Newsletter: 16th October 2026

The week got off to an exciting start in Y2 with a fantastic Pirate Day! The children enjoyed a fun-filled day of activities linked to their *Land Ahoy!* Topic.

We've welcomed many parents into school this week for a range of curriculum sharing events. Year 1 pupils showcased their *Paws, Claws & Whiskers* learning through singing and book sharing, while Year 3 impressed visitors with their *Mighty Metals* songs and robot models. In Year 5, pupils in 5S demonstrated Newton's 3rd Law of Motion through a science investigation linked to their *Stargazers* topic. These opportunities give children a chance to reflect on and celebrate their learning, and it is lovely to see the pride they take in sharing their achievements. Thank you to everyone who attended and to our staff team for the hard work and preparation that make these events such a success.

Throughout October, our pupils have taken part in activities linked to '*Honouring our Communities*', this year's Black History Month theme. We explored storytelling across generations through music and dance and learned about the significance of carnivals in different cultures. EYFS and Key Stage 1 children participated in African Dance workshops, while Key Stage 2 pupils enjoyed African Drumming workshops, exploring music, rhythm and songs from Africa. We are extremely grateful to the OSA for funding these enriching experiences and helping us bring such memorable learning opportunities to our children. A big thank you also to the staff who helped organise and coordinate the events.

As part of our continued focus on culture, identity and community, we would encourage families to take part in our '*What's in a Name?*' half-term project. Information was shared earlier this week, and I introduced the project by sharing the story behind my own name during this week's online assembly. Names often carry special significance and can connect us to our family, culture, language, faith or heritage. They may have been chosen because of a particular meaning, passed down through generations, or linked to a unique family story. We look forward to learning more about the stories behind our children's names when they return after half term.

Thank you for supporting *Just One Tree Day* today. With the help of schools across the country, this initiative raises funds to plant trees and restore habitats around the world. It has provided a valuable opportunity for children to learn more about environmental responsibility and the positive impact that small actions can have on our planet. We are very grateful to Mrs Pavlou for coordinating today's fundraiser.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for this morning's Head Teacher coffee morning. It was a valuable opportunity to share updates on our priorities for the school and to hear your thoughts and suggestions. The support, encouragement and constructive feedback we receive from parents play an important role in helping us continue to develop and improve. We greatly value the strong partnership between home and school, and appreciate the time you take to engage with school life.

We would like to wish Mrs Tigwell every success as she leaves us today to begin an exciting new role supporting children and families in another London borough. We are grateful for everything she has contributed to our school community and thank her for her dedication, care and commitment during her time with us.

Don't forget to purchase your tickets for our Fireworks Event on 4th November. We're also still looking for volunteers to help on the evening. Every volunteer plays an important part in making this much-loved community event run smoothly, and any help you can offer would be greatly appreciated. To volunteer, please contact the OSA at https://forms.gle/fh3CQMBxvAABWrMw7

As we reach the end of this busy and successful half term, I would like to thank our children, staff and families for all their hard work and support. I hope you all enjoy a restful and enjoyable break, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on **Monday 2nd November**.

Chrisanthy Dyer

Head Teacher

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Diary Dates

November 2026

2nd Flu Vacination
4th Annual Firework Display
4th Y6 trip to RAF Museum
6th Y4 trip to British Museum
9th Y5 Roman Workshop
16th Odd Sock Day
16th – 20th Anti-Bullying Week
17th Y2 Great Fire of London Workshop

November 2026

24th Parents Evening (more info to follow)
25th Parents Evening (more info to follow)
26th – 2nd Dec Book Fair
30th Y3 trip to Natural History Museum

December 2026

2nd Y3 trip to Natural History Museum
8th Winter Concert 2pm
10th Y2 Winter Show

Reception 2027

We are continuing to welcome prospective Reception families through our Monday school tours, so please do spread the word to friends, neighbours and family members who may be considering primary school options for next year. We also have a *Stay and Play* session for prospective families on Saturday 21st November. Places must be booked in advance through the school office.

Y6 - applications to Secondary School

Deadline for applications is 31st October 2026.
Please read the guidance emailed earlier this week.

Sports News

On Tuesday, our Year 6 boys took to the pitch for a Barnet League fixture against Danegrove. Although the result wasn't in our favour this time, the boys put in a great performance and should be proud of their efforts!

On Wednesday, the **girls' team played against St John's** in a Cup League game, unfortunately losing on this occasion. Once again, the girls showed great effort and teamwork throughout!

On Thursday, some of our children from Years 4–6 joined pupils from 22 other Barnet schools at the Copthall Playing Fields for an exciting **cross-country event**. All the children showed fantastic stamina, determination and resilience throughout the run, representing Osidge with pride. Well done to everyone who took part — you should all be very proud of yourselves!

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Football Kit Sponsorship Opportunity ⚽

Do you work for, own, or have links with a business that may be interested in sponsoring our school football kits?

Sponsorship would help support our football teams and provide an opportunity for your business to be associated with our school community.

If you think your company may be able to help, please contact the school office. We'd love to hear from you.

Playground Equipment Reminder

For everyone's safety, we kindly ask that children do not play on the playground equipment before or after school. Staff are not on duty at these times and the equipment is not supervised.

We also ask parents and carers to ensure that younger and older siblings do not use the playground equipment, including the Reception and back playground areas, before or after school. These spaces and resources are for pupils' use during the school day only.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep all children safe.

OSIDGE FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Wednesday 4 November

6 til 7.30pm

Osidge Primary, Chase Side N14 5HD

TICKETS:

ADULTS - £8.50
KIDS - £5.50
KIDS AGE 0-2 - **FREE!**
FAMILY TICKET- £25

TICKETS NON REFUNDABLE

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Osidge Parents and Carers WhatsApp Community

We're bringing our Osidge parents and carers WhatsApp groups together in one community to make it easier for everyone to stay connected and find the information and groups they need.

What is the Osidge Parents and Carers WhatsApp Community?

The **Osidge Parents and Carers WhatsApp Community** is a shared space for all parents and carers with children at Osidge School, from Reception through to Year 6.

It brings together the different WhatsApp groups that help our school community stay connected, including the OSA announcements and volunteering groups and the individual class groups.

What's changing?

We're bringing the **OSA announcements and volunteering groups** together with the existing **class WhatsApp groups** under one WhatsApp Community.

The aim is simply to make things easier — you'll be able to find school community updates and announcements in one place, while still having easy access to your child's class group.

For families who are new to Osidge, it will also make it easier to find their child's class group and request to join.

How will it affect me?

Some parents and carers will already have seen their class group move across to the new Parents and Carers Community. For others, this will happen over the coming weeks.

There's no change to how you use your class WhatsApp group. Your class conversations will continue as normal, and your existing WhatsApp privacy settings won't be affected.

Will everyone in the Community see my phone number?

No. **Your phone number will only be visible to people in the WhatsApp groups you choose to join, as well as the Community admins.** Simply being part of the Parents and Carers Community does not mean that your number is visible to everyone in the Community.

Why should I receive school community updates?

Osidge has a lovely and active school community, with events, activities and volunteering opportunities taking place throughout the year.

The announcements group is a simple way to keep up with what's happening across the wider school community — whether that's an upcoming event, an opportunity to get involved or something we think families may find useful.

If you'd rather not receive these updates, that's absolutely fine. You can **mute or archive the announcements group** at any time.

How do I make sure I don't miss messages from my class?

You can **pin your class WhatsApp group to the top of your Chats list**.

It's important to do this from your **main WhatsApp Chats screen**, rather than from the Community itself:

- Go to **Chats** in WhatsApp.
- Find your class group. If you can't see it, use the search function to find the group.
- On **iPhone**, swipe right on the group and tap **Pin**.
- On **Android**, press and hold the group and tap the **pin** 📌 **icon**.

This will keep your class group easy to find at the top of your Chats list, so you don't miss the latest messages from your class.

We hope bringing the groups together will make it easier for everyone to stay connected with the Osidge community.

Is your child starting Reception in 2027?

Join Osidge School - part of the Ashmole Trust family.

We have places available! If your child turns 4 by 31st August 2027, you can now apply for their Reception place.

Applications close 15th January 2027.

Why choose Osidge School?

- Outstanding Early Years provision – Ofsted, 2024.
- A broad and enriching curriculum.
- Every child known and valued.
- A happy and caring environment.
- Supporting every child's emotional wellbeing.
- Breakfast and After School Clubs.

Our Open Events:

Weekly Monday School Tours from 9:30am
September – January

Stay and Play Session
21st November 26, 10am–12pm

Booking is required for all Open Events.

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A member of Ashmole Trust



"Leaders are determined that pupils at this school will succeed."

"Pupils' behaviour is exemplary"

"They are proud of pupils' achievements and the welcoming and inclusive atmosphere that pervades the school. Pupils are happy and safe here."

Ofsted, 2024

Book your visit:

T: 020 8886 7108
E: office@osidgeschool.org
W: www.osidgeschool.org

Osidge School, Chase Side, Southgate, N14 5HD

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- Rec - Yr6
Various Activities
Foundation Sports – 07761 082998
Email: barnet@foundation-sports.com

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

Wednesday 3.15 - 4.20 Yr1 – Yr6
French Club- 07587159327
Email : lmen3354@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

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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