

Newsletter: 9th October 2026

Thank you for your generous support of our annual Harvest collection. On Tuesday morning, pupils in Years 3 to 6 helped transport the many tins, packets and bags of food donated by children across the school to St Andrew's Church, which runs the local 'Can Bank' foodbank. As part of the event, the children reflected on the importance of kindness, community and helping those who may be facing difficult circumstances. They also sang beautifully as part of our Harvest celebration. Thank you to Mrs Norman for organising this important event and helping the children understand the positive difference they can make to others - a wonderful demonstration of our school values.

On Wednesday morning, our Year 5 children took part in a highly engaging debating workshop at Ashmole Academy alongside pupils from Ashmole Primary School and the Academy. The session provided an excellent opportunity to develop their oracy skills, practise debating techniques and revisit key terminology used in formal debate. The children represented Osidge superbly and demonstrated confidence, thoughtful listening and respectful discussion throughout.

It was lovely to welcome so many Reception parents to Wednesday afternoon's tea party. The children thoroughly enjoyed performing their songs and sharing some of the learning they have been completing during their first half-term at school. Although the weather was less than ideal, it certainly did not dampen the atmosphere, and it was wonderful to see families enjoying time together in the classrooms. Thank you to the Reception team for organising such a special event and for all the care and hard work that has helped the children settle so successfully into school life. Earlier in the week, we were also pleased to meet with Reception parents to share information about the curriculum and discuss ways to support children's learning and development at home.

Mrs Mahir met with Year 6 parents on Thursday morning to share important information about the year ahead. This included an overview of the school's procedures, preparations for SATs (Statutory Assessment Tests), and practical ways parents can support learning and revision at home. These sessions form an important partnership between home and school and are part of our wider programme to prepare pupils for a successful transition to secondary education, helping them to develop independence, resilience and confidence for the challenges ahead.

Parents from 5P joined us this morning for a curriculum sharing event linked to the children's Stargazers topic. During the session, pupils carried out a science investigation demonstrating Newton's 3rd Law of Motion and eagerly explained the thinking behind their experiments. The children always take great pride in sharing their learning and achievements, and it was wonderful to see their enthusiasm. Thank you to all the parents who attended and to the staff whose planning and preparation made the morning such a success.

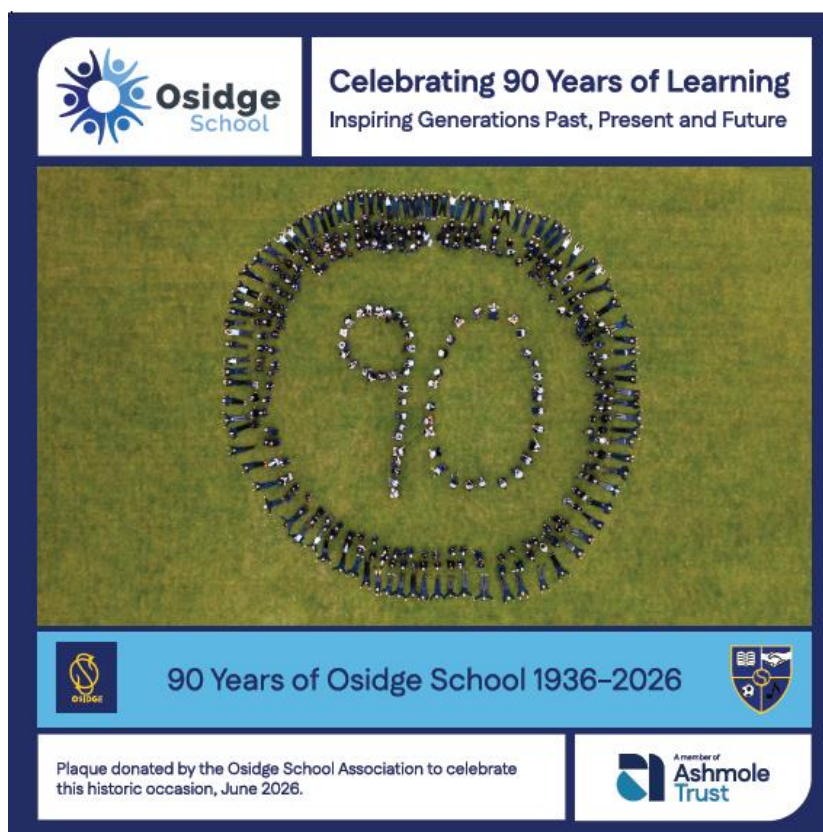
Friday was *Hello Yellow* day, marking World Mental Health Day by encouraging children to think about the importance of kindness, appreciation and looking after one another. Wearing touches of yellow alongside their uniforms, pupils took part in activities that celebrated positive relationships and emotional wellbeing. Children wrote thoughtful messages to people, helping to remind others that they are valued, recognised and cared for. Thank you to Mrs Suleyman for coordinating the day's activities

Y6 - applications to Secondary School

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

Don't forget to purchase your tickets for our Fireworks Night (4th November). If you are able to volunteer, we would be delighted to have your support. Events such as this rely on the efforts of our wonderful school community, and every helping hand plays a part in creating a memorable evening for our children and families.

Finally, a huge thank you to George, a former Osidge parent, and his printing company for the beautiful new plaque that can now be seen beside our main entrance, commemorating Osidge School's 90th anniversary year. We are incredibly grateful for his generosity in donating the plaque, as well as the time, skill and expertise he gave to bringing the design to life. The plaque was created using a design developed collaboratively with staff and members of the OSA and provides a wonderful lasting reminder of this special milestone in the school's history.



I am looking forward to seeing many of you at our Coffee Morning next Friday.

Have a lovely weekend.

Chrisanthy Dyer

Head Teacher

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.

OSIDGE NEWS

Diary Dates

October 2026

- 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

November 2026

- 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

Well done to all pupils who stood for the School Council Elections. It's wonderful to see so many children wanting to take on responsibilities and support their school.

Congratulations to our new School Council Representatives!

School Council Representatives

October 2026 – July 2027

Year 1	Frankie 1F	Sienna 1S
Year 2	Mia 2A	Maksim 2R
Year 3	Besa 3I	Mari 3J
Year 4	Safvan 4C	Aashin 4T
Year 5	Olivia A 5S	Atlas 5P
Year 6	Ali 6B	Anthony 6S

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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.

Sports News

Football boys Vs Brunswick Park

Our Year 6 boys played football against Brunswick on Wednesday. Although they didn't secure a win this time, they showed great determination, enduring the rain and demonstrating excellent sportsmanship throughout the match. Unfortunately, the final score was 5-0 to Brunswick, but the boys should be proud of their effort and attitude.

SEND sports event

On Thursday, some of our children from Years 1 and 2 joined pupils from other Barnet schools at Copthall Leisure Centre for an exciting athletics sports morning. The children had the opportunity to try a fantastic variety of activities, including tennis, boccia, parachute games, new age kurling, bowling, athletics, football, badminton and basketball. It was wonderful to see the children working together, demonstrating great teamwork and sportsmanship and most importantly, having lots of fun. A fantastic morning was had by all.

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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**.

This **ANTI-BULLYING WEEK**
we will **Break the Silence**
about bullying

 **BREAK THE
SILENCE**

#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

From
**MONDAY 16th to FRIDAY 20th
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

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



Osidge
School

BELS Advisory Team for Autistic Children and Young People

Are very pleased to welcome Autistic guest speaker:

Dr Pooky Knightsmith

Understanding and Supporting Children Who Mask

For parents and carers of autistic children who hold it all together at school

Your child manages the whole school day, then falls apart the moment they're home with you. That isn't you doing something wrong, it's what happens when a child finally reaches the person, they feel safest with. This session is for parents and carers of autistic children who mask, and it's mostly about home: why the evenings look like they do, the quiet signs that come long before a crisis, and the small changes that take the pressure off. You'll also get words that help school see the same child you see.

You'll come away able to:

- Plan the first hour after school so it costs everyone less
- Know what to say, and what to leave unsaid, when the mask comes off
 - Spot the quiet signs before things reach crisis
 - Let go of the demands that aren't earning their place
- Describe what you see at home, so school takes it seriously
- Tell when masking is doing a job, and when it's doing harm

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

Where: Online via Zoom

When: Tuesday 20th October 10-11am

Or recording of the talk: Wednesday 21st October at 6-7pm

Please register for one date only.

Link & QR to sign-up below:

[Dr Pooky Knightsmith on Understanding & Supporting Children Who Mask, October 2026 – Fill in form](#)



Any questions please email: Autism.Team@Barnet.gov.uk

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

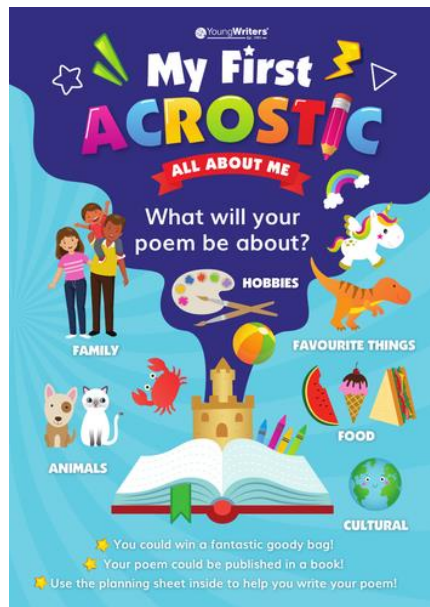
For more information, visit www.osidgeschool.org
or contact osidgeschoolassociation@gmail.com

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

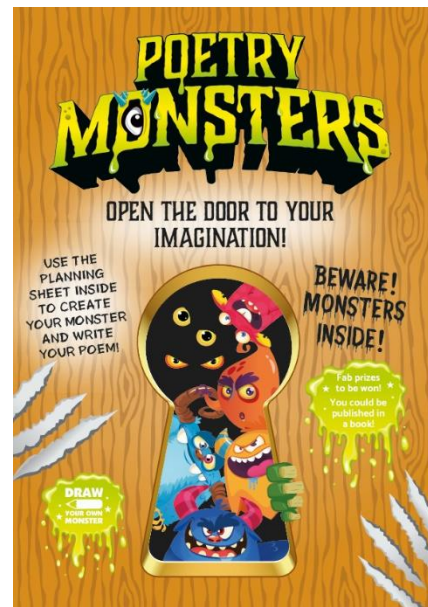


EYFS/KS1 –MY FIRST ACROSTIC

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

We are excited to announce our Year 6 Osidge Ambassadors for 2026-27, who will represent our school and undertake various pupil leadership tasks. Our Ambassadors set an example for other children in the school, embodying the values of Osidge and contributing to the school community. We are very much looking forward to working with them.



Osidge Ambassadors 2026-27

Adam	Kelsey
Ali	Leo
Amber-Marie	Nafas
Asmar	Ozan K
Ayla	Riya
Catarina	Sarah
Diya	Sena
Emma	Sophie
George	Srikar
Harry	Tinsley
Kaylie	Zavian



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

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