

At the end of last week we received a call complaining about a parent at pick up who was idling on Brookside South just by the sign that requests 'No Idling'. We also received footage from a resident's dashcam of the inconsiderate parking and crossing on Knoll Drive. This a polite reminder to all our school community to make sure that your actions around school at the start and end of the day are **considerate but most importantly, safe.**

Reception

The children went out on their local walk this week. On their walk, they found road names and street signs around our school. They have then used this to draw maps of the local area.

Thank you to the families who have already sent in pictures of your houses for the children to use in their work. There is still time if you have not yet had the chance.



Year 1

As part of their learning about the weather, Year 1 have been writing and then performing their own weather forecasts. They have also been finding out about Sir Francis Beaufort's contribution to science and making their own wind socks!

Year 4

The children have been writing their leaflets about teeth. In their Science lessons, they have been finding out about the digestive system and how it works. On Wednesday, we had a fantastic class assembly from 4P. We look forward to 4B's next week!



Year 3

Their topic this half term is Gods and Mortals, and the children have been finding out about the impact of significant people such as Pythagoras and Olympias. They have also been learning about what we can learn about Ancient Greek beliefs from Greek Myths.

End of the day pick up for Years 4 and 5

There have been some issues with the pathway from the KS1 to KS2 playground being blocked at the end of the by parents either waiting to pick up their children or having conversations. This is making it hard for those parents and children who are trying to use that path and for the staff who are not clearly able to see who is waiting to collect the children. Year 4 will now move further down the top playground, rather than being so close to the door for dismissal



Year 2

2CW went off to the Transport Museum on the tube on Thursday (2M go in two weeks time). They had a brilliant time exploring the galleries and exhibitions. **Thank you so much to the parents who took the time to come along.** In the classroom the children have been writing lovely diary entries based on the journey of Amelia Earhart.



Year 5

The children got to explore the properties of some chemical elements in their Science Workshop on Thursday including what happens when you add heat! They have also found out about the physicist, Daniel Fahrenheit and his work in developing a way to record temperature.



Year 6

As part of their Science lessons, Year 6 have been learning about blood, the role it plays in the body, and how the scientific understanding of blood has changed over time. On Thursday, the children all had the opportunity to put theory into practice as they were able to take part (or watch) the dissection of a heart in their science workshop.



Overall Leaderboard (all time)

1. Saaiyuri, 6P
2. Mara, 6P
3. Nina, 6K
4. Hayaan, 3D
5. Spohie, 6P



Most improved accuracy in the last 7 days	Most improve corrected answers in the last 7 days
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sofia, 6P 2. Alyssia, 4P 3. Ceyda, 4P 4. Ruby T, 6P 5. Azara, 4B 6. Ross, 6K 7. Scarlett, 4B 8. Lucy,, 4B 9. Mara, 6P 10. Eden, 6P 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ruby T, 6P 2. Maxon, 4B 3. Contantino, 4P 4. Emilyya, 4B 5. Azara, 4B 6. Zoe, 5S 7. ALyssia, 4P 8. Sofia, 2C 9. Noah, 6K 10. Krish, 4B

Children's Mental Health Week

This is from 3rd February to 7th February. This year's theme is 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself'. As part of the week, on Monday 3rd February, we will be having our annual '**Dress to Express Day**'. This is an opportunity for children to wear what they would like to school to reflect themselves and their personality. It could be that they wear their favourite outfit, dress up as something they would like to be in the future, or just wear something they are comfortable and happy in. All we ask is that the children are warm enough, have their hair tied back as usual, and wear sensible shoes for playing outside at breaks.

Class Assemblies for this half term

These usually start at about 9.05am and last about 25 minutes. Parents and families are welcome to come along and watch..

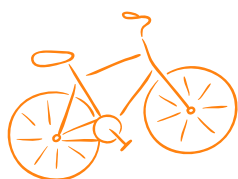
- Wednesday 29th January - Year 4B
- Wednesday 5th February - Year 5LD
- Wednesday 26th March - Year 3F

Parent Consultations

We will be holding Parent Consultations for all children on **Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th March** from 3.45pm. Slots will be available to book after we come back from half term, but please make a note of the dates.

Dr Bike Sessions

The free Dr Bike service is returning to Barnet. These are the sessions that are being offered if you are interested. The sessions are run by qualified bike mechanics. Any member of the public can take their bicycle for a free, full safety check. and any adjustments made there and then!



Location	Date	Time
Middlesex University (adjacent to the Fire Station)	12.02	4pm to 7pm
High Barnet (Staplyton Road carpark)	19.02	4pm to 7pm
Finchley (Lodge Lane Car Park)	12.03	4pm to 7pm

Dates for 2025

Spring Term 2025

29th January - Year 4B Class Assembly

3rd February to 7th February - Children's Mental Health Week

3rd February - Dress to Express Day!

5th February - 5LD Class Assembly

7th February - 2M to the London Transport Museum

13th February - Year 3 to the Hindu Cultural Centre

14th February - Last Day of Spring 2 (normal finish time)

Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February - HALF TERM

Monday 24th February - First Day back of Spring 2

3rd March - Year 4 Viking Day

6th March - World Book Day

10th March to 21st March - Year 4 Swimming

10th March - Dance Festival

17th March - Parent Coffee Morning with Dr Madeehah Quereshi

17th and 18th March - Parent Consultations

26th March - Year 3F Class Assmebly

27th/28th March - Year 4 one night residential (letter to follow next week)

31st March/1st April - Level 1 Bikeability

Friday 4th April - Last day of Spring Term (2pm finish)

Summer Term 2025

Tuesday 22nd April - First Day of Summer Term

5th May - BANK HOLIDAY (school closed)

7th May - Year 1 Class Assembly (2.30pm)

12th May - Year 6 SATS week

18th May - 23rd May - Year 6 to the Isle of Wight

Friday 23rd May - Last day of Summer 1 (normal finish)

Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May - HALF TERM

Monday 2nd June - INSET Day

Tuesday 3rd June - First Day of Summer 2

Friday 4th July - INSET Day

Friday 18th July - Last Day of Term for pupils 2pm finish

Monday 21st July and Tuesday 22nd July - INSET Days

EVERY SCHOOL

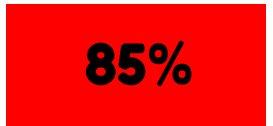
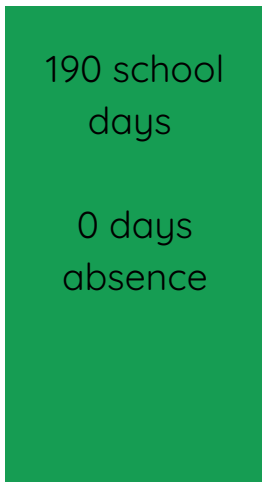
There are 175 non-schol days during the year to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and appointments.

DAY COUNTS

365 DAYS IN A CALENDAR YEAR



Under section 7 of the Education Act 1996, the parent/carer is responsible for ensuring that their child of compulsory school age receives efficient full-time education that is suitable to their child's age, ability and aptitude and to any special educational needs the child may have. This can be by regular attendance at school, alternative provision or by elective home education (the parent can choose to provide education for their child).



GOOD
This attendance will give children the best chance of success at school. Keep it up!

WORRYING

SERIOUS CONCERN
This is the equivalent of missing a whole half term.

Attendance this week

Oak	92%	2M	98%	5S	94%
Willow	98%	3D	99%	5LD	97%
1C	95%	3F	99%	6P	97%
1K	90%	4B	99%	6K	99%
2CW	99%	4P	99%	Whole School	97%