

Newsletter: 24th April 2026

There's something about a stretch of sunshine that lifts the whole school community - corridors feel brighter and there's a tangible sense of energy in everything we do.

We welcomed a group of our Governors on Wednesday morning for our third Governor Engagement Day of the school year. Miss Ioannou updated them on the work she is leading in maths, including a focus on oracy, the use of manipulatives, and workshops to support families in helping children at home. Governors then had the opportunity to see our high-quality maths teaching in practice, observing in-depth discussions that supported problem-solving and hearing articulate responses. Teachers and pupils demonstrated how key vocabulary and modelled examples support learning. Pupils confidently used mathematical language and full sentences in both their verbal and written responses. Governors were impressed by the consistency of approach across the school and the confidence with which pupils explained their thinking. My thanks to all staff and pupils for the care, enthusiasm and pride they showed in sharing their learning so openly.

Also on Wednesday, our Young Poet Laureate finalist, Musawer, took part in the second stage of the competition. As the youngest of the 20 London shortlisted competitors - ranging from Year 6 to Year 9 - he represented the school brilliantly and did immensely well. We are incredibly proud of his achievement.

Yesterday, I travelled to Central London, very close to the magnificent Shard to be a part of the Young Poet Laureate competition. The hall we entered had a wall full of poetry books and I read some of them. They had some great poems about the author's life. There were twenty children, from different year groups. We also had a session where we had a go at reciting our own poems. I got a chance to read my poem out loud, which I had practised and memorised. One of the poems that I really liked was about a cat; it had cool rhyming words. After I recited my poem, I was given a certificate signed by the famous poet Simon Armitage. At the end of the day, I felt very proud to represent my school with my poem, "The Borrowed Planet". Musawer, Y4.

Today, our Year 3 children enjoyed their final swimming session. We are immensely proud of the progress they have made over the past two weeks, along with the consistently excellent manners and behaviour they have demonstrated both off-site and in school.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Coffee Morning today. It was a pleasure to share updates on our OSA-funded projects, including the development of the music room and the library. We also covered some of the school's strategic work around writing and maths, with more details to come in my end-of-year summary. In addition, we outlined plans for our 90th Anniversary celebrations, including the Summer Fair on Saturday 20th June. Please do contact the OSA if you are able to volunteer on the day or get involved in any way: Osidgeschoolassociation@gmail.com.

Finally, we encourage you to take a few minutes to complete the **Osidge parent survey** (organised by Edurio). The link has been shared with you via email and text over the past two weeks. Your views are invaluable in helping us continue to improve and shape the future of our school. Previous parent feedback has already led to important changes, including enhancements to our outdoor activity provision (such as basketball, table tennis and table football), improvements to wraparound care timings and activities, and clearer, more effective ways of sharing homework. Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts; it really does make a difference.

Have a lovely weekend.
Chrisanthy Dyer
Headteacher

OSIDGE NEWS

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April 2026

27 th – 30 th	Book Fair Lower Hall
29 th	Year 1 Life Long Ago Workshop
30 th	Year 5 Epping Forest Trip
30 th	Year 4 Sleeping Bells Overnight Camp

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
18 th	Reception & KS1 Sports Day
18 th	KS2 Sports Week

May 2026

25th - 29th **Half Term**

June 2026

17 th	Reception End of Year Show
20 th	90 th Anniversary Summer Fair
23 rd	Year 4 Bank of England Trip
30 th	Primary Athletics (Y3-Y6)

July 2026

1 st	Year 3 London Zoo Trip
1 st	Y6 Production 9.45
2 nd	Y6 Production 1.45
8 th	Reception Trent Park Trip
14 th	Y6 Leavers Ceremony 2.15
15 th	Y6 Leavers BBQ (children only) 3.30-5.00
17 th	Last day of School- Finish 1.30

Sports News

On Wednesday, the Year 6 Osidge girls played against West Grove girls and secured an impressive 3–0 victory. It was a fantastic match, with both teams showing determination, skill and teamwork throughout. All players thoroughly enjoyed the match, making it a memorable and positive experience for everyone involved.

Summer Fair 2026

Join us for a truly special celebration!

This year marks an incredible milestone as our school turns 90, and we're inviting our whole community to be part of the festivities at our Summer Fair on 20th June, 12-3pm.

We would love to showcase the amazing talents within our school and local community. Whether you're a pupil, parent, family member, or friend of the school, we would like to invite you to perform live during the event. From music, dance, and drama to magic, comedy, cultural performances, or something completely unique — all talents are welcome!

Whether you're a seasoned performer or trying something new, we'd love for you to share your performance!

Next week we'll share information about how you can register your act and select your time slot.

We would love your help and support to plan and arrange the summer fair! Come along to the coffee morning on Friday, 24th April to find out more!

Contact the OSA here: Osidgeschoolassociation@gmail.com



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.

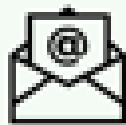
With best wishes,
Kim Miller

Director of SEND and Inclusion

HAVE YOUR SAY IN THE PARENT SURVEY!

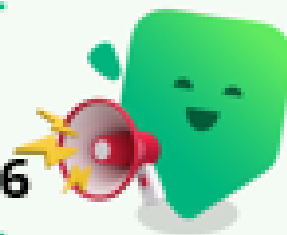


Your feedback helps us create the best community environment.



Look out for an email with a link to the survey.

Parent Experience Survey
15th April 2026 – 6th May 2026



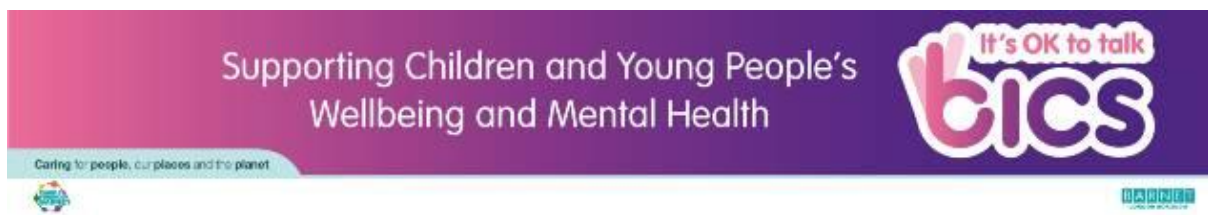
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Our next **Parent Partnership group** will take place on **Friday 15th May at 9am** in the Canteen. Parenting can be extremely rewarding – and at times, challenging. This informal session offers a relaxed opportunity to chat, share experiences and pick up practical ideas to support children at home and at school.

After our previous successful and informative session, Sian from Barnet Integrated Clinical Services (BICs) will be hosting a Parent Group focussing on supporting sibling relationships. The session will equip you with practical strategies and techniques to enhance the relationships and bonds between siblings and empowering them to learn how to cooperate and resolve disputes. The morning will also give you a chance to ask any questions to the BICS practitioner present. We look forward to seeing you there.

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



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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Your child will have received a sponsorship form from ActivKids UK this week, in connection with the upcoming Key Stage 2 (KS2) Sports Week, scheduled for May. Kylie Grimes, a Paralympic wheelchair rugby athlete from Team GB will be visiting on Tuesday 19th May, to support the children in completing their fitness circuit, thereby encouraging them to achieve their fundraising goals.

You can submit the total amount of sponsorship money collected by your child via the online SCOPay platform. To acknowledge the children's participation and commend their efforts in fundraising, rewards will be provided.

We appreciate your support in making this event a success for our students.

A vibrant red and orange graphic for a book fair. On the left, a young girl in a floral dress and blue mask strikes a superhero pose with a red cape. Below her are two cartoon characters: a purple cat and a yellow dog, both wearing red capes and masks. The background is a gradient of red and orange. At the top, the logos for 'SCHOLASTIC' and 'TRAVELLING BOOKS' are displayed. A dark blue banner contains the text '3 BOOKS FOR THE PRICE OF 2'. The main headline 'COME TO OUR BOOK FAIR' is written in large, bold, white letters. Below this, it says 'and earn FREE BOOKS for our school!'. In the bottom right corner, there is a white box with the text 'GO ALL IN.' and 'National Year of Reading 2026' below it.

SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS

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National Year of Reading 2026



CHICKENSHED
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WONDER WALK

Sun 7 Jun 2026

From 9.30am, walk starts at 11am

A magical family walking adventure!

Bring the whole family and step out for the Wonder Walk. Enjoy face painting, music, performances and a warm-up before setting off together on a relaxed 5K or 10K walk with family and friends.

Afterwards, stay to celebrate with drinks, wood-fired pizza, activities and a great feel-good atmosphere.



Every participant aged 5+ receives a 'goody bag' packed with goodies!



Chickenshed, 290 Chase Side,
Southgate, London N14 4PE
www.chickenshed.org.uk
Registered charity no 1012368



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