

Newsletter: 6th February 2026

We've had a glorious Book Week, with activities and our Wednesday dress-up day themed around *Dear Dinosaur* by Chae Strathie. On Monday and Tuesday, we hosted Ashmole Primary School in our halls for a shared reading experience with 'Sprawl in the Hall'. Some classes also visited Ashmole Primary School for their own 'Sprawl in the Hall' sessions there - all very enjoyable and a lovely way to develop the Trust partnership. Throughout the week, our pupils wrote pieces inspired by our shared school text, with writing ranging from creative fiction to non-chronological reports linked to science and geography. Wednesday's dress-up saw Osidge School full of dinosaurs, palaeontologists and museum curators. My friend, Rory the Dinosaur, had a lovely time visiting all the classes! Thank you to Miss Savva for organising the activities and liaising with Ashmole Primary School for the shared experiences focused on reading for pleasure.

Our Lower Choir were spreading joy in Southgate in the spring sunshine on Monday with a wonderful performance for the public in the Pocket Park near Southgate Tube. Many thanks to Ms Leptos for leading the choir for this event.

Year 6 parents and students were guided through some 'dealing with exam stress' strategies by Sian from BICS (Barnet Integrated Clinical Services) on Wednesday. As SATs approach, it's important that families understand ways to manage anxieties around testing and help children feel prepared and confident. Learning how to approach challenges calmly and positively is a valuable life skill that will support pupils not only during assessments but also in future situations that may feel demanding or unfamiliar.

Elements of next week's STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Maths) Week started yesterday with the Three Store's visit to Years 3, 5 and 6. Experts from the Three Store education programme (Discovery) worked with pupils on a variety of computing skills, including green screen techniques, movie editing and e-book development. Thank you to Miss Burgess who liaised with the Three Store to schedule this week's visits and those planned for other year groups next week. STEAM activities continue next week.

Today, Matt Littleford, who leads Literacy for the Trust, visited to see the continued positive work around oracy that is embedded in our approach to teaching and learning. He was impressed to see how children were able to demonstrate articulate use of key vocabulary in full sentences and show active listening through discussions that built on the ideas of their peers or included relevant questioning, all with respect and purpose. High-level oracy supports deeper thinking and strengthens pupils' ability to explain, justify and refine their ideas and their writing. It also builds confidence in communication, which is essential for learning across the curriculum and for life beyond the classroom.

It has been another busy and inspiring week across the school, and it has been wonderful to see our pupils engaging so enthusiastically in such a wide range of experiences.

Have a lovely weekend,

Chrisanthy Dyer

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

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

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March 2026

4 th	Year 6 BICs information Session 9.15
4 th	World Book Day
9 th -11 th	5R Lightship Residential
11 th -13 th	5J Lightship Residential
11 th	Year 1 Road Safety Talk
16 th -22 nd	Neurodiversity Week
16 th	Reception Ark Farm
17 th	Rock Steady Concert 9.30
17 th	Parents Evening
18 th	Parents Evening
23 rd	OSA AGM
23 rd -27 th	Year 6 Residential
27 th	Last Day of Term – 1.30 Finish

April 2026

13th **Staff Training- School Closed**

April 2026

14 th	First Day Back for Pupils
17 th	Year 2 Tower of London Trip
24 th	Year 6 Drama in the Woods Trip
30 th	Year 5 Epping Forest Trip

May 2026

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

June 2026

23 rd	Year 4 Bank of England Trip
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July 2026

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

Parent Partnership Group

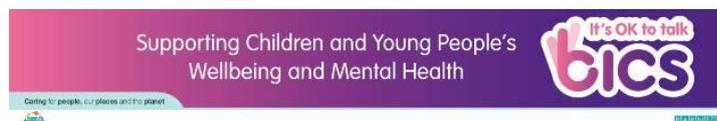
Our next **Parent Partnership group** will take place on **Friday 20th March at 9am** in the Canteen. Parenting can be extremely rewarding – and at times, challenging. This informal session offers a relaxed opportunity to chat, share experiences and pick up practical ideas to support children at home and at school.

In this session, Sian from Barnet Integrated Clinical Services (BICs) will offer practical guidance and easy to use strategies to help you better understand and support your child with anxiety.

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

The session will last about 45 minutes. No booking is required - please just come along

If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Ostroff, Inclusion lead



A Reminder to label all your children's clothing and water bottles.
Mrs Owen has lots of unclaimed uniform that is NOT named.



Reminder for children to bring in water bottles now weather getting warmer.
The new water fountains are for refilling water bottles
ONLY. Please NO glass bottles



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Big Walk and Wheel 2026

We are taking part in the Big Walk and Wheel, the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking, wheeling and scooting challenge aimed to build children's physical activity and reduce air pollution.

The challenge runs from **16 – 27 March 2026**. We challenge you to walk, scoot or cycle to school on as many days as possible during the event.

We hope you enjoy the challenge!



Sports News

On Wednesday, Osidge boys played against Westgrove and secured a terrific 3-2 win. Great team work and sportsmanship from both schools.

Holiday Activities for Children Eligible for Benefits-Related Free School Meals – PLUS Positive Activities for ALL Barnet Children

Barnet's **BACE Holidays (HAF) programme** offers *free* holiday activities and healthy meals for children and young people who are eligible for **benefit-related Free School Meals** every Spring, Summer and Winter Holidays. Look out for your e-voucher code if eligible.

<https://barnetyouth.uk/baceholidays>

In addition, Barnet's **Positive Activities** programme provides *free sessions for any child or young person who lives in Barnet or attends a Barnet school*, regardless of eligibility. Activities include sports, arts, youth clubs, music, outdoor adventures and more.

Explore all activities here:

<https://barnetyouth.uk/Positive-Activities>

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

bilenzemariam@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

ADHD in the 21st Century – Parent & Young Person Workshop

Barnet parents and carers are invited to attend **ADHD in the 21st Century**, a face-to-face workshop designed for families, children and young people aged 10 years and above.

This engaging event will feature a range of inspiring keynote speakers, along with opportunities to hear real-life experiences and practical insights into living with and supporting ADHD.

 **Saturday 25 April 2026**

 **1:30pm – 4:30pm**

 **Artsdepot, N12 0GA**

To register your place, please complete the form below:

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/Ec1uwH125m>

We encourage families who may find this helpful to attend.



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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