Chalkhill Primary School Bulletin

Boletín de noticias de La Escuela Primaria de Chalkhill

Friday 23rd October 2026

REMINDER Half-Term –Monday 26th October-Friday 30th October 2026

Inset Day-Monday 2nd November - School Closed

Back to School Tuesday 3rd November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an amazingly long successful autumn term 1. We had so many highlights.
Our parent evenings went off very well; if you could not attend this time, please arrange to see your child's teacher as soon as possible.

Today 6U presented a truly world class assembly based on the heroic life of Harriet Tubman. They expertly drew parallels between the life of Harriet Tubman and the prophet Moses.
Well done to our talented children who were well prepared by Mr Uwais and Mrs Hanifi.
A special thanks to our families who came out in full support of our children and staff.

Please note the following:

Wraparound Care – After School Club – Autumn Term 2
Please note that snacks will no longer be provided at the Wraparound After School Club. Children must bring in their own snacks.
For full details about the club, please refer to page 7 for more Afterschool club information.

Free School Meal Holiday Vouchers
Following a national change in funding arrangements, Brent Council has confirmed that the Holiday Voucher Scheme has now ended.
This change does not affect Free School Meals during term time, and eligible pupils will continue to receive Free School Meals as usual. (Please read page 4, for more information.)

We look forward to welcoming all children back to school on **Tuesday 3rd November**.
Please ensure that your child arrives on time so that they are seated at their desk and ready to learn by 8:45am. Regular punctuality helps children make a positive start to the school day and ensures valuable learning time is not missed.
Children in Years 1–6 should be dropped off via the main school gates by the football pitch between **8:30am and 8:45am**. The gates will close promptly at 8:45am.

Thank you for your cooperation and support. Hope you all have a fantastic half-term break.

Kind regards
Mr Cloete

ARBOR

Everybody MUST register and download the ARBOR app.

All communications will be sent by email ONLY through Arbor.

To register and download the ARBOR app

We advise you to use a desktop or laptop and the internet browser Google for login in for the first time.

Once you have successfully logged on, you can use your phone to download the Arbor app from the App store (Apple) or Google Play (Android).

Please remember you must use same registered email address that you gave to Chalkhill Primary School when you enrolled your child.

All balances MUST now be paid on ARBOR

Thank you.

Chalkhill Primary School
Wraparound Breakfast and Afterschool Care
Autumn Term 2

We are pleased to confirm that both Wraparound Breakfast Club and Afterschool Club will continue to operate for the Autumn Term 2.
Food will NOT be provided at the Afterschool Club.

For Wraparound Breakfast Club and Afterschool Wraparound Club please use the staff car park entrance for drop-offs and collecting your child.

Wraparound Breakfast Club will be available from Monday to Friday

7:45am-8:30am (£2.00) - Breakfast will be provided

Wraparound - After School Club will be available from Monday to Friday

3:15pm – 4:15pm (£6.50): Sports activities led by our PE teacher.
4:15pm – 5:15pm (£12.00): Children will take part in quieter, sitting-down activities.

Please note: **Children will need to bring their own snacks from home: No nuts or eggs allowed, and No sharing of food with other children.**

All sessions must be booked and paid for in advance on Arbor using the Top Up option on your account.

Please note:
If your child is not booked and payment has not been made in advance, they will not be able to attend the Breakfast Club or Afterschool Club.

Please use the link below for a step-by-step guide on how to sign up for the wraparound clubs:

https://support.arbor-education.com/hc/en-us/articles/4407797520017-Signing-my-child-up-for-a-Breakfast-or-After-School-Club-on-the-Parent-Portal-or-Parent-App

This guide will walk you through how to book a place on a Breakfast or After-School Club via the Parent Portal or Parent App

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23rd October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Changes to Free School Meal holiday vouchers from September 2026

Due to a national change in funding arrangements, Brent council has advised schools that the **Holiday voucher scheme has now come to an end.**

It is important that families understand that this change does not affect Free School Meals during term time. Eligible children will continue to receive their Free School Meals, and we encourage all families to check whether they qualify. From September 2026, the national Free School Meal eligibility criteria has changed, meaning more children from households receiving Universal credit may become eligible.

Support during the school holidays
Brent Council understands that this change may be disappointing for families and schools, and we recognise that household budgets remain under pressure.
Although the holiday supermarket voucher scheme is ending, eligible children receiving Targeted Free School Meals can still apply for a funded place, subject to availability, on Brent's Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme to access a nutritious meal, free activities, and opportunities to socialise and take part in enriching activities during the school the holidays.

Brent Council has a dedicated section on its website with information about the cost of living and the support available to residents. For further information, please visit the Brent Council website.

We appreciate that this change may be difficult for some families, particularly given the ongoing cost of living challenges many households are experiencing. We encourage you to access the support available through the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme and Brent Council's cost of living resources.

Further information about the HAF programme, including eligibility and how families can access activities, is available on the Brent Council website.

dedicated section about cost of living support

Kind Regards
R Cloete.

Chalkhill Primary School

LEARNING TOGETHER FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE

Kindness
Respect
Confidence
Belonging
Achievement

WINTER FAIR

Wednesday 2nd December

Join us for an afternoon of festive fun, games, treats, gifts and seasonal celebrations!

Games
Stalls
Festive Treats
Gifts
Raffle
and more!

We need your help and your ideas!

Help us make this year's Winter Fair the best one yet for our children. Whether you can spare a little time, have a great idea or would like to help organise, we'd love to hear from you.

PTA MEETING

Tuesday 20th October

9:00am

All parents and carers are welcome!

A Stronger School Together

Have a Stall Idea?

If you would like to have a stall at the Winter Fair, please email:

pta@chalkhill.brent.sch.uk

Whether you'd like to run a craft stall, sell festive treats, organise a game or share a small business, we'd love to hear from you.

Let's make this the best Winter Fair for our children!

KIND PEOPLE ♥ HAPPY LEARNERS ♥ BRIGHTER FUTURES

Chalkhill Primary
Learning Together

Every child's story matters!

PLEASE COMPLETE OUR PHOTOGRAPHS AND VIDEO CONSENT FORM

Help us celebrate the amazing things our pupils do!

At Chalkhill, our pupils take part in a wide range of exciting extra-curricular activities, including sports, clubs, trips, performances and special events.

We sometimes share a resume of what our pupils have been doing on our school website, newsletters and X (Twitter) account – and we include photographs and sometimes videos.

To do this, we need to make sure our consent list is up to date.

Your child's privacy and safety are very important to us. We only share images in line with our school policies and keep all information safe and secure.

Share ♥ Celebrate ♥ Inspire

Please complete the form here:

https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/p31LRqdhCj?origin=lprLink

It only takes a few minutes and insures we have you most up to date preferences.

Thank you for your support!

Together we can continue to share and celebrate our wonderful Chalkhill community!

Clubs – Autumn Term 2

We are making some changes to our wraparound care, which will take effect from Tuesday 3rd November 2026.

Our breakfast provision will remain the same.
Wraparound - Breakfast Club: 7:45am – 8:30am - £2.00 - Breakfast will be provided.

Wraparound - After School Club:
- 3:15pm – 4:15pm (£6.50): Sports activities led by our PE teacher.
- **4:15pm – 5:15pm (£12.00):** Children will take part in quieter, sitting-down activities.

Please note: **Children will need to bring their own snacks from home: No nuts or eggs allowed, and No sharing of food with other children.**

If you would like your child to attend the wraparound afterschool club, please register your child on Arbor before 2pm and make payment using top-up option.

Other Clubs

From Thursday 12th November 2026 – Thursday 10th December 2026
Year 3- Year 4 Only

London-History Activities for Families

With half term approaching, why not take the opportunity to explore some of London's rich history? Families can enjoy a range of museums, historic landmarks and heritage sites, making learning fun while spending time together.

Dear Parents and Carers,
With half term approaching, you may be looking for fun and educational activities to enjoy with your children. London has a wealth of fascinating historical sites that can help bring history to life.
To make visits even more engaging, encourage your child to keep a simple "History Passport" where they can record interesting facts, draw artefacts they have seen, or write about their favourite historical site.
We hope you have a wonderful half term and enjoy exploring London's rich history together.

🏰 Explore the Tower of London
Children can discover nearly 1,000 years of history, see the Crown Jewels, meet the famous ravens and walk the ancient battlements. Family-friendly performances and activities are often available during school holidays. [hrp.org.uk], [hrp.org.uk]

🚢 Step Back in Time at London Museum Docklands
Families can wander through the recreated Victorian streets of Sailortown, learn about London's maritime history and explore interactive exhibits. The museum also offers family trails and the popular Mudlarks gallery for younger children. [londonmuseum.org.uk], [londonmuseum.org.uk], [londonmuseum.org.uk]

⚓ Visit the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich
Learn about explorers, pirates and naval history, then walk through historic Greenwich and stand on the Prime Meridian.

⛵ Explore the Cutty Sark
Board one of the world's last surviving tea clippers and imagine life at sea during the Victorian era.

🏺 Discover Treasures at the British Museum
Challenge children to find Egyptian mummies, Roman mosaics and Anglo-Saxon artefacts. Create a simple treasure hunt to make the visit more engaging.

🚂 Ride Through History at the London Transport Museum
Children can explore historic buses, trains and Tube carriages while learning how London's transport system developed over time. [visitlondon.com]

💂 Follow a Royal History Trail
Combine a walk around:
· Buckingham Palace
· St James's Park
· Horse Guards Parade
· Westminster Abbey
Children can spot royal landmarks and learn about British monarchs.

⚔️ Walk Along the Roman Wall
Find sections of London's original Roman Wall near Tower Hill and the Barbican. Children can compare Roman London with modern London.

London-History Activities for Families

🔍 Create a Family History Hunt
Challenge children to:
· Find the oldest building they can spot.
· Sketch a historical monument.
· Take photographs of buildings from different periods.
· Research one interesting historical figure they discover.

🌳 Visit the William Morris Gallery
Particularly relevant for Brent families, the gallery explores the life and work of William Morris and includes family activities, workshops and beautiful gardens for children to explore.

✏️ Simple Half-Term Challenge
Ask children to keep a "London History Passport" where they:
· Record where they visited.
· Draw their favourite artefact.
· Write three facts they learned.
· Give each place a star rating.
This turns the week into a fun historical adventure while developing their historical enquiry skills.

The Crunch – Week 1

Menu for 9th November

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN (OPTION 1)	Tomato Fusilli Pasta Bake WHEAT & MILK	Chilli Con Carne CELERY	Maris Piper Potato & Paneer Curry MILK	Peri Peri Chicken PAPRIKA	Panko Crumbed Fresh Fish of the Day FISH, EGGS & WHEAT
MAIN (OPTION 2)	Green Pesto Pasta WHEAT	Chilli Sin Carne CELERY	Sri Lankan Coconut Daal COCONUT	Jerk Halloumi MILK	Maccaroni Cheese WHEAT & MILK
SIDES Where main includes, portion will be offered as optional extra	Wholemeal Bread WHEAT	Tortilla Wraps and Salsas WHEAT	Coconut Milk Rice COCONUT	Spicey Veg Rice PAPRIKA	New Potatoes, Tartare Sauce with Capers & Cornichons EGGS & SULPHITE
VEGETABLES	Mix Veg	Smoked Paprika Sweetcorn PAPRIKA	Coleslaw	Roasted Fine Beans SULPHITES	Peas
EXTRAS	Fresh Fruit & Salad Available Daily				Allergies in RED

Crunch – Week 2

Menu for 3rd November

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN (OPTION 1)	Macaroni Cheese WHEAT & MILK	Curry Chicken PAPRIKA, CHICKPEAS	Chipotle Chicken BEANS & CHICKPEAS	Lasagne Al Forno WHEAT, MILK EGG	Panko Crumbed Fresh Fish of the Day FISH, EGGS & WHEAT
MAIN (OPTION 2)	Tomato Rigatoni WHEAT	Vegetable Sauce PAPRIKA, SULPHITES	Mexican Beans BEANS & CHICKPEAS	Vegetarian Lasagne WHEAT, MILK EGG	Pasta Bake WHEAT & MILK
SIDES Where main includes, portion will be offered as optional extra	Wholemeal Bread WHEAT	Coconut Milk Rice COCONUT	Tacos, Dips and Chilli Sauce PAPRIKA WHEAT, DAIRY	Broccoli	New Potatoes, Tartare Sauce with Capers & Cornichons EGGS & SULPHITE
VEGETABLES	Honey Roasted Carrots	Stir Fried Vegetables	Sweetcorn with Paprika PAPRIKA	Broccoli	Peas
EXTRAS	Fresh Fruit & Salad Available Daily				Allergies in RED

Chalkhill Primary School
Term Dates
Academic Year 2026/2027

AUTUMN TERM 2026	
Staff Inset	Tuesday 1st September 2026
Staff Inset	Wednesday 2nd September 2026
School starts for pupils Last day of term	Thursday 3rd September 2026 Friday 23rd October 2026
Half Term	Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October 2026
Staff Inset	Monday 2nd November 2026
School starts for pupils Last day of term	Tuesday 3rd November 2026 Friday 18th December 2026 - finishing at 1.30pm
Christmas Holidays	Monday 21st December 2026 - Friday 1st January 2027

SPRING TERM 2027	
School starts for pupils Last day of term	Monday 4th January 2027 Friday 12th February 2027
Half Term	Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February 2027
School starts for pupils Last day of term	Monday 22nd February 2027 Thursday 25th March 2027 - finishing at 1.30pm
Easter Holidays	Friday 26th March - Friday 9th April 2027

SUMMER TERM 2027	
School starts for pupils Last day of term	Monday 12th April 2027 Friday 28th May 2027
May Bank Holiday	Monday 3rd May 2027
Half Term	Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June 2027
School starts for pupils Last day of term	Monday 7th June 2027 Monday 19th July 2027 - finishing at 1.30pm
Staff Inset	Tuesday 20th July 2027
Staff Inset	Wednesday 21st July 2027

*Dates are subject to change.