

"Resilient mind, Kind hearts, Bright Futures".

Dear Parents/Carers,

Giving children exciting experiences which enhance their learning is so important at Edgware. It has been another busy month with lots of visits, innings and experiences—take a look in this month's newsletter to see what the children have been up to.



We are really pleased to announce that we have recently won the GOLD award for being a Trauma Informed School. This means that we put the emotional and psychological needs of pupils first. We are aware that parents and/or pupils may have suffered trauma and look to support them in the best way possible. We work on building strong relationships, trust and respect. Please join us for coffee morning when we do more workshops on how to be trauma informed, using emotion coaching and supporting children in difficult times. **Alison Jacob Head teacher**

IMPORTANCE OF READING

Reading together at home plays an important role in helping children develop their confidence, imagination and love of learning. Sharing books with your child, even for a few minutes each day, supports their reading skills, builds vocabulary, and creates special time to talk and enjoy stories together.

Visiting the local library is a wonderful way to encourage reading as it gives children access to a wide range of books and helps them discover new authors and interests. We encourage families to read regularly and make use of the library so children can develop a lifelong enjoyment of reading.



Every month we have a value which we share with the children. Children who display this value in school are put into the Golden Book and receive a certificate and a clap in assembly.

In December our Values are :

Take responsible risks

Please could you discuss this value with your child/ren at home.

At Edgware we believe that every member of our school community is respectful, aspirational and committed to life-long learning and excellence.



ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY



POSITION	CLASS	% ATTENDANCE
1 ST	Maple	100%
2 ND	Sycamore	98.37%
3 rd	Birch	96.03%

All absences must be reported before 9:00am each day by notifying the school. Tel: 020 8952 1472 option 1 or email absence@edgwareprimary.co.uk

February 2026

EDGWARE SCHOOL



VICTORIAN WORKSHOP



On Thursday 5th February, the Year 4 children took part in an educational workshop delivered by the Freshwater Theatre Company. The children travelled back in time to explore life during the Victorian era.

Their classroom was transformed to represent the year 1899, where they experienced a lesson led by a Victorian schoolteacher. The children were taught the three R's: reading, writing and arithmetic. They also had the opportunity to dress up and play traditional Victorian playground games.

The children thoroughly enjoyed learning about the history of the Victorian period through this engaging and interactive workshop.





On 3rd February 2026, a group of children from Years 5 & 6 travelled to Wembley Arena to take part in the Young Voices concert, which is celebrating its 30th anniversary. This incredible event brings together thousands of primary school children to perform as part of the world's largest children's choir, creating an unforgettable electrifying evening of dance and music. The children performed songs including a 'Sea Shanty Medley' and 'Wicked Medley' and had the exciting opportunity to perform alongside Ruti, winner of *The Voice UK*, who returned to the stage after previously appearing as a guest in 2020 and 2023, and who also sang in the Young Voices choir herself back in 2007. The Young Voices concert is a wonderful celebration of the joy of singing and the power of music to bring people together.

Well done, Edgware Primary Young Voices of 2026.





NUMBER DAY NUMBER DAY 6TH FEB



Number Day is an annual event organised by the NSPCC, with thousands of schools across the UK taking part by dressing up and enjoying a range of maths-based activities and games. The aim of Number Day is to make maths fun and engaging for children of all ages and abilities, while also raising money to help the NSPCC protect children from abuse and neglect.

The children had a fantastic day. They began by taking part in the TTRS competition, *NSPCC Rocks*, where they worked hard to answer as many multiplication and division questions as possible within 60 minutes. This was followed by a variety of fun games and challenges led by our Year 6 children.

Thank you very much for your kind donations and support.



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CEDAR ASSEMBLY



On Wednesday 4th February the children performed their class assembly based on the book 'One Day on Our Blue Planet' written by Ella Bailey. They spoke confidently bringing the story to life sharing the important messages about our amazing planet. They showed great enthusiasm as they explored the many different habitats and animals.

Well done to all the children for performing so beautifully.



YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL



On the 9th and 10th February, a number of children from Year 6 enjoyed an exciting overnight stay at Rootd, a residential outdoor activity centre in Hertfordshire. The fun began with the children trying their hand at archery. Under careful supervision and guidance from trained instructors, the children learned how to hold and aim the bow in order to hit the target. They then undertook a bushcraft trial. They worked together to build a woodland shelter and were then taught how to safely use a fire steel to build a campfire to roast yummy marshmallows.

Some of the children took on the exciting challenge of the high rope course whilst others cheered on their friends from the ground. Safely secured in harnesses and helmets, they climbed onto wobbly bridges, balanced on narrow platforms and tackled a variety of aerial obstacles. Although, some of the children found it scary, they showed remarkable courage and determination. They especially enjoyed watching their teachers take part. In the evening they enjoyed a delicious meal and then sat around the campfire playing games and telling stories before spending the night in cosy woodland pods. It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to develop confidence, independence and lasting memories together.



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MENTAL HEALTH WEEK



Children's Mental Health Week 2026 took place from 9th–15th February, with the theme **'This Is My Place'**. Throughout the week, the children enjoyed a range of activities and discussions focused on what helps them feel safe, valued, and included. They explored the different places where they feel a sense of belonging, such as at school, at home, with friends, or in their local community.

The children shared their feelings and talked about the importance of having special places and people where they feel comfortable being themselves. Children's Mental Health Week is a valuable opportunity to promote positive mental wellbeing and to remind us all that every child deserves to feel that they belong.



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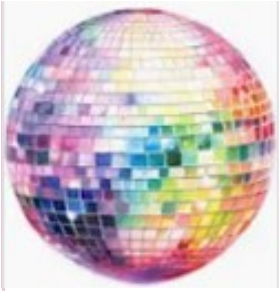
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On Tuesday 10th February, we took part in **Safer Internet Day**. This year's theme focused on **Artificial Intelligence (AI)**, exploring topics such as voice assistants, chatbots, and the importance of using AI in an ethical and responsible way. The children learned how AI can be used safely and sensibly in everyday life. The younger children focused on voice assistants and listened to the story *Roo's New Friend*. This helped them understand that technologies such as Alexa, Siri, and Google are not real people, but tools that use information from the internet to respond to instructions. The older children explored different ways AI can be used and discussed whether these uses are safe and appropriate. For example, they learned that using AI to find out a fact about an animal can be helpful and fun, while using it to create unkind jokes is not a responsible use of AI.

Talking openly about AI is increasingly important as children come across these technologies more often in their daily lives. By learning how AI works and discussing its possible risks, children can develop the skills they need to make safe, sensible choices online. These conversations help children understand that not everything they see or hear from AI is appropriate or accurate, and that they should always ask a trusted adult if they are unsure. Building this awareness supports children in becoming confident, responsible online users.





DISCO & MOVIE NIGHT



On Thursday 12th February, children in Years 1-3 enjoyed a special treat, choosing between a fun disco or a movie. There was lots of dancing, laughter and of course, yummy popcorn.

The children had a fantastic time, thank you to all of the staff that helped to make the party a success.





FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE WORKSHOP



On Thursday 26th February, Year 2 took part in an interactive workshop all about Florence Nightingale. Led by a professional drama teacher, the workshop immersed the children in an imaginative world, making learning fun and helping to deepen their understanding.

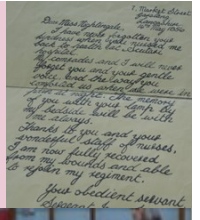
The children joined the remarkable “Lady with the Lamp” on an unforgettable journey through her life, from her childhood dreams to her pioneering work as a nurse during the Crimean War. Through role-play and engaging storytelling, the children visited a rat-infested hospital and took on the roles of wounded soldiers and caring nurses.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the workshop and learned a great deal about this important historical figure.





FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE WORKSHOP



NURSERY VISIT TO THE BUS STATION

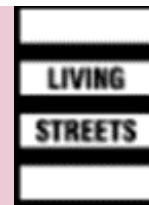


On Friday 6th February, some of the children from the Nursery enjoyed an exciting visit to Edgware Bus Station. The children were full of excitement as they watched the buses arrive and leave the station. They also enjoyed watching the people coming and going. The visit was a wonderful opportunity for the children to learn more about the world around them, and enjoy a fun outing with their friends.



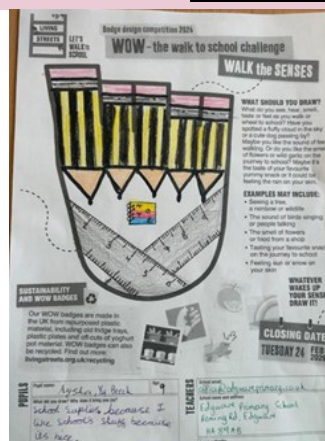


WOW BADGE COMPETITION



During the month of February, the children took part in one of the UK's biggest badge design competitions. This year's theme was Walk the Senses. The children designed their badges based on what they see, hear, smell taste or feel as they walk or wheel to school. For example, the sound of birds chirping, the smell of flowers etc. The standard of entries was exceptionally high, making it a very tough decision for the judges.

A huge congratulations to our talented winners and well done to everyone that took part.



CHINESE NEW YEAR



This week in Nursery, we had a wonderful time celebrating Chinese New Year! The children enjoyed learning about how families around the world welcome the Lunar New Year with special traditions, colourful decorations, and delicious food. A big thank you to Jasper and Hari's mum for coming in to speak to the children about how their family celebrates. She told us about the special foods they eat and kindly brought in Chinese dragons and fortune cookies for us to see and enjoy. The children were very excited and loved learning about these traditions!





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KEY CALENDAR DATES

World Book Day	Thurs 5th March	Children to take part in activities & dress up as their favourite book characters
Science Week	6th—15th March	Children to take part in activities
Drama Workshops	Wed 11th March Thurs 12th	Yrs 1 and 2 Nursery and Reception
Red Nose Day	Fri 20th March	Children to bring in a £1 donation
End of Term	Fri 27th March	School finishes at 2pm
First Day of Term	Mon 13th April	School starts at normal time—8.40am
Olive Swimming	Mon 13th—24th April	Children to go swimming
Inset day	Fri 17th April	Inset day— school closed

PARENTS AND SCHOOL....WORKING TOGETHER

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Together

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ATTENDANCE

Holidays in Term Time

Please do not book holidays during term time. Taking holidays in school time is not acceptable and will **NOT** be authorised.

Parents may ask for leave of absence for **exceptional circumstances only** and should expect a fixed-penalty notice for each child if they do not have their Head teacher's permission.



TERM DATES

Autumn Term 2025

*2 INSET Days Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd September

First Half – Wednesday 3rd September – Friday 24th October 25

*Half term – Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October 25

Second Half – Monday 3rd November – Friday 19th December 25

*1 INSET Day – Friday 28th November

Christmas holiday: Monday 22nd December – Friday 2nd January 26

Spring Term 2026

*1 INSET Day – Friday 9th January 26

First Half – Monday 5th January – Friday 13th February 2026

*Half term – Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February 26

Second Half – Monday 23rd February – Friday 27th March 26

Easter Holidays: Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April 26

(Easter Weekend 3rd April –6th April 26)

Summer Term 2026

*1 INSET Day – Friday 17th April 26

First Half – Monday 13th April – Friday 22nd May 2026

*Bank Holiday: Monday 4th May 26

*Half Term – Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May 26

Second Half – Monday 1st June – Friday 20th July 25





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Spring Term 2026

*1 INSET Day - Friday 9th January 2026

First Half – Monday 5th January—Friday 13th February 2026

*Half term - Monday 16th February—Friday 20th February 2026

Second Half - Monday 23rd February—Friday 27th March 2026

School holiday: Monday 30th March — Friday 10th April 2026

(Easter Weekend 3rd April—6th April 2026)

Summer Term 2026

*1 INSET Day - Friday 17th April 2026

First Half - Monday 13th April—Friday 22nd May 2026

*May Bank Holiday - Monday 4th May 2026

*Half Term—Monday 25th May—Friday 29th May 2026

Second Half - Monday 1st June—Monday 20th July 2026

* *School closed to pupils*

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