



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another very positive and productive week across the school, and I would like to begin by thanking our children, staff and families for the wonderful start we have made to the new academic year.

The children are now settled into their second week of following their formal timetables, and it has been a pleasure to see them becoming increasingly confident and familiar with their daily routines and expectations. Across the school, classrooms have been filled with purposeful learning, positive relationships and a strong sense of enthusiasm. Our staff continue to work hard to ensure that every child feels safe, valued and ready to learn.

Reading groups have now started across the school, and we are pleased to see these sessions getting underway. Developing confident and enthusiastic readers remains an important priority, and we look forward to seeing the children continue to build their reading skills, fluency and confidence throughout the year.

Following meetings and discussions with class teachers, a range of interventions will also be implemented to provide additional support for children where appropriate. These interventions have been carefully considered in response to the children's individual needs, as well as the observations and assessments made by their class teachers. Our aim is to ensure that every child receives the appropriate support and challenge to enable them to make progress and reach their full potential. We will continue to monitor the impact of these interventions and review provision regularly throughout the year.

This week also saw our first school trip of the academic year, with Year 4 enjoying a fantastic experience. School trips provide valuable opportunities for children to extend their learning beyond the classroom, develop their independence and create lasting memories with their friends. Well done to all of the Year 4 children for representing the school so positively.

We would also like to give a very special well done to our Nursery children and all of our Reception children, who have completed their first full week at school. Starting school is a significant milestone, and we are incredibly proud of the way in which the children have embraced their new Learning environment.

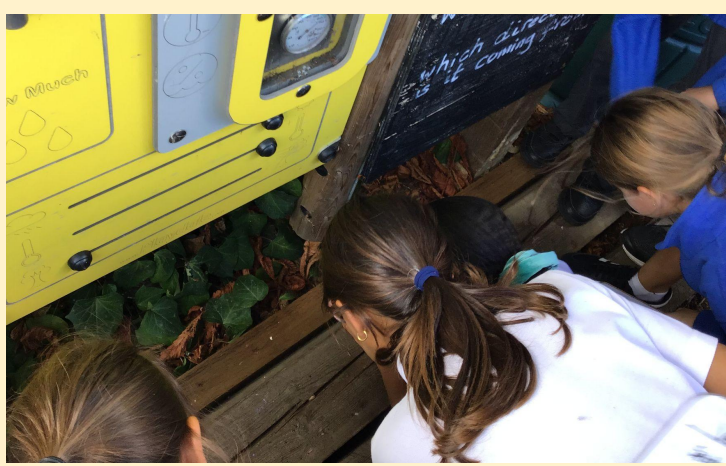
Thank you to all Year 6 parents who attended the secondary transfer meeting today. The slides have been updated with questions and answers from the meeting and uploaded to the school website. It was lovely to see the past pupils from Princess Frederica return to talk about their experiences.

Have a lovely weekend. Miss Fautley

Learning in action

Here are some highlights of children at Fred's enjoying their learning at the start of the year:

6 Oak thoroughly enjoyed exploring our school embankment to discover and classify local wildlife. Dividing their findings into vertebrates and invertebrates, the children applied their data to construct brilliant dichotomous classification keys inspired by Carl Linnaeus.



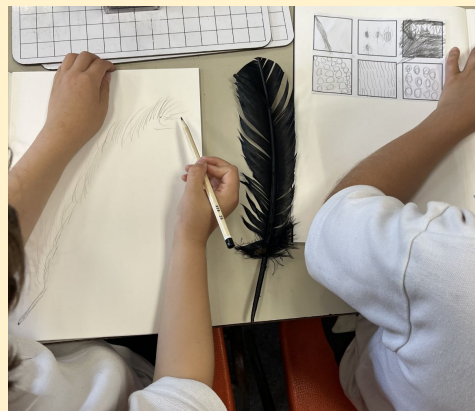
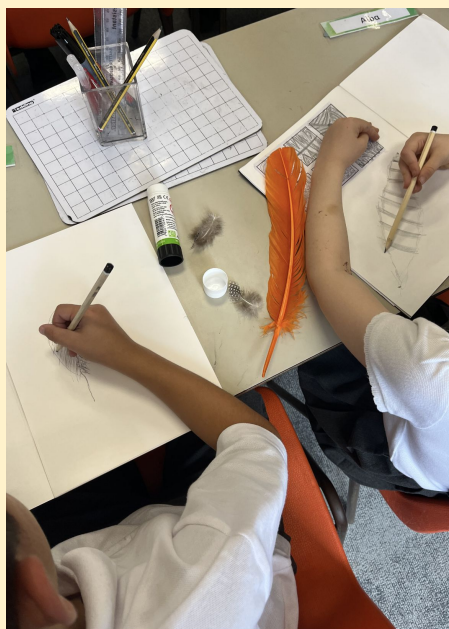
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6 Chestnut have been out on the embankment identifying and classifying organisms as part of their science topic.

2 Thistle used multi-link cubes as well as bead strings to practice counting in multiples of 10. They also used their beautiful, new sketch books to sketch feathers in.

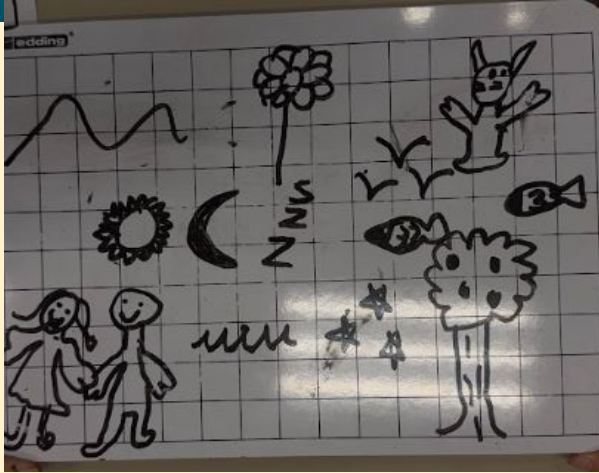


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3 Bramble created split face self portraits showing what makes each of us unique. One side shows their physical appearance, while the other shows their hobbies, interests and favourite things.

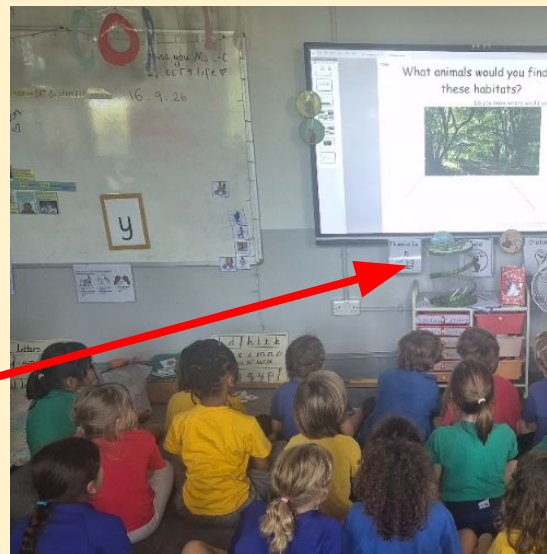
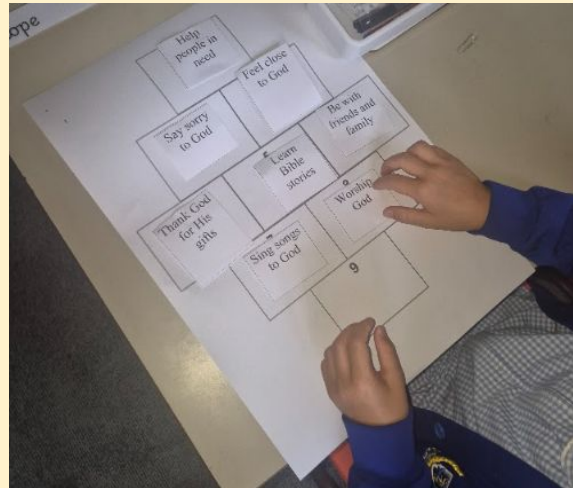
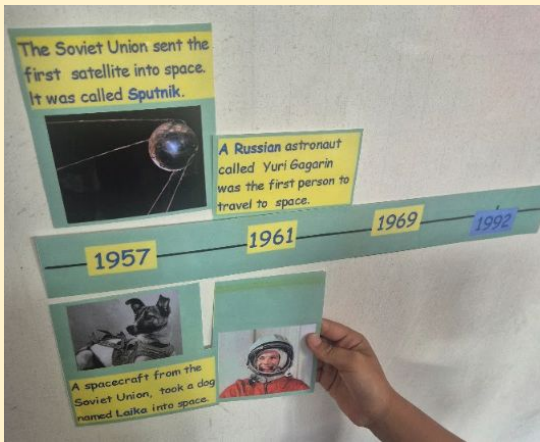


3 Hawthorn have really enjoyed their RE lessons. This week we learnt about the creation story. Can you spot the seven different days in their illustrations?

Learning in action

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2 Honeysuckle have had a busy week, immersing themselves in all areas of the curriculum! From measuring objects around the classroom in 10s and considering why people choose to be part of the Christian community, to exploring the Space Race, learning about habitats and excitedly watching our butterflies hatch. It has certainly been a week full of learning and discovery!



Learning in action

Here are some highlights of children at Fred's enjoying their learning this week:

Year 4 visited Gunnersbury Park and Museum to take part in a Romans workshop. This was a rearranged Year 3 trip and the children all were excellently behaved. They also could remember lots from the topic they studied last summer.



Nursery have settled into the classroom really well this week. They have enjoyed sitting in the sunshine, eating their packed lunches. This week's book focus was *The Gruffalo* and all the children painted a gruffalo portrait using a fork for his fur, some googly eyes and paper tusks and prickles.

On Tuesday, they baked apples with sugar and raisins. They had their first sport lesson on Thursday and enjoyed music with Mr. Tang.

OPAL donations

We have had a fantastic start to OPAL Play this academic year!

It has been lovely to welcome our new Year 1 pupils to the big playgrounds. They have been more than happy to get stuck in and explore all that OPAL Play has to offer. We have also introduced our new OPAL Play Leader roles for our Year 5 and 6 pupils. These roles will change every 3–4 weeks, giving all children the opportunity to take on the responsibility of becoming an OPAL Play Leader and helping to support play across the school.

We are currently looking for the following donations to support our OPAL Play provision. If you are able to help, please bring any donated items to the school office. Please do not be offended if the office is unable to accept other donations at this time. We are currently only able to accept the items on our requested list, as these are the resources we need and have capacity to store. If you have an item that is not on the list but you think would be perfect for OPAL Play, please email Mrs Brookes first. She will be happy to confirm whether we are able to accept it.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of OPAL Play and for helping us to create exciting and engaging opportunities for our children to play, explore and learn.

- buggies
- bedsheets
- blankets
- watering cans
- buckets
- tables
- large plastic plant pots
- laundry baskets
- pool noodles
- funnels
- sieves
- old telephones/laptops
- yoga mats
- hula hoops
- scooters
- trikes





PE News

Dear Parents and Carers,

There are lots of exciting sports events coming up this year. Please see the full list on the next page for details.

Mr Chantler has made the difficult decision regarding the boys' football team following a clear selection process and set of criteria. Thank you to everyone who expressed an interest and took part in the selection process.

If your child was not selected for the team this time, please do not be disappointed. There will be plenty of other opportunities throughout the year to represent the school in a range of sporting events. There may also be opportunities to join the team as a reserve.

We look forward to seeing lots of our pupils getting involved and representing the school throughout the year!



Music

Most peripatetic music lessons have started (except for flute- starting later this month).

Clubs have also commenced:

Tuesday 8:30am string ensemble

Thursday 8:30am girls' choir

Thursday 12:30pm junior choir

Thursday 1:10pm brass ensemble (y5-6)

Friday 3:15pm boys' singing club

These are all free to attend

Thank you for all of your support.

Head Boy and Head Girl Report:

Ms Christopher and Miss Fautley have shortlisted pupil to present their speeches on Monday. They were both incredibly impressed at the high standard of all children who applied and it was a very difficult decision. Thank you to all those who expressed interest and good luck to children who will be presenting their speeches to the school next week.



Sports Dates confirmed this year

Sport	Date	Location
Y5/6 Netball	8/10/26	Kingsbury High School
Y5/6 Cross Country	23/10/26	Kingsbury High School
Boys Football Team	W/C 2/11/26 Date TBC	Harris Lowe
Girls Football Team	W/B 16/11/26 Date TBC	Harris Lowe
Inclusive Boccia	26/11/26	TBC
Inclusive New Age Kurling	16/1/26	Kingsbury High School
Sports Athletics	19/1/27	Willesden Sports Centre
Girls Football	29/1/27	Harris Lowe
Inclusive Volleyball	4/2/27	Kingsbury High School
Sportshall Athletics	3/3/27	Willesden Sports Centre
Y3/4 Cross country	25/3/27	Kingsbury High School
Inclusive Panathlon	13/4/27 TBC	TBC
Y3/4 cricket	7/5/27	TBC
Gymnastics	18/5/27	TBC
Y5/6 Dynamo Cricket	21/5/27	TBC
Y5/6 Athletics Quadkids	8/6/27	Willesden Sports Centre
Brent Athletics	22/6/27	Willesden Sports Centre

Weekly Awards



Learning Leaders
Children who have displayed an exceptional attitude in their learning

Class	Pupil
Mint	Blaise
Dandelion	Luca
Buttercup	Lola
Thyme	Zara
Sage	Ezra
Thistle	Daniel
Honeysuckle	JJ
Hawthorn	Ellis
Bramble	Ignacio
Apple	4 Apple
Cherry	Leilani
Ash	Clementine
Birch	Barnaby
Oak	Gabriel G
Chestnut	Farhan

Lifefull Awards
Children who have shown our school value of this half term of *kindness*

Class	Pupil
Mint	
Dandelion	Nīa-Mae
Buttercup	Lola
Thyme	Finley
Sage	Lillian and Romy
Thistle	Adriana
Honeysuckle	Sofia
Hawthorn	Cali
Bramble	Marni
Apple	Gracie
Cherry	Diyan
Ash	Clement
Birch	Narvin
Oak	Vincent and Enzo
Chestnut	Humera

Notices and reminders

Harvest

There will be a Harvest Service at 10am at St Martin's Church on Wednesday 30th October.

As part of our Harvest celebrations, we will be collecting donations of tinned and other non-perishable dry goods, such as beans, pasta and cereal. These will be donated Brent Food Bank.

If you would like to donate, please send items in with your child, who can hand them to their class teacher.

Thank you for your kind generosity and support.



Clubs

Our after-school clubs will begin on **Monday 21st September 2026**. Please ensure that payment has been made **in advance** to secure your child's place. Unfortunately, failure to make payment may result in your child's place being withdrawn.

Entrance Gate

Please ensure the front gate by the office is securely closed when leaving.

We are aware that the front gate can sometimes catch or scrape. When exiting, please pull the gate fully closed until you hear it click onto the magnetic catch. If you have any difficulties doing this, please inform the school office.

Thank you for your cooperation

Catering and Lunches

Our school works with Harrisons to provide our school lunches. Harrisons offer healthy, balanced meals, with nutritional values carefully calculated to ensure that our pupils receive a nutritious and well-balanced lunch each day.

If your child has an allergy or specific dietary requirement, Harrisons would be very happy to arrange a meeting with you to discuss their individual needs and ensure that suitable meals can be provided.

If you would like to arrange a meeting, please contact the school office, who will be happy to assist.

Important dates next week

- 25.9.26 EYFS Curriculum Information Meeting online 9.15am



Class assemblies All assemblies take place at 10:00am in the main hall

Class	Date
6 Oak	16.10.26
5 Birch	23.10.26
6 Chestnut	13.11.26
5 Ash	20.11.26
4 Apple	15.1.27
3 Hawthorn	22.1.27
4 Cherry	29.1.27
3 Bramble	5.2.27
2 Honeysuckle	12.3.27
1 Sage	19.3.27
2 Thistle	23.4.27
1 Thyme	30.4.27
Reception Buttercup	14.5.27
Reception Dandelion	21.5.27
Nursery Mint	16.6.27



**KEY DATES FOR PARENTS
AUTUMN TERM**

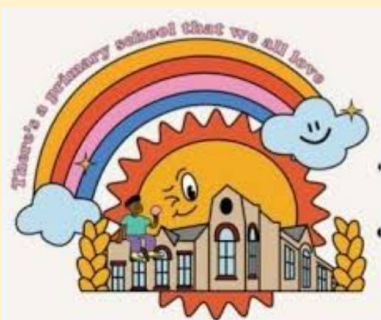
Our Christian Value this half term is....Kindness



Date	Event
14.9.26	All Reception children start full time
14.9.26	Y5 Meet the teacher meeting 3.45pm
15.9.26	Y6 Meet the teacher meeting 3.45pm
18.9.26	Y4 Romans Trip
18.9.26	Secondary Transfer Meeting 9am school hall
25.9.26	EYFS Curriculum Information Meeting online 9.15am
30.9.26	Harvest Service St Martin's 10am Y1-6
WC 5.10.26	Book fair 3.30pm
5.10.26	Y3 Gunnersbury Trip
8.10.26	Y5 Netball tournament 9am-3pm
9.10.26	Reception Phonics Presentation 9am school hall
13.10.26	Y5 trip to National Army Museum
14.10.26	Vache Baroque Concert to Y5
WC 19.10.26	Engineering Week
20.10.26	Y6 Trip to Imperial War Museum
22.10.26	Perform Drama company visiting Reception-Y3
22.10.26	Year 2 Trip to Hyde Park
23.10.26	Flu Vaccination
WC 26.10.26	Half term holiday
2.11.26	Staff Inset Day- children not in school
10.11.26	New EYFS parent presentation 9.30am school hall
23.11.26	Staff Inset Day- children not in school
10.12.26	Nativity 2 Honeysuckle lead roles 10-11am
11.12.26	Nativity 2 Thistle lead roles 10-11am
16.12.26	Christmas lunch
18.12.26	Christmas Church Service St Martin's 10-11am
School finishes Friday 18th December at 1.30pm Children return on Monday 4th January 2027	

PSA Cake Sale Dates 3.15pm in KS2 playground:

Nursery	15.10.26 and 16.10.26
Reception	19.11.26 and 20.11.26
Year 1	14.1.27 and 15.1.27
Year 2	4.2.27 and 5.2.27
Year 6	11.3.27 and 12.3.27
Year 3	22.4.27 and 23.4.27
Year 4	6.5.27 and 7.6.27
Year 5	10.6.27 and 11.6.27



2026 Reading Challenge for August and September

August

Read a book
outside! What's the
most unusual place
you can find? ☐



September

Send a letter or a
drawing to your
favourite author or
illustrator ☐



We need you this year!

Would you be interested in becoming a
reading volunteer at our school?

Do you think you could help support
children who need some extra help
reading?

If this interests you or someone you know, please
email: smccann@lifefull.org

(No teaching experience required)