

## Newsletter: 21<sup>st</sup> November 2025

It may have been bitterly cold outside this week, but inside the building the atmosphere was as warm as ever! The buzz of enthusiastic learners and engaging activities filled Osidge. Music could be heard throughout the corridors as classes, bands and choirs prepared for upcoming concerts – look in the calendar for some key dates.

Today, our Lower Choir shared some songs with Years 1 and 2, showcasing their wonderful singing. Last week, children from Year 2 attended the Infant Music Festival which was held at Monkfrith school. The children did a fantastic job learning the songs to accompany the story of Gerald, our giraffe who couldn't dance. Year 2 performed their song *Together*, complete with Makaton actions, in front of the other two schools in attendance. They sang, danced and even composed their own verse for one of the songs. Thank you to Mrs Ruschil for organising Osidge's participation in this event, and to Ms Leptos and the Year 2 team for preparing the children.

This week has been Road Safety Week at Osidge, led by our Green Team. After sharing their ideas in last week's assemblies, they inspired a whole-school focus on safe travel. Throughout the week, every class has taken part in discussions and lessons to deepen their understanding of how to keep safe and stay aware when travelling to and from home. The 'Brighten your Bag' competition linked to Road Safety closes today. Thank you to Miss Liasis for coordinating the activities for the week.

On Tuesday afternoon, we hosted a debating workshop for some of our Y5 pupils, joined by Y5 pupils from Ashmole Primary. Together, the children developed their skills and practised using debating techniques, led by staff from Ashmole Academy. Thank you to Mrs Mahir who organised this event.

Wednesday saw our D&T day, linked to *Trust, Teamwork and Disability*. Inspired by Noble Prize winner and scientist Sir Peter Medawar and his assistant, Ruth Hunt (MBE), who supported him in his work following his stroke. His research helped the medical world develop organ transplant surgery, and Ruth became 'his hands', allowing him to carry out his experiments. Children were exploring projects that could support children with physical disabilities, such as visual impairment. Many thanks to Mrs Torma for leading on this important work within Osidge.

On Thursday, Year 2 took part in a special workshop to learn all about the Great Fire of London. This excellent educational experience will support their D&T and writing work over the next few weeks.

The OSA has updated us with the fantastic total raised from this year's Fireworks Event: over £4500! A huge thank you to the OSA committee for organising the event, and to all the parent and staff volunteers who supported it — before (the set-up), during (running stalls, music and supervising), and after (the clean-up). Your commitment is truly appreciated. It's the strength of our community working together that makes events like this both successful and enjoyable for our children. These memorable moments are only possible because of the dedication and generosity of our parent community. We have a wonderful core group of volunteers who regularly step forward, and we would love to broaden that circle so more families can share in making these events happen. With the Winter Fair approaching, we warmly encourage more parents to consider offering their time, skills, or services to help lighten the load and ensure this much-loved event can go ahead for the children to enjoy. Every contribution — big or small — truly makes a difference. Funds raised are going towards the refurbishment of our school library.

See you at the Parents' Evenings on Tuesday and Wednesday next week.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Chrisanthy Dyer  
Headteacher

## OSIDGE DIARY AND NEWS

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### November 2025

25 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening
26 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening
27 <sup>th</sup>	Book Fair
28 <sup>th</sup>	Book Fair

#### December 2025

1 <sup>st</sup>	Year 5 Roman Workshop
1 <sup>st</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup>	Book Fair
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Winter Concert 2pm (St Andrew's Church)
5 <sup>th</sup>	Non-Uniform Day
8 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Chickenshed Trip
11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Winter Show 9.15am
12 <sup>th</sup>	Winter Fair
16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Superhero Day
16 <sup>th</sup>	Rocksteady Concert
17 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Chickenshed Trip
9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Natural History Museum
<b>19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Last Day of Term – 1.30 Finish</b>

#### January 2026

13 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 RAF Museum Trip
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#### March 2026

9 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup>	5R Lightship Residential
11 <sup>th</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup>	5J Lightship Residential
16 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Ark Farm
23 <sup>rd</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Residential

### BICS and Early Help Practitioners at Parents' Evening

Jacqueline and Sian will be joining Osidge's Parents Evenings across the 25<sup>th</sup> and the 26<sup>th</sup> of November.

Jacqueline is an Advanced Early Help Practitioner and Sian is an Educational Mental Health Practitioner for Barnet Council's Family Services. They provide support for young people and their families holistic wellbeing and work closely with staff at Osidge.

To ask questions about children's mental health and wellbeing and how Early Help can support you and your family come and talk to Sian and Jacqueline next week.

Remember to keep checking our Blog on the school website:

<https://www.osidgeschool.org/news/blog/>

### Children in Need

Thank you to everyone that donated, we have raised £246 (so far)

If you would still like to donate please use the link below.

<https://justgiving.com/page/osidge-school-1>

This was the direct quote from Children in Need-

*"Right now, too many children across the UK are facing life's toughest moments alone. Many are living in poverty, facing mental health struggles, grief, disability, or growing up in communities impacted by violence. Every child deserves someone who shows up for them.*

*That's why we are fundraising for BBC Children in Need.*

*Your donations will fund local people and projects across the UK that provide vital support to children and young people when they need it most. No child has to face life's toughest moments alone.*

## OSIDGE NEWS

### Osidge Book fair 27<sup>th</sup> November – 3<sup>rd</sup> December

This is a wonderful opportunity to explore a variety of engaging titles and select the perfect books to inspire your child's love of reading.



### Sports News

#### Netball Tournament

On Tuesday, 8 of our Yr6 children joined in the Primary Netball Tournament at Cophthall School alongside 14 other Barnet Schools. The children worked exceptionally well as a team, scoring a few points, but unfortunately not enough to get them into the semi-finals.

#### Barnet Bar No One

On Wednesday, some of our Year 1 & 2 children joined other Barnet schools in a multi-skills event at Hendon Leisure Centre. 172 pupils took part from 17 different schools. The children enjoyed taking part in a variety of events including rowing, cricket, boccia, rugby, basketball and speed stacking. They displayed great skills and sportsmanship and thoroughly enjoyed the morning.

#### Osidge girls vs Churchill

On Wednesday afternoon, despite the cold weather Osidge Yr6 girls football played against Churchill at Osidge in the John King Cup game. Osidge won the game, scoring a clear 5-2 win to the girls.

#### Osidge Mixed vs Brunswick Park

On Thursday afternoon, children from Yr6 competed against Brunswick Park in a mixed football league game at Brunswick. A great match played, seeing Brunswick take a 2-0 win against Osidge. Unlucky this time, but what a great match they played!

## OSA NEWS

### Join the OSA WhatsApp Community



### Winter Event Planning Team!

*Help us create some winter magic at Osidge!*

As the festive season is fast approaching, we are excited to start planning for the Winter Event on Friday, 12 December and we'd love your help to make it a great occasion!

If you enjoy contributing ideas, organising and making things happen, please use this link to leave your name and phone number to join the planning team!

### Reserve a stall at the school's Winter Event on Friday 12th December (3.30-5.30pm)!

Got something crafty, sparkly or just plain brilliant to sell? Come join the festive fun and rent a stall.

We have a number of stalls available and charge £20 per table to raise money for the school.

To book a stall, contact Lyndsey on 07766262161 or email [osidgeschoolassociation@gmail.com](mailto:osidgeschoolassociation@gmail.com).



### Winter Event 12<sup>th</sup> December 3.30- 5.30pm

This year's Osidge Winter Event will include a Christmas disco, festive stalls and Santa's Grotto is back.



The OSA will be holding a raffle at the Winter Event on 12th December. We are looking for donations of raffle prizes from the school community. If you have any items, vouchers or services you would be able to donate to be raffled, please let the school office know by 5th December or email [osidgeschoolassociation@gmail.com](mailto:osidgeschoolassociation@gmail.com) Thank you

Thank you to year 1 parent Po Wun Wan for donating unneeded cans of soft drink for use at an upcoming OSA event.

Thank you to year 1 grandparent Siu Lai who has hand knitted and donated beautiful children's scarves to sell to raise funds for the OSA.



**GET ACTIVE,  
GIVE IT  
A GO!**

**Join us to Celebrate  
International Day  
for Disabled People  
at **Unitas Youth Zone****



**DATE: Sunday 7 December**  
**TIME: 10:00am to 2:00pm**  
**LOCATION: 76 Montrose Avenue, HA8 0DT**  
*The building is fully accessible.*



Enjoy performances, dance workshops, a disco, games, fun activities, music and more.

There is something for everyone of all ages to GIVE IT A GO!

Hot meal and drink:  
 £1 for Unitas members £3 for visitors.  
 You can also bring a packed lunch.



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# Osidge Primary School, now part of Ashmole Trust, is ready to welcome new families.

Early Years rated **Outstanding** by Ofsted, 2024.



## See the school in action:

### Weekly Open Events:

Mondays at 9:30am  
(term-time only)

Stay and Play session on  
Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov

## What Osidge offers:

- The same high standards you expect from Ashmole schools
- A nurturing, values-led community
- Inspiring teaching and a broad, ambitious curriculum
- A safe, happy and inclusive environment
- Immediate availability for September entry



## Book your place today:

020 8886 7108  
office@osidgeschool.org



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School



A member of  
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Trust

### Parking Responsibly & Safely

A reminder to please avoid parking on yellow lines or blocking our neighbours' driveways during drop-off and pick-up. Keeping these areas clear helps ensure everyone's safety and shows respect for our community. By parking thoughtfully, we also model good habits and teach our children the importance of being considerate neighbours. Thank you for helping us keep our school environment safe and respectful!

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Please call the organisers of the clubs to book a place

**Monday 3.15 - 4.30 Yr1 – Yr6**

Woody's Football – 07961 437202

[www.woodyssportsacademy.com](http://www.woodyssportsacademy.com)

**Wednesday 3.15 - 4.30**

Dance & Acrobatics Club - 07469 731 801

Email: [d2dcompanyic@gmail.com](mailto:d2dcompanyic@gmail.com)

**Monday 3.15 - 4.20 Reception – Yr6**

Spanish Club – 07848 837924

Email: [daniel@olespanish.net](mailto:daniel@olespanish.net)

**Thursday 3.15 – 4.30 Rec – Y2**

Art Club 07921845330

Email: [namitajain123yahoo.co.uk](mailto:namitajain123yahoo.co.uk)

**Tuesday 3.15 - 4.20 Yr1 – Yr6**

Minichief – 07946 507119

Email: [saritakapur14@gmail.com](mailto:saritakapur14@gmail.com)

**Thursday 3.15 - 4.20 Yr1 – Yr6**

Minichief – 07946 507119

Email: [saritakapur14@gmail.com](mailto:saritakapur14@gmail.com)

**Tuesday 3.20 - 4.20 Yr4 – Yr6**

Crotchet Club – 07432 423571

Email: [dontmakemepush@gmail.com](mailto:dontmakemepush@gmail.com)

**Thursday 3.15 – 4.15 Y1-Y6**

Abacus Maths Club

07824067068

**Tuesday 3.20 - 4.20 Yr1 – Yr6**

Piano Buddies

Email: [bookings@arteach.co.uk](mailto:bookings@arteach.co.uk)

**Friday 3.20 – 4.30 Y3-Y6**

Art Club Year 07921845330

Email: [namitajain123yahoo.co.uk](mailto:namitajain123yahoo.co.uk)

**Wednesday 3.15 - 4.20 Yr1 – Yr6**

French Club- 07587159327

Email : [imen3354@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:imen3354@hotmail.co.uk)

**Friday 3.15 – 4.15 Y1-Y6**

Abacus Maths Club

07824067068

**Monday-Friday- various activities**

Foundation Sports – 07761 082998

See flyer attachment for email address

**Saturday 10.00 – 1.00**

Stage Coach – 07435782533

Email: [southgate@stagecoach.co.uk](mailto:southgate@stagecoach.co.uk)



Talbies estate agents are excited to propose a collaboration that could benefit Osidge Primary School and its community.

For every property sold / rented through an affiliation with the School, we will donate 10% of our commission directly to the school's PTA. This partnership not only helps families and staff find their ideal homes but also contributes to the school's development and programs.

Here's how it works:

- Anyone who mentions Osidge Primary School when listing, purchasing or renting a property with Talbies will be part of this program
- Those listing their property benefit from reduced special rates
- After the sale / letting is complete, 10% of our earned commission will be donated to Osidge Primary School
- So, whether you are thinking about selling / letting your property or looking for a property to buy / rent; working with Talbies will mean working towards providing additional funds for your children and pupils

Thank you for considering this opportunity to strengthen our community while supporting Osidge Primary School