

School Newsletter

24th April 2026



Key Upcoming Dates

Monday 11th to Thursday 14th May:
Year 6 SATs week

Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st May: Individual and class photos

Friday 26th June: INSET Day (school closed)

Tuesday 30th June: Whole school photo

Friday 3rd July: Fun Day

Friday 17th July: End of term (school finishes at 1:45pm)

Message from Andrew

It has been a lovely, sunny start to the summer term and the children have settled back really well. Year 5S had a beautiful day for their trip to Hampton Court yesterday, and the Early Years have been enjoying learning in their outdoor space.

This is always a very busy term so please see page 3 for some of the important dates we have confirmed so far. The Sports Days dates are on page 2. Also, a reminder that we have a school calendar on our website which is updated regularly.

Our SEN Inclusion Base building work, in the former school house, is coming along and we hope to be using this space in June. I will share some photos of this once completed but it is already looking fantastic and will be a great addition to the provision at Walnut Tree Walk.

We have two full Reception classes for next year again (plus a waiting list) which is great news for the school. We look forward to welcoming the 60 Reception children and families in September.

Messages

After School Club – late fees

A reminder about our policy regarding late collection from After School Club. Parents of children not collected by 6pm will be charged £10 per 10 minutes. Anything from 6:01pm is considered late and will incur the additional charge. Please aim to be at the school by 5:50pm so that you can collect your child and leave the school grounds before 6pm. We will not charge these fees if one-off exceptional circumstances and these have been communicated to us as we understand sometimes unavoidable things happen. However, I hope you appreciate that we must charge these fees in all other situations in order to cover staff overtime costs. Please remember that the staff in after-school club have been at school all day – some from 7:45am – and they have commitments outside of school.

Park across the road

As the weather gets warmer, a reminder that once children have left school, they cannot return to use the toilet or get water bottles due to how busy the school is with After School Club.

PTFA Messages

Help with Raffle Prizes for Fun Day (which is on Friday 3rd July)

There will be a raffle as part of the Fun Day celebrations.

We would be very grateful if you can help source prizes – things for children and adults to enjoy. Please let Sharon in the office know if you have a prize.

This month's attendance

97.4%

(up from 96.7% last month)



KS1 Sports Day
Wednesday 1st July at 10am
at Black Prince Trust



Reception Sports Day
Monday 22nd June at
9:30am (in school)



KS2 Sports Day
Wednesday 24th June at
10am at Black Prince
Trust

Billy's holiday activity club

Unfortunately, Billy is unable to do a holiday club this summer due to a big building project we are having done. We are having all of our internal and external doors, plus internal windows and screens, replaced as part of a major fire safety capital project that is being funded by Lambeth. Billy will be doing some holiday clubs again next academic year.

Lambeth consultation on school holidays

Lambeth are consulting about school holidays for the 2027-28 academic year and beyond. Please see page 4 for details. We hope that this leads to a two week half-term in October, which is what lots of academy trusts and other local authorities are already doing.

Drop-off and pick-ups

A reminder that only Nursery parents should be coming in past the gates in the morning; all other children should come through the gates on their own and then line up with their classes. The Walnut Tree Walk gate is for Reception children. No parents can come through the Walnut Tree Walk gate in morning.

Dates for the Diary

<p>May</p>	<p>Fri 1st: Year 4 (Shifa) Class Assembly</p> <p>Fri 1st: Year 5 classes to Pimlico Academy for badminton session</p> <p>Mon 4th: Bank Holiday (school closed)</p> <p>Tues 5th: Year 2 (class tbc) visiting BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir temple</p> <p>Wed 6th Oracy parent session at 9am</p> <p>Wed 6th: Y5 (Steph) to National Gallery</p> <p>Wed 6th: Parent session at 9am: Oracy at Walnut Tree Walk</p> <p>Thurs 7th: Year 5 to Unicorn Theatre to see A Midsummer Night's Dream</p> <p>Fri 8th: Year 4 (Davina) Class Assembly</p> <p>Fri 8th: Year 2 (class tbc) visiting BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir temple</p> <p>Mon 11th – Thurs 14th: Year 6 SATs Week</p> <p>Tues 12th: Y5 (Joanne) to National Gallery</p> <p>Fri 15th: Year 2 (Ana) Class Assembly</p> <p>Tues 19th: Year 5 to Horniman Museum</p> <p>Wed 20th and Thurs 21st: Class and individual photos</p> <p>Fri 22nd: Year 2 (Simon) Class Assembly</p> <p>Fri 22nd: Last day of half-term. School finishes at normal time.</p>
<p>June</p>	<p>Mon 1st: Year 2 to Garden Museum (Simon's class)</p> <p>Thurs 4th: Year 2 to Garden Museum (Ana's class)</p> <p>Thurs 4th: Y3 (Shuhana) to Horniman Museum</p> <p>Fri 5th: Y3 (Luke) to Horniman Museum</p> <p>Fri 5th: Reception (Chris) Class Assembly</p> <p>Sun 7th – Wed 10th : Year 6 PGL residential</p> <p>Fri 12th: Reception (Sharon) Class Assembly</p> <p>Wed 17th: Year 6 to National Theatre to see War Horse</p> <p>Fri 19th: Nursery Class Assembly</p> <p>Tues 23rd: Year 1 to Broadstairs beach</p> <p>Fri 26th: INSET Day (school closed)</p> <p>Tues 30th: Whole school photo</p>
<p>July</p>	<p>Fri 3rd: Fun Day</p> <p>Tues 14th: Year 6 show</p> <p>Fri 17th: End of term. School finishes at 1:45pm</p>

Letter from Lambeth regarding term dates for 2027-28

Dear Colleagues, Headteachers, Governors, School staff, Families, and other Stakeholders,

Lambeth Council is responsible for setting the standard school term and holiday dates for all community, community special, and maintained nursery schools in the borough.

To support families, school leaders, governors, staff, service providers, and other organisations working with schools and young people, Lambeth works in coordination with other London boroughs to propose term dates. This helps with planning work commitments, holidays, and significant family events.

Community schools are required to follow these dates. However, voluntary aided, foundation, foundation special schools, and academies determine their own term dates through their governing bodies or trustees, although they are encouraged to align broadly with the Council's schedule.

What is this survey about?

We are seeking your views on the proposed dates for the 2027/28 academic year, which must consist of 195 days as required by law. This includes 190 pupil attendance days and five professional development days (also known as INSET days). Bank and public holidays have been taken into account.

We would like your views

School term dates must comply with national regulations set by the Department for Education and take account of exam timetables. Within these constraints, there is some flexibility in how the school year is structured.

We would like to understand whether you feel the current pattern of term dates works well, or whether you would prefer a different balance between term lengths and school holidays across the year. This survey provides an opportunity to share your views and suggest any changes for consideration.

Please share this with your school community

We welcome feedback from all stakeholders, including families, schools, and governors.

The survey is open until Thursday 8 May 2026. To submit your views, please go to the following link to complete the survey.

<https://haveyoursay.lambeth.gov.uk/en-GB/projects/consultation-on-community-schools-term-dates>

Thank you

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