



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and exciting week at school!

Year 3 enjoyed a school trip, and we were delighted to welcome the well-known author Banji Alexander, who spoke to the children about Black heroes throughout history. Please see this week's *Reading News* for further information. A big thank you to Mr McCann for organising this wonderful opportunity.

Thank you for all the OPAL play donations - due to the amount of donations, please note that we are **only able** to accept donations on a **Wednesday**.

Over the next two weeks, children from Year 1 to Year 6 will be taking part in our exciting **Engineering Week!** This initiative aims to inspire our children and raise awareness of the wide range of careers and opportunities available within engineering, while developing key skills through practical, hands-on experiences.

The children will make links across the curriculum, particularly in Maths, Science, Computing, Design and Technology, and Geography. They will also develop their creativity, problem-solving and critical-thinking skills as they tackle real-life engineering challenges.

Throughout the week, each year group will take on an exciting engineering project, giving the children opportunities to apply their knowledge and skills in meaningful and engaging ways. We will round off the week with an **Engineering Showcase**, where parents and families will have the opportunity to celebrate the fantastic projects and creations the children have designed and made. Please see further details of the dates later in this newsletter.

As always, do take some time to enjoy the photographs showcasing learning and activities from across the school. We look forward to seeing what Year 5 got up to during their visit to the National Army Museum!

Have a wonderful weekend. Best Wishes, Miss Andrews

Focus Tools

We know that every child learns differently, and some children may benefit from a little extra support to help them focus and concentrate in class. Some children may benefit from a focus tool to help them concentrate in class. If you feel this would help your child, please speak to their class teacher, who can liaise with the SENCO to arrange a school-issued tool. Please do not send focus tools in from home. Thank you for your support!

Learning in action

Here are some highlights of the fantastic learning that has taken place across Princess Frederica as we begin the new term!

Nursery have been investigating Autumn this week. We went to the embankment shed and met the resident hedgehog and then the children made a hedgehog out of brown autumn leaves. Cooking this week was cheesy-straws which involved learning how to roll out pastry and use a cheese grater safely.



6 Chestnut have been investigating what conditions help mould to grow. We made predictions, discussed the importance of carrying out a fair test and are now observing changes over time. A fascinating (and slightly gross!) way to develop our scientific enquiry skills! We are learning that microorganisms such as fungi may thrive in certain conditions and play an important role in decomposition.

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Year 3 enjoyed their trip to the Gunnersbury Park Museum. We participated in an interactive workshop all about the Stone Age. The children were able to see both primary and secondary sources up close, had a go at throwing spears at a wild boar and even had a chance to make stone age shelters! Miss Dunne and Miss Smith are very proud of the children and how they represented the school.





PE News

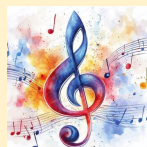
Dear Parents & Carers,

On Thursday this week some of our year 5 children represented the school in the Brent Netball tournament held at Kingsbury High School. For most of the children this was their first time experiencing a competitive event involving other schools across Brent. I was so proud of the effort, hardwork and sportsmanship they displayed throughout the event. This resulted in them not losing a game, winning 2 and drawing 3.

What made this a bigger achievement is they were playing mainly against schools fielding year 6 pupils.

Congratulations and well done to Barnaby, Noah, Dennis, Olive, Clem, Etta, Ivy, Thelma and Catherine.

Best wishes, Mr Chantler.



Music

Dear Parents,
Please see the hyperlinks below for exciting external opportunities.

[A huge number of Ensemble opportunities delivered by the Brent Music Service](#)

[Apply here](#)

[New Free Choir for Year 2s at Willesden Green Library](#)

Mr Tang

Head Boy and Head Girl



Monday's assembly was held in classes and we talked about playground behaviour and being a listening friend. This week we had a special Black History assembly with an author called Banji Alexander. He wrote a book called The Mother of Mankind which celebrated famous people from the past. In history, we are learning about the causes World War 1. In science, we have been doing an experiment about the changes in fungi, mould and bacteria. House group leaders have planned 6 house group quizzes for the year which we are looking forward to.

We hope you have a lovely weekend
Cosima and Gabriel

Weekly Awards



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

Class	Pupil
Mint	Sholto
Dandelion	Orestis
Buttercup	Maeve
Thyme	Romy
Sage	Nissa
Thistle	Safae
Honeysuckle	Anthony & Ariana
Hawthorn	Tianna
Bramble	Hassan
Apple	Oskar
Cherry	Haniya
Ash	Rian
Birch	Matteo
Oak	Harika
Chestnut	Emilia

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

Class	Pupil
Mint	Jude
Dandelion	Cecelia
Buttercup	Mia
Thyme	Cosima
Sage	Sylvia
Thistle	Raife
Honeysuckle	Jaxon-King
Hawthorn	Bertie
Bramble	Rihaan
Apple	Skylah
Cherry	Freddie
Ash	Emi
Birch	Alessa
Oak	Bella
Chestnut	Jessie

Notices and reminders

SEN and Whole School Inclusion Meeting

Thank you to everyone who attended the follow-up meeting on Monday. Your support, collaboration and views were very much appreciated.

There will be a **SEN and Whole School Inclusion meeting** held in person on **Wednesday 21st at 3:00pm in the school hall**.

The areas covered in the meeting will include:

- Sharing our whole-school approach to SEND and Whole School Inclusion.
- Discussing the support and provision available across the school.
- Sharing our current priorities and plans for developing inclusive practice.
- Discussing ways in which we can strengthen our partnership with families.

We know that it is natural to have questions about the above and these may well arise within the meeting itself. However, if there is a specific question you have, please help us make the meeting as useful as possible and submit these to the school beforehand.

Please send these to pfadmin@lifefull.org by **12:00 pm on Friday 16th October 2026**.

We look forward to meeting with you and continuing to work together to ensure that all children feel supported, included and able to thrive.

Kenzalia

If you have booked a place at Kenzalia but no longer require it, please ensure that you inform the school office as soon as possible.

Children who have a confirmed booking will be taken to the club as arranged. If a child is expected to attend Kenzalia but is not present at the end of the school day, we will contact home to ensure their whereabouts are known.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us keep all children safe.

School Photos

On **Wednesday 21st October**, **Vancols School Photography** will be in school to take photographs of pupils, both **individually and with their siblings**.

Please ensure that pupils come to school wearing their **smartest uniform** and, of course, bring their **best smiles!**

Important dates next week



- W/C 12.10.26 Engineering week (2 weeks)
- 12.10.26 - Emer Stamp author visit with EYFS-Y2
- 13.10.26 Y5 trip to National Army Museum
- 14.10.26 Vache Baroque Concert to Y5

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



Engineering Week Showcase Dates

Thursday 15th October at 2:15pm - 1 Thyme, 2 Thistle, 3 Bramble, 4 Apple, 5 Birch

Friday 16th October at 2:45pm - 6 Chestnut

Thursday 22nd October at 2:15pm - 1 Sage, 3 Hawthorn, 4 Cherry, 5 Ash, 6 Oak

Friday 23rd October at 2:45pm - 2 Honeysuckle

When the showcase starts at 2:15pm there will be a presentation for parents in the main hall before going into classrooms at 2:45pm.



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

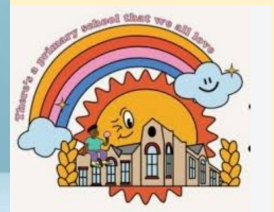
Year 2 4.2.27 and 5.2.27

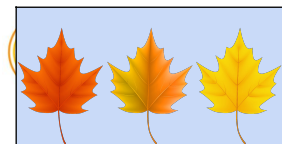
Year 6 11.3.27 and 12.3.27

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





**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

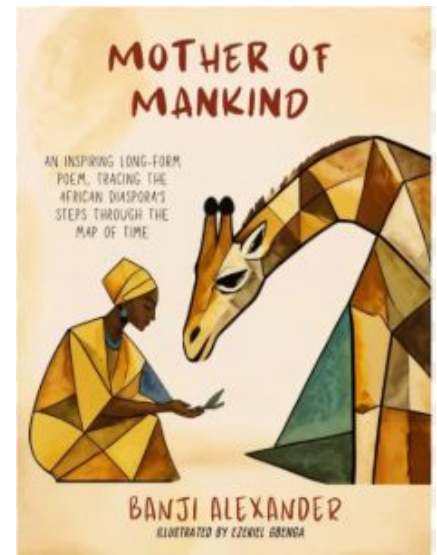
Reading news

On Wednesday, we were delighted to welcome Banji Alexander to our school, who shared his new epic poem 'Mother of Mankind' celebrating black heroes and highlighting the stories of prominent yet often unheard people from history.

Banji met with children from Reception through to Year 6, sharing fascinating stories and introducing them to inspirational figures from the past and present.

His engaging sessions encouraged our pupils to learn about the achievements, courage and contributions of people whose stories deserve to be heard.

It was a wonderful opportunity for our children to broaden their understanding of history, celebrate black voices and be inspired by the remarkable individuals Banji brought to life through his poetry and storytelling.



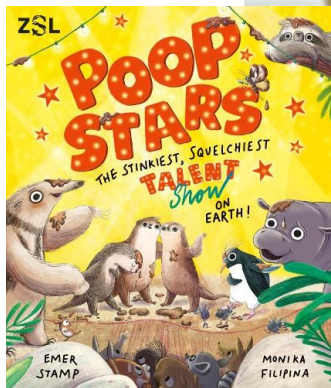
We are very excited to let you know that on **Monday 12th October 2026**, all children from Nursery to Y2 will have the opportunity to meet children's author, Emer Stamp.

As part of the visit, Emer will be leading a special assembly where she will be sharing her exciting new book, *Poop Stars*. *Poop Stars* is a laugh-out-loud showcase of the stinkiest POOformances, created in collaboration with ZSL's experts and filled with Emer's wonderful humour.

We will have signed copies of *Poop Stars* available to purchase as part of this visit. If you wish, you can pre-order using the School Gateway for **£7.99** until Monday morning at 11am. When preordering, please make sure you include who you would like the book dedicated to in the comments section.

If you would rather purchase on the day, copies will be sold outside of the OPAL Shed in the KS2 playground at 3:30pm. If you pre-order, you can collect your signed book from the book sale on the day too.

A huge thank you to **Queens Park Books** for collaborating with us and helping to make this promotional author visit possible.



2026 Reading Challenge for October



Thank you so much to everyone who has offered to be a volunteer this year. We have managed to increase the amount of classes, who have multiple volunteers. But we still need more!

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)

School Newsletter from Brent Libraries

Date 7 October 2026

Booking QR Code



Ealing Road Library

Creative Crafty Fun workshops

Monday 26 October 11.30am -1pm

Delivered by Barnardo's in partnership with the Co-op

Free Kumon Maths and English Workshop

Tuesday 27 October 11am – 12noon

Free Kumon Maths and English workshop for children of all ages. Please book your space at: wembleycentral@kumoncentre.co.uk or just turn up!

Ealing Road Library Film Club

Thursday 29 October

2.30 – 4.40pm

The Super Mario Galaxy

Fun animated family film, for children aged 5-11.

Halloween mayhem! Haunted library of horrors!

Friday 30 October 2.30 - 3.30pm

Halloween crafty fun for children aged 5 – 11.

Day with Robo

Build & Code: Train and Coding Workshop

Saturday 28 November 2.30 - 4.30pm

And

Saturday 5 December 2.30 - 4.30pm

Join us for a fun and creative workshop where children build their own trains and run them— completely from scratch, with no instructions! Suitable for ages 8 -11.

Bookable

Festive Biscuits Crafty Fun workshops

Monday 21 December 11.30am -1pm

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Ealing Road Library film club

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The Land of Sometimes

Fun animated family films, for children aged 5-11.

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Harlesden Library

Creative Crafty Fun workshops

Monday 26 October 2.30 - 4pm

Delivered by Barnardo's in partnership with the Co-op

Family Craft: celebrating women in sport of Caribbean and Somali heritage Tuesday 27 October 2.30-4.30pm

Take part in a fun and lively session exploring women in sport of Caribbean and Somali heritage.

Delivered by Brent Heritage. Ages 5+

African mask making workshop

Thursday 29 October 2.30 - 3.30pm

Get creative and design your own beautiful African mask in celebration of Black History Month

Make your own music!

Friday 30 October 2.30-3.30pm

Celebrate the arrival of the piano in Harlesden Library for free practise, provided by Brent Music Service. Come and listen to a short musical concert followed by a musical craft activity for children aged 5+

Kilburn Library

Halloween mayhem! Haunted library of horrors!

Tuesday 27 October 11am-12noon

Halloween crafty fun for children aged 5 – 11.

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Become an Author: Create Your Own Storybook Workshop

Wednesday 28 October

2-3.30pm

Join us for a fun and creative workshop and discover the exciting world of storytelling and become authors for the day. For ages 6 – 10.

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Wembley Library

A circus show and play in a term

Saturdays: 17, 24, 31 October, 7, 14, 21 28 November, 5 December

2.15 - 4.15pm

Circus skills and drama fun. Build confidence, learn acting and circus skills using a children's story book to deliver something magical. Children will work together to create a performance for family and friends. This programme is part of the National Year of Reading special events. Delivered by Splats Entertainment. For children aged 8 – 11.

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Maya and Marley and the New Friend

W28 October 2 – 3pm

Storytime with the creator of JoJoand Gran Gran, Laura Henry-Allain MBE!

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Relaxed early opening for families

Thursday 29 October, 9.30am – 10.30am Wembley Library

Join us for a relaxed hour before Wembley Library opens to the general public. This free drop-in event is for children aged 3-15 years with their siblings, parents and carers. This is an autism-friendly hour with a quieter space where you can take part in a craft activity. You can borrow books and explore the library. Please book a ticket for each person coming in your group

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/relaxed-early>

[opening-for-families-at-wembley-library-at-brent-civic-centre-tickets-1997456928443](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/relaxed-early-opening-for-families-at-wembley-library-at-brent-civic-centre-tickets-1997456928443) Drop in
Free

Family craft: Self-Portraits and Expression Wembley Library

Thursday 29 October

2.30-4.30pm

Explore images from the fantastic S.M.I.L.E-ing Boys project photographic displays at The Library at Willesden Green and create a beautiful self-portrait to take home.

Delivered by Brent Heritage. For ages 3+

The Library at Willesden Green

Chess action! Learn to play chess

Tuesdays

6 – 7.45pm

Children, young people and adults from ages 7+

Library Larks – a new choir for children in Year 1 or Year 2 at Primary School Thursdays from 24 September, term time 3.45 - 4.30pm

Delivered by Brent Music Service in partnership with Brent Libraries

- The Choir is free to attend, but parents must register their children in order to join. Enrolled children should arrive with their parent/carer from **3.30pm**.

Rehearsals begin promptly at **3.45pm** and finish at **4.30pm**. **Parents/carers must remain in the library building for the duration of the session.**

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Jingle all the way! Festive craft fun

Saturday 5 December 2 – 3pm

Craft activity for children aged 5 – 11