

Newsletter: 6th February 2026

This week has been full of valuable learning opportunities, strong partnerships with parents and the community, and exciting projects across the school.

On Tuesday, a Year 4 maths workshop for parents was led by Peter Warwick, Barnet's Maths Advisor. Peter was impressed by both the strong turnout and the high level of engagement. Parents learned how multiplication is taught in school, enabling them to better support their children at home. Thank you to all who attended—working in partnership is key to helping our children succeed. Thanks also to Miss Ioannou, who arranged the workshop and continues to work alongside Peter to further develop maths at Osidge.

Year 6 parents visited on Wednesday morning for our SATs briefing. Thank you for your attendance; these sessions help ensure a clear understanding of expectations, how we support pupils in school, and how learning can be supported at home.

On Wednesday afternoon, we welcomed Ashmole Primary's Eco-Warriors, who met with our Green Team to work on a joint sustainability project. It was a valuable and inspiring collaboration. Thank you to Miss Liasis and the Ashmole Primary staff for making this possible.

On Thursday morning, our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children enjoyed a visit from the Local Community Police. The children were excited to meet the officers, ask questions, explore the police vehicle and learn about the uniform. Thank you to Mrs Suleyman for organising the visit.

Our Year 6 entrepreneurs had a very successful week with the culmination of their Grow a Tenner project. After developing their products in teams over the term, they promoted them to Year 5 through posters and sales pitches, with sales taking place to Year 5 children on Thursday afternoon and to the wider school community after school Friday. The children worked brilliantly in teams, developing maths, persuasive writing and D&T skills. All profits will go towards the Year 6 Leavers' Fund. Thank you to the OSA for the £10 per-group start-up investment and to the Year 6 staff team for supporting the project.

Over half-term, stage one of our library renovation will begin, with some preparation work starting next week. The library will move to the upper floor, with the music room relocating to the basement. Funding has been raised by our school community through OSA events, so thank you all. We are inviting pupils to share their ideas for the new library space, to help inspire the design and decoration - see information attached in this newsletter. Work during the holiday will focus on moving furniture, books and instruments, with decoration in both spaces to follow. We will also be investing in an updated book collection and new furniture for the library. I will keep you updated as the work progresses!

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend.

Chrisanthy Dyer

Remember to keep checking our blog on the school website:

[Blog - Osidge Primary School](#)

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

February 2026

9th – 15th Children’s Mental Health Week
 10th Year 1 Parent Sharing Event 9.05
 11th Year 3 Show 9.15am upper Hall
 11th Class Photographs
 13th Parent Partnership Group 9.00

16th – 20th Half Term

March 2026

4th Year 6 BICs information Session 9.15
 9th -11th 5R Lightship Residential
 11th-13th 5J Lightship Residential
 16th Reception Ark Farm
 17th Parents Evening (more information to follow)
 18th Parents Evening (more information to follow)
 23rd -27th Year 6 Residential
 27th **Last Day of Term – 1.30 Finish**

April 2026

13th **Staff Training- School Closed**
 14th **First Day Back for Pupils**
 17th Year 2 Tower of London Trip
 24th Year 6 Drama in the Woods Trip

May 2026

4th **Bank Holiday School Closed**
 7th **Polling Day School Closed**
 8th Year 2 Hyde Park Trip
 18th Year 3 Chocolate Workshop
25th - 29th Half Term

June 2026

23rd Year 4 Bank of England Trip

July 2026

17th **Last day of School- Finish 1.30**

Parent Partnership group

Our next **Parent Partnership group** will take place on **Friday 13th February at 9am** in the Canteen. Parenting can be extremely rewarding – and at times, challenging. This informal session offers a relaxed opportunity to chat, share experiences and pick up practical ideas to support children at home and at school.

This session we will be discussing the **Zones of Regulation**, a whole school approach we use to help children understand their feeling and develop self-regulation skills. We’ll explain how it works in school and share simple, practical ways it can be used at home.

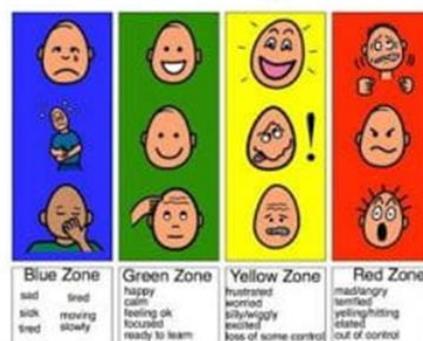
There is no pressure to speak – parents are welcome to just listen. It’s also a lovely chance to meet to meet other parents and carers and know you’re not alone with any challenges you may face.

We really hope you can join us

The session will be led by
 Sarah Ostroff
 Inclusion Lead

Anita Ponti
 School Learning Mentor

The Zones of Regulation



Children's Mental Health Week



The theme for this year's Children's Mental Health Week is **THIS IS MY PLACE**.

That means feeling like you're part of something, such as your family, your school, your group of friends or a team. These happy moments help us feel connected, valued, and accepted. When we feel like we belong, we feel happy, safe, and ready to learn and play. It helps us grow strong in our minds and bodies, and it makes it easier to make friends, do well in school, and feel good about ourselves.

During Children's Mental Health Week, we'll be talking about how we can help everyone feel like they belong. We will share **THIS IS MY PLACE** so we can learn from each other what makes us feel happy. We'll learn how to be kind, include others, and make sure no one feels left out.

Because everyone deserves to feel like they have a place where they are accepted, cared for, and loved.

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Feel more confident to be themselves and try new things.

Develop resilience to cope with challenges and setbacks.

Build stronger relationships and communication skills.

Experience less anxiety and loneliness.

Have better self-esteem and understand their own worth.

Feel motivated to contribute positively to their communities.

Safety Reminders

Scooters and bicycles

A reminder that children must dismount from scooters and bicycles as soon as they enter the school site. From the first gate they reach, scooters and bikes should be pushed along pathways, across the playground and to the parking areas. After school, children should continue to push the scooter/ bikes until they have exited the school site, where they may ride again. This helps keep everyone safe, as riding near others can be dangerous.

Parking and road safety

Please be considerate when using your own vehicles. Do not park on yellow lines near school entrances during operational times, and avoid blocking neighbouring driveways. We ask all families to park safely and legally, even if this means parking a little further away.

Use of school equipment

Our outdoor equipment - including the climbing apparatus in the back playground, the Astro pitch, the basketball hoops - is very popular and well used during the school day under staff supervision. These facilities must **not** be used before or after school, even when parents are present.

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Premises Work

Significant site work has been taking place this academic year, with two major projects largely funded through special premises grants secured by the Trust for work at Osidge. These include upgrades to our plumbing system - children will have noticed new taps in classrooms and toilets - and a planned fire safety improvement programme, including a new fire alarm system (which was installed in the Autumn Term) and the phased replacement of many of our doors, which started this week. These works help ensure the building continues to meet current standards. To minimise disruption, contractors have carried out (and will continue to carry out) the work during evenings, weekends and school holidays

Help Design Our New School Library!

We are creating a new library space and we need your ideas!

The library will be in the **Upper Corridor**, in the room that is currently the music room. The music room will be moving to the basement, and this gives us a chance to imagine what the *perfect library* could look like.

We would love you to draw and design what you think our library should look like.

Your ideas could include:

- **Colours**
- **Furniture** (sofas, beanbags, tables, cosy corners)
- **Pictures & decorations**
- **Themes** (space, jungle, fairy tales, calm & cosy, or something new!)



HOW TO TAKE PART

- Use **plain A4 paper**
- **Draw and label** your library design
- Write your **name and class** on the back of your paper
- Give your design to **your class teacher by Friday 27th February 2026**

There are no right or wrong ideas.

Your drawings will help the adults plan a library that children will love!

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

Monday 3.15 - 4.20 Reception – Yr6

Spanish Club – 07848 837924

Email: daniel@olespanish.net

Monday-Friday- various activities

Foundation Sports – 07761 082998

See flyer attachment for email address

Tuesday 3.15 - 4.20 Yr1 – Yr6

Minichief – 07946 507119

Email: saritakapur14@gmail.com

Tuesday 3.20 - 4.20 Yr4 – Yr6

Crotchet Club – 07432 423571

Email: dontmakemeplush@gmail.com

Tuesday 3.20 - 4.20 Yr1 – Yr6

Piano Buddies

Email: bookings@arteach.co.uk

Tuesday 3.20 - 4.30 Yr2 – Yr6

Design Club

bilenzeremariam@gmail.com

07493 345650

Wednesday 3.15 - 4.20 Yr1 – Yr6

French Club- 07587159327

Email : imen3354@hotmail.co.uk

Thursday 3.15 – 4.30 Rec – Y2

Art Club 07921845330

Email: namitajain123yahoo.co.uk

Thursday 3.15 - 4.20 Yr1 – Yr6

Minichief – 07946 507119

Email: saritakapur14@gmail.com

Thursday 3.15 – 4.15 Y1-Y6

Abacus Maths Club

07824067068

Friday 3.20 – 4.30 Y3-Y6

Art Club Year 07921845330

Email: namitajain123yahoo.co.uk

Friday 3.15 – 4.15 Y1-Y6

Abacus Maths Club

07824067068

Saturday 10.00 – 1.00

Stage Coach – 07435782533

Email: 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



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