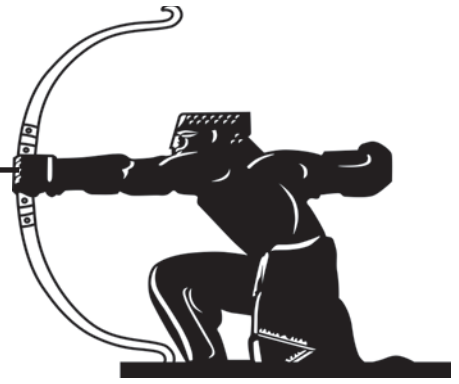




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## School's out, food's out, let's help out

By Lynn Winton

**Food Bank Aid, the grassroots charity that supplies 32 food banks across north London, is this month running an urgent appeal for extra supplies and donations to help struggling families through the school summer holidays.**

From its base at the Great North Leisure Park, North Finchley, it wants to provide 50% more desperately needed child and teen-friendly items during the long break. This list includes more fresh fruit and veg, tuna, pasta, and eggs, and household items like laundry tablets and toilet rolls.

Naomi Russell, who lives in N2 and who founded Food Bank Aid when she saw a news report about children in the UK having to go to school hungry, is very concerned about the summer when children cannot rely on free school meals.

tired and in need of emotional support because they are experiencing hardship. "The situation worsens during school holidays, when the need not only for meals, but also extra toilet rolls, washing powder and snacks becomes more acute."

Food Bank Aid will mobilise its packing and delivery volunteers to get food and household items to more than 5,000 children every week in East Finchley and across north London. This will ensure they have the essentials at home and can also rely on having regular meals throughout the summer.

The charity is appealing for people to make cash donations to enable it to buy the goods that are needed. If you would like to help, you can donate on their website [foodbankaid.org.uk](http://foodbankaid.org.uk). You can also donate groceries at the charity's base, opposite the Vue Cinema, or at your local drop-off point. Email [info@foodbankaid.org.uk](mailto:info@foodbankaid.org.uk) for a list of locations.

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Very concerned: Naomi Russell

In term time, these might be their only guaranteed meal of the day. In summer, many parents skip meals themselves to ensure their children have something to eat.

### Hungry children

"The latest research from the Joseph Rowntree Foundation paints a disturbing picture," explained Naomi. "Primary school staff across Britain are seeing more and more children hungry,



## Ways of looking at the world

Portraits, landscapes and abstract compositions, including this shot by Roger Cookson called 'Nuclear Family', are all part of the artistry of local photographers on show at an exhibition running throughout August. Members of Hampstead Garden Suburb U3A photography group are displaying their work at Fellowship House, 136a Wilfild Way, NW11 6YD. Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

## Tube line disruption

**TfL has announced that no trains will run on parts of the Piccadilly line for two weeks while track and platform upgrades are carried out.**

The closures will last from Saturday 17 August to Sunday 1 September and the sections affected will be from Wood Green to Cockfosters and from Rayners Lane to Uxbridge. There will be a reduced service on other parts of the line. A series of weekend closures will follow through the autumn in preparation for a fleet of new trains arriving next year.

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