

Newsletter: 17th July 2026

As we reach the end of the school year, I have been reflecting on what a wonderful year it has been for our school community. Our final week has been filled with celebration, reflection and a few emotional moments as we prepare to say goodbye for the summer.

Earlier this week, our Year 6 children marked the end of their primary school journey with a wonderful Leavers' Ceremony. It was a special occasion, full of happy memories, smiles and a few tears, as they reflected on their time at Osidge. The celebrations continued with the Year 6 party on Wednesday, filled with food, music, laughter and dancing. They leave us as thoughtful, confident and capable young people, ready for the next stage of their education, and we could not be prouder of them. Thank you to our Year 6 families for your support throughout your time at Osidge. Today's final assembly gave us the opportunity to say our last goodbyes of the year - not only to Year 6, but also to those members of staff moving on to exciting new adventures. While they will all be greatly missed, we are incredibly grateful for everything they have contributed to our school community and wish them every happiness and success for the future. Once part of the Osidge family, always part of the Osidge family.

On Tuesday morning, we enjoyed our final Rocksteady concert of the year. It has been wonderful watching our young musicians grow in confidence, both in their musical ability and their confidence to perform. Well done to every member of our Rocksteady bands, and a huge thank you to Peter for his enthusiasm, dedication and expert teaching throughout the year. We were also delighted to welcome many of our new Reception families into school for a workshop with the Barnet Early Help team earlier this week, supporting children to become school ready and helping families prepare for a smooth transition into September.

A huge thank you to our amazing Osidge School Association, led by Lyndsey. From Fireworks Night and the Winter Fair to our spectacular 90th Anniversary Summer Fair, alongside Grow a Tenner and so many other initiatives, they have worked tirelessly to bring our community together while raising valuable funds. This year, their fundraising has helped develop our library, our music space and provided new benches for our outdoor eating area. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a dedicated team of volunteers.

As my first year as Headteacher at Osidge draws to a close, I have been reflecting on what a privilege it has been to lead such a wonderful school community. I am incredibly proud of all that we have achieved together and grateful for the support of our children, families, governors and dedicated staff. You will have received, via email today, a summary of our provisional statutory outcomes, a strategic update on the past school year and a 'You Said, We Will' summary following our recent parent survey.

Thank you to every one of you for your continued support throughout the year. Whether supporting learning at home, volunteering at events or working in partnership with us, you make an enormous difference to our school. While we never expect cards or gifts, we are always incredibly touched by your kindness and generosity. Thank you for your thoughtful messages, cards and gifts - they mean a great deal to all of the staff.

I wish you and your families a wonderful, restful summer break. We look forward to welcoming our returning pupils, along with our new Reception children and their families, on **Thursday 3rd September** for another exciting year at Osidge.

Chrisanthy Dyer

Headteacher

3rd September First day back For Pupils

As the summer holidays approach, we wanted to share some information that may help families make the most of the break. Many supermarkets, cafés and restaurants across the UK are offering **Kids Eat Free** or **Kids Eat for £1** deals during the summer holidays. These offers can be a great way to enjoy a meal out while keeping costs down.

Please note that each offer has its own terms and conditions, such as participating locations, age limits, or the purchase of an adult meal. We recommend checking directly with the restaurant or supermarket before visiting.

Here is a list of restaurants and cafés taking part this summer, please visit:

<https://kiddoadventures.com/2026/07/01/kids-eat-free-summer-holidays-2026/>

We hope you find this information helpful and that it supports you in enjoying a fun and affordable summer with your family.

Also explore the Government's *Great British Summer Savings* scheme. The link below will help you find attractions and venues that are participating so you can enjoy experiences for less of the Summer: <https://summersavings.gov.uk>

Term and Holiday activities for young people

Click this for local activities: [Barnet Youth – Child and Family Early Help Service - Positive Activities - Positive Activities](#)

Barnet families that would benefit from **support for School Uniforms** can apply for the Mayor's Benevolent Fund. Applications are currently open until Monday 10th August: [The Mayor's Benevolent Fund | Barnet Council](#)

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

Exciting, creative and confidence-building one-to-one lessons available for children in Year 2 – Year 6.

Subjects offered:

- Guitar
- Singing
- Speech & Drama

Children can choose to focus on one subject, or enjoy a fun and varied double lesson combining two different disciplines.

All lessons are taught on a one-to-one basis, allowing each child to learn at their own pace in a supportive, encouraging and personalised environment.

Lessons are designed to be engaging, energetic and fun whilst also helping students improve technique, communication skills, musicality and stage confidence. Whether your child is completely new to performing or already loves to sing, act or play, lessons are carefully adapted to suit their personality and experience level.

A fantastic opportunity for young performers to express themselves creatively, develop valuable lifelong skills and discover a genuine love for music and performance with a passionate teacher.

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

Free Parent & Child Independent Travel Road Safety Workshop

Is your child in Year 5 or Year 6? Are they already travelling independently, or preparing to do so?

The Barnet Road Safety team are offering a **free interactive workshop** for **children and their parent/carer(s)** to attend together.

Through engaging activities and discussions, the workshop will explore:

- Distractions such as mobile phones, headphones and friends
- Driver behaviour
- Decision-making and risk awareness
- Common road safety concerns and real-life situations

All children attending will receive a **free goody bag** which will include high-visibility accessories.

Date: Monday 24 August

Time: 10:00am to 12:00pm **or** 2:00pm to 4:00pm

Venue: London Borough of Barnet, 2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, London, NW9 4EW

To request more information and a booking form, please email:

road.safety@barnet.gov.uk

Please note:

- Booking is essential. Places are limited.

Parents/carers and children will participate together throughout the session. This is not a drop-off workshop.



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 FOR

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- Rec - Yr6

Various Activities

Foundation Sports – 07761 082998

Email: barnet@foundation-sports.com

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

Wednesday 3.15 - 4.20 Rec – Yr2

Photo Explorers

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

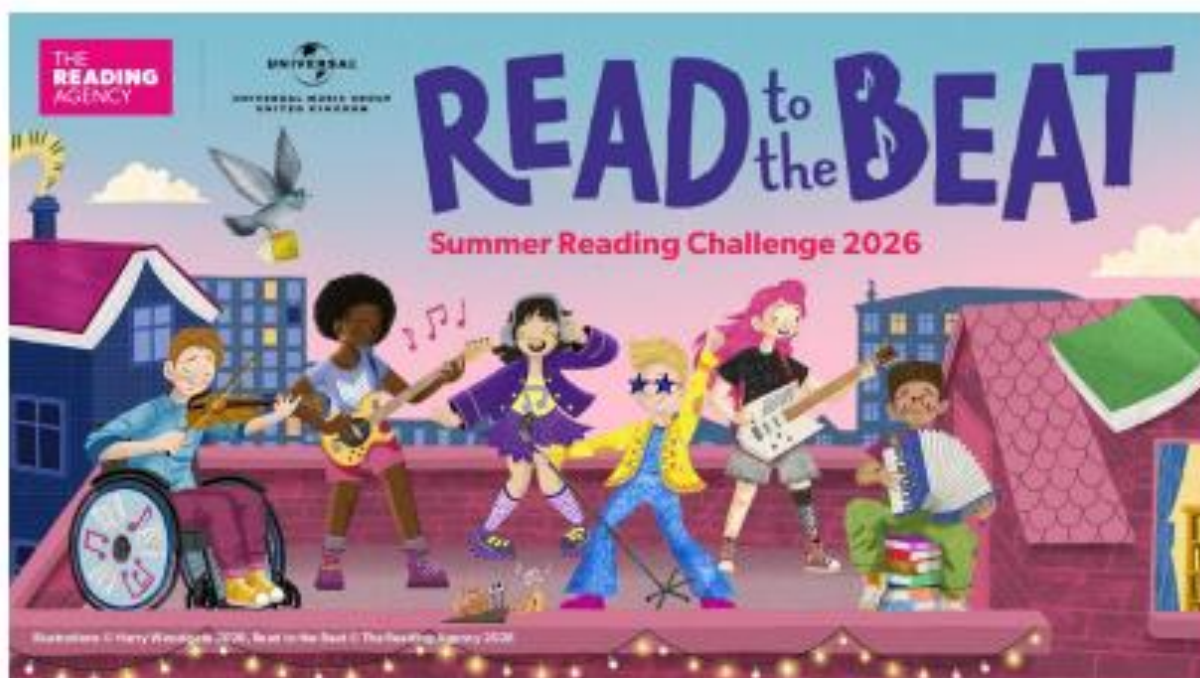
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Information for parents and carers:



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**

Summer Holiday Club

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Daily**

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GROW Licenses
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**3rd - 6th August
11-13 year olds**

**10th - 13th August
8-10 year olds**

**CLICK HERE
TO SIGN UP**

www.wearegrow.org / @wearegrow__

The GROW Farm, The Totteridge Academy, Barnet Lane, N20 8AZ



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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