

Newsletter: 1st May 2026

We've had a fantastic Book Fair throughout the week. Thank you to those of you who visited with your children to browse the books and make your selections. There is something special about choosing a new book - the captivating covers, the familiar authors whose work we love to return to and the recommendations shared by friends and teachers. Reading unlocks so much learning; it builds knowledge, strengthens vocabulary and enriches both our spoken and written communication.

On Tuesday morning, I met with Year 5 parents and carers to share important information about the Secondary Transfer process. This information was also emailed to families. Some secondary school open days have already begun, particularly for those considering selective schools. Please continue to check individual school websites for updates on open days and admissions policies. The closing date for applications for children starting secondary school in September 2027 is 31st October 2026.

On Wednesday, Year 1 enjoyed an exciting experience meeting a range of dinosaurs and handling real fossils. This was a brilliant launch event, helping to make learning at Osidge School memorable, engaging and hands-on. On Thursday, Year 5 spent the day exploring Epping Forest, drawing inspiration from nature to create their Eco Art. Over Thursday evening, our Year 4s enjoyed the Osidge Campsite on our wonderful field. They had a fun-filled evening which included games, a disco, dinner and a magic show. All were memorable activities enjoyed with their classmates, and, alongside the unique experience of sleeping in a bell tent under the stars, it was definitely a night to remember! My thanks go to all staff for organising these valuable off-site visits, workshops and overnight experiences, and for generously giving their time away from their own families to make these opportunities possible. We are also very grateful for your continued support in helping to fund these enriching experiences.

Plans are continuing for our 90th Anniversary Summer Fair celebration on Saturday 20th June. If you are able to offer time, resources or support, please contact the OSA: Osidgeschoolassociation@gmail.com.

There are just a few days left to complete the Edurio parent survey - an important opportunity to share your views so we can continue to develop and improve together. Previous parent input has helped us improve learning spaces, refine homework processes and expand lunchtime enrichment opportunities. The survey link has been re-sent today via email and text. The deadline is 6th May.

Finally, I wish you all a very enjoyable long weekend. We look forward to welcoming pupils back on Tuesday after the Bank Holiday Monday. Please also note that school will be closed to pupils on Thursday next week, as the site will be used as a Polling Station. Teachers will set online learning for that day, either via Google Classroom or email, depending on the year group.

Wishing you a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Chrisanthy Dyer
Headteacher

A reminder of our new start times for 2025-26:

The doors open at 8.40 for the soft start and all children should be in by **8.50am**.
The doors will close at 8.50am

OSIDGE NEWS

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

May 2026

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| 4 th | Bank Holiday School Closed |
| 7 th | Polling Day School Closed |
| 8 th | Year 2 Hyde Park Trip |
| 15 th | Parent Partnership Group |
| 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

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| 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

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

Sports News

Over the past few weeks, the children have been completing the 2026 TCS Mini London Marathon in school. This 2-mile course can be run or walked, and the children were eager to complete the full distance by running, jogging, or walking eight laps of the school field. Osidge School has received a trophy in recognition of our school's participation.

TCS Mini marathon photos, Reception

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1UR0-14AgiuR7ZFdBh7uLf0AdKvYl48sq>

Online Safety

Please find a link to an **online information session for parents and carers** focusing on social media and live streaming. This is provided by our Online Safety newsletter creators.

Focus: Guide to social media and livestreaming - this will include latest trends and emerging threats and will focus on developing your understanding of social media and livestreaming, the associated risks and steps we can take to support our children.

Date and Time: Wednesday 6th May 2026 (4pm – 4.45pm). No need to register, just log in at this time.

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Your child will have received a sponsorship form from ActivKids UK last 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.

Poetry Competition



Are you Osidge's first Poet Laureate?

This competition is open to all pupils in Years 3-6.

You are invited to write a poem in any form, of any length and on any topic you choose.

You may use any style and we encourage you to be as creative and imaginative as possible.

All poems must be your own original work. Please ensure your entry is submitted by **Friday 8th May 2026.**

Selected winners will have the opportunity to read their poems at Ashmole Academy.



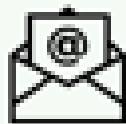
We need wool donations!

Please drop this to class teachers for our volunteer knitters to create scarves to sell at our Summer Fair

HAVE YOUR SAY IN THE PARENT SURVEY!

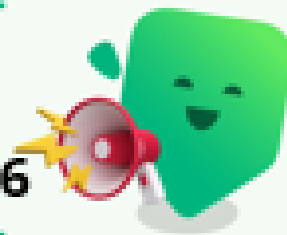


Your feedback helps us create the best community environment.



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 22nd 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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THEATRE CHANGING LIVES

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!

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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

Minichef – 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

Minichef – 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