



Muswell Hill Primary School
Academic Year 2026-2027
Newsletter No.2
11 September 2026



Week 1 whizzed by! A big thank you to everyone who logged in for our **'Meet the Teacher'** sessions. It was fantastic to see such a great turnout. Teachers will share their slides for those who were unable to attend.

Curriculum Maps and the **Home Learning Project** were emailed to you last night, and teachers have also posted them on ClassDojo.

We have a few items of news to share with you this week, and of course, we would like to wish our Jewish community a very happy **Rosh Hashanah** this weekend.

After school clubs start next week

We understand that some of the independent clubs still have spaces available. If you are interested, please contact the club provider directly, as we do not have access to their registers.

https://www.muswellhillprimary.co.uk/docs/Community_and_Parents/Clubs_AUTUMN_26_for_Community.pdf

Please note Pottery and Drama did not confirm their lettings for the term. We will keep you updated if they change their plans. **Note Y2-3 choir starts of 21.9.26, not next week.**

THIS SCHOOL IS
NUT FREE



THANK YOU
for keeping our school safe!

Important reminder 😊

We are a nut free school – no nuts or peanuts or products that contain nuts please. We have children and staff members who are severely allergic to nuts and nut products; we want to keep our community safe.

Allergy Awareness & Anaphylaxis Training

Following the changes to **Benedict's Law**, we wanted to reassure you that all our staff completed **Allergy Awareness and Anaphylaxis training** ahead of the new school year.

Class Dojo Platform

To reinforce the messages shared by teachers this week, please be assured that you **do not need to join or pay for any additional features on ClassDojo.**

We understand that there are lots of prompts encouraging families to access games and sign children up for additional tools. **Please do not feel obliged to purchase anything — these extras are not required.**

Our teachers will continue to use ClassDojo for school-related communication, and there is **no need to pay for any other tools or features on the platform.**

IXL will be replaced by Doodle

For the past seven years, we have used IXL to support children's home learning. At the time we introduced it, IXL was one of the strongest platforms available to us, although it was American-based, as there were limited UK alternatives.

Over recent years, we have been looking for a platform that is more closely aligned with the **National Curriculum, our school curriculum and, importantly, our approach to teaching mathematics.** We are therefore pleased to announce that we will be moving from IXL to **Doodle.**

Doodle is a more developed and inclusive learning tool, with a range of features designed to support different learners. These include screen overlays to support pupils with dyslexia, read-aloud question prompts, and opportunities to scaffold learning when children have gaps in their conceptual understanding. We feel that Doodle will better meet the needs of our pupils and complement the way we teach mathematics in school.

We will be making the change over the half term. This will give us time to prepare both staff and children and ensure that the transition is as smooth as possible. We will share further information with families during the first half of term, including details about how Doodle will be used.

If you have purchased a family licence for IXL, you can of course continue to use it for as long as your licence remains active. However, we hope that once Doodle is fully established, you will find that there is no longer a need to renew your IXL licence.

KS1 playground developments – works begin on Monday!

Head Lice

A reminder to you all, **PLEASE** could everyone check their child's hair and treat appropriately if you find any lice or their eggs. If everyone does this and then continues to check and treat their child's hair regularly, we might contain their spread. The NHS has useful information on this issue. Tedious though this is, one of the most effective ways of getting rid of lice is a thorough nit comb at every shampoo with loads of conditioner. Tying your child's hair back will also help.

Annette & Graham's Retirement

As we head into the final half term of Graham and Annette's time with us, we'd love for our school community to help celebrate their retirement.

If you would like to leave a message of thanks, share a favourite memory, or contribute towards a retirement gift for Annette and Graham, please use the link below.

The collection will remain open until the beginning of October **2026**, giving everyone plenty of time to take part.

<https://app.collectionpot.com/pot/3524692>

Term dates for the new academic year 2026–27

PSA dates will be shared WB: 21.9.26

There will be five TAD days in the 2026-27 academic year. The confirmed dates are below. Please ensure you avoid taking holidays during the school term.

Autumn Term 1

Friday 23rd October Staff training day – no children

Autumn Half Term Holiday - Monday 26 October – Friday 30 October 2026

Autumn Term 2

Monday 2 November – Friday 18 December 2026

School Holiday – Monday 21 December 2026 – Monday 4 January 2027

Spring Term 1

Monday 4 January 2027 – Friday 12 February 2027

Monday 4th January 27 Staff training day – no children

Spring Half-Term Holiday - Monday 15 February 2027 – Friday 19 February 2027

Spring Term 2

Monday 22 February – Thursday 25 March 2027

School Holiday – Friday 26 March 2027 – Friday 9 April 2027

Summer Term 1

Monday 12 April 2027 – Friday 28 May 2027 (NB: Monday 3 May is a Bank Holiday)

Friday 28th May 27 Staff training day – no children

Summer Half-Term Holiday – Monday 31 May 2027 – Friday 4 June 2027

Summer Term 2

Monday 7 June 2027 – Thursday 22 July 2027

https://haringey.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2024-04/school_term_and_holiday_dates_for_2026-27_academic_year.pdf

Autumn term dates & events for your diaries

The dates below are listed in chronological order. Items highlighted in colour are especially important for parents and carers to note.

Friday 18 September – Year 4 - whole year guitars lessons start (Year 5 and Year 6 who wish to continue will be collected by the team on this date)

Tuesday 22 September – **Reception (YR)** at 3.55pm Meet the Teacher online

Wednesday 23 September – Full Governing Body meeting

Friday 25 September – Individual School Photo Day

Monday 28 September – Friday 2 October – Year 6 Trip to IOW

Monday 28 September - Reception children start MASC

Monday 28 September - Early Reading and Phonics Parent Workshop – 2.30pm STEAM building – Reception and Year 1 parents/carers with Suzy

Thursday 1 October – Black History Month begins – ‘honouring our community’

Thursday 1 October – National Poetry Day

Thursday 1 October – National Census Day/**Favourites Day** special lunch for children

Monday 5 October – Nasal flu vaccinations – Reception to Year 6 children

Monday 12 – 15 Thursday October – Year 6 Parent/Teacher consultations – individual consultations 3.40 to 6.30pm

Friday 16 October – Year 6 Sharing Assembly – 9.05am – Year 6 parents and carers invited

Friday 16 October – Show Racism the Red Card – children invited to wear red on this day

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Thursday 22 October – Break up for half term at the end of the school day 3.25pm

Friday 23 October – Staff Training Day - no children

Monday 2 November – Back to school after half term

Monday 2 November – children submit application forms for RRS council

Thursday 5 November – Nasal flu catch up– Reception to Year 6 children

Sunday 8 November - Diwali

Week beginning 9 November– Amethyst Class – Bikeability all week

Wednesday 11 November – Armistice Day

Week beginning Monday 16 November – Violet Class – Bikeability all week

Week beginning Monday 16 November - Anti-Bullying Week – ‘Break the Silence’

Friday 20 November – World Children’s Day – School Council Elections

Week beginning Monday 23 November – Y5 – Bikeability all week 20 places tbc

Wednesday 25 November – Full Governing Body meeting

Friday 4 December – All extended clubs end (MASC continues)

Friday 4 December – Y4-Y6 Guitar Concert for Y5/6 continuers @ 2.00pm/Y4 @ 2.30pm

Friday 11 December – Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 15/Wednesday 16 December – Christmas concerts – exact dates to be confirmed

Thursday 17 December – **MASC finishes**

Friday 18 December – **Autumn Term finishes at 1.00pm**

Monday 4 January 2027 - Staff Training Day - no children

Tuesday 5 January 2027 – Children return to school

Please remember you can download the dates from the school website calendar to your phones. <https://www.muswellhillprimary.co.uk/Calendar/>