

# NEWSLETTER

March 2024



**RETURN TO SCHOOL MONDAY 15TH APRIL**

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

This half term has definitely flown by. It has been a term filled with remarkable achievements and unforgettable moments. I am filled with an overwhelming sense of pride and gratitude for the incredible journey we have shared together. It is with great pleasure that I reflect on the accomplishments and experiences that have shaped our school community over the past few months.

Our term kicked off with the awe-inspiring experience of our choir's visit to the O2 Arena, where they joined voices with students from across the country in a breath-taking concert headlined by MC Grammar. It was a moment of unity, reminding us of the power of music to bring people together.

World Book Day brought us the extraordinary opportunity to delve into the realms of imagination with the renowned author AF Steadman and her Skandar chronicles. Through the magic of storytelling, our students were transported to far off lands and embarked on unforgettable adventures, fostering a love of reading.

Our sports teams demonstrated outstanding skill and sportsmanship, leaving their mark on the local sporting fixtures. The Girls Team's triumph in the local football league is a testament to their perseverance and teamwork embodying the spirit of resilience that defines our school.

We also had the pleasure of welcoming back some familiar faces during work experience week, as our former pupils from Kingsmead returned to share their knowledge and expertise with the next generation. Their journeys serve us a reminder that the bonds forged within our school community will always be a home for them.

Our Science Week was a true highlight, with the enchanting visit of the 'Nite' owls captivating inquisitiveness of our young scientists. Witnessing the wonder and curiosity in their eyes reaffirmed the importance of hands-on learning experiences that ignite a passion for discovery and exploration.

We rounded off the term with a burst of creative energy at our annual dance festival. Our talented students showcased their passion and dedication on the stage. The performance was outstanding and a testament to the hard work and commitment of our dancers, leaving the audience inspired and moved.

Thank you all for your continued support and dedication. It really is a privilege to lead such an extraordinary school community, I feel grateful for the opportunity to witness the remarkable growth and achievements of our pupils each and every day.

Wishing you all an enjoyable and restful break, with quality time spent with family and friends. See you all back on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 8:35am.

**Anna Theodosiou**

## Term Dates



### Easter Holidays

29th March to 12th April

### SUMMER TERM 1

### Return to School

Monday 15th April

### May Day Bank Holiday

Monday 6th May

### Last day of Term

Thursday 23rd May at 3.15pm

### Inset Day—school closed

Friday 24th May

### Half Term

27th to 31st May

### Return to School

Monday 3rd June

### Sports Day

Friday 21st June

### Last day of Term

Wednesday 24th July at  
1.30pm

### Nursery—Last day of Term

Tuesday 23rd July



## **MyGym London is now open!!**

Dear Parents and Carers

We're happy to announce the official launch of [www.mygymlondon.co.uk](http://www.mygymlondon.co.uk) where you can now register online and book a membership to suit you.

Following your feedback over the last couple of weeks, we can now offer you 'Open Gym' time slots to use the gym, in addition to booking an exercise class, or personal training sessions.

### **MONTHLY SUBSCRIPTION**

- ♦ **To become a member, go to -** [Membership offers | MyGymLondon](#)
- ♦ Select a plan that suits you - Exercise Class Only plan or Gym and Exercise Class plan.
- ♦ Sign up with your email.
- ♦ At the check-out, use your welcome discount offer, which is available for a limited period, and can be used on a membership plan of your choice

### **WELCOMEMGL22**

- ♦ Once complete, you can book Open Gym access or Classes (depending on your membership).

### **PAY AS YOU GO - classes only**

**To purchase the Exercise Classes only option, go to -** [Classes | MyGymLondon](#)

- ✦ Select a class
- ✦ Click Book
- ✦ Sign up with your email.
- ✦ You can add more classes to your cart.
- ✦ Complete your purchase.

**You can also book a Free Personal Training Consultation on the following page -**  
[Personal Training | MyGymLondon](#)

On registration, have a recent head and shoulders photo of yourself ready to upload. Once registered, complete an Exercise Consent Form, which must be completed before you attend a booked class or session, and then you're ready to go!

If you have any questions, please email us at [info@mygymlondon.co.uk](mailto:info@mygymlondon.co.uk)

Best wishes  
MyGym London

# Poets' Corner

## A poem by Arlyana (Platinum Class)



In Bush Hill Park, where children play  
At the school where dreams take flight each day.  
Laughter echoes in the halls,  
As learning songs enchants the walls.  
Primary colours paint the scene,  
Where friendships bloom, forever keen.  
In classrooms filled with wonders, spark  
At Bush Hill Park, where dreams embark.  
Teachers guide with gentle care,  
Nurturing minds, beyond compare.  
In every lesson, a chance to grow,  
At Bush Hill Park, where knowledge flows.  
From morning bell to evening's hush,  
In corridors where memories rush.  
Each child's journey, a story told,  
In Bush Hill Park, hearts unfold.  
So here's to the school where futures start,  
To Bush Hill Park's beating heart.  
Where every child finds their voice,  
In this beloved place, we rejoice!

## A poem by Iqra (Platinum Class)

### THE AMAZING MISS PAULA

No matter what gender, girl or boy,  
You still heal us with plenty of joy  
Providing us with all we need,  
If you're not here, then we won't succeed  
You are amazing, just the way you are,  
I always think about you, even when you're  
far.  
You are the teacher who always inspires me,  
You are the teacher I always want to see!





# Important Dates and INFORMATION

## **AMETHYST CLASS SWIMMING LESSONS**



We are delighted to inform you that after Easter, the children in Amethyst Class will take part in the London Borough of Enfield School Swimming Programme, which is part of the National Curriculum. They will attend a programme for 10 weeks with 45 minutes in the water each session and will be taught by a team of fully qualified professional swimming instructors.

**Amethyst Class will begin lessons after the Easter break with the first lesson taking place on Thursday 18th April.** Please see letters sent home.



## **REMINDER that the school day begins....**

...with a soft start at 8.35am.

Registers will be taken at 8.45am—if your child arrives after 8.45am they will be marked as late.

**ALL CHILDREN MUST BE IN SCHOOL IN TIME FOR REGISTRATION**

The school day ends at 3.15pm

For health and safety reasons, please **DO NOT** allow children to play on the Jungle Gym equipment, before and after school times. Thank you for your cooperation.

## **School Contact Details**

School Office Tel No. 0208 366 0521

General enquiries please email:  
**admin@bushhillpark.enfield.sch.uk**

Queries or changes to extra nursery hours or wraparound please email:  
**wrap@bushhillpark.enfield.sch.uk**

## **YR6 TRIP TO TOLMERS 25th to 27th JUNE**

If your child has signed up to take part in the Year 6 Residential trip and you are following the suggested payment plan, please be reminded to make regular instalments at the end of each month. Please also be aware that the full amount must be paid before the trip takes place. For those who have not yet signed up, there are still places available. Please ask at the office for more details.

## **AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS CLUBS—SPACES STILL AVAILABLE!**

Sign up to Tag Rugby, Athletics, Multi-skills or Street Dance.

Please enquire at the school office for more details.



On **Friday 21st June** Bush Hill Park Sports Day will be taking place at Lee Valley Athletics Centre. On this day school will be **CLOSED** as all children from Reception to Year 6 will be taking part. The Nursery will be closed on this day as they will be having their own sports day at a later date. Children should arrive at the stadium by 9.00am in PE kits. The day will finish at 2.30pm. Parents are welcome to stay and watch and join in the fun!. Further details to follow shortly.

## **Office Hours**

Our School Office hours are 8am to 1.30pm, and 2pm to 4pm. The office will be closed between 1.30pm—2pm every day. If you need to collect or return a child for an appointment, please make sure that this takes place outside of this time. Any calls will be diverted to an answerphone and will be responded as soon as possible.

# THE GALLERY



Reception children making characters on biscuits for World Book Day



Ruby Class preparing for World Book day with silent reading!

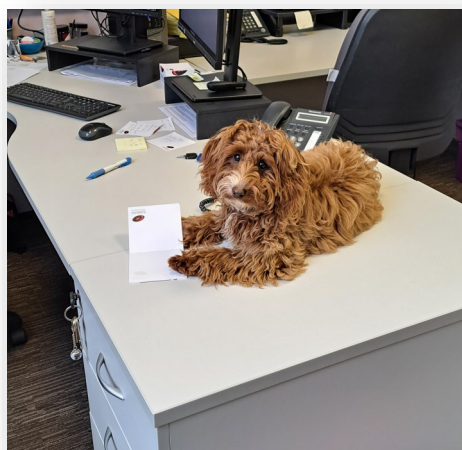


Well done to our performers whose dance was **OUTSTANDING** at this year's Enfield Schools Dance Festival ...you were all amazing!



Children from Opal Class have been having some Easter fun with colourful eggs. They had to find the correct sized and colour egg to make it a 'whole' and count how many scoops of rice it took to fill the centre.

Winnie...new member of the Admin Team!







# KIDS EASTER ACTIVITY CAMP



**BUSH HILL PARK  
PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
MAIN AVENUE, EN1 1DS

## PRICES

**Week Price: £80**

**Day Price: £21**

## DATES

TUESDAY 2nd –  
FRIDAY 5th APRIL

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## CAMP DAY

9.30am– 3.30pm  
DAILY

**BOOK NOW**



**CONTACT US**  
[info@hescic.co.uk](mailto:info@hescic.co.uk)

## Healthy Packed Lunches

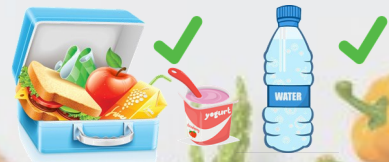
We understand that children sometimes like something sweet, so we need your help to encourage them to make healthy food choices so they can be the best they can be!

The following foods should NOT be included in their packed lunches:



Here are some ideas of what a healthy balanced packed lunch should contain:

- 1) A portion of bread (or similar), rice, potatoes or pasta.
- 2) Plenty of fruit and vegetables.
- 3) A portion of dairy or a calcium rich alternative.
- 4) Some protein in the form of beans, pulses, fish, egg, meat.
- 5) A healthy drink.



# ARTeach

## PIANO BUDDIES GROUP PIANO LESSONS

Learning a new skill together is fun and rewarding. Let's make it happen!

Group Lessons are social  
Students immediately learn to play in front of others  
Playing in a group is more fun than playing alone  
Listening to each other builds Aural Skills

**For All Year Groups (1-6) & Reception (Age 5+)**

- MUSIC THEORY included
- Grade Exam preparation\_ABRSM-TRINITY (on demand)
- Small groups:  
10-12 students (Late Beginner Class)  
8-10 students (Totally Beginner Class)

**TUESDAYS 3.30-4.30**  
23rd April - 2nd July (10 lessons)  
**Total Cost: £175**  
To book, email  
[bookings@arteach.co.uk](mailto:bookings@arteach.co.uk),  
quote course code BUSHPB,  
and provide a phone number



## COMMUNITY LITTER PICKS 2024

Bush Hill Park, Lincoln Road, EN1 1PS

Between 10.00 and 12.00 on the following Sundays  
3 March 31 March 28 April 26 May  
23 June 21 July 18 August  
15 September 13 October 10 November 8 December

Meet at the hut opposite the outdoor gym

- Litter pickers and sacks provided
- Disposable gloves and hand sanitiser available on request
- Refreshments provided for all participants

Everyone welcome and thank you for helping  
to keep the park looking clean and tidy







# 2024 PRICE LIST

WWW.SMITHSSCHOOLWEAR.CO.UK

## DAYWEAR



## PE KIT & ACCESSORIES



**Bush Hill Park Sweatshirt**  
40% Recycled Fabric  
From £12.50



**Bush Hill Park Cardigan**  
40% Recycled Fabric  
From £13.50



**White PE T-Shirt**  
Reception - Year 6  
From £4.50



**Bottle Striped Shorts**  
100% Polyester  
From £4.50



**Bottle Cotton Shorts**  
Plain Bottle  
£6.50



**Bush Hill Park Polo Shirt**  
Easy-Iron  
From £7.95



**Bush Hill Park Fleece**  
Fleeced Outerwear  
£16.00



**Gingham Summer Dress**  
Seasonal Dress  
From £13.50



**Bottle Sweatshirt**  
Plain Green  
From £10.95



**Bottle Jogging Bottoms**  
Plain Green  
£3.95



**Grey Skirt**  
65% Polyester/ 35% Viscose  
From £12.95



**Grey Pinafore**  
65% Polyester/ 35% Viscose  
From £14.95



**Grey Trousers**  
65% Polyester/ 35% Viscose  
From £12.95



**Black StormDri Jacket**  
Waterproof  
From £26.00



**Stikins**  
Write On, Peel Off, Stick In!  
£11.50



**Zeco Ankle Socks (5 Pack)**  
Cotton Rich with Lycra  
£7.95



**Zeco Cotton Rich Tights**  
2 Pack  
From £10.50

All children are expected to wear uniform as this builds a positive identity towards the school and learning. School uniform is smart and is practical for daily activities. We want our children to be recognised in the wider community and to be proud of wearing the Bush Hill Park School uniform.

Our uniform is not expensive and we look to parents to support our policy. If you have difficulties with purchasing school uniform please speak to our welfare manager or parent support advisor.





The global bestseller A.F. Steadman visited us on World Book Day and our pupils were so excited! After the long line of book signings, there was still time for a chat with pupils & staff to give advice and encouragement to some of our aspiring writers! They can't wait for the thrilling third instalment of the Skandar series!





Dear Parents and Carers of children in Years 5 & 6.

We have been given another opportunity to provide free Bikeability training for up to 24 children in Years 5&6. The date for this will now be:

**7th to 10th May 2024**

This safe, structured and standardised programme is designed to make your child a more competent cyclist and prepare them for eventually cycling on road.

In order to secure your child's place on this course, please make sure you read the information below and **ask for a consent form from the school office**. Please see above which Bikeability level your child is offered. Training will be carried out by Cycle Confident, the borough's cycle training provider, and will be delivered by 2 fully accredited National Standards cycling instructors with enhanced DBS checks.

The following information is provided by Cycle Confident and aims to answer any questions you may have.

**Bikeability is the nationally recognised cycle training programme.**

It's about acquiring the practical skills to cycle safely and with confidence on today's roads.

For children to participate in school Bikeability training, they must have basic riding skills (without stabilisers). Free individual training may also be available in your area and is a great way to get your child riding prior to the course commencing, so they can then participate. Check the Cycle Confident website at [www.cycleconfident.com](http://www.cycleconfident.com) for details.

**What does my child need to take part in Bikeability?**

Your child will need a bike which is in a roadworthy condition, the right size for them, have pumped up tyres and two working brakes. Instructors will show children how to check their bikes at the start of the first session and will ensure that your child's bike is safe for training purposes. BMX bikes are permitted in most circumstances so long as the bike has working brakes, and has not been adapted to the extent that it is no longer suitable for use on the road. The instructors will have the final say on whether your child's bike is safe for them to complete the training on but allowances will be made wherever possible.

**What if my child does not have a bike?**

Cycle Confident may be able to arrange for your child to borrow a bike for the training. Please check this with your school.







Thank you everyone for a great week.  
96% Attendance overall!

**Top Classes:**

**KS1: Primrose – 98% Well Done!**

**KS2: Bronze – 100% Amazing!**

Well done to the following children for winning prizes for 100% attendance.

*Ellie (Ruby Class)*

*Imran (Scarlet Class)*

*Gwen (Indigo Class)*

*Arlu (Sapphire Class)*

*Ava (Marigold Class)*

*Jason (Primrose Class)*

*Gabi (Jade Class)*

*Fabio (Emerald Class)*

*Shamsa (Peach Class)*

*Emirhan (Apricot Class)*

*Jesse (Amethyst Class)*

*Berkin (Purple Class)*

*Iqra (Platinum Class)*

*Atoosa (Bronze Class)*



You may have seen in the media...

# ALL SCHOOLS ARE FACING BUDGET CUTS

The school receives extra money for Free School Meal pupils so that we can buy extra resources.

There is one way which  
you can help us:

All children in Reception, Year 1  
and Year 2 are entitled to a  
healthy cooked school lunch at  
**NO COST TO YOU!**

## 1. Register your child for Free School Meals

You may be eligible to claim free school meals for  
your child if you claim the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (but not entitled to Working Tax Credit and whose annual income does not exceed £16,190)
- Support under part VI of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999
- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400)
- Guarantee element of State Pension



**Free  
school  
meals**  
are you entitled?

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FUELLING OUR NEXT GREAT MINDS



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## BUSH HILL PARK FOOD BANK

REMEMBER...if you require any support **AT ANY TIME** or if you  
know of someone who does, please do not hesitate to contact

Sophie Smart on [s.smart@bushhillpark.enfield.sch.uk](mailto:s.smart@bushhillpark.enfield.sch.uk)



<b>AUTUMN TERM 2023</b>
<b>INSET DAY</b> Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> September
<b>School starts</b> Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September
<b>HALF TERM</b> 23 <sup>rd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>INSET DAY</b> Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>Term ends</b> Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>INSET DAY</b> Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December

<b>SPRING TERM 2024</b>
<b>INSET DAY</b> Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January
<b>School starts</b> Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January
<b>Half Term</b> 12 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>Term ends</b> Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March

<b>SUMMER TERM 2024</b>
<b>School starts</b> Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>May Bank Holiday</b> Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>INSET DAY</b> Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>Half Term</b> 27 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> May
<b>Whole School Sports Day</b> Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June
<b>Term ends</b> Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July

## Term Dates 2024 - 2025

<b>AUTUMN TERM 2024</b>
<b>INSET DAYS</b> Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September
<b>School starts</b> Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September
<b>HALF TERM</b> 28 <sup>th</sup> October – 1 <sup>st</sup> November
<b>INSET DAY</b> Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November
<b>Term ends</b> Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>INSET DAY</b> Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December

<b>SPRING TERM 2025</b>
<b>School starts</b> Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January
<b>Half Term</b> 17 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> February
<b>Term ends</b> Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April

<b>SUMMER TERM 2025</b>
<b>School starts</b> Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April
<b>May Bank Holiday</b> Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>Half Term</b> 26 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>INSET DAY</b> Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June
<b>School Starts</b> Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June
<b>Whole School Sports Day</b> TBA
<b>Term ends</b> Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July



# Hop into our Easter Eggstravaganza

Make the most of the bank holiday weekend at Capel Manor Gardens.

Children can explore our Gardens as they complete our Easter adventure. Along the way, you can visit highlights including our mini zoo, the holly maze and picturesque Walled Garden.

There will also be a number of other egg-citing activities taking place included with your entry ticket.



Activities to enjoy include:

- ✓ Entertainment throughout the day
- ✓ Meet the Easter Bunny
- ✓ Easter crafts and activity trails
- ✓ Animal talks, handling and petting in our mini zoo
- ✓ Fun hop around area

You can also enjoy the following extras not included with your admission ticket\*:

- ✓ Face painting
- ✓ Bouncy castle
- ✓ Hot food stalls
- ✓ Refreshments from our Café

Capel Manor  
Gardens

# FORTY HALL EASTER EGG HUNT

FROM THE 6TH TO 10TH APRIL 2023

Between 11am and 3.30pm

**FORTY HALL, FORTY HILL, ENFIELD. EN2 9HA**

We suggest you book your tickets online as there only are a few available at the door on the day.

Ready for our Easter Egg Trail?

Before you start, you'll receive a trail sheet and pencil to help you with your quest.

Can you find all the eggs and guess the final word? Do you have what it takes?  
Only one way to find out!

Suitable for children 3 - 9 years

**£3.50 PER CHILD**

A certificate and a sweet surprise at the end baked by Tiny Treats.  
For more info don't hesitate to contact us!



**BLANCO  
EASTER CAMP**

VARIETY OF  
INFLATABLES  
AVAILABLE  
ALL WEEK

RUNNING FOR TWO WEEKS  
FROM 2ND - 12TH APRIL

**OTHER ACTIVITIES WE WILL BE RUNNING DAILY:**  
CAMOUFLAGE, RED LIGHT GREEN LIGHT, CRAZY TAXI, GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY, DODGEBALL, HOCKEY, BASKETBALL, SWITCH, FOXES & RABBITS, ACROSS THE RIVER, BEAN BAG THROW, MUSICAL STATUES & CHAIRS, CAPTURE THE FLAG, ARCHERY, BENCH BALL, 4 CORNERS, PARACHUTE WARS, SPONGE THROW AT COACH, CHESS & MATCH THE SWITCH

ARTS & CRAFTS  
STATION  
AVAILABLE ALL  
WEEK

**HOURS:**  
FULL DAY ONLY FROM  
8:30AM - 4:30PM

**LOCATION:**  
HIGHLANDS SCHOOL,  
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**PALACE  
SHOPPING  
ENFIELD**

## Spring Fun

**Date:** Tuesday 2 April

**Time:** 11am - 3pm

Join us for some spring fun on 2 April. Meet Creature Encounters' glorious creation Hettie the Highland cow and her companion Farmer Giles. She will be joined by woolly sisters Heidi and Henrietta Herdwick and a pram full of lambs. Spot Bob and Gerry (a giant butterfly and gerbera) who have escaped the greenhouse to offer gardening tips.

Bread and Butter's gardeners Pete and Ged Moss will perform two comedy shows in M&S square at 11am and 2pm.

Free Arts and crafts workshop for children too.

**EDMONTON  
GREEN**



FRIENDS OF  
**BURY  
LODGE  
PARK**  
SOCIETY

## Easter Egg Hunt & Family Fun



Bury Lodge Park

Bury Street West  
N9 9LA

**On Sunday 31 March 2024**

**Gates Open at 11.00 AM**

Please come early - limited numbers

**£5 per child**