

Dear families

We have made such a good start to the 2026/27 school year. I am so proud of our community and how we live by our values. Please come to your class's welcome meetings to meet the teacher and find out more.

We've tried to include as many dates as possible below so please write them on your calendar or take a screen shot to save. Keep scrolling through the pages for workshops, celebrations and more dates.

Katherine Flewitt – headteacher

Important Dates	
September	
Tuesday 15 th	World Afro Day
Friday 18 th	Year 6 to trip to Forest School
Tuesday 22 nd	Nursery workshop – settling in
Friday 25 th	Year 6 trip to British Museum
Monday 28 th	Open reading lessons this week (year 1-6) PM Flu vaccinations
October (Black History month – Honouring Our Communities)	
Thursday 8 th	9am Reception 2027 Open Morning & tour Yr 5 to British Museum Yr 4 Forest School
Friday 9 th	World Mental Health Day & year 6 sleepover
Monday 13 th	Sign up for Parents Evening from after school today
Wednesday 14 th	Harvest Festival – donations of food to be brought in this week please
Friday 16 th	Show Racism the Red Card (all children to Wear Red)
Tuesday 20 th	Parents Evening (3.40-5.30pm) – No Afterschool Clubs
Thursday 22 nd	Parents Evening (4.00-7.00pm)
Friday 23 rd	Break up for Half-Term Year 5 forest school trip Y6 – High School Application deadline
November	
Monday 3 rd	8.40am School re-opens after Half-Term
Wednesday 4 th	9am families interested in Reception 2027 Open Morning & tour
Monday 9 th	Open maths lessons this week & Nursery Rhyme week for Nursery & reception
Monday 16 th	Anti-Bullying Week – 'Break the Silence'
Wednesday 25 th	Year 3 to British Museum
December	
Wednesday 2 nd	Year 4 to British Museum
Thursday 10 th	2pm Community Tea – invite only
Wednesday 16 th	Christmas singing in hall after school inc choir performance – all welcome.
Friday 18 th	Christmas Jumper Day Last day of term – pick up at 3.15pm
January	
Tuesday 5 th	8.40am Back to school



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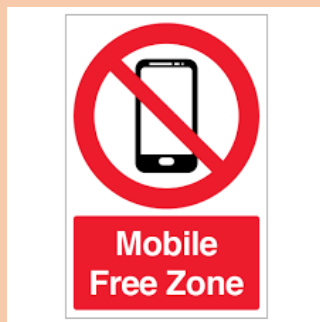
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your phones whilst
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Well done to over 40 children who had their work published in Ridiculous Writers Book and 37 published in Monster Mayhem book.



In assembly the children discussed this image of the London Eye on New Year's Eve and we compared it to the start of our school year. It reminded us of our school: everyone is welcome and as a community we respect each other's differences.



Petts Hill is proud to be an OPAL Platinum Award winning school. At our school, children enjoy the benefits of playing outside in all weathers.



Please ensure your child has a waterproof jacket in school every day, particularly at this time of weather when the weather is changeable and will be increasingly wet.



Children are welcome, and encouraged, to bring wellies and waterproof onesie to leave in school so they can access all joy of puddles and muddy, sandy, wet areas without worrying about getting their uniform wet or dirty!

Thank you :) Mrs McGregor, Deputy Head



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Term Dates 2026-2027	
Autumn Term	
INSET 1 and 2 (Staff only)	Thursday 3 rd September & Friday 4 th September
Term starts for pupils	Monday 7 th September
Half Term holiday	Monday 26 th October – Friday 30 th October 2026
Last day of term	Friday 18 th December
Christmas holiday	Monday 21 st December 2025 - Friday 1 st January 2027
Spring Term	
INSET 3 (Staff only)	Monday 4 th January
Term starts for pupils	Tuesday 5 th January
Half Term holiday	Monday 15 th February - Friday 19 th February 2027
Last day of term	Thursday 25 th March 2027
Easter Holiday	Fridays 26 th March – Friday 9 th April March 2027
Summer Term	
INSET 4 (Staff only)	Monday 12 th April
Term starts for pupils	Tuesday 13 th April
May Day – Bank Holiday	Monday 3 rd May
Half Term holiday	Monday 31 st May – Friday 4 th June 2027
Last day of term	Thursday 22 nd July
INSET 5 (Staff only)	Friday 23 rd July
Occasional Days (School closed)	Monday 26 th July, Tuesday 27 th July and Wednesday 2 nd September

<https://www.pettshill.org/Term-Dates/>

Save the date!	
Class assemblies. All at 9am in the school hall.	
Reception	30 th April
Year 1	19 th March
Year 2	23 rd October
Year 3	4 th December
Year 4	5 th March
Year 5	22 nd January
Year 6	6 th November

Big thanks to the Friends of Petts Hill who joined up with the Play Team and bought lots of playground toys and activities using the money raised at the summer fair.



Look out for some more dates soon – there's a school disco on the horizon!

Place2Be news

Take a look at this great advice from Place2Be:

Click on this link for advice about separation and goodbyes.

[Place2Be: Parenting Smart: Help your child manage separations and goodbyes](#)



Place2Be has developed a free, online course, based on tried and tested techniques and experiences from supporting children, young people, and their families.

This free, 4-week online course offers extra parenting tools that are proven to help children manage their emotions better, follow routines and improve relationships with friends and family.

It can be completed in your own time, and each weekly module takes up to 1 hour.

The next course will start on 29 September and the deadline to sign up is 21 September. Please see links below for more info

[Place2Be's Parenting Smart - Online Course](#)

[Parenting-smart-flyer-2026.pdf](#)

Ealing Mental Health Support Team

September
2026

Your Termly Newsletter

Is your child feeling....

Demotivated?
Anxious? Stressed?
Worried? Sad?
Irritable? Low?
Panicked?
Tired or lacking
energy?



We can help you and your child

Ealing Mental Health Support Team (MHST)
supports the wellbeing of children and
young.

In Primary schools, we offer 1:1
support to parent's whose
children feel:

- Worried and present with
behaviours that challenge



In Secondary Schools, we offer
1:1 support to young people who
sometimes feel:

- Anxious or low in mood



If you have any questions about the above, please
speak with your schools Mental Health Link
Worker.

You said, we did!

- You asked for longer workshops
to allow time for a Q&A at the end
- We have extended our workshops
this term to last 1hr 15 or 1hr 30
to ensure we have time for a Q&A
- You made a suggestion for a
workshop that focuses on
supporting male adolescent
mental health
- We are in the process of putting
these together and are excited to
offer new workshops to you in
the Spring Term!

Dates to remember

World Suicide Prevention Day	Thursday 10 th September
World Mental Health Day	Saturday 10 th October
OCD Awareness Week	Monday 12 th -18 th October
Anti-Bullying Week	Friday 13 th - 17 th November



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Back to School

Returning to school after the summer break can bring a mixture of emotions for children and young people.

As they adapt to new routines, friendships, and expectations, parents and carers may notice changes in mood, confidence, or behaviour.

To help families support this transition, we are pleased to be offering a Back to School Workshop early in the term for primary-aged children, alongside a variety of workshops throughout the year designed to support young people and their families at different stages of development.

Children are more likely to feel ready to learn when they understand routines and expectations, while also feeling safe and connected. Here are some top tips to help lay these foundations for the term ahead:

1. **Continue engaging in meaningful and enjoyable activities** both within and outside of school. These experiences can foster connection, a sense of belonging and mastery.
2. **Establish consistent routines.** Predictable routines can help create clear expectations, reduce feelings of overwhelm and make it easier to adjust to increasing academic demands.
3. **Prioritise a calming evening wind-down and regular sleep routine.** Did you know that adolescents typically need around 8–10 hours of sleep each night to support their rapidly developing brains?
4. **Make time to connect with family, friends and other important people.** Positive relationships provide emotional support and help children and young people feel secure as they navigate the new school year.

Upcoming Online Workshops

Workshop	Date and Time
Back to School for Primary Children	Friday 18th September 12:00 -13:15
Supporting Your Young Person with Emetophobia	Tuesday 6 th October 12:00-13:15
Supporting Anxiety in Adolescents	Friday 16 th October 12:00-13:30
Supporting Positive Behaviour	Tuesday 20 th October 12:00-13:30
Autism and Children	Monday 9 th November 12:00-13:30
Understanding SEND	Wednesday 11 th November 12:00-13:30
Understanding & Supporting Toileting Difficulties in Children	Wednesday 18 th November 10:30-12:00
Social Media and Self-Esteem in Young People	Wednesday 25 th November 12:00-13:30
Autism and Adolescents	Wednesday 16 th December 12:00- 13:30



Scan the QR Code to sign up to a workshop!



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