



Newsletter: 10th July 2026

As we approach the final week of the school year, it is hard to believe how quickly this year has passed. By Monday afternoon, you will have received your child's end-of-year report. We hope you enjoy celebrating their achievements, recognising the progress they have made and reflecting on another busy and successful year.

Earlier this week, children spent time in their new classes, meeting their teachers for September. These transition sessions help children become familiar with their new learning environment, build relationships with staff and look forward to the opportunities the new school year will bring.

On Wednesday morning, we were treated to a bright and joyful performance from Year 1, linked to their *Rio de Vida* topic. The production was full of energy and enthusiasm, with excellent speaking, singing and dancing. The colourful costumes looked fantastic, and I was particularly impressed by the rich vocabulary the children used confidently. My thanks go to the Year 1 team for all their hard work in creating such a memorable performance.

Reception enjoyed a wonderful day at Trent Park on Wednesday, celebrating the end of a fantastic first year at Osidge with games, a picnic and plenty of outdoor play. On Thursday, some of our Year 3 children took part in a tennis festival, developing new skills, enjoying a range of activities and representing the school brilliantly. Thank you to all the staff who accompanied these visits.

As part of our transition programme, Year 6 took part in an online workshop with Kooth focusing on the move to secondary school and positive mental health. The children explored strategies for looking after their wellbeing, discussed the changes ahead and asked thoughtful questions. Alongside their visit days, this has helped prepare them for the exciting next stage of their education. As we enter our final week with this wonderful cohort, we look forward to celebrating everything they have achieved while helping them feel confident about the future.

Today, Years 1 and 2 welcomed author and illustrator J.D. Okoro, who shared his book *The Great Worm Heist*. The children enjoyed hearing about the inspiration behind the story and learning more about the writing and illustration process. The visit forms part of this weekend's Southgate Children's Literature Festival, with lots of fantastic events for children and families. For more information, visit: <https://www.southgatekidslitfest.org/>

Today I also had the privilege of accompanying some of our budding debaters from Years 4 to 6 on a visit to the Houses of Parliament. The children explored one of London's most iconic landmarks, learned about the history of Parliament and discovered how laws are made and how democracy shapes life in the United Kingdom. It was a fascinating experience, and my sincere thanks go to the staff who accompanied the visit.

Finally, I would like to thank every parent who has generously supported school trips throughout the year. These experiences would not be possible without your help, and we are incredibly grateful. We always welcome new volunteers and hope even more families will be able to support visits in the future.

Please take a moment to read the email sent out today, which contains important information and reminders about arrangements for the final week of term.

Have a wonderful weekend!

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OSIDGE NEWS

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

July 2026

14th Rock Steady 9.15am
14th Y6 Leavers Ceremony 2.15
15th Y6 Leavers BBQ (children only) 3.30-5.00
17th **Last day of School- Finish 1.30**

September 2026

3rd **First day back For Pupils**

Autism Advisory Team: Parent/Carer & Professional Virtual Seminar



BELS Advisory Team for Autistic Children and Young People

Are very pleased to welcome Autistic guest speaker:

Jodie Clarke (co-author of *The Secret Life of Rose: Inside an Autistic Head*) on
Executive Function.
'Executive functioning can impact (amongst other things): working memory, time management, task initiation, staying on task and emotional regulation, switching tasks and transitions.' From *The Secret Life of Rose*, Jodie Clarke & Rose Smitten.

The online talk (or recording) is free, but it is essential that parents/carers/staff register.

Where: Online via Zoom

When: Monday 13th July 1pm-2pm
Or Recording of the talk: Wednesday 15th July at 6-7pm
Please register for one date only.

Link & QR to sign-up below:

[Autistic Speaker Talk: Jodie Clarke on Executive Function, July 2026 – Fill in form](#)



About this talk:

Any questions please email:
Autism.Team@Barnet.gov.uk
with 'Jodie Clarke Talk' in the subject line.

OSIDGE News

Online Safety:

Please find a link below a Parent Online Safety booklet, which includes an overview of key parental controls:

<https://www.knowsleyclcs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/Parental-Controls-booklet-2026.pdf>

Also included in our website's Online Safety area:

<https://www.osidgeschool.org/learning/online-safety/>

More Staffing News for 2026-27

We are sad to be saying goodbye to Ms Bushra, who has been supporting pupils in Years 5 and 6 this year. Ms Bushra has worked with us for several years and has shown great kindness and dedication, providing invaluable support to our pupils. She is continuing her career in further education, and we would like to thank her for everything she has contributed to our school community. We wish her every success and happiness in her new role.

At the same time, I am delighted to announce that Mrs Day, who has been part of our team as a lunchtime supervisor for the past two years, will be working as a Teaching Assistant from September. We are thrilled that Mrs Day will be taking on this new role and look forward to seeing the positive contribution she will continue to make to our children and school.

Have your say on school-aged childcare in Barnet

Barnet Council is inviting parents and carers to complete a short survey about childcare for school-aged children, including holiday provision.

This information has been requested by the Department for Education and will help the Council plan and improve childcare services for local families.

[Parent/ Carer School Aged Childcare Sufficiency Survey – Fill out form](#)

Deadline: Friday 31 July 2026

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There is no set deadline for **new students** to enrol for lessons, places will be allocated based on availability.

For new parents, please go to <https://beatrust.org.uk/learn-to-play/school-based-tuition/> where you can register an account and apply for lessons. Once enrolled, students will be placed on a waiting list.

Please be aware that places are only offered when vacancies arise, and new admissions generally take place in time for the beginning of each term.

Existing parents should wait for an email notification from BEAT regarding payment details for the upcoming term. They do not need to re-enrol.

🎭🎸🌟 One-to-One Music & Performance Lessons at Osidge Primary School 🌟🎸🎭

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- Guitar 🎸
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For prices & more information, please email Toby on: tobyhampton8@gmail.com



Siblings Group

Siblings Group is for children aged 8-12 with an autistic sibling. It's a space for them to **have fun, make friends, and share experiences with those who understand.** Through games, creative activities, and relaxed conversations, children can **explore their feelings, build confidence, and learn about autism in a positive way.** The group celebrates individual strengths, develops coping strategies, and ensures **each child feels heard, valued, and supported.**

This group is for:

- Children aged 8-12 years
- With an autistic sibling (with or without a diagnosis)

When: Wednesdays 5:30pm - 7pm

Where: 858 Finchley Road, NW11 6AB

Cost: Free



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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

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

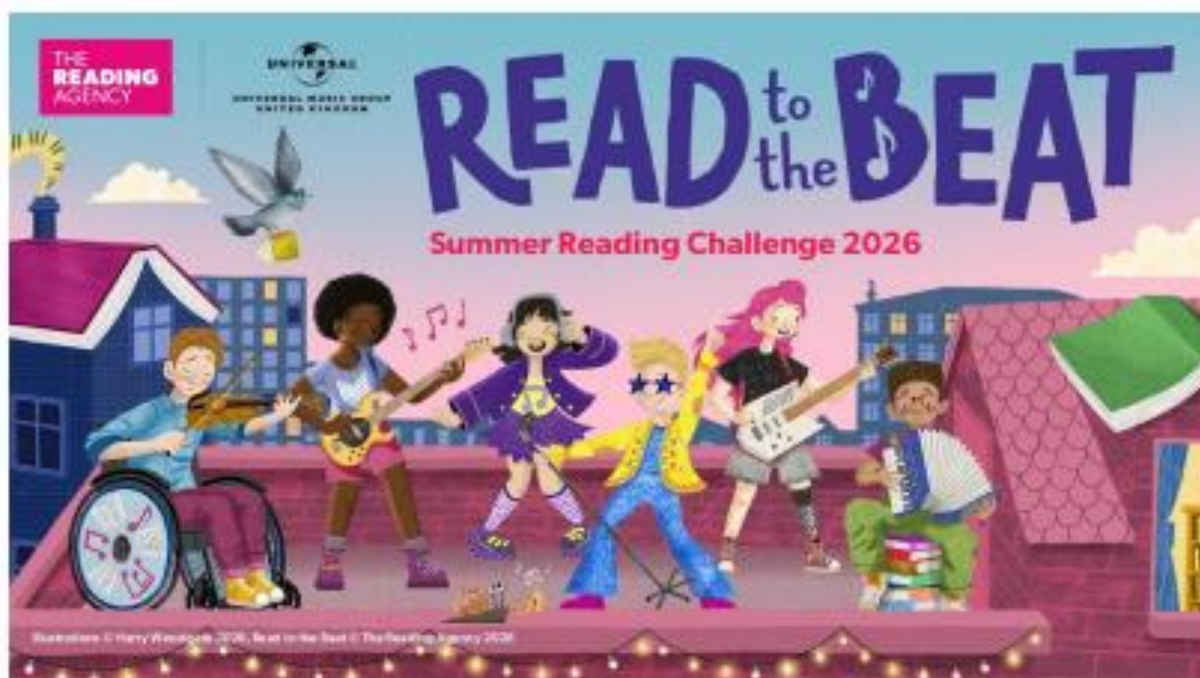
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Saturday 10.00 – 1.00

Stage Coach – 07435782533

Email: southgate@stagecoach.co.uk

Information for parents and carers:



Read to the Beat! Summer Reading Challenge 2026

Barnet Libraries are inviting families to join the **Read to the Beat! Summer Reading Challenge 2026** and get into the rhythm of reading over the school holidays. Delivered in partnership with The Reading Agency and Universal Music Group UK, this music-themed challenge celebrates how stories and songs can inspire, connect and spark imagination.

From Saturday 4 July and throughout the holidays, children from 4 to 12 years can sign up at any Barnet library during [staffed hours](#). To complete the challenge, participants must **read six library books** of their own choice. They can also read eBooks via [Libby](#) and eAudiobooks via [BorrowBox](#).

Children will collect rewards and stickers for reading, and a certificate and medal on completion. There is also a special mini challenge for under 4s, encouraging families with younger children to join in the fun.

Alongside the challenge, libraries will host **a lively programme of music-themed events**, including craft activities, DJ and rap workshops, STEM sessions, and instrument-making.

Find out more at www.barnet.gov.uk/summerreadingchallenge.

We hope to see you at the library soon!

Best wishes from **Barnet Libraries**

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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

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