

Newsletter: 2nd October 2026

We welcomed the first prospective parents of the year to Osidge this week, and it was a real pleasure to show them around. There is always a great sense of pride in sharing what makes our school so special, and our visitors were able to see children who were engaged in their learning, behaved exceptionally well and spoke confidently about their work. If you know any families who are looking for a primary school place, please encourage them to book onto one of our tours through the school office. We're also delighted to be able to showcase our much-loved new Library and Music Room, which have already become such valued parts of school life.

This week, our Year 4 pupils took part in the Emile Multiplication Cup Finals, having qualified as one of just 33 schools nationwide from thousands of entrants. We finished in an impressive 10th place, with Osidge pupils submitting a remarkable 34,560 correct answers. This is a fantastic achievement and reflects the children's determination, resilience and enthusiasm for learning. Well done, Year 4!

On Tuesday afternoon, a group of our pupil gardeners proudly represented Osidge School at the Barnet Schools Young Gardeners Awards at Sunnyfields. The children had the opportunity to share their learning with the Mayor of Barnet, who was extremely impressed by their knowledge, practical skills and, of course, their wonderful green fingers! Thank you to Mrs Vrapì for her hard work leading gardening projects at Osidge, and to Mrs Peradigou for accompanying the trip.

On Wednesday, Year 5 visited the Science Museum to complement their *Stargazers* project work. They explored the fascinating Space exhibition and enjoyed the hands-on experiences in the Wonderlab. The visit brought many of their classroom learning experiences to life and gave pupils the opportunity to deepen their understanding of space, forces and scientific discovery. Thank you to the staff who organised the trip, and to the staff and parent volunteers who accompanied the children on the day.

Over the coming weeks and months, you will receive information about a range of trips, workshops and enrichment opportunities. Please do respond and make any requested payments as promptly as possible. While contributions are voluntary, these experiences can only go ahead when sufficient support is received. In the past, we have unfortunately had to cancel events due to low uptake, which is always disappointing for the children. Your timely responses through Scopay help us plan effectively and ensure that pupils can benefit from these valuable opportunities. Thank you, as always, for your support.

Have a lovely weekend

Chrisanthy Dyer

Head Teacher

OSIDGE NEWS & REMINDERS

Diary Dates

October 2026

- 1st Y5 Residential Parent Presentation 9.00
- 5th Reception Parent Curriculum Meeting 6.30pm
- 6th Harvest Festival
- 8th Y6 Parent SATs Meeting 9.10
- 9th Parent Partnership Group 9.30
- 9th World Mental Health Day
- 9th 5P Parent Sharing Event 9.10
- 12th Y2 Pirate Day
- 13th 5S Parent Sharing Event 5S
- 14th Y3 Parent Sharing Event 9.10
- 15th Y1 parent Sharing Event 9.10
- 16th Coffee Morning with Head Teacher 9.00
- 16th Just One Tree Day

November 2026

- 4th Annual Firework Display
- 4th Y6 trip to RAF Museum
- 6th Y4 trip to British Museum
- 16th Odd Sock Day
- 16th – 20th Anti-Bullying Week
- 17th Y2 Great Fire of London Workshop
- 24th Parents Evening (more info to follow)
- 25th Parents Evening (more info to follow)
- 30th Y3 trip to Natural History Museum

December 2026

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

Children can wear a yellow accessory



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.

SAVE THE DATE

Osidge School Annual Fireworks Display

6-7.30pm

Wednesday 4th November 2026



A reminder for Y6 parents that the deadline for applying for a secondary school is 31st October.

Ashmole Academy Open Evening: Thursday 8th October 2026

Gates open at 6:15pm, no pre-booking or ticket is required.



Parents and pupils are invited to attend the prospective parents evening.

The Head Teacher will speak in the hall at approximately 6.30pm, 7.15pm and 8.00pm. Guided tours of all areas of the school will be given by students throughout the evening. Pupils' work will be on display. Staff will be available in teaching areas to talk with parents and address any questions or concerns.

Parking within the school grounds will be limited to disabled parking permit holders. Other prospective parents are advised to walk if possible. Access roads must be kept clear.

Y6 - applications to Secondary School

Deadline for applications is 31st October 2026.

Please read the guidance emailed earlier this week.

Remember to keep checking our Instagram (@osidge_school) and our school website blog:

[Blog - Osidge Primary School](#)



What is Odd Socks day?

Most importantly, Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!

There is no pressure to wear the latest fashion or to buy expensive costumes. All you have to do to take part is wear odd socks to your school, it couldn't be simpler! Odd Socks day will take place on the first day of **Anti-Bullying Week** each year to help raise awareness of bullying and this year this is on **Monday 16th November 2026**.



BREAK THE SILENCE

For this year's Anti-Bullying Week theme, Break the Silence, we encourage children, young people and adults across the UK to start conversations about bullying, speak up, listen and take action together.

In today's world, bullying can happen in increasingly complex ways, including face to face, online, through group chats, social media and emerging technologies. Anti-Bullying Week 2026 will encourage open conversations about bullying and help create environments where children and young people feel safe to speak and are supported when they do.

It's important to teach pupils that breaking the silence can start through small actions, and that these small actions matter. By equipping pupils with the skills to feel safe to speak up and supporting them to do so, we can foster a kinder environment where everyone feels that they belong, are safe and valued.

Join us this November for Anti-Bullying Week 2026: Break the Silence

Sports Day

Well done to our Year 6 Mixed Football Team - A fantastic performance against Tudor Primary School on Monday, securing an impressive 6-0 victory! The team showed excellent teamwork, communication and determination throughout the match, supporting one another and demonstrating great sportsmanship. What a fantastic result.

On Wednesday, the Year 6 girls played against Danegrove in a Barnet League fixture at Osidge. Although the girls lost, they showed great teamwork, determination and a positive attitude throughout the game. They supported one another, worked hard as a team and never gave up, even when faced with a challenging score-line. Well done, girls, for your fantastic effort and team spirit!

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.



Get involved and
support your school
community by:



- ☀ Volunteering at OSA events
- ☀ Joining the OSA committee
- ☀ Providing fun activities while raising funds to support the school

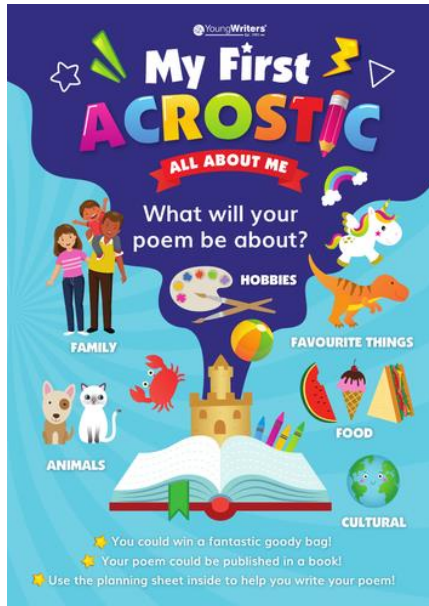
For more information, visit www.osidgeschool.org
or contact osidgeschoolassociation@gmail.com

NATIONAL POETRY DAY POETRY COMPETITION!

To celebrate **National Poetry Day (Thursday 1st October)**, we are excited to launch two fantastic poetry competitions for the children of Osidge School!

This is a wonderful opportunity for our young poets to **explore their creativity, let their imaginations run wild and have fun with words**. Whether they are writing all about themselves or inventing a wonderfully wacky monster, we can't wait to see where their imaginations take them! ☺

Reception - Year 2

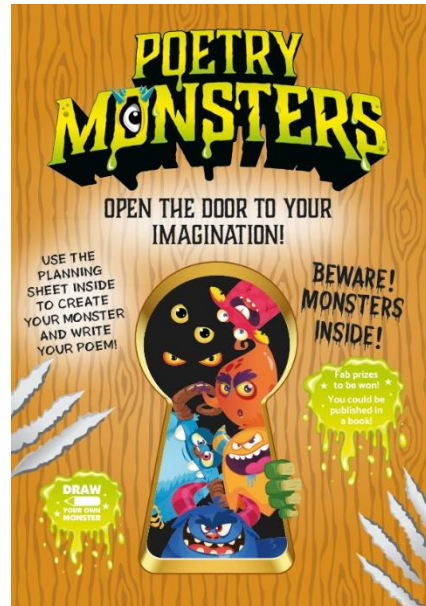


EYFS/KS1 –MY FIRST ACROSTIC

Calling all our young budding poets!

EYFS/KS1 children are invited to create their very own **acrostic poem all about themselves**. They could write about their **family, hobbies, favourite things, animals, food or anything else that makes them special!**

Years 3 - 6



KS2 – POETRY MONSTERS

Beware... monsters are coming!

KS2 children are invited to create their very own **Poetry Monster!** Children will use the planning sheet to **design their monster, develop their ideas and then bring their creation to life through poetry**

Children who would like to enter will be given a planning sheet to capture their ideas and create their poem!

☆ Children should use the **planning sheet** to help develop their poem.

☆ EYFS/ KS1 entries should follow the '**My First Acrostic**' theme.

☆ KS2 entries should follow the '**Poetry Monsters**' theme.

☆ Children can **draw and decorate** their poems if they wish. ☺

☆ Adults can encourage and support children, but the **poem itself should be the child's own work**. ✍

☆ All entries must be returned to school by Friday 16th October.

☆ Multiple winners will be selected from **both EYFS / KS1 and KS2**. 🏆

Most importantly, **have fun, be creative and enjoy writing poetry!**

Entries can be handed to the class teacher or to Miss Savva. Good luck!

OSIDGE NEWS

I am pleased to invite you to our first **Parent Partnership Group**, taking place on **Friday 9th October at 9am in the Canteen**.

Parenting can be incredibly rewarding, but we all know that it can also have its challenging moments! This informal session is a relaxed opportunity to **chat, share experiences and pick up practical ideas** to support your children both at home and at school.

✿ This session: A Fresh Start

We will be talking about **calm, confident parenting** and how we can use the start of a new term as an opportunity to **reset routines, boundaries and expectations** following the summer break.

There is **no pressure to speak or share** – you are very welcome to simply listen. It is also a lovely opportunity to meet other parents and carers, share experiences and remember that **you are not alone in the challenges that parenting can sometimes bring**.

The session will last approximately **45 minutes**.

No booking is required – please just come along.

If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Ostroff, Inclusion lead or Anita Ponti Learning, Mentor



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.

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.**



"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

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.

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

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
07824067068



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