



Tribute to Alex who brought joy and laughter

We reported in February how the family of 23-year-old Alex Warwick were desperately trying to raise funds for his treatment after he was diagnosed with an aggressive brain tumour. Very sadly, the former student at the Archer Academy in East Finchley passed away last month. Here is the tribute released to us by Alex's family.

It is with heartbreak that Alex Warwick's family share his passing, aged just 23, after a ten-month battle with brain cancer. Alex was a much-loved local resident and a wonderful brother, son and boyfriend.

Alex's courage, humour and resilience were extraordinary. He was kind, caring and thoughtful, with a gift for understanding people and bringing joy and laughter to those around him. He loved music and had an eclectic taste spanning multiple decades and genres.



Caring and thoughtful: Alex Warwick

Alex was a talented medical student and returned to his former school Archer Academy in January 2026 to speak to current students about studying medicine, hours after discovering that his cancer had spread. He nevertheless went ahead, determined to inspire the next generation.

In recent months, Alex was fundraising for cutting-edge treatment in Germany. He was deeply grateful for the kindness and generosity shown by the East Finchley community and was proud to attend a fundraising quiz night at Archer Academy. Even in his final week, Alex drew strength from reading the messages on his fundraising page. Alex's fundraising page will remain open at

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/alex-warwick-2025>

All unused contributions will go to the charity Brainstrust. Alex dreamed about becoming a doctor and helping others, and was passionate about raising awareness of brain tumours, so it's fitting the funds will be used to support brain cancer patients and their loved ones. A private funeral will be held for close family and friends. The family are also considering ways to commemorate Alex's life and legacy within the north London community.



Paper work: Year 6 pupils at Holy Trinity Primary with their own newspaper

Read all about it in newspaper written by classroom journalists

By Divyansh, Bella and Victoria, Year 6

At Holy Trinity School, a group of Year 6 pupils have been writing a school newspaper called the Trinity Times. They have been offering up their Thursday lunchtimes to create an eight-page paper, which sold nearly 100 copies.

Eleven children and their teacher, Mr Craig, worked on this amazing piece of work over several weeks. The school spent nearly £200 on printing the copies but got all of the money back after selling it. First, the young reporters club had an

introductory session, to see who would write about what, and then instantly got started with writing. The club often writes about school news, popular books, interviews and much more. All of this is thanks to the hard work the Year 6s are

doing and guidance of their wonderful yet "cheesy" (which at times is not needed but is still gratefully appreciated) teacher, Mr Craig. The Year 6s will be putting more hard work into making more brilliant newspapers.

Trees inspected in Cherry Tree Wood

By David Melsome

A survey of trees in Cherry Tree Wood has now been completed following the recent fall of two hornbeam trees (The Archer, March 2026), one narrowly missing a passing mother and child, the other landing partly across the children's playground.

Barnet Council officers say the survey findings will now be reviewed before they respond in detail to questions raised by the Friends of Cherry Tree Wood.

A number of incidents, including the recent falls of the two hornbeams, as well as a hornbeam failure and the loss of a large oak limb last year, have prompted interest among park users about how the woodland is monitored and managed. Roger Chapman, from the Friends of Cherry Tree Wood, said: "We welcome the survey being carried out and look forward to discussing the findings with council officers. The aim is to ensure the long-term safety and

resilience of the woodland while preserving the character of this much-loved park." Council officers have proposed a site meeting later this month with members of the Friends group.

Free tech talk on AI

A free talk on understanding AI and ChatGPT takes place on Monday 13 April from 2-4pm at the Ann Owens Centre, Oak Lane, N2. You can turn up or find more information from Howard on 020 8432 1415 or email howard.chapman@ageukbarnet.org.uk

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