

'Respectful - aspirational and committed to lifelong learning'

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a productive month. Children have been engaged in poetry. They have learnt about significant people during Black History month and even had their teeth checked! We have been focusing on being Kind, respectful and safe around school and children have been receiving rewards for their behaviour.

I hope that you will take time during half term to make sure children read everyday. This is so important as it builds their vocabulary, knowledge of stories and improves their writing.

I hope you have a lovely half term break, stay safe.

REDUCING YOUR CHILD'S SCREENTIME

<https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/screen-time/protect-your-child/>

4 Quick Tips:

- Agree on boundaries together
- Set up controls
- Talk regularly about device use
- Find activities to do during screen time breaks



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	98.41%
2 ND	Chestnut	98.08%
3 rd	Iroko	96.93%

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

October 2025

EDGWARE SCHOOL

**BULLYING
STOPS
HERE!**

STOMP OUT BULLYING

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On Monday 6th October the children wore blue to acknowledge World Bullying Prevention Month. Mrs. Jacob spoke to the children about the importance of 'Stomping out Bullying' by helping to change the way people treat each other. She explained about the importance of kindness and learning to respecting others in order to create a safe and inclusive space for children to learn and grow.



DIWALI



On Monday 13th October we held a special assembly to mark the festival of Diwali. Diwali is the 'Festival of Lights', a five-day celebration that is observed by Hindus, Sikhs and Jains. It focuses on the theme of light overcoming darkness and the importance of family and new beginnings. It incorporates traditions such as lighting diyas (oil lamps), sharing food and gifts and watching fireworks. The children showed great curiosity and enthusiasm, asking thoughtful questions and sharing their knowledge with others.





WORLD POETRY DAY



On Thursday 2nd of October, we celebrated National Poetry Day. The aim is to inspire a love of language, by providing children with the opportunity to explore and celebrate poetry. The theme was 'Play' we looked at how poetry can be fun and playful. Children learnt about rhyme, rhythm and structure of poems.

Each year group focused on a specific poem which the children rehearsed in class and then performed in assembly to their teachers and peers.

It was a brilliant day that showed how much fun poetry can be. A huge well done to all our fantastic poets.

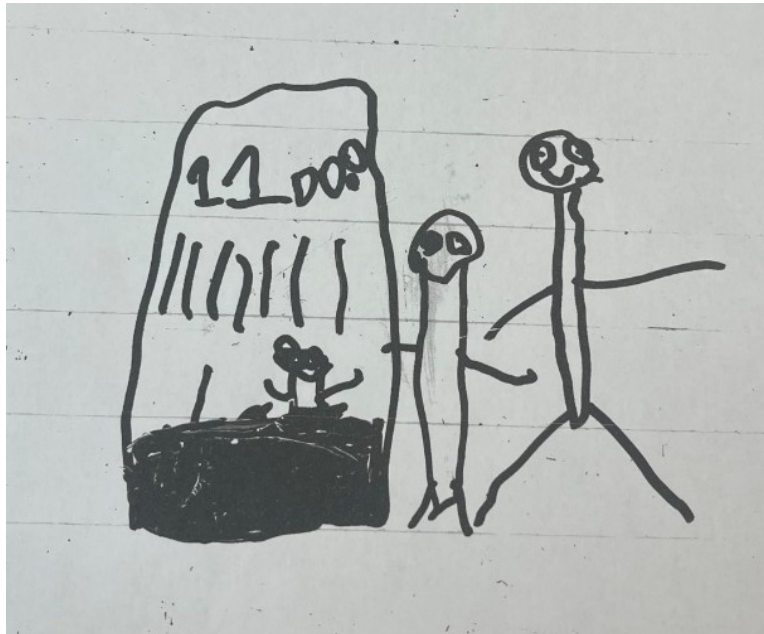




Greener Schools programme



Well done to Aman Khan in Year 1 Birch Class for his wonderful piece of work. He drew a brilliant picture of himself and Ms. Ibrahim in the boiler room, as part of a group, during the 'Greener Schools' workshop.



CROSS COUNTRY



On Thursday, 16th October, Some children from years 4, 5 and 6 were chosen to represent Edgware Primary school in the Barnet Cross Country competition at Copthall Playing Fields. This competition is run by the Barnet Partnership for School Sport (BPSS). The children competed against other primary schools in Barnet. Well done to:

Ayoub, Lina, Natalie and Younas (year 4)

Ahmad, Aishini, Diana, and Hazrat Ali (year 5)

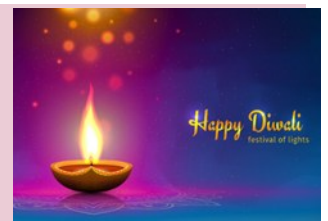
Andrew, Hamza, Sophia and Varan (year 6)

Sophia from year 6 said "Even though I found that today was challenging, I persevered and kept going. I made it to the end, tired, but relieved that I made it. I pushed myself to the limit and was really proud of myself."





ACACIA ASSEMBLY



On Wednesday 15th October Acacia class presented their assembly about the Hindu festival of Diwali. They spoke about how Hindus celebrate this special festival by decorating their homes, lighting diyas which are lamps to guide the Indian goddess, Lakshmi into their home to bring good luck and blessings, watch firework displays and spend time with family and friends. They then shared the story of Rama and Sita, which is a classic tale of good versus evil. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning all about this joyful festival.

Thank you to all of the parents that attended.



IROKO ASSEMBLY



Well, done to Iroko Class for their fantastic assembly on Electricity. They brilliantly shared what they had been learning in science about building and fixing circuits. They did a fantastic job of sharing their knowledge in a fun and creative way. It was brilliant to see their understanding of this exciting topic.

Thank you so much to all the parents that came to watch and support them.



KARATE MEDALS



On Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st of September 3 children from Edgware Primary School took part in the World Karate Championship – WUMF 2025 held at Crawley, K2 Arena. The winners were: Sarah Baltag, Maja Kubajka and Amirthadas Aishini. Between them they won 6 medals, 2 Gold, 3 Silver and 1 Bronze. Well done to those children that took part.



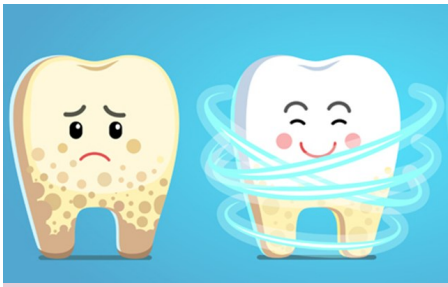
Greener Schools programme

As part of a programme funded by the Mayor of London along with the Greater London Authority to help schools become a zero carbon London by 2030 they have introduced the Greener Schools Pilot scheme. The scheme will explore how schools can save on their energy bills through the implementation of heat pumps and solar panels.

As part of this scheme Edgware Primary school, one of forty-eight schools across the borough, have been selected to receive free solar panels. On Wednesday 15th October, Year one took part in a 'Greener Schools' workshop to learn about heat and light sources and how solar panels work. They sang songs and then visited the boiler room to better understand how we heat the school during the winter. The children thoroughly enjoyed visiting the boiler room and following the pipes around the school.

During the afternoon session a selection of children from Years 5 and 6 took part in a decarbonisation workshop, they investigated ways to reduce, recycle and reuse resources and energy. They suggested ideas that we are looking forward to implementing in our Greener Schools Initiative.





ORAL & HAND HYGIENE



On Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th October The Barnet Schools Health team visited the Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children to talk about oral and hand hygiene. They spoke to the children about the importance of brushing their teeth twice a day to keep their mouths, teeth, tongue and gums clean and healthy and why they should regularly visit the dentist. They learnt about how eating a healthy diet and not having too many sugary foods such as sweets and chocolate can help to prevent tooth decay. The children thoroughly enjoyed this interactive session and asked interesting questions.



YELLOW DAY

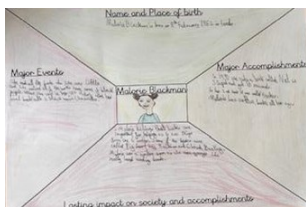
On Friday 10th of October, the children wore yellow to raise money for YoungMinds, a charity that helps young people with their Mental Health. The children spent time discussing their emotions and shared strategies to help support one another.



DODGEBALL

On Wednesday 22nd October several children from Year 3 and 4 visited Copthall Playing Fields to take part in a dodgeball tournament organised by Barnet Partnership for School Sport (BPSS). The children showed brilliant team work winning an incredible 9 out of 10 matches. We are so proud of how well they supported each other showing excellent sportsmanship throughout – a true reflection of our school values on and off the court.





BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Black History Month is an occasion for the children to recognise and celebrate the invaluable contributions of black people to British society.

This year's theme is '**Standing Firm in Power and Pride**' it highlights the important contributions made by Black leaders, activists, and pioneers throughout history, whilst looking towards a future of continued empowerment, unity, and growth.

Over the course of the month the Nursery and Reception children watched 'I am enough' by Grace Byer and learned about the influences of black authors, Year 1 read the story of 'Look Up' by Nathan Bryon. This is a story of a young girl called Rocket who shares with her brother her ambition of following in the footsteps of her inspiration, Mae Jemison, the first African American woman in space. The children then spoke about their own hopes and dreams and then made posters about Mae Jemison. Year 2, explored the life and achievements of Mary Seacole a Jamaican nurse and businesswomen. They then discussed which they felt was the most important event in her life and why. Year 3, spoke about the author Sharna Jackson and the contribution she has made to literature. Year 4, researched the author Malorie Blackman, they listened to a BBC clip and discussed the impact she has had on other people, Year 5. Learnt about Walter Tull an English professional footballer and British Army officer as well as Ruby Bridges a social activist from the US. They discussed the hardships she faced as a young African girl starting school with white children. They then spoke about how they felt about her story and designed a portrait poster of Ruby Bridges sighting inspirational quotes. Lastly Year 6, Learnt about John Blanke. He lived during the Tudor period, working as a trumpeter for both King Henry VII and King Henry VIII and Michele Obama who has become a leading advocate for women.

Please below a selection of the children's work.





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KEY CALENDAR DATES

Odd Sock Day	Mon 10th Nov	Come to school in odd socks to support Anti-bullying week. £1 donation
School photography	Wed 5th Nov	Individual, sibling and family photos
Children In Need	Friday 14th Nov	Children to dress up. £1 donation
Road Safety Week	Mon 17th Nov	
Fire Brigade	Tue 18th Nov	Fire Brigade to work with Y2 and Yr .5
Assemblies	Tue 25th Nov	NSPCC Stay Safe Assemblies
Inset day	Fri 28th Nov	School will be closed

PARENTS AND SCHOOL....WORKING TOGETHER

Learn & Grow Together

We're very excited to launch online reading programme Chapter One this year at our school! A number of pupils in years 2 and 3 will have access to this fantastic opportunity to help boost their literacy skills and love of reading! Your child's teacher will be in touch if your child has been selected. For more information about Chapter One, please watch this video and visit chapterone.org where you can explore their free online library with lots of stories!

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 Monday 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*