



# The Camelot

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**A special moment every term is when... we knight our selected children  
Arise Sir..... or Dame..... Knight of Camelot**

The certificates we give to our Knights are recommended to be kept to show to people when you grow up to be famous!

"We're told you first!"

Year Group and Class	Term One Knights
Nursery Sugar Loaf	Mia Grace and Tobi L
Reception Snowdon	Alexa and Zebby
Reception Nevis	Kamaldeen and Adedoyin
Year One Mont Blanc	Iman and Amiyah
Year One Elbrus	Eghosa and Xander
Year Two Himalayas	Anthony and Trien Man
Year Two Karakoram	Eleana O and Hunter
Year Three Shimbiris	Eliora and Azara
Year Three Waddi	Blessing and Tiwa
Year Four Chimborazo	Jacob and Julia
Year Four Huila	Immaculate and Joseph
Year Five Helicon	Aaliyah and Qaadir
Year Five Olympus	Yad and Scarlet
Year Six Damavand	Elizabeth and Omarr
Year Six Vinson	Adesola and Jarred

Knighting is the highest Camelot accolade for our children.

Congratulations to all our Knights

## Key dates to highlight to all Camelot Families

1. **Tuesday 3rd January**—School closed for Staff Training Day
4. **Wednesday 4th January**—Spring Term 2023 starts for all pupils
5. **Sunday 15th January**—Deadline for admissions for Reception 2023
6. **Tuesday 31st January**—Spring Term Parents Evening 2023

+ The traditional events of a Spring Term including Internet Safety Week; Shrove Tuesday/Carnival/Pancake Day; February Half Term; World Book Day; Red Nose Day and Ramadan starting in late March

*For the children in our school who are celebrating at this time we wish you a Happy Christmas and to everyone our best wishes for the New Year 2023 ahead.*

# What to expect at Winter CHAMPS

Monday 19th—Thursday 22nd  
December



All children attending CHAMPS are expected to wear the blue school tracksuits—this is because it is the right type of clothing for activities and for safeguarding reasons when outside school

	Yr 6 children	Yr 5 children	Yr 4 children	Yr 3 children	Lunch options
<b>Monday 19th</b>	Cycling with Mr Robinson	Dance Workshops	Indoor and Out- door Activities	Cooking and Baking	Tuna Pasta
<b>Tuesday 20th</b>	Swimming	River Boat Trips	Swimming	River Boat trip	Sandwiches
<b>Wednesday 21st</b>	Indoor and Outdoor Activities	Cooking and Baking	Cinema Trip	Indoor and Outdoor Activities	Sandwiches
<b>Thursday 22nd</b>	Party Day	Party Day	Party Day	Party Day	Chicken and Rice

We love coming to school with so much happiness around. Camelot 2022.. another happy and exceptional year... every day!



Thank you for  
your ongoing  
support to  
our school





# A focus on Camelot's food

## Nominated for National School Foods Award

**Rt Hon Harriet Harman KC MP**  
Member of Parliament for Camberwell & Peckham  
Mother of the House of Commons



House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA

All-Party Parliamentary Group on School Food  
House of Commons  
London  
SW1A 0AA

9<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Dear judges of the APPG on School Food's Excellence in School Food Award,

**Re: Submission from Camelot Primary School**

Please find attached a submission to the awards from Camelot Primary School.

I am pleased to add my support to this application and wish Camelot Primary School the best of luck in this.

Yours sincerely,

Rt Hon Harriet Harman KC MP

### SECTION 3 WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS UP TO 60%

In 2022, Camelot Primary School was selected to be a Southwark Food Flagship school, as such it is committed to:

- showcase a good school meals culture
- share best practice and learnings
- host inter-school training and visits from other Southwark schools, and
- provide an ongoing case study for the Southwark School Meals System Transformation programme

This year, James and Carlos have supported a neighbouring primary school to vastly improve its outsourced school lunch service.

At the neighbouring school, the school lunch contract had not been reviewed for many years and the quality of food and cooking standards needed attention.

With James' strong school food leadership and Carlos' watchful eye, rapid improvements have been made in just a few short weeks. This was achieved with no change in the incumbent catering company with the same kitchen team. James and Carlos have demonstrated what is achievable with strong school food leadership and regular school oversight of standards.

**Go Camelot...**  
& please can we encourage  
100% school dinner eating  
if the independent judges  
arrive at Camelot!



**THE ALL PARTY PARLIAMENTARY GROUP ON SCHOOL FOOD**

**EXCELLENCE IN SCHOOL FOOD AWARD**

**2022/2023**

**For Schools**

Either an in-house catering team, head teacher, teacher(s) or support staff – who have come up with a creative initiative to serve healthy food to children within the school setting.

### SECTION 1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY UP TO 10%

This should be a short précis of the key points from the overall submission. (100 WORDS)

Camelot Primary School is a maintained school for pupils in nursery to Year 6, situated just off the Old Kent Road in Southwark.

Making excellent use of Southwark's Universal Primary School lunch grant, Camelot's in-house school kitchen serves chef-led, high quality, adventurous and ambitious menus to all the children each day.

Head teacher, James Robinson, is passionate about the importance of school lunch, really setting the standard for other school leaders in the borough.

Head Chef, Carlos Siguencia Brito, has worked at the school for 13 years (travelling in from Brighton every day for 7.30am).

### SECTION 2 BACKGROUND

provide an overview for your submission detailing the historical context and the key issues or action. (150 WORDS)



Camelot Primary School is a maintained school for pupils in nursery to Year 6, situated just off the Old Kent Road in Southwark.

Serving the whole school a hot and delicious lunch every day; there are no packed lunches, chips, burgers, battered food or pizza served. Children visibly enjoy oily fish and wholemeal varieties of rice, pasta and bread.

The serving staff are very friendly and encouraging, teaching staff and very often the head teacher will eat lunch and socialise with the pupils, supporting them to try the new foods on their plates.

At the end of the sitting, there are lots of clean plates. Chicken and rice is the children's favourite dish at this school.

James maintains strong regular oversight of menu planning and the wider food environment in the school dining hall.

## NEWS RELEASE

### Peckham pupils visit local Pantry to learn about community food initiatives and the power of local neighbourhoods

Peckham pupils were guests of honour at the Local Peckham Pantry to learn more about initiatives designed to support access to food in the community and the power of local neighbourhoods to make a difference.

The children from Camelot and Cobourg Primary Schools spent time with Pantry manager Temitope Okudiya, who gave them a tour, told them about where the food came from and how membership of the Pantry works – the children were then given a baking hamper of ingredients from the Co-op to help them make Christmas cookies.

The visit formed part of activities when Co-op hosted a live stream from Your Local Pantry, to highlight community food initiatives - which provide long-term dignified support to those facing food insecurity and, the convenience retailer announced that it pulled its traditional main Christmas advert to instead focus on nationwide community food initiative.

**Temitope Okudiya, Manager of the Local Peckham Pantry, said:** “We were delighted to welcome the children to the Pantry – we were able to explain how it brings people together around food, softens the impact of high living costs, and strengthen the power and potential of neighbourhoods. Communities have long wanted to improve food security while upholding dignity, choice and hope, and Pantries are a proven win-win solution. We're really excited to be teaming up with the Co-op, so another 150 neighbourhoods across the country can open Pantries of their own.”

The live stream saw TV Chef and Rapper Big Zuu bringing the Local Peckham Pantry community together, to host a live cookalong, with special guests, members and volunteers. Chef, Presenter and Author, Miguel Barclay joined Zuu to share useful tips and tricks to make groceries go further in the unique live stream broadcasted across Big Zuu’s Instagram – see link

By not spending multi-millions on TV advertising this Christmas Co-op is instead channelling funds into wider cost of living support for its colleagues, members customers and communities. The partnership will see Local Pantry sites triple to 225 across the UK, bringing 150 more to UK neighbourhoods, thanks to the funding from Co-op Members\*

More information about the benefits of Co-op Membership is available at [Co-op Membership - Membership that makes a difference - Co-op \(coop.co.uk\)](https://www.coop.co.uk/membership)

## Please, please apply for the help you might be entitled to receive at this time.

All parents/carers entitled for Free School Meals for their children will receive a Southwark Council Holiday Meals Food Voucher this winter holiday.

**This will be £33 per school aged child for this holiday.**

The above vouchers are also available if your family are not entitled to receive UK government support and are earning less than national thresholds.

Text Mr Robinson on 07944 720606 if you think this might be you?

**We ask for your support in ensuring your child is in school every day in 2023.  
At the heart of children's education is their entitlement to school.. every day.**

# **Camelot School Term and Holiday dates**

## **Academic year 2022/2023**

### **Autumn term 2022**

- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022\* to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022 (35 school days)  
*Half Term Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2022 to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022*
- Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022 to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022 (34 school days)  
**Mid-term Inset Day Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

### **Spring term 2023**

- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023 to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023 (29 school days)  
*Half Term Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023 to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023*
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023 to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 (30 school days)

### **Summer term 2023**

- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023 to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023 (30 school days)  
*Half Term Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2023 to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2023*
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023 to Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023 (32 school days)

### **Inset Days: 5 days for staff only**

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022**  
**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022**  
**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2022**  
**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023**  
**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

### **Public holidays**

- Christmas Day – Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2022
- Boxing Day Holiday – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> December 2022
  - New Year's Day – Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023
- New Year's Bank Holiday - Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2023
  - Good Friday - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2023
  - Easter Sunday – Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2023
- May Day Bank Holiday - Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023

**Please remember holidays are not expected to be taken during the  
190 school days of a child's annual educational entitlement**