

NEWSLETTER

May 2025



RETURN TO SCHOOL TUESDAY 3RD JUNE

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

As we come to the end of another busy and successful half term, I'd like to take a moment to reflect on all that has been achieved and thank you for your continued support.

Our pupils have enjoyed a wide range of exciting learning experiences and events. These included a brilliant netball tournament and an energetic basketball event, both of which showcased fantastic teamwork and sportsmanship. Year 3 and 4 pupils took part in the Quad Kids competition, putting their athletic skills to the test with enthusiasm and determination.

We also welcomed the GeoBus workshop, which brought science and geography to life in a fun and interactive way, and our Year 6 pupils benefited from a valuable TFL workshop, helping to prepare them for greater independence as they move on from primary school.

Our Year 1 pupils had a wonderful visit to the V&A Museum, where they explored art and design in inspiring surroundings.

A special mention must go to our Year 6 pupils, who completed their SATs with real resilience, focus and determination. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support—it truly makes a difference. We hope you have a restful and enjoyable half term break and look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday 3rd June.

Anna Theodosiou



HALF TERM

26th—30th May

INSET Day

(school closed)

Monday 2nd June

Return to school

Tuesday 3rd June

Sports Day: Years 1-6

(school closed)

Friday 27th June

Sports Festival: Pearl & Rec

Tuesday 1st July

Last day of term for Nursery

Monday 21st July

Last day of term for

Reception to Year 6

Tuesday 22nd July

(1.30pm finish)

SCHOOL CLOSED

MONDAY 2ND JUNE—INSET DAY

FRIDAY 27TH JUNE—SPORTS DAY



Class photos will
be taken on:

THURSDAY

5TH JUNE

YEAR 6 IMPORTANT DATES



16th to 18th June

Residential trip to Tolmers

Wednesday 16th July

2.15pm Year 6 Leavers' Show

Monday 21st July

5.30-7.00pm Year 6 Leavers' Disco



Reception Welcome Meeting

WEDNESDAY 11th JUNE

AT 5.00PM



Nursery Welcome Meeting

WEDNESDAY 18th JUNE

AT 5.00PM

SCHOOL GATES

(ERMINE SIDE AND MAIN AVENUE)

NEW OPENING TIMES FROM 3rd JUNE

Drop-off in the mornings

approximately 8.25am for both gates

Pick-up in the afternoons

approximately 3.10pm for both gates



SPORTS DAY!



Years 1 to 6—Friday 27th June

(Whole school closed)

At Lee Valley Athletics Centre

Pearl Nursery & Reception - Tuesday 1st July

At Bush Hill Park Primary School



Friday 27th June

Years 1 to 6

Bush Hill Park Sports Day is almost upon us and this year we are very excited to be hosting our celebration of sport once again at Lee Valley Athletics Centre on **Friday 27th June**. On this **day** the school will be **CLOSED** and all children from Years 1 to 6 will be taking part and must attend. (**Nursery and Reception classes will also be closed on this day**, they will be having their own sports festival on Tuesday 1st July—see next page for more details)

On this day we require parents and carers to bring their children directly to the Athletics Centre, 61 Meridian Way, Edmonton N9 0AR. **Children must arrive by 9.00am**. The Centre can be reached by the W8, 192 or 191 buses. There is also plenty of parking available at the centre. Children should arrive in school PE kits, consisting of white T-shirts, green or black shorts and/or tracksuit bottoms. Children should also wear trainers. The event is indoors and we are pleased that we are able to use all of the facilities including the running track. Children also need to bring a healthy packed lunch with them and an extra bottle of water, or if required will be provided with a FSM packed lunch, consisting of a sandwich, cake and a piece of fruit (**please ensure you provide a drink as no drinks are included**).

Parental support means so much to us and it would be absolutely brilliant if as many parents and carers are able to stay and support not only their child, but the school and community as a whole. Come along, bring a picnic and join in the fun! There will be a parent's race too, so please come suitably dressed if you wish to take part.

The event will finish at 2.30pm and children will need to be collected promptly at this time from the Athletics Centre. We hope that this event will be a day to remember and we thank you for your continued support.



EYFS SPORTS FESTIVAL

TUESDAY 1ST JULY



We wish to inform you that on Friday 27th June both Nursery Classes and Reception will be closed.

This is due to the fact that the rest of the school will be taking part in sports day at Lee Valley Athletics Centre. We apologise for any inconvenience, however if you have older children taking part, you may wish to come along to the Athletics Centre and be part of this exciting event.

The EYFS will be holding its own Sports Festival on **Tuesday 1st July** for:

Pearl, Ruby and Scarlet Classes

The festival will start at 9.30am and finish at 12.30pm.

8.30am: Drop off

9.30am - 11.30am: Sports

11.30am - 12.30pm: Picnic

THERE WILL BE NO PM NURSERY AS ALL CHILDREN ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND IN THE AM. Reception and full-time nursery children will be able to go home following the picnic or continue the school day until their usual time.

There will be a circuit of activities for the children to take part in with regular rest and drink breaks.

Children must wear their active school uniform consisting of a polo shirt and tracksuit bottoms or shorts. Please apply sun cream to your child and send them with a sun hat. They **MUST** wear trainers or plimsolls.

At 11.30am there will be a picnic on the field. If your child does not usually have lunch at school, please ensure you send your child in with a packed lunch. Their lunch must be a healthy packed lunch which cannot contain chocolates, crisps or nut products.

All parents/carers are invited to stay and join in with the fun! Please come appropriately dressed to take part and bring a packed lunch to enjoy at the picnic. You are more than welcome to arrive at any point during both the Sports and the Picnic; whichever is more convenient. We hope to see you all there.

We are incredibly proud to share that over 200 of our children have been awarded their Blue Peter reading badges as part of a recent whole-school initiative celebrating our love of reading. Open to all children aged 5 and over, the Blue Peter badge scheme is a wonderful way to reward children for their interests and achievements. The reading badge, designed by children's author and illustrator Quentin Blake, is awarded to children who share their enthusiasm for books and reading by writing a letter to Blue Peter about their favourite book, author or series. At our school, reading is a source of great pride, and we are thrilled to support our children in becoming passionate, lifelong readers. Our children were so excited to get the chance to apply for their badges and have been proudly wearing them each day! It's not too late to apply! If your child hasn't yet applied for their badge, you can set up a profile and submit an application online using the following link: <https://mybluepeter.bbcstudios.com/#/> If your child has already received a letter confirming they've earned their badge, don't forget to register and create a profile for their official Blue Peter membership card. This card gives them access to free attractions across the UK and unlocks the chance to apply for and collect even more badges from the Blue Peter collection!



AMELIA FROM JADE CLASS

Reading is one of the most important skills your child will ever learn. It opens the door to learning in every subject, builds confidence, and helps children make sense of the world around them. Reading regularly supports language development, strengthens memory and focus, and sparks imagination and creativity. Most importantly, children who enjoy reading are more likely to succeed, not only in school, but in life. By encouraging your child to not only read, but to enjoy reading you're giving them a lifelong gift.



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE REMINDER—Re: Leave of Absence

Reminder to our Parents/Carers of our Policy concerning leave during term time:

In line with the local government's new policy, all schools must send out this letter.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of our expectations for attendance in the new academic year. At Bush Hill Park, we strive to ensure that all students continue a structured timetable to support the next stage in their academic and social development. We believe this supports their learning and attainment, giving them the best opportunity to achieve their full potential.

Bush Hill Park will not normally authorise any leave of absence, taken between 1 September 2024 and 22 July 2025 unless there are exceptional circumstances. If your child is absent from school without approval during this academic year you may be liable for a Penalty Notice. This will be applied for by the school and issued by the Local Authority.

The Penalty Notice fine is issued per parent per child. The first penalty notice issued will be charged at £160 if paid within 28 days of the date shown on the Penalty Notice. This will be reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days (this includes weekends).

If a second penalty notice is issued to the same parent in respect of the same child, the charge will be at a flat rate of £160 if paid within 28 days.

The Local Authority does not accept late, or part payments and no reminders will be sent. If a penalty notice issued is not paid within the time limits (as shown above), the Local Authority may make the decision to refer the matter to the Magistrates court for prosecution under the Education Act 1996 for the original offence of failing to ensure your child attends school regularly.

Should you fail to request or seek approval for any leave of absence, and/or fail to provide evidence (if requested) to support the absence, a penalty notice may be issued without further notice.

If you would like to discuss this matter please contact Mrs Collier, School Attendance Officer.



Attendance Matters



Term Dates 2025 - 2026

AUTUMN TERM 2025
INSET DAYS Monday 1 st September Tuesday 2 nd September
School starts Wednesday 3 rd September
HALF TERM 27 th - 31 st October
INSET DAY Monday 3 rd November
Term ends Thursday 18 th December
INSET DAY Friday 19 th December

SPRING TERM 2026
School starts Monday 5 th January
Half Term 16 th - 20 th February
Term ends Friday 27 th March

SUMMER TERM 2026
School starts Monday 13 th April
May Bank Holiday Monday 4 th May
Half Term 25 th - 29 th May
School Starts Monday 1 st June
Whole School Sports Day TBC
Term ends Friday 17 th July

WELLBEING WORKSHOPS 2025 - FRIDAY, 10 AM - 11:30 AM

-  **Understanding Mental Health & Wellbeing** **MAY 09**
-  **Perinatal Mental Health: What You Need to Know** **MAY 23**
-  **Partner & Family Support in Mental Wellbeing** **JUNE 06**
-  **Healthy Relationships** **JUNE 20**
-  **Everyday Life Stressors & Feeling Safe** **JULY 04**
-  **Self-Compassion / Self esteem** **JULY 18**
-  **Online - The Role of Sleep in Mental Health** **AUG 01**

www.mindeb.org.uk | 020 8906 7506 |

perinatalcoaching@mindeb.org.uk





Ponders End Family Hub

129 South St, Ponders End, Enfield EN3 4PX

WELLBEING WORKSHOPS 2025 – FRIDAY, 10 AM – 11:30 AM

-  **Understanding Mental Health & Wellbeing** **MAY 02**
-  **Perinatal Mental Health: What You Need to Know** **MAY 16**
-  **Partner & Family Support in Mental Wellbeing** **JUNE 13**
-  **Healthy Relationships** **JUNE 27**
-  **Everyday Life Stressors & Feeling Safe** **JULY 11**
-  **Online – Self-Compassion / Self esteem** **JULY 25**
-  **Online – The Role of Sleep in Mental Health** **AUG 01**

www.mindeb.org.uk | 020 8906 7506 |
perinatalcoaching@mindeb.org.uk



Online
Course

strengthening families strengthening communities

Want to get some new ideas to help
you be the best parent you can be?
Enhance your relationship with your children?
Learning at a time that suits you?



6 online
sessions



6 group
discussions



Certificate on
completion

What to expect...

- Information on strategies and child development.
- Hear from other parents.
- Worksheets and hand-outs.
- Videos, quizzes and fun activities.
- Do sessions at a time that works for you.
- Expert help from a real person each week.
- Choose a course that suits your child's age.

Topics covered...

- Healthy relationships.
- Understanding and managing behaviour.
- Enhancing children's self-esteem.
- Emotions and empathy.
- What to expect for the age of your child.
- Being part of a community.

Group discussion...

1. Speak to a course expert and get answers to any questions you might have.
2. Talk about how the strategies are going at home and how to adjust them for you.
3. Address other difficulties relating to parenting.
4. Hear from others about what works for them.





The Circle of Security Parenting

At times all parents feel lost or without a clue about what our child might need from us. Imagine what it might feel like if you were able to make sense of what your child was really asking from you.

Circle of Security Parenting is an 8-week evidence-based, relationship-focused programme. It is a reflective programme that helps caregivers focus on the quality of the relationship with their child, not just their behaviours. Participants attend a 2-hour group session once per week for 8 weeks.

Aims of the Programme:

- Help parents/Caregivers understand & respond sensitively to their children's needs
- Increase parents/Caregivers' reflective & empathic responses
- Enhance parent-child relationship
- Improve young children's developing self-esteem
- Support parents/Caregivers to be confident

Who is it for? Parents/Caregivers of children ages 4 months to 5 years old

When? Fridays, 23 May - 18 July 2025

Where? Ponders End Youth & Family Hub, 141 South Street, Enfield, EN3 4PX

Time? 10am – 12 noon

How to book? [Circle of Security Referral](#)

Or Scan QR Code



Contact Information: parentingprogrammes@enfield.gov.uk

www.enfieldparentingdirectory.co.uk

Watch out in water

"This has highlighted the dangers posed when a child is left unsupervised for a short period of time and even in the shallowest of water."

Coroner's report, bath seat drowning of 7-month-old



Drowning happens silently. A drowning child can't speak or control their arms. They slip quietly under the water. It's only in the movies they splash about and cry for help. It's a scary thought.

But once you understand how and where drowning happens, there are things you can do to prevent it.



Find out how you can **keep your child safe**



enfield.gov.uk/woiw

Online
Course

Stronger Relationships

For parents and other adult carers living together or apart



- Do you want to get some new ideas to help you be an even better parent?
- Would you like to reduce the arguments and disagreements in your family and cope better with stress?
- Would you like to enhance your relationship with your current partner, or improve communication with your ex or the other people helping to raise your children?
- How about learning at a time that suits you?



6 online sessions



6 group discussions



Certificate on completion

What to expect...

- Information on strategies to identify and reduce arguments.
- Hear from other parents and carers.
- Downloadable worksheets and hand-outs.
- Videos, quizzes and interactive activities.
- Do sessions at a time that works for you.
- Weekly support from our course experts.

Topics covered...

- Healthy adult relationships.
- Identifying and managing disagreements.
- Understanding how conflict affects your children.
- Enhancing parent-child relationships.
- Managing stress, anger and emotions.
- Strategies to resolve conflict and create a parenting agreement

Group discussion...

1. Speak to a course expert and get answers to some of the questions you might have
2. Talk about how the strategies are going at home.
3. Address other difficulties relating to your relationships.
4. Hear from others about what works for them.

