

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have been working hard with children on being **"Ready, Respectful and Safe"**. We have looked at how we can be these things around school and outside of school.

We need your help. Please ensure that children are all wearing the right uniform everyday. It is important that they come in to school looking clean and smart. This really affects the way they feel about themselves and can contribute to how they behave. Also reading is crucial. Children do need to be reading at home, every night if they are going to improve. The Education Secretary is calling on parents to lead by example and make reading a daily habit to help reverse the decline in reading for pleasure, to help give kids the best start in life. Lets work together to improve every child's chance of success. **Alison Jacob Head teacher**



READY



RESPECTFUL



SAFE



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	Olive	99.56%
2 ND	Ash	99.18%
3 rd	Lime	98.50%

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



BIRCH ASSEMBLY



This week, the children treated us to a fantastic assembly inspired by *One Day on Our Blue Planet*. They took us on an exciting journey across the African savannah, confidently speaking, singing and acting as lions, elephants, giraffes, zebras, birds and even the moon! The assembly ended with an important message about looking after our beautiful blue planet, making it a joyful and memorable experience for everyone.

Thank you to all the parents that supported the children.



BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



On Friday 30th January, Josiah, Varan, Andrew and Almir proudly represented Edgware Primary School at a basketball tournament held at Cpthall Leisure Centre. The children showed great teamwork, enthusiasm, and sportsmanship throughout the day, playing their matches with confidence and determination.

They were excellent role models for our school and should be very proud of their efforts.





HOLOCAUST REMBRANCE DAY



On January 27th Mrs. Jacob held a special assembly to mark Holocaust Memorial Day, learning about the Holocaust is important, as it teaches the children about the dangers of bullying, prejudice and treating people unkindly simply because they are different.

Understanding the past will help the children to reflect on their actions and how they can make a positive difference in the world today. It encourages the children to think about fairness, tolerance and treating everyone with care, and to make sure such a terrible event never happens again.



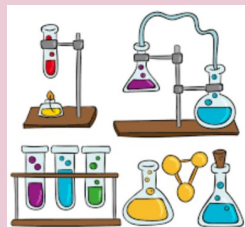
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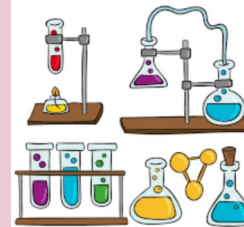
On Monday 12th January some of the children in Years 2 and 3 were given the opportunity to meet their online reading volunteer from the literacy charity Chapter One. The charity provides one-to-one reading support to children aged 5-8, through an online platform which connects volunteers with students for weekly reading sessions, aiming to boost reading confidence, enjoyment and skills. They focus on early intervention, to build fluency and develop a love of reading. The volunteers read with the same child online for 30 minutes using a secure platform. During the sessions, the child and the volunteer read stories and play word games via a laptop and voice connection - they are unable to see each other. The children were therefore very excited to be able to put a face to their online reading volunteer's voice.

Chapter One also offers a free online library of books for everyone to enjoy. Find out more on their website: chapterone.org





SCIENCE OVERVIEW



Science in the Autumn Term: What We Learn Across the School

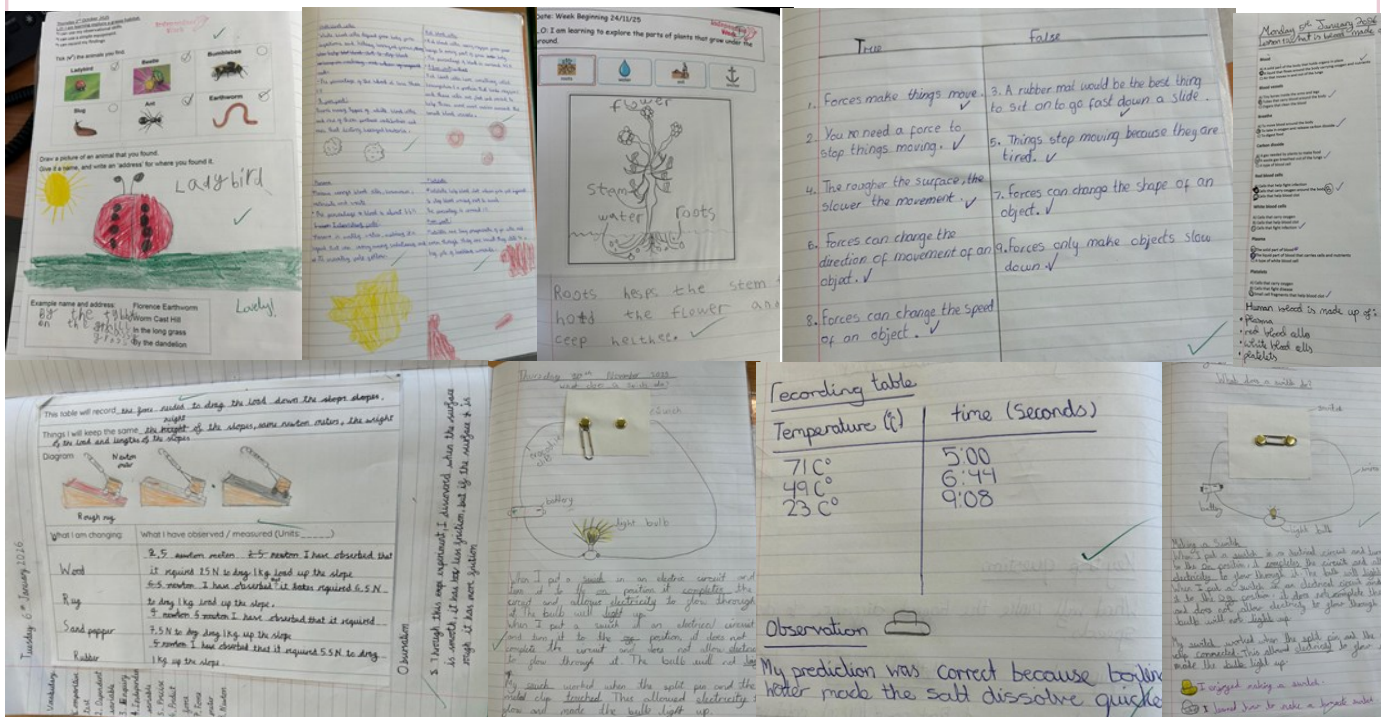
This autumn term, children across the school have been enjoying science through hands-on exploration and investigation as they learn more about the world around them. Our science curriculum is carefully planned to help children revisit important ideas, build their knowledge step by step and develop the skills they need to think and work like scientists.

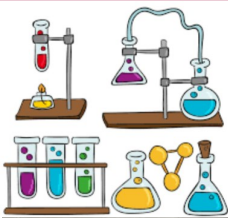
In Early Years and Key Stage 1, children develop their observation skills by looking closely at the world around them. During Autumn 1, pupils explored seasonal changes, learned how the weather, daylight hours, plants and animals change throughout the year. They observed different trees, identified leaves and learnt about animals linked to each season. Children also learnt about plants and their parts, discovering which grow above and below the ground and understanding that trees are plants too. In Autumn 2, learning moved on to local habitats, where children explored woodland and grassy areas, sorting living and non-living things and creating simple food chains. They also investigated materials, learnt how properties such as strength, flexibility and durability help us choose the right materials for different uses.

As children move through Key Stage 2, science lessons become more investigative and hands-on. Pupils explore forces such as friction and magnets, testing how different surfaces affect movement and investigating magnetic attraction and strength. They also learn about rocks, soils and fossils by comparing their properties, discovering how rocks change over time, and exploring different soil types. Learning about digestion and food chains helps children understand how the human body works and how living things are connected.

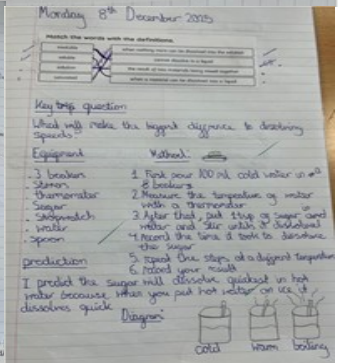
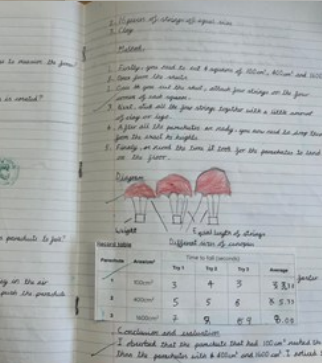
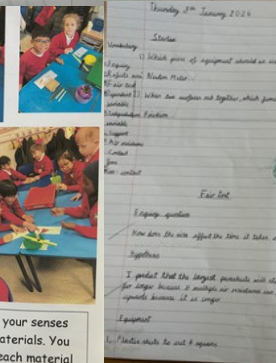
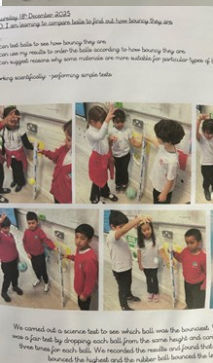
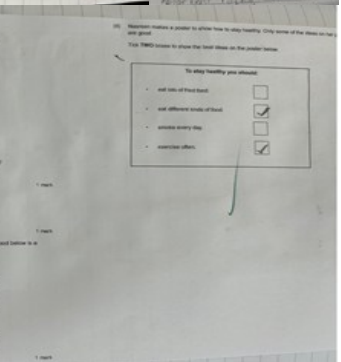
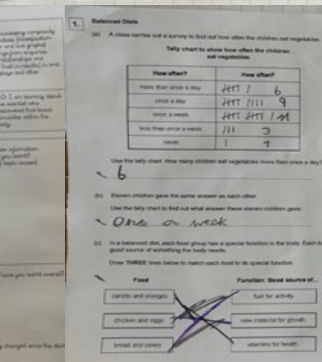
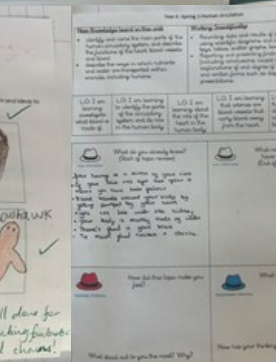
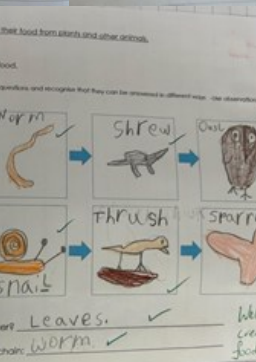
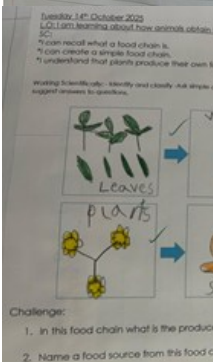
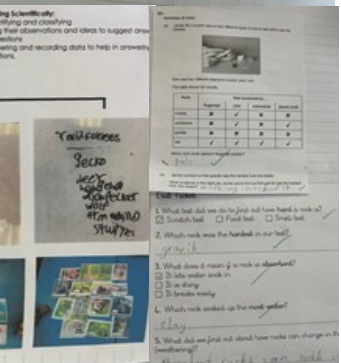
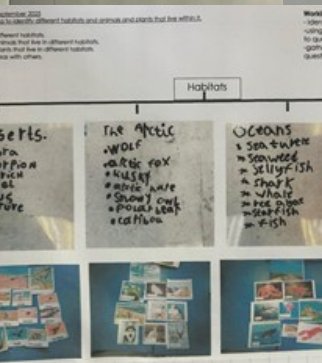
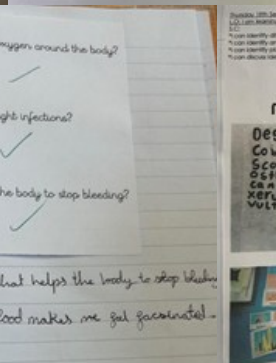
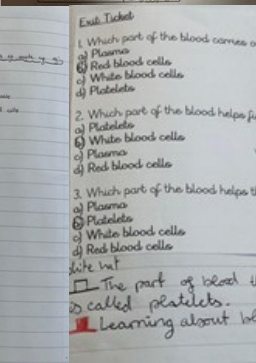
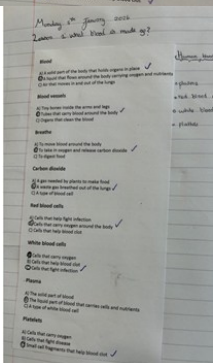
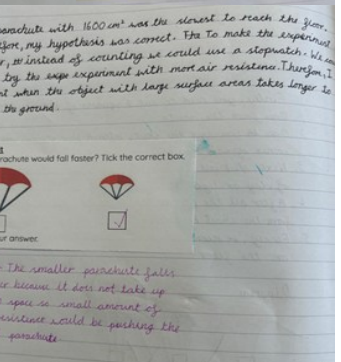
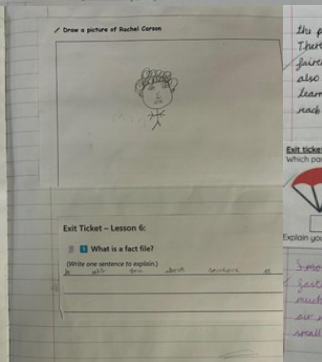
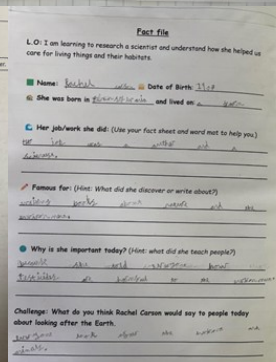
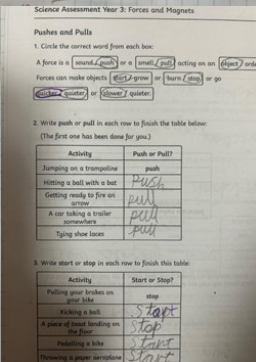
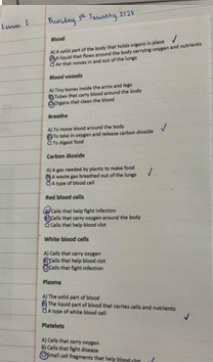
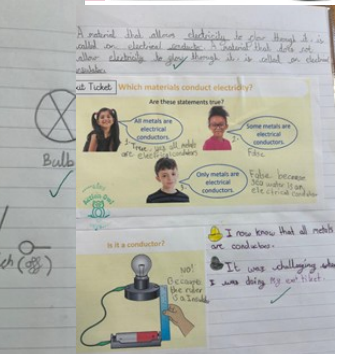
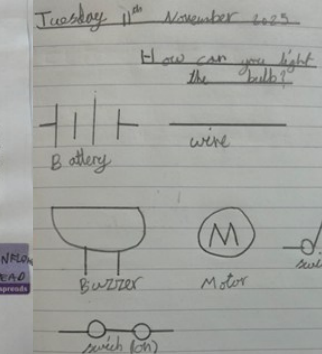
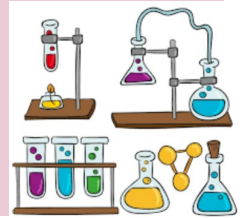
In Autumn 2, pupils explore electricity by building and improving circuits, identifying conductors and insulators, and learning how switches and different components affect how a circuit works. They also investigate the properties and uses of materials, carrying out simple comparative tests on absorbency, insulation and viscosity. Older pupils learn about reversible and irreversible changes, including separating mixtures and dissolving, before developing their understanding of light and how it travels, reflects and helps us to see.

Across all year groups, children develop important scientific skills such as observing, predicting, testing, recording results and explaining their findings using accurate scientific vocabulary. By the end of the autumn term, pupils will have built not only their scientific knowledge but also their confidence, curiosity and understanding of the world around them.





SCIENCE OVERVIEW





SCHOOL COUNCIL



On Monday 12th January, the School Council led a special assembly for children across the school all about plastic waste. They explained why it is important to help protect our environment by using re-usable drinking bottles instead of single-use plastic bottles.

Laila (Year 5) and Lavinia (Year 6) explained that plastic waste can stay in our soil, lakes, rivers and oceans for hundreds of years, releasing harmful chemicals as it slowly breaks down.

Miruna, Jacob and Oliver (Year 4) shared that plastic can be eaten by fish and other sea creatures, which can make them very ill or even cause them to die. They also explained that when people eat fish, they may be eating tiny pieces of plastic too. Sadly, by 2050 there could be more plastic than fish in our oceans.

David (Year 3), Aysha (Year 4) and Elsa (Year 5) shared some helpful ways we can all reduce plastic waste:

- Avoid using plastic straws
- Use re-usable drinking bottles
- Re-use shopping bags

Avoid chewing gum, as it is also made from plastic



UNIFORM



We would like to remind parents and carers that children must come to school wearing the correct school uniform each day. Wearing the correct uniform helps create a sense of pride and belonging, encourages equality among pupils, and supports a positive learning environment. It also helps children feel part of the school community and ready to learn. All uniform can be purchased from **Unifrom4Kids**, which is situated in The Broadway, Mill Hill.

Children must wear the following:

A sweatshirt or cardigan (with school logo)

A polo shirt (with school logo)

Grey trousers or skirts

Black shoes

Grey socks (for boys) and white socks (for girls) or grey tights

A book bag for Reception – Year 6

Logo PE T-Shirt and PE bag (this is optional)

Black jogging trousers or black shorts

White T-Shirt

Trainers



We appreciate your continued support in ensuring children arrive at school dressed appropriately and ready for a successful day.



ART CLUB



Since September 2025, Edgware Primary School has been buzzing with creativity following the launch of our new After-School Art Club! Open to children from Reception to Year 6, the club has given pupils a wonderful opportunity to explore their artistic talents.

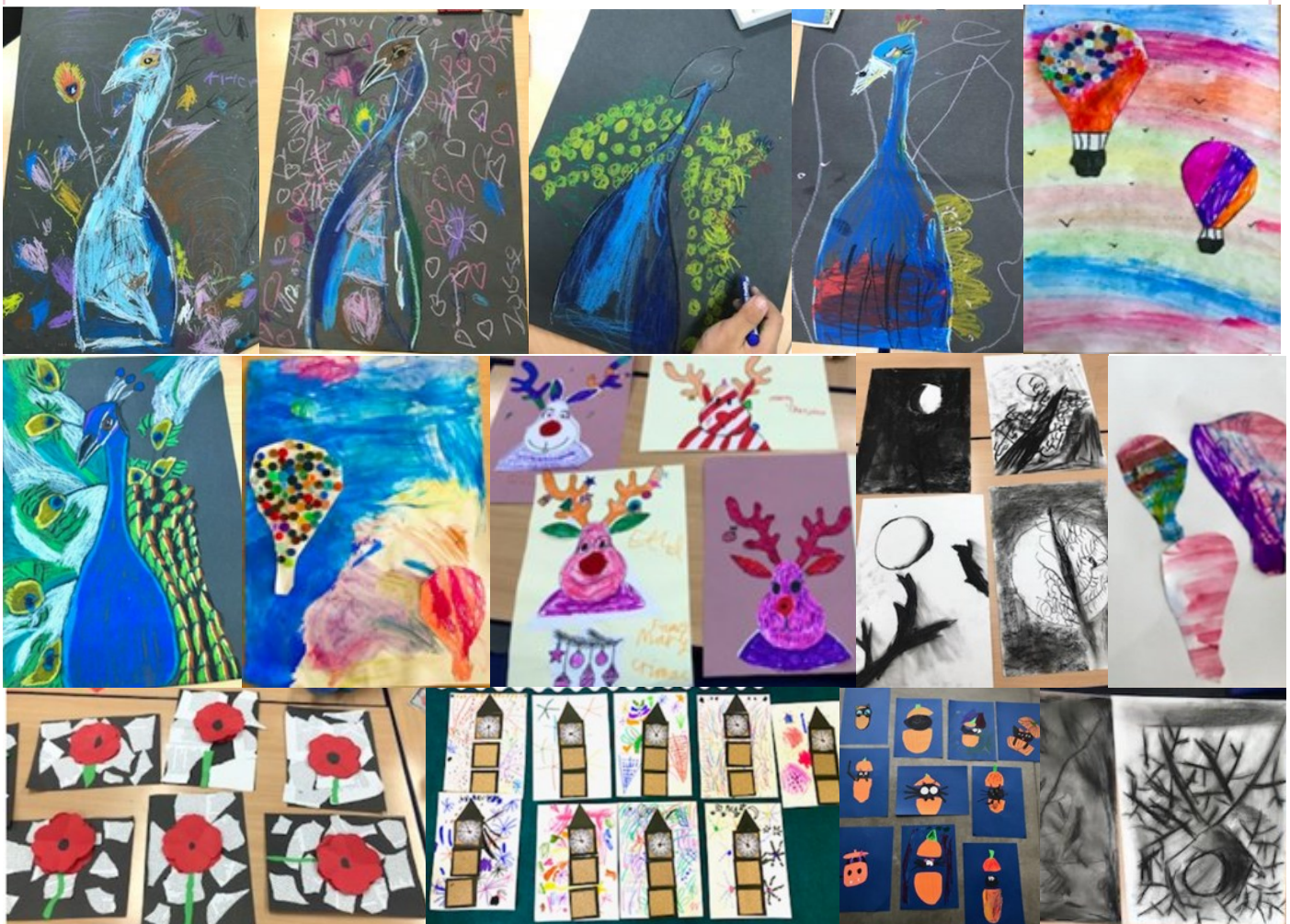
The children have enjoyed working on a wide range of exciting projects, experimenting with different colours and materials while developing their skills and confidence. At the start of the term, pupils created hot air balloon collages, layering colourful buttons onto carefully painted watercolour backgrounds. They also celebrated cultural traditions by designing bright and sparkling Diwali cards.

Throughout the Autumn term, the children produced spooky Halloween artwork using charcoal, followed by glittering Big Ben fireworks scenes bursting with colour. Remembrance Day was marked with thoughtful poppy artwork, and as Christmas approached, pupils created beautiful winter scenes and cheerful reindeer pictures.

This term, the children have been learning to use a new medium — oil pastels — resulting in some truly spectacular peacock pictures full of bold and vibrant colours.

Art Club is about much more than the finished artwork. It provides a relaxed and supportive space where children can experiment, express themselves creatively, and feel proud of what they achieve. Every child leaves with a smile — and a special piece of artwork to take home.

We have been so impressed by the variety and quality of work produced so far and can't wait to see what the children create next!





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KEY CALENDAR DATES

Young Voices 26	Tue 3rd Feb	Y5 and Y6 to perform at the Young Voices Concert in Wembley.
Cedar Class Assembly	Wed 4th Feb	The assembly will take place at 9am in Heming Wood Hall
Victorian Workshop	Thurs 5th Feb	Y4 children will be taking part in a Victorian themed workshop
Number Day – NSPCC	Fri 6th Feb	Children to wear clothing with numbers on and bring in £1 donation
Mental Health Week	Mon 9th Feb	Exploring the Theme This is my Place
Y6 trip	Mon 9th Feb	Y6 will be going on their residential
Safer Internet day	Tue 10th Feb	Children learn about online safety
Last day	Fri 13th Feb	Normal finish time
First day	Mon 23rd Feb	First day of term—8.40am

PARENTS AND SCHOOL....WORKING TOGETHER

Learn & Grow
Together

February Camp 2026!

Non Stop Action are very excited that bookings are now open for **February Camp 2026!** We are running **Multi Sports** at Moss Hall Junior School (N3 1NR), **Football, Dance and Multi Activity Camp** at Millbrook Park school (NW7 1JF).

February Camp will run from **Monday 16th - Friday 20th Feb.** . Secure your Early Bird discount by booking before **Saturday 24th January!**

Head to our website to book now: <https://www.nonstopaction.co.uk/>

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.



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

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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*



NON STOP Action!
SMALL STEPS, BIG FUTURES

FEBRUARY CAMP 2026



*Childcare vouchers accepted

Monday 16th - Friday 20th February

MOSS HALL JUNIOR SCHOOL (Multisports)

NETHER STREET, WEST FINCHLEY, N3 1NR

MILLBROOK PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL (Football and Dance)

SCHOOL HOUSE LANE, MILL HILL, NW7 1JF

Times

**10AM - 3PM
9AM - 4PM**

Moss Hall Camp

For 5-12 YRS

Millbrook Camp

For 4-12 YRS

Week Booking

£122

(10am - 3pm)

Activities:

- ✓ Talent Show
- ✓ Seasonal Crafts
- ✓ Winter Olympic Day
- ✓ Parachute Games
- ✓ Coaches Challenge
- ✓ Beat The Goalie
- ✓ and more...

Multisports:

- ✓ Cricket
- ✓ Hockey
- ✓ Tennis
- ✓ Gymnastics
- ✓ Handball
- ✓ Dodgeball
- ✓ and more...

**EARLY BIRD
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BOOK ONLINE NOW
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Ofsted



Busy Bees February Half-Term Holiday Club



MONDAY 16TH FEB – FRIDAY 20TH FEB

OPENING HOURS: 8 AM – 6 PM

Deansbrook Junior School, Hale Drive,
Mill Hill NW7 3ED
Entrance via Church close HA8 9NS



COOKING

SPORTS

ARTS & CRAFTS

Book the full week and get the trip FREE

- Free Play
- Baking
- Arts & Crafts
- Dodgeball
- Football
- Scooters
- Outdoor play
- Dancing
- Junk modelling
- Bikes
- Parachute games
- Painting
- Role play corner
- Dressing up
- Playstation
- Dolls



Pricing + Offers

09:00- 17:00 - £35.00 PER DAY

08:45 - 15:15 - £ 25.00

Inflatation Trip FRIDAY 20th February
£15 additional charge

Additional Hours

08:00-09:00 £5.00 PER DAY

(Breakfast included)

17:00-18:00 £5.00 PER DAY

To book please call

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