Muswell Hill Primary School
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GOLD – RIGHTS RESPECTING

A brief one this week!

A huge thank you to all our Year 6 parents and carers who turned out in their droves to hear and see their children regale them with tales of their residential trip to the Isle of Wight!

The children gave a fantastic performance, and it was wonderful to see them sharing their experiences with such enthusiasm. The team were also delighted to hear your lovely feedback and words of gratitude. Thank you for taking the time to join us and celebrate such a memorable experience for the children!

Graham Day

As we prepare to say goodbye to our much-loved Graham, we would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has sent kind messages and contributed to the collection for Annette and Graham. They're planning to treat themselves to some garden furniture for their seaside gaff – a lovely way to enjoy some well-deserved relaxation!

They had a wonderful send off on Friday night with colleagues past and present, their loving family and even a few past PSA members and governors.

With Graham's final week upon us, we have one last little request.

This Thursday, we'll be celebrating **'Graham Day'** and would love the children to join in the fun! Please encourage your child to come to school dressed in one of the following:

- Their own Arsenal kit
- The kit of their own favourite football team
- Anything Elvis-inspired
- Anything golf-related (the sport, not the car!)

We're looking forward to making it a special day and giving Graham a wonderful send-off. Thank you, as always, for your support in helping us celebrate someone who has been such a valued part of our school community.



Meet the Governors Online Event- 12th Nov 6.30pm

We warmly invite our Muswell Hill Primary School parent community to join us for a '**Meet the Governors'** online webinar on **Thursday 12th November at 6.30pm**.
This is a great opportunity to meet our Co-Chairs Sara and Ellie, as well as other members of the governing body, learn more about our roles and responsibilities, and gain a better understanding of the work we do to support and shape our school's future.
We'll also share information about future opportunities for parents to get involved in governance and contribute to our school community.

We look forward to seeing you online on 12th November!

Link: https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74474054008?pwd=wjoUIa0V1K4Ne2BYFP9qmoPb7nF8uI.1

Half Term Holiday Club

Please note that there will be no **on-site support on Tuesday**, as the school will be without water.

Kickabout are also planning to run a holiday camp. However, poor Riaan has been unwell with the lurgy this past week, so please check the Kickabout website for the latest information and any updates before making plans.



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

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

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

Thursday 12 November – Meet the Governors online 6.30pm

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 – more information to follow

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/