

Newsletter: 27th March 2026

In Monday's assembly, we reflected on some significant upcoming religious celebrations and festivals, exploring their symbolism and importance. We send our very best wishes to all those in our community who will be celebrating Easter or Passover over the coming weeks.

We have now reached the end of our Big Walk and Wheel fortnight, during which we have been tracking the number of children travelling to school by walking, cycling or scooting. This initiative links closely with our Healthy Schools work, promoting physical activity, as well as our Green Team's focus on sustainability and caring for our environment. Of course, these priorities are not limited to just one fortnight, and we encourage everyone to continue making active and environmentally friendly choices wherever possible. Thank you to Mrs Suleyman and Miss Liasis for organising the surveys and promoting this initiative so effectively.

On Wednesday morning, our Year 4 classes shared their Blue Abyss learning with parents, demonstrating an excellent understanding of scientific vocabulary — "bioluminescent" was particularly impressive! The children also performed a lovely song and challenged their parents with some very tricky crossword clues. Thank you to the Year 4 team for supporting the children so well and delivering such an engaging showcase.

In the afternoon, Reception hosted a beautifully curated art exhibition. Despite the inclement weather, the children proudly showcased a wide range of artistic skills and creative activities.

Thank you to the Reception team for organising and presenting such a wonderful event.

On Thursday morning, Year 2 shared their Towers, Tunnels and Turrets learning with parents through an exciting mix of facts, songs, poems and even a rap! The event concluded with a maths lesson, where children confidently taught their parents how to share and find fractions of amounts. Thank you to the Year 2 staff for planning and delivering such an interactive and enjoyable experience.

Continuing the work that began during our STEAM Week earlier this term, Year 4 had a fascinating online meeting with young scientist Gitanjali Rao, who was named TIME's "Kid of the Year" in 2020 and received a Young Innovator Award from 3M for her invention, Tethys. She thanked Year 4 for choosing her as a scientist to study during British Science Week and praised the children for their curiosity. She encouraged them to approach science and problem-solving with both curiosity and empathy, reminding them that even small steps can make a meaningful difference. She also reassured pupils that they do not need to know everything about technology or coding - being curious and wanting to help others already makes them thoughtful and responsible learners. This was a wonderful endorsement of the pupils' efforts during STEAM Week - well done, Year 4!

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We also held a very successful fire drill this week. This is an important safety procedure that schools carry out to ensure that children and staff can leave the school premises quickly and safely and gather at the designated assembly point. Well done to all children and staff for responding so calmly and efficiently.

The Upper Corridor has felt a little quieter this week as most of our Year 6 pupils have been away in Norfolk at Kingswood for their residential trip. I have received daily updates filled with reports of exciting experiences and activities - including a beach visit, laser tag,

abseiling and much more. These opportunities play an important role in building confidence, developing teamwork and nurturing friendships. As I write, they are on the coach back to school - I am very much looking forward to welcoming them back and hearing all about their experiences! Thank you to all the staff who have taken time away from their own families to accompany and support our Year 6 children this week.

Wishing you all a restful break. A reminder that Osidge School re-opens to pupils on Tuesday 14th April.

Chrisanthy Dyer

Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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
29th Year 1 Life Long Ago Workshop
30th Year 5 Epping Forest Trip
30th Year 4 Sleeping Bells TBC

May 2026

4th Bank Holiday School Closed
7th Polling Day School Closed

May 2026

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

1st Year 3 London Zoo Trip
17th Last day of School- Finish 1.30

Remember to keep checking our blog and Instagram for news and photos:

<https://www.osidgeschool.org/news/blog/> and @osidge_school

March Online Safety Newsletter

<https://www.osidgeschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/Online-Safety-Newsletter-March-2026-3-Osidge-04-03-2026.pdf>

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School Snacks

Please ensure that all snacks provided for children are **fruit or vegetables only**; chocolate, crisps, breadsticks, and fruit rolls should not be sent. Healthy snacks provide essential vitamins, minerals, and fibre that support growth, concentration, and overall wellbeing, while sugary or processed foods can cause energy spikes and tiredness. For safety, grapes should be cut lengthways before sending in. Please also remind your child not to share their snacks with others. Thank you for helping us maintain a healthy environment for all children.

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.

Civil Enforcement Officers are operating in the area more frequently to support schools like ours with safe and legal parking. Thank you for helping us keep our children safe.



Osidge In Bloom



We will launch our annual 'Osidge in Bloom' competition next term. Classes will design and grow their unique class beds using a range of herbs, flowers, and plants.

To make this project a success, we'd love to have donations of small potted plants, vegetables, and herbs.

Teachers will advise you about the types of things the class will be planting and your donations to the classrooms after the Easter break.

Each year, the group will be involved in the design process and the planting of their planter box. The winning entry will receive a special something and be awarded the title of 'Best in Bloom' at the end of the summer term.

Each class will care for and water the planters over the summer term.

Osidge in Bloom is also an excellent way for pupils to observe changes over time in Science topics such as 'Plants and Living Things'.

We look forward to learning more about plants and improving our scientific enquiry skills.

Watch out for the new planting beds around the school as the term unfolds!

BELS Advisory Team for Autistic Children and Young People

BACPAC: Barnet Autism Course for Parents And Carers. An Online Parent/Carer Training Course

A comprehensive training and support programme for parents/carers of children **aged 6-19**, with a **diagnosis of Autism**.

This course is available free of charge to **families living in Barnet**.

A 5-session online training course, covering topics including:

- An overview of what it means for your child to be Autistic.
- Communication.
- Sensory needs.
- Understanding emotional regulation/'behaviour'.

This course also gives parents/carers an opportunity to learn together and share experiences online.

Please do not sign up if you have already attended this course, or the Cygnets Course.

There is a further 6-session BACPAC course Tuesdays 10-11.30am starting 2nd June 2026.

BACPAC: Barnet Autism Course for Parents and Carers. Summer Term 2026 One, A 5-session evening course.

Dates and times:

Monday 13th April 6.00-7.30pm

Monday 20th April 6.00-7.30pm

Monday 27th April 6.00-7.30pm

Monday 4th May Bank Holiday, **no session**.

Monday 11th May 6.00-7.30pm

Monday 18th May 6.00-7.30pm

Sign up form here: [BACPAC: Barnet Autism Course for Parents And Carers, April & May 2026. Sign-up form.](#) – [Fill in form](#)

For any enquires please email Autism.Team@barnet.gov.uk with 'BACPAC course' as the subject, thanks.



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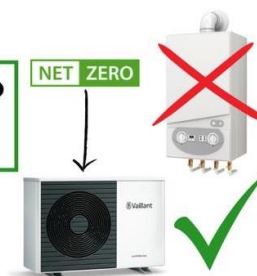
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AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

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

bilnzeremariam@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

Dr Bike Sessions

<https://www.barnet.gov.uk/roads-and-pavements/transport-and-around-barnet/cycling/free-dr-bike-sessions-barnet>

The Dr Bike sessions are run by qualified bicycle mechanics. Members of the public can take along their bicycles to have a free, full safety check, which includes the condition of tyres, rims, gears, brake function and tyre pressure and adjustments can be made if required, all for free. Both adult and child bicycles can have the free safety check and adjustments made if necessary.

Location	Location Description	Date	Time
Finchley, Lodge Lane car park	Yellow chevrons immediately to the right of the entrance to the Car Park (opposite NL Auction Rooms N12 8JH)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 13 May ● 8 July ● 9 September ● 11 November ● 13 January 2027 ● 10 March 2027 	4pm to 7pm
Temple Fortune	By Bike racks outside entrance to M&S Food Hall at 820 Finchley Road, NW11 6XL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 20 May ● 15 July ● 16 September ● 18 November ● 20 January 2027 ● 17 March 2027 	4pm to 7pm
Middlesex University	Pavement on The Burroughs, outside Middlesex University adjacent to Hendon Fire Station, 91 The Burroughs, NW4 4BL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 8 April ● 10 June ● 12 August ● 14 October ● 9 December ● 10 February 2027 	4pm to 7pm
High Barnet, Stapylton Rd car park	Area immediately to the right of carpark entrance (EN5 4LR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 15 April ● 17 June ● 19 August ● 21 October ● 16 December ● 17 February 2027 	4pm to 7pm

Barnet's Local Area SEND and AP Partnership Annual Survey for Parents and Carers 2026

Aims of the survey:

- To hear from parents and carers of young people in Barnet with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and/or in alternative provision (AP).
- To help services in your local area understand what is working well and how we can improve support for children and young people.
- Redistributing this survey on an annual basis will help to identify whether responses to your suggestions for improvement have been effective.

*The survey will be open until Friday 24th of April
Thank you for taking the time to share your valuable feedback*

[Click here for a link to the survey.](#)

Or scan the QR code



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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are writing to invite you to take part in an important survey that will help shape Barnet's Reform Plan in line with the national SEND and Alternative Provision White Paper reforms.

Your views are central to how we design our local reform plan. We want to ensure that what we develop genuinely supports children and young people in schools, while also making sure that schools are well-equipped to meet a wide range of complex and varied needs as early and effectively as possible.

We know that we have recently asked parents and carers to complete two surveys - our annual Parent/Carer Survey and this one linked to the SEND and Alternative Provision White Paper. We appreciate this is an additional ask. Unfortunately, because of the national White Paper timescales, we need to run this survey alongside our annual one.

Thank you very much for your time and for sharing your views with us.

The feedback you share will directly inform how we:

- Strengthen support for children and young people within mainstream schools
- Improve inclusion and early intervention
- Support schools to have the right tools, skills and support to respond to need
- Design a system that works better for families, schools and services together

We are keen that our plans reflect real experiences, priorities and ideas from parents and carers across Barnet. Your contribution will help us focus on what matters most and ensure our reforms are grounded in lived experience.

Please take a few minutes to complete the survey using the link below:

[Barnet Local Inclusion Support Offer \(LISO\): Parent/Carer Survey 2026 – Fill out form](#)

Thank you for taking the time to share your views. Your feedback will play a vital role in shaping the future of SEND support in Barnet.

With best wishes,
Kim Miller

Director of SEND and Inclusion