



Friday 13th March 2026

This Week:

In assembly this week, we marked International Women's Day and took the opportunity to celebrate wonderful women, both the achievements of public figures and also our mums, grandmas, cousins, teachers, teaching assistants, sisters and friends. We considered some equality statistics, both progress over time and remaining gaps in education, opportunity, rights and representation. Well done **4S for a fabulous class assembly!** You brought your learning about Ancient Greece to life with energy, humour, brilliant costumes, confident acting, impressive tech and super singing. Your parents and the whole school thoroughly enjoyed every minute of your creative and entertaining retelling of Greek myths and were especially proud of your teamwork and enthusiasm. Well done 4S!



On Monday 9th, a group of Year 5 children represented the school at the Barnet Dance Festival at the Arts Depot. They have been working very hard with Emma from GetCrafty Art Club on their performance. The dance told the story of commuters on a train taking the same boring journey every day and how, one day, two conductors decided to add life and spice to the journey with a disco dance along to 'Yes Sir, I Can Boogie'. The children were amazing, and their performance lit up the auditorium. I was so impressed with their behaviour, dedication and commitment to the show and they were a credit to the school. **Mr Greenhouse**

Jiya from 5A said, "Normally I don't seem to represent the school, as football is not my game and chess is for enjoyment, not competition, but this opportunity gave me a chance to represent the school and feel that I belong to a wonderful group." Einat from 5R said, "I was nervous at first, stressed at the thought of performing in front of such a large audience. When I introduced the act, I felt as if I had everyone's attention; I already knew that nothing could possibly go wrong. I really felt my confidence grow, and I had an unforgettable evening." Alex from 5A said, "It was a very big audience in a very professional setting. It was very exciting to dance at the event, and I felt so proud at the end when we received such a large round of applause. Even though it was an incredibly long day—longer than a normal school day—it was still a fantastic event, and all that practice with Emma paid off." Mr G remarked, "Without the support of Emma, Miss Clayton, Mrs Capelan and the parents, such events would be almost impossible to organise, and these events give our children such wonderful experiences that all our children deserve. I am so impressed with the children's commitment, energy and enthusiasm, and I feel honoured to be part of their journey."





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Also This Week:

On Wednesday, Year 5 and 6 were an amazing audience for *Material World: Engineering the Future* - a theatre roadshow designed to inspire young people into STEM. Fully funded by BAE Systems, the Royal Air Force and the Royal Navy, our children were invited to discover how the materials all around us connect to cutting-edge technologies in aerospace, marine engineering and beyond. *On Wednesday, we saw a theatre show all about STEM; which stands for Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics. It was full of comedy & scientific facts. We learnt about atoms & how they are particles. What was interesting is that if you bend Nitinol (a type of metal), it will return to its original shape when put into heat/hot water. We also thought atoms were the smallest thing but found out that actually subatomic atoms are smaller. We enjoyed it so much and really hope they come back!* Yehonaton & Navid 6L, Tamar & Tori 6P, Yasmine 6D



On Thursday, a magistrate came in to talk about his job. We learnt about the roles in court such as: judge, jury, defendant & magistrates. Tim explained the boundaries in the UK and types of courts. He told us if we commit a serious crime, we got to Crown Court. When you are accused of a crime, you would be put in a room and in front of you would be a door. If you are not found guilty, you would walk out that door but if you are found guilty, you have to go through the door behind you which leads to a cell under the court. You are not allowed to carry sharp items in public, you can only carry it if wrapped up safely. Rastin, Charon, Salmah 6P

Yesterday the 12th of March, 5A went to the British Museum to learn about The Ancient Egyptians and look at the artefacts. We walked to East Finchley Station. We took the tube to Tottenham Court Road. We walked to The British Museum. When we got there went up the stairs to put our stuff away then we went to see The Rosetta Stone. Next we went to a workshop about the mummification process in room 61. After lunch we explored the school museum in room 62-66. After a few minutes, we went back to The Tottenham Court Station & travelled back to school. It was an excellent day. 5A



On Thursday, Jansu's mum came in to teach us dance for 2 hours. We danced to Turkish music and it was very fun because she treated us like professional dancers. At one stage, she said for the boys to get on one knee and tap it and for the girls to do a turn. She said we were so good that she even gave us a special treat. We really liked it and it was a very fun lesson. Grace & Ilya



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Also This Week:

5AM have been learning about reproduction in flowering plants. We dissected flowers and are now confident about the names and functions of all parts of a flower.



Gardening:

We are very proud to have been awarded an RHS Level 2 Award for the continuing work we have been doing with our whole school gardening curriculum. Level 2 focuses on supporting pupil wellbeing and developing new gardening skills. It also provides an opportunity to show how pupil voice is a fundamental part of growing and caring for plants in your school.



SEN events coming up:

- Neurodiversity week 16th - 20th March (See attached flyer)
- Eve Wesocki Morris Author visit for Neurodiversity week - Tuesday 17th March
- Barnet SEN consultation online meeting for parents -Tuesday 24th March (see attached flyer for link)
- Dean Beadle - Barnet Autistic Speaker event 25th March (see attached flyer for link)

PSHE Curriculum Workshops:

As part of our commitment to annual parent consultations regarding our PSHE unit of work on Relationships and Sex Education (RSE), please find the attached letter outlining the dates of the workshops and the content of the lessons that will be taught next half term. If you are unable to attend the workshops, we will send the slides out via Arbor to all parents.

Jelly Beans:

Please note there is no Jelly Beans on Friday 27th March, the last day of this term. Children need to be collected at 1:30 from School.





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Big Plastic Count

Please remember to ask children bring in their recording sheets on Monday so that we can log them all on the Plastic Count website early next week. Thank you Mr G



BIC's Coffee Morning:

We had another successful coffee morning this week with Georgia from BICS. In a nutshell: sleep hygiene refers to the habits and practices that help children fall asleep easily and stay asleep throughout the night. Good sleep is important because it allows the body to repair itself, supports growth, and helps the brain process information from the day. Many children experience sleep problems such as fear of the dark, separation from parents, worries, nightmares, or poor daytime habits like napping or becoming overtired.

To improve sleep, children should have a consistent bedtime routine and sleep schedule, a calm and comfortable sleep environment and avoid large meals or electronic devices before bed. Winding down about an hour before bedtime with relaxing activities such as reading, listening to a story, or taking a bath can help signal that it is time to sleep. Parents should set clear bedtime rules, warn children shortly before bedtime, and remain calm and consistent if the child resists going to bed. If children wake during the night, interactions should be brief and reassuring while encouraging them to return to their own bed and learn to settle themselves.

Overall, consistent routines, a relaxing environment, and supportive but firm boundaries help children develop healthy sleep habits and sleep more independently.

To see the slides from this morning's session, please go to the following link: [Sleep Hygiene](#)

Next coffee morning: 26th March — 'Setting Healthy Boundaries for Children: A Guide for Parents — Effective Strategies to Support Children's Growth and Wellbeing'

Contributions for trips, teams, events, parent donations:

As we near the end of the financial year, please can I gently remind parents to check that they are up to date with any Arbor payments so we can be as accurate as possible in closing this year's budget and begin to prepare our budget plans for 2026 27. If you want to check or complete a parent donation this year to support our curriculum resources, you can find this in Arbor in the payments section. Thank you

Government Consultation on proposed SEN strategy:

The government has published its White Paper "Every Child Achieving and Thriving" setting out its current national plans for education. It has also published a consultation document for parents and professionals to respond to the proposed SEN reforms. You can find the consultation document here if you would like to find out more and share your views:

<https://consult.education.gov.uk/send-strategy-division/send-reform-putting-children-and-young-people-firs/>



Golden Sentences:

Amazingly, running was the most exciting sport. Athletes ran the length of the stadium (192.28 meters) which is quite a lot. This was the best sport in Ancient Greece! Jimit 4S

Amazingly, Spartan girls wrestled and ran races against men. Their short tunics horrified other normal Greek citizens because they had never seen girls playing sports with this on but the women didn't care and they carried on.

Savannah 4S

Running in Ancient Greek times was considered to be the most common of all sports and still today is the most historical sport known and most prestigious in the world. Daniel 4JS

"Oh well, that's a good point. You are free!" exclaimed piggy. "Thank you." Responded the wolf! Presley 3SH

"No! Please! I can explain. I just wanted a cup of sugar to bake my granny a cake. It's not my fault. I have a cold!" babbled wolf. Eitan 3SH

Aphrodite's, name means born from foam! Shockingly, she married the lame, blacksmith Hephaestus & was not very happy. She didn't have any kids. Eleanor 4JS

"I saw that they were crawling in the sand like a Ninja and they were moving quickly across the shadows and they were continuously looking at the boat." Meanwhile Manny Mannings (known as Munhckin) said that "I was quickly sleeping in the wooden pew." That was confirmed by William Blake. Adam 6L

On the Eel Island (otherwise known as Ely Cathedral) a case has been reported that Zoe Black's boat has been stole. The boat (that is called Lyca) had formerly been done up by Zoe Black to sail to the mainland. She claimed that it was stolen in supper hours between. 5:00pm-6:00pm. Robin 6L

Over 5 thousand years ago, people called the Greeks lived in a city called Olympia. These games were created to honour the God Zeus. As a result, loads of athletes were gathered together from many different Greek cities. Zainab 4K

In their bedchamber, stood Macbeth, standing with rather unsteady structure however Lady Macbeth stands tall and has a powerful look on her face. Amalia 5R

On the 27th June 2045, in the early hours of Saturday morning, it has been confirmed that on Eels Island, Miss Zoe Black's boat was stolen. It has been claimed that the 13-year-old victim was travelling across the Udan Adan Sea in search of her parents. The prime suspect is believed to be a young boy named Dooby who apparently treated Zoe very naughtily the minute she arrived. Maya 6P

The victim of this case has revealed that she had sailed on that boat all the way from Norwich to Eels Island with only one item: a compass. Talia 6P

The decline in bees is a problem because bees are pollinators and make honey so if there are less bees there will be less honey and plants wouldn't reproduce as much. Thuti 5R



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Author Visit:

We are very excited to have **Eve Wersocki Morris** visiting us on Tuesday 17th March. Eve is a best-selling author and award-winning publicist. Eve is also dyslexic and will be sharing her story as part of Neurodiversity Week.

She will be introducing us to her two latest books. Set in the 1950s, Clem Fatale, the youngest crook in the city, is on a mission to find her missing father (a notorious jewel thief) This series is full of madcap escapades and unlikely heroes perfect for fans of Murder Most Unladylike and the Adventures on Trains series.

There will be an opportunity to purchase Eve's books afterwards for £7 each. Please bring correct cash in a named envelope if you would like to purchase one or both of these books. This sale is supported by The Children's Bookshop, Muswell Hill. Miss Davies



Next Week: Week of 16th March: Neurodiversity Focus Week. Thank you to Miss Lucas and the staff team for organising this focus week. Please see letter attached for more information.

Tuesday 17th March: Parents Consultation 4- 7pm

Tuesday 17th March: Eve Wersocki Morris Author visit (part of neurodiversity week)

Tuesday 17th March 11.30: Governors lunch with School Council

Tuesday 17th March 3:30-4:30pm: Olive Catering School Lunch sampling in the dining hall for parents

Tuesday 17th March: Year 6 yearbook photos

Thursday 19th March: Parent Consultations 4-7pm

Further Ahead:

Week of Monday 23rd March: all classes are taking part in the PA Easter Orienteering Trail during this week. Thank you for your contributions for this. Please see flyer attached

Monday 23rd March: Barnet Primary School Swimming Gala at Copthall pool

Tuesday 24th March: Year 4 Ancient Greek Day in school workshop

Wednesday 25th March 9am: Year 6 Parent meeting in the hall about national SAT tests & PGL residential

Wednesday 25th March: Easter Assembly led by 3B

Friday 27th March: END OF TERM SCHOOL FINISHES EARLY @ 1:30PM – PLEASE NOTE THERE ARE NO CLUBS OR JELLY BEANS AND CHILDREN NEED TO BE COLLECTED AT 1:30PM PROMPTLY



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Government Consultation - Children's Digital Wellbeing:

Government Consultation seeking views on major measures to protect children on social media, gaming platforms and AI chatbots

The government has [launched a consultation](#) on social media seeking views from parents, guardians, and young people in the UK to help shape the country's next steps on children's digital wellbeing.

The consultation will gather insights from the public on how to better keep children safe online across social media, AI chatbots and gaming platforms.

The [Online Safety Act](#) brought in strong protections, but there is growing agreement that more needs to be done. The contributions to this consultation will determine how the government will decide what that looks like.

Key questions the consultation will explore include some of the most talked-about potential changes. The three-month consultation is open to everyone with a view.

Dedicated versions have been developed for young people and for parents and carers, making it easier for them to share their experiences and views.

The consultation will close on 26th May.

The consultation sits alongside the government's wider approach to online safety, including [a new campaign and website](#) that provides practical support that parents can use immediately, giving them the confidence they need to have conversations with their children about the content they see online.

Parents can find full guidance, conversation starters and safety advice on the ['Kids Online Safety' campaign website](#).

There are 3 surveys:

- One for everyone
- One for parents/ carers of children under 21
- One for children and young people aged 10-21

Please note the consultation closes on 26th May 2026

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

PERIOD: Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February

Class	3B	3G	3SH	4JS	4K	4S
ATTENDANCE%	93.0%	98.0%	99.33%	96.43%	95.17%	99.31%
PUNCTUALITY%	98.0%	99.67%	98.0%	98.57%	99.31%	99.31%

Class	5A	5AM	5R	6D	6L	6P	Whole School
ATTENDANCE%	94.14%	95.33%	94.67%	99.33%	97.0%	98.0%	96.65%
PUNCTUALITY%	96.21%	99.33%	99.33%	99.33%	97.67%	96.67%	98.45%

Well done to **3SH & 6D** for having the highest attendance this week.

Congratulations to **3G** for having the highest punctuality this week.

Mrs Lake