Muswell Hill Primary School
Academic Year 2026-2027
Newsletter No.3
2 October 2026

Autumn is certainly on its way, although the weather has remained kind to us. Year 6 had a wonderful residential trip to the Isle of Wight this week, while Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have enjoyed the refurbished upper playground. Thank you to everyone who supported the school and the PSA in funding the work. You can read more about both highlights below.

School emails

We are still experiencing problems with school emails being filtered into parents' junk or spam folders. LGfL, our email provider, is working to resolve an issue affecting several schools, but it may take a few more weeks.

- **Please check your junk or spam folder regularly for messages from the school office, year groups and SENCO.**
- **If possible, please share this reminder in each class WhatsApp group so that all families are aware.**

Year 6 Isle of Wight residential

Year 6 enjoyed their residential trip this week. It was a fantastic opportunity to strengthen friendships through shared fun, teamwork and new challenges. Congratulations to every child who stepped outside their comfort zone and tried something different—they had a brilliant time.

Muriel told parents and carers: "We have been so impressed with this year group. Their behaviour has been impeccable, and they have approached every challenge, activity and adventure with great enthusiasm. A huge thank-you to the incredible staff team, who worked day and night to make this the best possible experience for every child."

Families can enjoy a glimpse of the week at the Year 6 sharing assembly **on Friday 16 October at 9.05am**.



A very special mention must also go to Annette, as the trip marked her final week at MHPS. For more than two decades, she has been at the heart of the Year 6 residential, creating many of the traditions and experiences that make the trip so memorable. She was the "Year 6 Queen" long before she became Office Manager.

Annette

An angel behind the scenes, caring for all,
Never missing a detail, she knows Year 6 through and through,
Every PGL adventure has a little bit of Annette in it too,
The Year 6 Queen, with traditions she helped create,
Taking one final adventure before closing the gate,
Every child has felt her magic this week – what a wonderful way to celebrate!



Final call: Annette and Graham's retirement

As Graham and Annette close in on their final half-term with us, we invite the whole school community to help celebrate their retirement.

Use the link below to leave a message of thanks, share a favourite memory or contribute to a retirement gift. The collection will remain open until **10 October 2026**.

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

Refurbished KS1 playground







The main works are now complete. The remaining tasks are to add planters along the bank and finish the lower path once the local authority has repaired the wall. We are delighted with the transformation, and the SPS team has been a pleasure to work with, consistently going above and beyond to solve challenges.

Thank you again to everyone who has contributed, including through the summer fair and additional donations. Further contributions are still welcome through our JustGiving page.

Shout-outs!

A huge thanks Julia & Annabelle's mum Siobhan, for her care and generosity in keeping our planters and containers so bright and blooming!





To Soraya and Kayhan from Year 3, for organising their own plant and second-hand sale to raise funds for the new playground. We are so proud and grateful to you! Community spirited through and through!



Health, safety and safeguarding reminders

1. Muswell Hill Primary School is a smart phone free school

In line with the Muswell Hill and Highgate network of schools, **smartphones and smartwatches must not be brought into school**. In Years 5 and 6, children who walk home independently may bring a **non-smart phone** for use on the journey. These phones must be left in the school office during the day and collected at home time.

The school cannot accept responsibility for loss, damage or costs arising from a child bringing a phone to school. The full mobile phone policy is available on the school website.

In line with the 2026 statutory guidance on keeping children safe in education, a polite reminder to not use mobile phones on the school grounds or inside the building. We will review our consent forms for photography and video in the coming weeks. The updated safeguarding policy is available on the school website.

2. Food and snack reminders



As noted in the previous newsletter, schools are implementing Benedict's Law and related statutory guidance to strengthen protection for children at risk of serious allergic reactions.

We carefully support children with allergies and assess potential risks. However, more children have recently been eating on school premises or bringing snacks that do not follow our healthy-school policy. Please help us reduce allergy risks by following these two rules:

- **Not feeding children at collection time on the school premises.** Please wait until you have left the school premises before giving your child food, as we are unable to control the contact children will have with different foods. There are always a significant number of children gathered at collection time so it would be helpful to wait until you are away from the crowds directly outside school before feeding your child.

- **Only send in fruit snacks for your child** for break time and for after school clubs. Please note that children up to Y2 have fruit provided by the school for a mid-morning snack.

All the staff and community at Muswell Hill appreciate your cooperation and support in keeping every child safe by minimising the risks of any serious allergic reactions.

PSA dates for your diary

Friday 9 October – Year 5 Bake Sale – after school in the playgrounds

Come and buy some goodies after school to help raise funds at the first of our regular Bake Sales.

Friday 16 October – PSA Annual General Meeting – 2.00pm online

There will be a short online AGM which is a prerequisite for the PSA on a yearly basis – members of the committee will be elected.

Tuesday 3 November – PSA Fireworks Night

Timings to be confirmed.

Friday 13 November – Year 6 Bake Sale – after school in the playgrounds

Come and buy some goodies after school to help raise funds at the first of our regular Bake Sales.

Support the school with easyfundraising—it's free

1. Download the easyfundraising app and choose the PSA as your charity.
2. If you use a web browser, add the easyfundraising extension when prompted.
3. On Safari for iPhone, open the extensions menu and make sure easyfundraising is enabled.

When you shop with a participating retailer, the retailer donates a percentage of your purchase to your chosen charity at no extra cost to you. More than 7,000 shops take part, making this a simple way to support the school.

Follow this link to get started!
https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=112381&invite=KXI5LW&referral-campaign=c2s&utm_source=easyfundraising-app&utm_medium=referral&utm_content=share-tray

Thank you so much.

Term dates: academic year 2026–27

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

Autumn term dates and events

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

Dates highlighted in yellow have been amended or added here

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

Friday 9 October – Year 5 Bake Sale – after school in the playgrounds
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

Tuesday 20 October – Individual in-person parent consultations, 3.40–6.30pm. Please note that teachers are generally available for two of these dates; exact dates for each teacher are yet to be confirmed. This will not include Year 6, as they have already had consultations.

Wednesday 21 October – Individual in-person parent consultations, 3.40–6.30pm. Please note that teachers are generally available for two of these dates; exact dates for each teacher are yet to be confirmed. This will not include Year 6, as they have already had consultations.

Thursday 22 October – Individual in-person parent consultations, 3.40–6.30pm. Please note that teachers are generally available for two of these dates; exact dates for each teacher are yet to be confirmed. This will not include Year 6, as they have already had consultations.

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

Friday 13 November – Year 6 Bake Sale – after school in the playgrounds

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/