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**School Newsletter: The Goldsmith Gazette**

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Dear Families,

It has been lovely to see the sunshine this week, let's hope it continues for the remainder of the summer term!

**Online Safety at OGPS:** We spend time within our computing curriculum teaching and educating children about e-safety which includes how to keep themselves and their personal data safe when using the internet.



Children can be at risk when accessing websites, social media or using mobile phones or tablets to communicate with others. We have a dedicated page on our school website which signposts lots of helpful advice about online safety. You can access the information using the following link...

<https://olivergoldsmith.brent.sch.uk/pages/key-information/safeguarding-at-ogps/e-safety-for-parents-children>

We will also share these guides with families one at time over time to help highlight key areas.

**Brent Phone Pledge:** There has been much discussion in the media regarding mobile phones in schools and potential future government policy. Brent has put together a **PHONE PLEDGE** for the schools in the borough to which we have signed up. Please see the attached letter and leaflet for more details.

We will be reviewing our mobile phone policy in July ready for the next academic year in light of both the new Brent Phone Pledge and against any new statutory guidance which may come from the Department of Education. I will write to families with any changes to our policy and practice by the close of the school year.

Lastly, a key reminder...

**London Local Elections for 2026:** The school will be used as polling station in the upcoming local elections on **Thursday 7th May 2026**. On that day, OGPS will be **closed to all pupils**.

**Mr. James Simmons**  
Headteacher



## PE Days

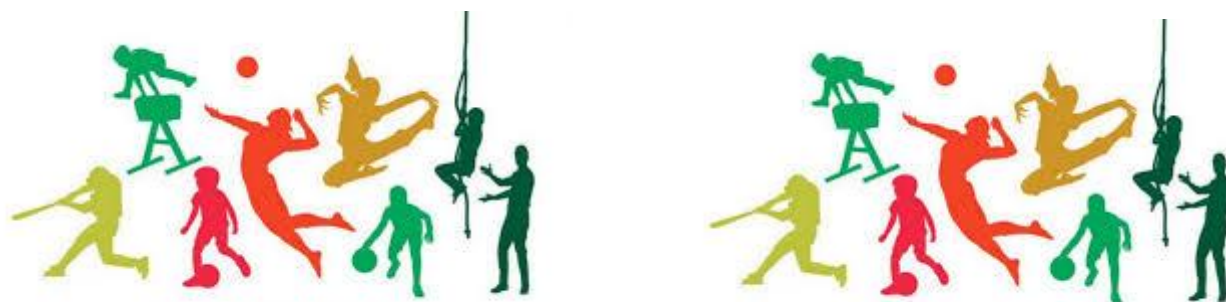
Children have TWO PE lessons each week. On the days that children have PE they should wear their PE kit TO SCHOOL rather than their school uniform.

Our School PE kit is as follows;

- Plain grey or black shorts or plain grey or black track suit bottoms (no logos or designs)
- Plain white t-shirt (no logos or designs)
- School jumper or cardigan (school logo)
- Trainers suitable for being active (these can be any colour)

Here are PE days for **SUMMER Term Part 1 2026** - We do our very best to keep to these days, if there is a change for any reason, we will text families to let you know.

Year Group	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1M	PE Day		PE Day		
1N	PE Day				PE Day
2B			PE Day		PE Day
2M		PE Day	PE Day		
3C	PE Day	PE Day			
3S	PE Day	PE Day			
4D	PE Day		PE Day		
4L	PE Day			PE Day	
5B	PE Day			PE Day	
5AV	PE Day			PE Day	
6P				PE Day	PE Day
6S				PE Day	PE Day



## Wrap Around Care at OGPS

Our breakfast club and after school club is run by [SchoolFriend Clubs](https://www.schoolfriendclubs.com/); this is the same company who have run our after school club provision for many years. If you want your child to access the breakfast club or after school club, you will need to book a place by 8pm the night before.



To read more about SchoolFriendClubs, please see their website

<https://www.schoolfriendclub.com/>

**To book a place** for your child/children you need to first register with the company through their website. Once registered, you can then book places for the days that you need. You will need to book by 8pm the day before you need a space **AND** you **MUST** pay for provision **IN ADVANCE**.

**To register and book a place at Breakfast Club, please use the following link...**

<https://www.schoolfriendclubbookings.com/>

If you have any issues, please contact SchoolFriendClub directly rather than our school office as we do not have access to their booking system. You can contact them in the following ways...

**Telephone: 0333 355 7374**

**Email: [office@schoolfriendclub.com](mailto:office@schoolfriendclub.com)**

**OGPS IS A NUT FREE SCHOOL:** We have children with severe NUT allergies so we ask that children do not bring nuts, snacks or foods that contain nuts into school. Thank you for your support.



**Celebrating Birthdays at OGPS:** We know that children like to celebrate their birthdays with others, but at OGPS the long held tradition is that children **do not bring in cakes, sweets or other food items** but instead parents either give out an alternative small gift such as stationery (pen/pencil) or donate a book to the school on behalf of their child. Thank you for supporting our healthy school approach!



**It's Good To Be Green...**

**Don't forget we have a recycling station for batteries in our entrance reception area! Please send them into us rather than putting them in the ordinary bin at home! Every little bit of recycling helps!**



## Parking Reminders:



### Car Parking on Coniston Gardens

**Brent Council have made Coniston Gardens a SAFER SCHOOL STREET. Cameras are used to issue fines to drivers who use the road during prohibited times. See the next two pages for more details...**



**Please remember that the school car park and Holy Innocents Church car park SHOULD NOT be used when dropping off or picking up.**

**The school car park SHOULD NOT be used when dropping off or picking up children to or from the Breakfast Club, After School Club or other clubs.**

- Cars should NOT be stopping or parking on the zig-zag lines at the times specified for the safety of all our children.
- Cars should NOT be stopping or parking on the yellow lines at the times specified for the safety of all our children.
- Cars should NOT be blocking residents' driveways to help us maintain positive relationships with our neighbours.
- Cars should NOT be performing dangerous manoeuvres such as three point turns outside the main gates of the school or drive onto the pavement.
- Cars should NOT be parking in the disabled bar marked along Coniston Gardens.
- Finally, please switch off your car engine if you are waiting to help reduce emissions in our local area.

If you do see a vehicle obstructing the pavement, stopped or parked on the yellow lines or blocking a neighbour's driveway, contact **Brent's Parking Enforcement Team 020 8290 8300**.



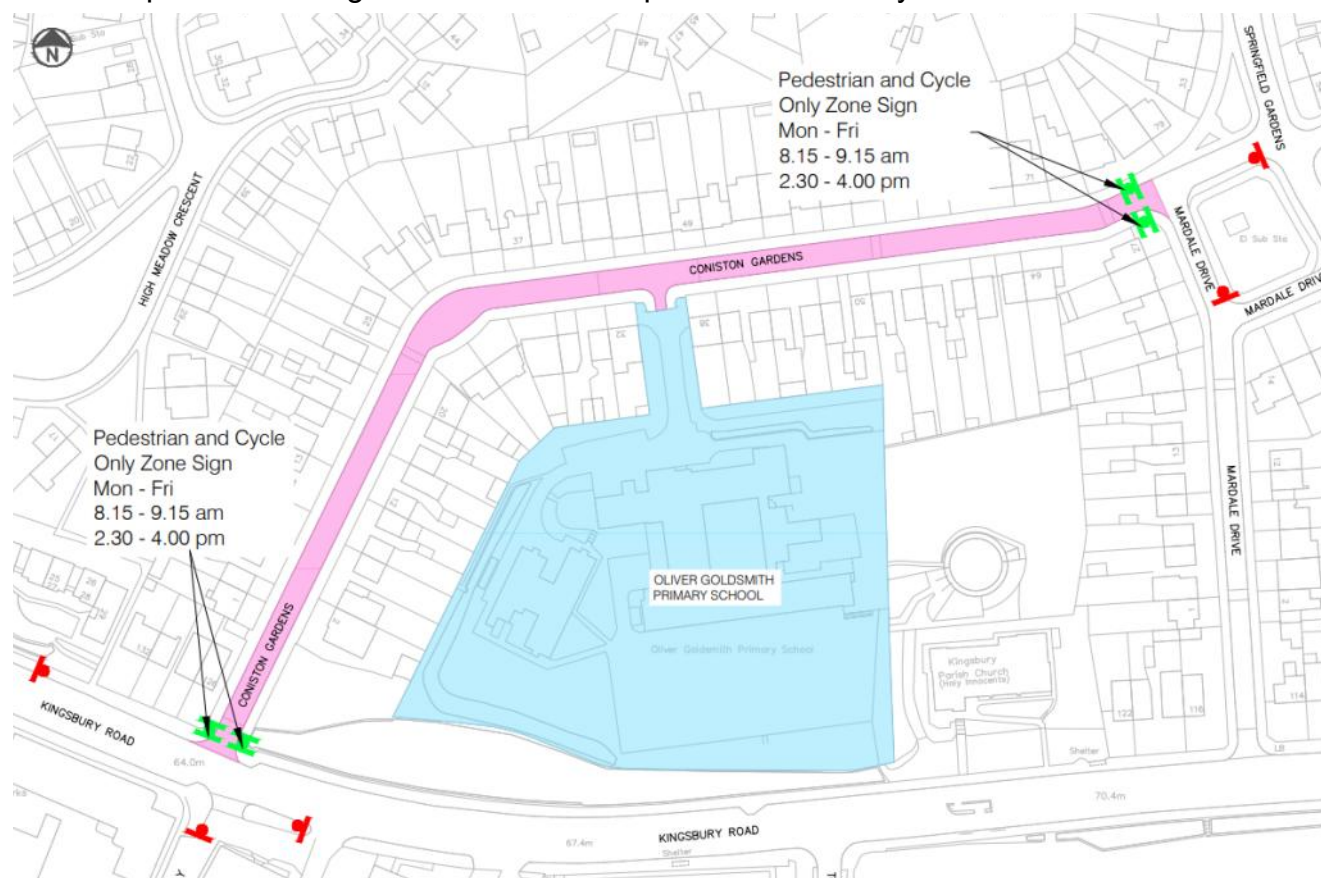
## **SAFER STREET: CONISTON GARDENS**

**Our School Street Scheme SZ32 is now in operation.** A map below highlights the school street zone which is in Coniston Gardens between the junction of Kingsbury Road and Mardale Drive NW9.

All restrictions apply as per the signs and **unauthorised vehicles entering the zone during these times will be issued with a Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs).**

The objective of the School Street is to make the school run safer, healthier and more enjoyable for the whole community, as well as for children travelling to school; not to penalise parents. For those who need to rely on the car for children to travel to school, they can park slightly further away and walk the last part of the journey.

Pupils, parents and carers holding a blue badge should discuss this with us, we can then arrange for an exemption from the restrictions. Please note you should still avoid parking on school keep clear markings and be mindful of pedestrians and cyclists within the zone.



***Our community neighbours at Shree Swaminarayan Mandir, opposite the school, have kindly agreed for families to use their car park facilities. They are happy to support the school by offering this from 8.30-8.50am and 3.00-3.30pm. We are really grateful for their help. Please see the next page for details on how to access their car park.***

***When parking in their car park, please be mindful as you drive/reverse your car, I have had some families saying there have been near misses with drivers not fully checking before moving their vehicle. Please be mindful of smaller children around the cars!***

***Please park away from the school and walk the last few minutes as this will help families avoid tickets, reduce congestion and pollution and create a safer and more healthy space for all our children.***

## A place to park with thanks to our community neighbours:

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Also, please avoid parking on the double yellow lines or pedestrian crossing white zig zag lines by the school gate on Kingsbury Road.



**Please remember that Holy Innocents Church car park SHOULD NOT be used by family members when dropping children off or picking up. It is private property.**

## Key Dates for the future



### **Please Note:**

- **Applications for leave of absence are only granted in exceptional circumstances.**
- **Holidays or visiting sick relatives are not considered exceptional circumstances.**

### **A Reminder of school timings:**

- 7.45-8.35am Breakfast club (only if booked in advance)
- 8.35-8.45am Soft start time - drop off time – gates close 8.45am
- 8.45am Registration (when children **must be in their classroom**)
- Lunchtime Lasts for 60mins (11:20—12:20pm for Reception and KS1, 11.50am-12.50pm for KS2)
- 3.15pm End of the school day - pick up time - children collected by 3.20pm
- From 3.15pm Afterschool Club wrap around care provision and other clubs

## Term Dates for 2025-26

Autumn Term: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2025 to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec 2025  
*Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Sept & Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept 2025 are CPD Days – no children in school*  
**Children (Y1-6) start on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept 2025**  
*Half term week Monday 27<sup>th</sup> Oct to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> Oct 2025*  
**Children break up for Christmas Holidays on Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Dec 2025 at 1.30pm**

Spring Term: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026 to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
*Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026 is a CPD – no children in school*  
**Children return to school on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026**  
*Half term week: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026*  
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Summer Term: Mon 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026 to Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026  
**Children return to school on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026**  
*Half term week Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026*  
**Children break up for Summer Holidays on Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> July 2026 at 1.30pm**  
*Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026 is a CPD Day – no children in school*  
*Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026 is a CPD Day – no children in school*

### **To confirm the Staff Training days (CPD days) are as follows for 2025-26**

- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025
- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026

***In order to help families plan their holidays, we publish dates well in advance.  
The dates for the 2026-27 academic year can be found on the last page of this newsletter  
as well as on the school website.***



## Key Dates for the Summer Term 2026...



**Please Note - Some dates may change, we will update families with any changes.**

### **Summer Term Part 1**

- Fri 1st May: Y1 Assembly - Vesak & learning reflections (letter sent home)
- Mon 4th May: Bank Holiday
- **Thurs 7th May: LOCAL ELECTIONS - OGPS closed for pupils due to being a POLLING STATION**
- Mon 18th May: Walk to School Week
- Thurs 21st May: Y5 Assembly - Eid & learning reflections (letter to come)
- Fri 22nd May: French Learning Adventure Day
- Fri 22nd May: Break up for half term at 3.15pm

### **Summer Term Part 2**

- Mon 1st June: Back to school - gates open at 8.35am as usual
- Mon 8th June: OGPS Proms Week (letter to come)
- Fri 12th June: Reception Assembly (letter to come)
- Weds 17th June: Class Photographs
- Fri 26th June: Learning Adventure Day  
"OG Neuro-Diversity & Disability Champions"
- Fri 3rd July: KS1/KS2 Sports Day (letter to come)
- Mon 6th July: EYFS Sports Day (letter to come)
- Weds 8th July: Performing Arts Concert (letter to come)
- Sat 11th July: OGPS Summer Fair 12-3pm
- Mon 13th July: Transitions Day - meet new teachers/class
- Weds 15th July: Y6 Leavers Assembly - (letter to come)
- Thurs 16th July: End of Summer Term - Children finish at 1.30pm

**Where new events are added, we will update newsletters, send letters and send texts to keep families up to date.**





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