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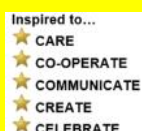
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Dear Families,

Thank You: Our Summer fair was a huge success thanks to your support. It was great to have so many donations and see so many people visit. We are truly thankful for your continued support across the school year.

Families; a huge thank you for all you do in preparing children to come to school ready and eager to learn everyday.

A special thank to the members of our Board of Governors; they make a very special commitment to the school and their time and dedication is very much appreciated.

We say a special farewell to our children in Year 6 who leave us at the end of the week. We wish them every success for the future as they move to their new high schools. We know they will go on to achieve great things!

Trophy Time: Last Friday we held a special assembly to present our annual trophies. One for our Sports Person of the Year & another for our Eleanor Jacklin Arts Award Winner of 2026. They get to keep the trophies over the summer and then return them in September. Congratulations to our two trophy holders!

Uniform Policy for 2026-27: Our uniform policy for the year ahead remains unchanged; it already complies with DfE's new rules. We had already reduced our branded uniform items to just one item which is the school jumper/cardigan. A copy of the policy has been sent with this newsletter, it is also on our website to help you plan ahead for September. Remember, footwear needs to be all black, this can be trainers but they need to be **ALL BLACK**.

LAST DAY OF TERM finish at 1.30pm: The school year finishes on Thursday 16th July at 1.30pm. Our school gates will open from 1.20pm and children will be there ready to be collected as we set up our annual guard of honour for children leaving us in Year 6. **If you have a child in Year 6, please go to the key stage two playground instead of waiting by the usual car park entrance.** Our Year 6 children will leave the building at 1.30pm, receive their guard of honor from children in Year 4 & Year 5 and then be ready for collection in the key stage two playground. Please arrive on time so you don't miss out on this special moment.

Term Dates: The term dates for 2026/27 can be found on the final page of this newsletter.

Mr. James Simmons
Headteacher



OGPS Mobile Phone Policy from September 2026:

As you will be aware, there has been much discussion in the media around the effects of smartphones and social media on children. Like many schools, we have taken this opportunity to review our school mobile policy ahead of the summer break so we have a clear position moving forwards from September.



Governors discussed the issue at our Board of Governors meeting last Thursday night; ***the board wants to support parents and families to move towards a SMARTPHONE FREE childhood and as a result we are changing our policy. Our new policy will be sent out to all families in September.***

From September, we will not be allowing children to bring SMARTPHONES to school. Where a parent wishes a child to have access to a phone as they will be walking to and from school alone (usually year 5/6 pupils), they will be able to bring in a BRICK STYLE PHONE i.e. a non-internet enabled phone with a visible keypad and small screen. This will be collected in and kept safe during the school day as per our current arrangements.

We will send a google form home early in September regarding parental permission for bringing in a BRICK STYLE phone to school. Should a SMARTPHONE, or a phone which appears to be one, come into school, we will contact parents and request you come and collect it from the Headteacher.

You can read some very helpful information using the following link...

<https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/>

If you need further information about alternatives to smart phones, here is a further useful link...

<https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/alternatives>

A chance for Children To Share Their Voice: The Big Future National Survey

Please can you support your child to complete the following National Survey. You can find more information at the following link...



Dame Rachel de Souza
Children's Commissioner for England



For the first time, hundreds of thousands of children will be eligible to vote in the next general election at age 16, the biggest change to the franchise in half a century – yet just one in five children say politicians listen to them.

That's why I'm doing my final survey, *The Big Future*, to talk to a million children, to listen to them. And to find out about what it's like to be a child today.

I am asking children about the changes they want to see in their communities, their biggest concerns, and their hopes for the future. More than anything, I want to know what they think a good childhood should look like, now and in the future.



<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/the-big-future/>

Children can complete the survey using the following link...

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/TheBigFuture/>

Y6 Come Dine with Me... They cooked some treats as you can see! Well done Y6!



OGPS PE & Sport: Mr. Carry - PE & Sports Leader

This year has been an exciting one for sport across our school. Our boys' and girls' football teams in Years 5 and 6, along with our Year 3 and 4 girls' team, showed fantastic teamwork and enthusiasm throughout their leagues. Our boys' cricket team achieved an incredible 2nd place in the borough, earning the chance to represent Brent at the West London Games.

Our in-school dance competition was another highlight, with our winning group also finishing 2nd in Brent and representing us proudly at the West London Games. We continued to broaden opportunities with skateboarding coaching and specialist hula-hooping sessions, helping pupils develop skills in alternative sports.

It has been wonderful to see so many children taking part in sports outside school and sharing their achievements with us. We ended the year with a brilliant Sports Day at Hendon FC, where pupils shone and families came together to celebrate a joyful day of sport.

Performing Arts: Mrs Palinda - Arts Leader

Our recent Performing Arts Concert was a wonderful celebration of talent, confidence and creativity, with around 130 children from Reception to Year 6 taking to the stage. The audience was treated to a fantastic variety of performances, showcasing the incredible skills and dedication of our pupils.

Children performed on a range of instruments, demonstrating the progress they have made throughout the year. The concert also featured a beautiful lyrical dance performed in memory of Elaine Richards, an adorable Reception "Bee Dance" — their very first performance on the big stage, which they absolutely nailed — and an energetic routine from our Year 3 Dance Competition winners. The audience was also captivated by the powerful Year 6 drumming performance and the outstanding singing of both our Infant and Junior Choirs, whose performances brought the concert to a memorable close. Congratulations to all of our performers for making it such a special evening.



Update photos of our Library Extension...

Good news, our extension is going well and is on track! We look forward to having our new library open as early as we can in the autumn term to help inspire a love of reading in our children!



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 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.schoolfriendclub.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

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**.



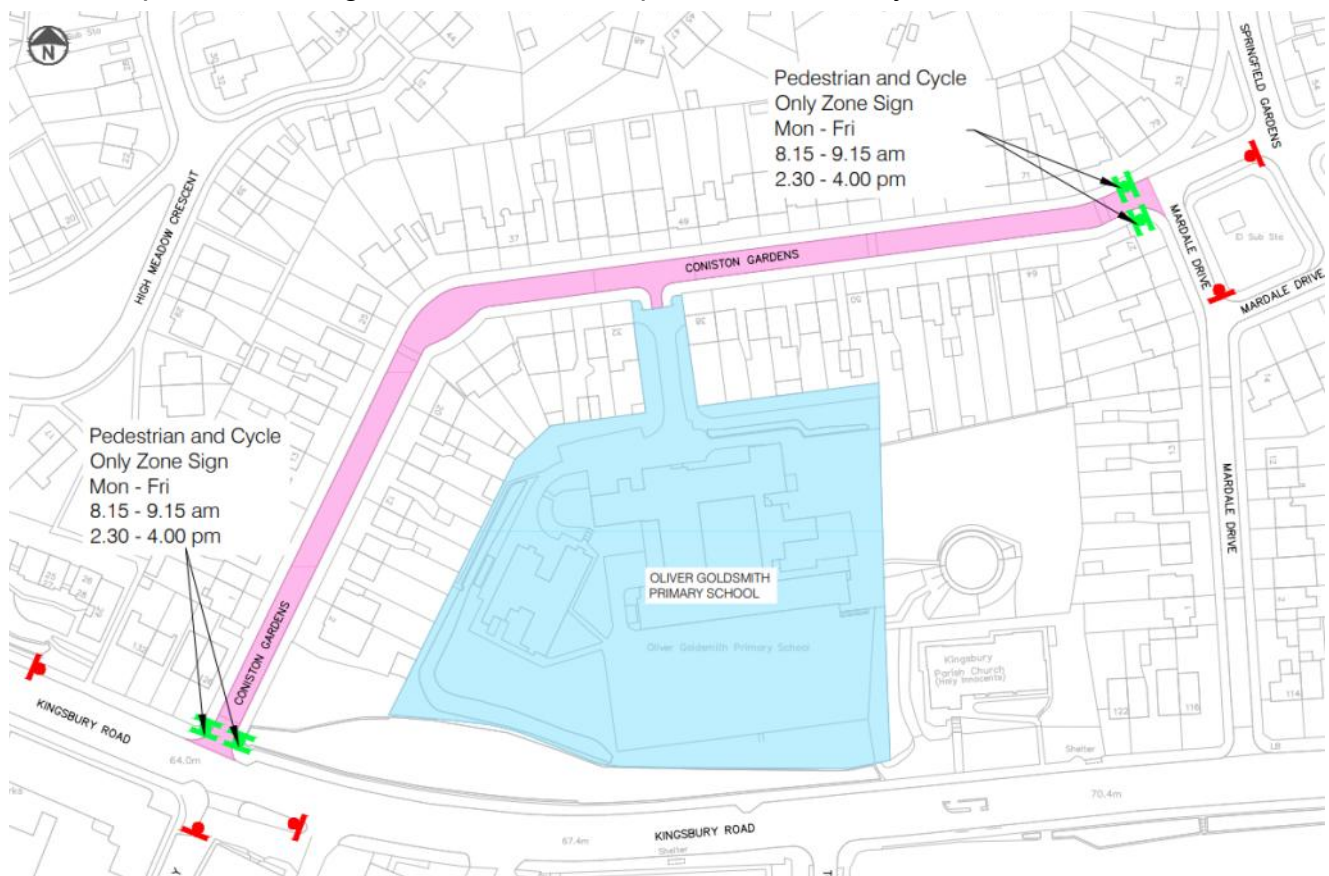
SAFER STREET: CONISTON GARDENS

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:

Our 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; you can access the car park as per the map below. We ask that you use their facilities with respect.

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

Spring Term: Monday 5th Jan 2026 to Friday 27th March 2026
Monday 5th January 2026 is a CPD – no children in school
Children return to school on Tuesday 6th Jan 2026
Half term week: Monday 16th Feb - Friday 20th Feb 2026
Children break up for Easter Holidays on Fri 27th March 2026 at 1.30pm

Summer Term: Mon 13th April 2026 to Monday 20th July 2026
Children return to school on Monday 13th April 2026
Half term week Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May 2026
Children break up for Summer Holidays on Thurs 16th July 2026 at 1.30pm
Friday 17th July 2026 is a CPD Day – no children in school
Monday 20th 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 1st September 2025
- Tuesday 2nd September 2025
- Monday 5th January 2026
- Friday 17th July 2026
- Monday 20th 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 2

- Weds 15th July: Y6 Leavers Assembly starting from 9.05am - (letter sent)
- 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.





Term Dates for 2026-27

- Autumn Term:** Tuesday 1st Sept 2026 to Friday 18th Dec 2026
Tuesday 1st Sept 2026 is a CPD day – no children in school
Children (Y1-6) start on Wednesday 2nd Sept 2026
Half term week Monday 26th Oct to Friday 30th Oct 2026
Children break up for Christmas Holidays on Friday 18th Dec 2026 at 1.30pm
- Spring Term:** Monday 4th Jan 2027 to Thursday 25th March 2027
Monday 4th January 2027 is a CPD day – no children in school
Children return to school on Tuesday 5th Jan 2027
Half term week: Monday 15th Feb - Friday 19th Feb 2027
Children break up for Easter Holidays on Thurs 25th March 2027 at 1.30pm
- Summer Term:** Monday 12th April 2027 to Wednesday 21st July 2027
Children return to school on Monday 12th April 2027
Half term week Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2027
Children break up for Summer Holidays on FRIDAY 16th July 2027 at 1.30pm
Monday 19th July 2027 is a CPD day – no children in school
Tuesday 20th July 2027 is a CPD day – no children in school
Wednesday 21st July 2027 is a CPD day – no children in school
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 - Monday 19th July 2027
 - Tuesday 20th July 2027
 - Wednesday 21st July 2027

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