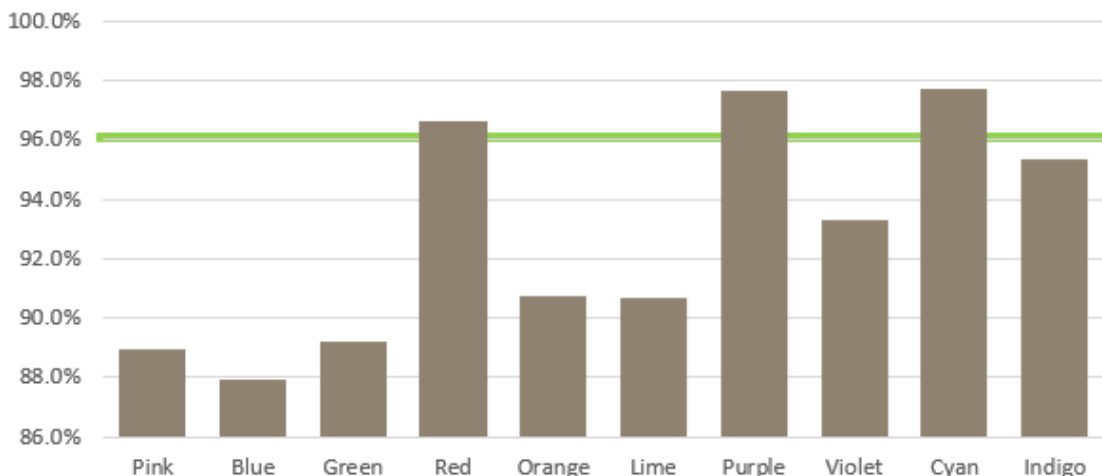


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Bright Futures services are delivered in the North, Central and South areas. You can attend sessions in any area but for some services you will need to know which area you live in.

Scan the QR code or visit islington.gov.uk/your-area to use the local area finder on Islington's website.

You can also call our helpline on **020 7527 4343**. The line is open Monday – Friday, 9am – 5pm



October Half Term holidays 2025

If you would like any more information on any of the activities please call **020 7527 4343** or email **Early.Help@islington.gov.uk**

Monday 27 October	Tuesday 28 October	Wednesday 29 October	Thursday 30 October	Friday 31 October	Saturday 1 November
1pm – 6pm Celebrating Black History month Cooking Workshop @ Jean Stokes Community Centre (Booking required- eventbrite.co.uk)	9.30am – 4.30pm Kew Gardens Tickets (booking required- email early.help@ islington.gov.uk)	11am – 1pm Lumpy Hill Adventure playground	1pm – 4pm Resettlement support group Cooking and Crafts @ Lift	11am – 1pm Waterside Adventure playground	1-4pm Black history month celebrations Jean Stokes Community Centre
12noon – 1.30pm Bat Hibernation presentation and autumn craft activities Ecology Centre	12noon – 2pm Pizza Zia Lucia (booking required- email early.help@ islington.gov.uk)	1.30pm – 3pm Crumbles Castle Adventure playground	1pm– 3pm Arts and Crafts Fun Whittington Park Community Centre	2pm– 4pm Drop- in, Hornsey Road Children's Centre	
	4pm – 5pm Bat Walk (Cally Event from 3pm-5.30pm) Caledonian Park	3.30pm – 5pm Barnard Park Adventure playground	4pm– 6pm Timbuktu Adventure Playground	2pm-5pm The Lift Guest Speaker Event	
	4-6.30pm Andover Youth Hub	12pm – 1.30pm Art Workshop Ecology Centre		3pm – 6pm Martin Luther King Adventure Playground	
		4.30 – 8pm Highbury Youth Hub			

Calling
all young
people ages
13-19!

Black history month highlights

**Black history month celebrations –
Celebrating legacy, together in unity**



**Saturday
1 November
1pm – 4pm**

Jean Stokes
Community
Centre, Coatbridge
House, Carnoustie
Drive, London
N1 0DX

What's happening:

Traditional photography
Food and refreshments
Speakers
African drumming
Henna
Face painting
Children's activities
Arts and crafts
Music and vibes



**An Afternoon with
Entrepreneur, Record Label Executive, Mentor
Dumi Oburota**

at Lift on 31 October, 2-5pm

Join our live Q&A with Dumi — real talk, real insights, real inspiration. Don't miss your chance to learn from an industry disruptor.

In celebration of Black History Month 2025 theme **"Standing Firm in Power and Pride"**, Dumi will talk about what this means to him.

Scan the QR code to book your FREE spot – limited spaces!

would you like to be a families for life community champion?

we're looking for
inspirational volunteers
to encourage families
in islington to get
active and eat well

training
provided



Families for Life

feeling good and living well



Do you want to help families live healthier lives while **building your skills and making new friends?**

Become a Champion!

Families for Life is looking for enthusiastic parent or carer volunteers to help promote healthy lifestyles in schools and communities. Whether it's chatting at the school gate, running fun workshops, or sharing events on WhatsApp - you can make a real difference!

What you can do:

- ☒ Help out with exciting health programmes like Family Kitchen and Taste Education
- ☒ Support school gate activities (flu jabs, oral health, parent surveys)
- ☒ Run parent workshops on healthy snacks, lunches, and breakfasts
- ☒ Share info through your networks and help families thrive

What you'll get:

- Free training & certificates
- Travel reimbursements
- Boost your CV & explore ~~paid~~ opportunities
- Build friendships & community connections
- Learn more about local services and healthy living

Flexible commitment: Just **one** activity per half term, with full support and training provided.

Mandatory induction training takes place 10am-12pm every Thursday from the 6th November to the 18th December at Kings Square Community Centre (EC1Y 8DY).

Ready to get involved?

Scan the QRCode below and apply **BEFORE THE 31ST OCTOBER!**



Don't hesitate to email margherita.locatelli@islington.gov.uk for more information

families for life programmes offer free
healthy eating and active play activities
for families with children aged 2 to 11

you can
become a
families for life
community champion
if you are:

- an islington resident
- passionate about improving the health of your community
- available to volunteer two to three hours a week

what do families for life community champions do?

- They are volunteers who help families access services in Islington, particularly Families for Life programmes
- Support families to feel good and live well
- Talk to families about healthy lifestyles

what are the benefits of being a community champion?

- Flexibility to fit volunteering around your routine
- Access to free training and ongoing support
- Learn about health and wellbeing
- Meet new people
- Improve your communication skills
- Boost your confidence

If this sounds like you and you're interested in being part of our champions team, please contact:

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