

Dear Parents/Carers,

WHAT A BUSY FEW WEEKS! We started the term with a bang with the 'Getting to know you curriculum'. It was so lovely hearing from the children about their time at home and the places in their homes where they feel safe.

We then had a visit from an athlete who did exercise with the children and shared how she has become successful in her sport. Alongside this we had a visit from Ofsted. Three inspectors came to look at the school and see what we do. We had extensive meetings with them, they spoke to the staff, the parents and the children. The result of the inspection will be out in a few weeks time and we will then be able to share it with you. Thank you for all your help and support over the last week. **Alison Jacob Head teacher**

Reminder of the behaviour system we use in school

Attendance Cup

This year we have introduced an Attendance Cup! Each week, the class in each key stage, with the best attendance will be awarded the cup. Any class that wins it six times will earn a special reward, such as a movie night or a class party. You can help your child's class by making sure your child is in school every day and on time.



Celebrating Good Behaviour

We always want our children to make good choices, and we love to celebrate them when they do. Good behaviour is recognised through certificates, Dojo points, Headteacher's lunch and positive phone calls home.

When a child makes a poor choice, there are clear consequences. These may include missing part of break or lunchtime, time for reflection, or a meeting with parents. Our aim is always to work together with you and your child to encourage the best possible behaviour. Learning to make good choices and to know right from wrong is so important, not only now but for your child's future.



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	Beech	100%
2 ND	Birch	99.15%
3 rd	Sycamore	97.18%

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

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Frequent absences can add up to considerable amount of lost learning and can seriously disadvantage your child in adult life.

MEDICAL

- Medical appointments should be made outside of school times, if this is not possible parents should bring in the appointment letter to the school office before the day of the appointment.
- Children should return to school as soon as possible following the appointment.
- Brothers and Sisters should not be removed from school to attend their sibling's medical appointment. This will only be permitted in exceptional circumstances. If a sibling is taken out of school to attend a medical appointment that is not their own, this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence.

PUNCTUALITY

- Children should arrive at school at 8.40am. Parents may be prosecuted by the Local Authority for persistent late arrivals.
- If children are late, parents must report to the school office.

Sickness

Please tell us if you child is ill:

It is fine to send your child to school with a minor:

- Cough or cold
- Sore throat
- Headache

When should I keep my child at home?

- High Temperature: If they have a high temperature or feel shivery, please keep them at home for at least 24 hours or until they are feeling better.
- Vomiting and Diarrhoea: They must stay at home for 48 hours (2 full days) after the last time they were sick or had diarrhoea.
- Chicken pox: keep them at home for at least 5 days and until all the spots have formed a scab.
- Impetigo: They can come back to school once the sores have crusted over and healed , or after 48 hours of starting antibiotics from the GP.

Not sure what to do?

If you are unsure whether your child is well enough for school, please just give us a call, we are here to help.

School Office: 0208 952 1472

Thank you for helping to keep everyone healthy

We would like to remind all families of the importance of wearing the correct school uniform each day. From Reception to Year 6, children should wear a red sweatshirt or cardigan and a white short-sleeved polo shirt embroidered with the school logo, grey trousers, a pinafore or skirt, grey or white socks, grey tights and black school shoes. Each child should also have a red bookbag with the school logo on it. During the summer months, children may wear a red and white checked dress or grey tailored shorts. For PE lessons, children, must have a red school-PE bag with the school logo and wear a white T-shirt, black shorts and trainers.

All school uniform can be purchased from Uniform4Kids, located in Mill Hill or online at www.uniform4kids.com. They also offer a complimentary delivery service directly to school.

Please remember to label all uniform, PE kit, shoes and bags clearly with your child's name — this makes it much easier for lost items to find their way home.

We really appreciate your support in helping us to maintain our smart school uniform. If your child arrives wearing incorrect uniform, we will contact you and ask that the correct uniform is brought into school. Thank you, for your continued support.



GETTING TO KNOW YOU

BACK TO SCHOOL

To help the children settle into their new classes they took part in a range of special 'Getting to Know You' activities. These activities provided a wonderful opportunity for the children to learn more about their new classmates, get to know their teachers and begin building positive relationships within their new class. It has been lovely to see the children engaging so enthusiastically and sharing their ideas, interests and personalities.

We are looking forward to a fantastic year ahead filled with learning, friendship and exciting new experiences. Please see below a selection of the children's wonderful work.

Chestnut, Olive, Poplar and Lime Class





IMPORTANCE OF READING



Reading is one of the most important skills we can give our children. From Reception through to Year 6, regular reading helps children develop their English, vocabulary, speaking and listening skills, while also building confidence and a lifelong love of books.

At school, we work hard to develop confident and enthusiastic readers, but parents and families have an equally important role to play. The simple act of listening to your child read, reading to them, or sharing a book together each day can make a lasting difference.

For younger children in Reception and Key Stage 1, sharing books helps them to develop their phonics, understanding of language and ability to talk about what they can see and hear. Asking questions such as *“What do you think will happen next?”* or *“Why do you think the character did that?”* encourages children to think, explain and use new vocabulary.

As children move through Years 3 to 6, reading continues to be incredibly important. As books become more difficult, children are exposed to more sophisticated vocabulary and sentence structures. This supports not only their reading, but also their speaking, listening and writing.

Please try to:

- **Read together every day**, even if it is only for 10–15 minutes.
- **Listen to your child read aloud**, whatever their age.
- **Talk about what you are reading** and ask questions about the story.
- **Explore new vocabulary** and discuss what unfamiliar words mean.
- **Let your child choose books** that interest them.
- **Read with expression** and have fun with different characters and voices.
- **Keep reading aloud to older children**, even when they can read independently.



SCHOOL COUNCIL



Introducing Our New School Council

Thank you to all the children who volunteered to stand for the School Council.

We are pleased to announce that the following children have been chosen to represent their classes:

- **Year 3 – Maple Class:** Amarachukwu, Inayah and Nathaniel
- **Year 4 – Beech Class:** Eduard and Gui
- **Year 4 – Poplar Class:** Abigail and Anaya
- **Year 5 – Sycamore Class:** Jeazel and Saira
- **Year 5 – Lime Class:** Faramarz, Kaleem and Ruth
- **Year 6 – Iroko Class:** David and Elsa

Congratulations to all of our new School Council representatives! 🎉

The School Council will meet regularly to share ideas and work closely with teachers to discuss how we can make positive changes and improvements across the school. They will play an important role in making sure that their classmates' voices are heard and that everyone has the opportunity to contribute ideas to help make our school a happy, welcoming and enjoyable place for all.



GREAT ATHLETES HANNAH BEHARRY



We are excited to be taking part in the Great Athletes programme and to welcome GB boxer Hannah Beharry to our school! Hannah's inspiring message is all about taking opportunities, believing in yourself and never giving up.

On Friday 25th September the children watched Hannah's Great Athletes video to learn more about her journey in sport. We also launched our Great Athletes sponsorship, which gives children the opportunity to raise money for the charity and for the school. 60% of the money raised will be donated to the school in the form of a voucher, which can be used towards items such as new sports and PE equipment the remaining 40% will support Great Athletes by helping them pay visiting athletes, run fitness events and continue inspiring children through sport.

There are also some exciting rewards for children who take part: children who raise £10–£24.99 will receive a blue wristband, those who raise £25–£49.99 will receive a red wristband signed by Hannah, and children who raise over £50 will receive a signed poster and a red wristband.

We are especially looking forward to Friday 2nd October, when Hannah will visit our school. The children will take part in a fun circuit of activities before coming together for a special assembly, where they will have the opportunity to hear more about her experiences as a professional boxer.

We look forward to learning about Hannah's experiences and putting her message of taking opportunities and never giving up into practice.



Hannah Beharry



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KEY CALENDAR DATES

Black History Month	Thurs 1st Oct	The theme tis 'Honouring our community'
National Poetry day	Thurs 1 Oct	Poetry activities. The theme this year is 'Wonder'
Harvest Festival	Mon 5th Oct	Food collection. Excepting donation of dry foods for the Colindale Foodbank
STOMP out Bullying	Mon 5th Oct	Children to come to school dressed in yellow. £1 donation
Coffee morning for parents	Tues 13 Oct	9am— talk on School Values
Y6 Acacia assembly	Wed 14th Oct	9am—Heming Wood Hall
Y5 Iroko Assembly	Wed 21st Oct	9am—Heming Wood Hall
Last day of term	Fri 23rd Oct	Normal finish time
First day back	Mon 2 Nov	School starts at normal time—8.40am

PARENTS AND SCHOOL....WORKING TOGETHER

*Leary & Grow
Together*

October Camp 2026 is here!

Bookings are now open with Non Stop Action. [Join us this October Half Term for Multi Sports](#) at Moss Hall Junior School (N31NR), and [Football, Dance, and Multi Activity Camp](#) at Millbrook Park School (NW7 1JF).

Camp runs from **Monday 26th - Friday 30th October**

Book by **Saturday 3rd October** to take advantage of our Early Bird discount and get a week booking for £126."

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

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*2 INSET Days – Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September 2026

First Half - Thursday 3rd September—Friday 23rd October 2026

*Half term - Monday 26th October—Friday 30th October 2026

Second Half— Monday 2nd November—Friday 18th December 2026

*1 INSET Day - Friday 27th November 2026

School holiday: Monday 21st December 2026—Monday 4th January 2027

Spring Term 2027

*1 INSET Day - Friday 8th January 2026

First Half – Tuesday 5th January—Friday 12th February 2027

*Half term - Monday 15th February—Friday 19th February 2027

Second Half - Monday 22nd February—Thursday 25th March 2027

School holiday: Friday 26th March—Friday 9th April 2027

(Easter Weekend 26th March to 29th March 2027)

Summer Term 2027

*1 INSET Day - Friday 16th April 2027

First Half - Monday 12th April—Friday 28th May 2027

*May Bank Holiday - Monday 3rd May 2027

*Half Term—Monday 31st May—Friday 4th June 2027

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NON STOPAction!
SMALL STEPS. BIG FUTURES

**Childcare
Vouchers and
Tax Free
Childcare
Accepted!**

2026 October Camp

Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October

MILLBROOK PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL HOUSE LANE, MILL HILL, NW7 1JF

3 options to choose from:

Football, Dance and Multi-Activity with Arts & Crafts

MOSS HALL JUNIOR SCHOOL

NETHER STREET, WEST FINCHLEY, N3 1NR

1 option available:

Multisports - Fun activities with Arts & Crafts



Times

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

**Moss Hall Camp
For 5-12 YRS
Millbrook Camp
For 4-12 YRS**

Week Booking

£126
(10am - 3pm)

An Spooky Spectacular action packed camp with...

Activities:

- ✓ Halloween Arts and Crafts
- ✓ Parachute Games
- ✓ Capture the Flag
- ✓ Team Challenges
- ✓ Beat the Goalie
- ✓ Scavenger Hunt

Multisports:

- ✓ Dodgeball
- ✓ Dance & Gym
- ✓ Cricket
- ✓ Tennis
- ✓ Archery
- ✓ Football



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SATURDAY 3rd OCTOBER
2026**

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