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Canon Barnett Primary

Friday 18th September 2026

NEWS

Latest news and information about our school

Dear families,

On Tuesday, we marked International Democracy Day with our very own Democracy Day-giving the children the opportunity to learn about democracy, understand the importance of having a voice and, most importantly, use that voice! Every class spent time thinking about what democracy means, why everyone's voice matters and how voting can help us make decisions together. The children spent time campaigning for this year's pupil leadership positions-Student Council, Librarians, Eco Warriors, Play Makers and Festive Feast!

It was brilliant visiting every class and seeing the children immersed in their campaigns-lots of enthusiasm, creativity and excitement for sure. In Year 1, I loved watching the children demonstrate their very own class vote to choose a name for their new class elephant (welcome to Mulberry Canon Barnett, Coca Cola!) In Year 2, Yunus made me giggle when he proudly told me that he was campaigning to become an Eco Warrior or the Prime Minister!

I walked into Year 3 and 4 to the sound of squeals of laughter as Mr Peter was talking about democracy using the voice-over on his microphone. Year 5 really impressed me with the focus they were giving to their campaigns; the children were carefully crafting their posters and speeches, thinking about what they wanted to say and how they could persuade others to vote for them. I was particularly impressed with Arib's campaign to be an Eco Warrior and the thought and care that had gone into his work.

And in Year 6, Ayanah was particularly brilliant. She confidently read out the speech she had written to persuade others to vote for one of her peers. I loved how proud she as of her speech too.

Another exciting feature of this week has been the launch of our Chess Club! I loved visiting the first session and see the children getting stuck into learning this fascinating game. Chess is such a great activity for children. It encourages concentration, patience and careful thinking, while helping children to plan ahead, solve problems and consider the consequences of their decisions. It also teaches children that sometimes we need to stop, think and try a different strategy — an important lesson both on and off the chessboard! I was particularly impressed by Abdullah in Year 1, who picked up the skills of the game really quickly. I have a feeling we are going to have lots of exciting chess matches ahead of us!

Finally, a huge thank you to all our parents and carers who attended our first PCSA meeting of the year. It was lovely to hear about some of the plans for the year ahead and the fundraising commitment too! I love it and am really looking forward to working together throughout the year.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Best wishes, Ms Anita

Link to our most recent social media posts...check them out!

Instagram & **Facebook**

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DEMOCRACY DAY AT MULBERRY CANON BARNETT

OUR 2026/27 PUPIL LEADERS

Our School Council

Year 1- Awais and Ayah
Year 2- Keyaan and Zakariya
Year 3- Husayn and Maryem
Year 4- Saarah and Aryan
Year 5- Yusuf and Isra
Year 6- Adnaan and Asma

Our Librarians

Year 3- Manha and Inaaya
Year 4- Harun and Liyana
Year 5- Saaher and Zaheen
Year 6- Arissa and Layla

Our Eco Warriors

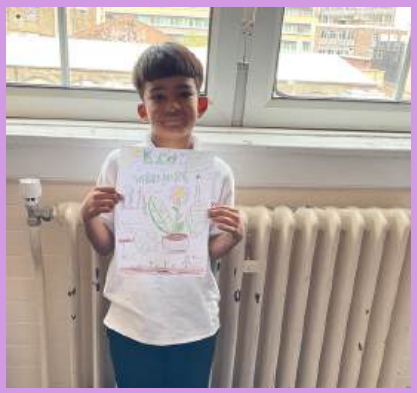
Year 1- Abdullah and Khadijah
Year 2- Yunus and Mustafizur
Year 3- Husayn and Maryem
Year 4- Musa and Isra
Year 5- Arib and Fariha
Year 6- Yusra and Maymuna

Our Play Makers

Year 3- Aslan and Atiq
Year 4- Safiyyah and Umaiza
Year 5- Rahat and Abdul Kayum
Year 6- Zarif and Aysha

Our Festive Feast Committee

Year 3- Inaaya and Atiq
Year 4- Isra and Ruya
Year 5- Maisha and Maryam
Year 6- Nour and Acia



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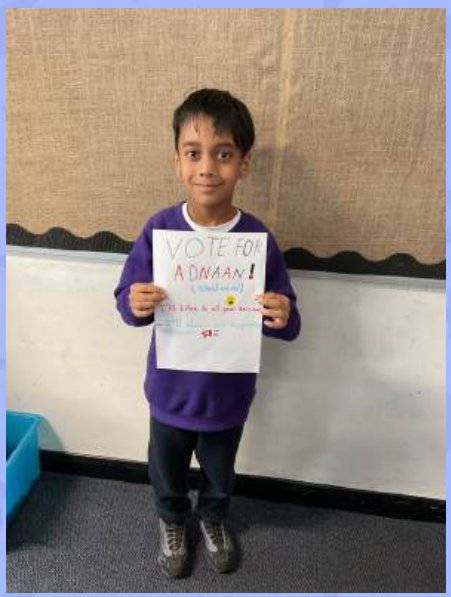
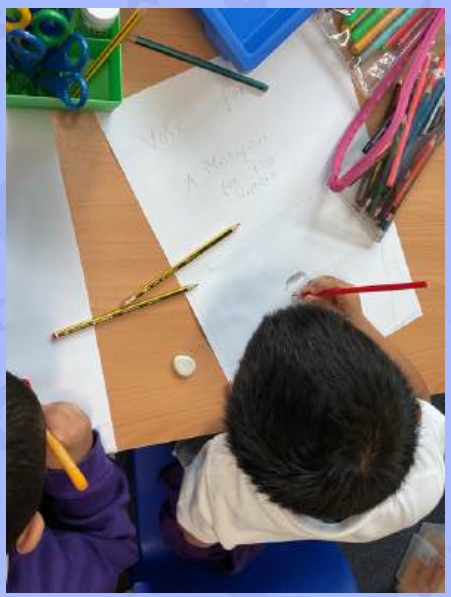
MAGICAL MULBERRY MOMENTS

This week





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OUR FANTASTIC FRIDAY ASSEMBLY

DRUM ROLL...

NURSERY- Dua

5 Sara

RECEPTION- Manha

1 Awais

6 Ayanah

3 Maryem

2 Asmahan

4 Isa

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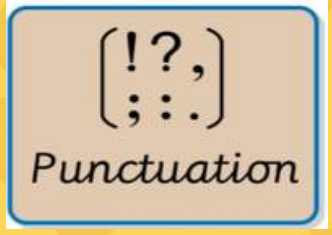
READER'S CHAIR

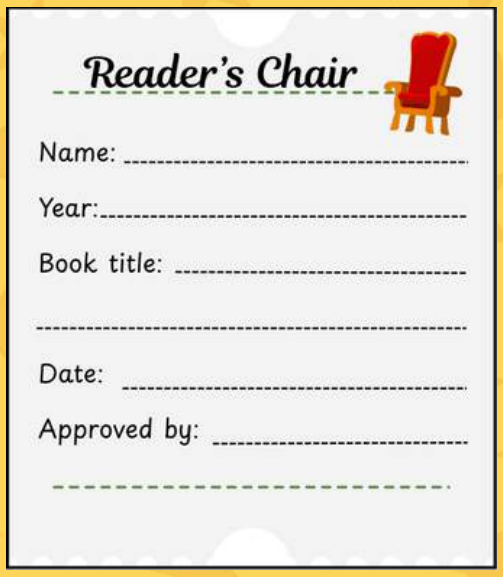


Our 2026/27 Brilliant Readers so far...

Safiyyah and Saarah (Year 3)

Who will be next to read on our Reader's Chair?

That's Nice, Love



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RECEPTION

This week, the children in Reception have been learning about **Rosh Hashanah**, a special **Jewish festival** that celebrates the **Jewish New Year and the beginning of autumn**.

The children enjoyed exploring a range of activities linked to the festival. They used their creativity to **make Rosh Hashanah cards** and **enjoyed tasting apples dipped in honey,** learning that honey is eaten as a symbol of hoping for a sweet and happy year ahead.

The children also worked together to make a delicious honey cake with Ms Nafesha, actively taking part in the different stages of the baking process. It was lovely to see the children exploring a **new cultural tradition through creativity, discussion and hands-on experiences**.

YEAR 5

This week in PE, our children took part in **gymnastics, developing their core strength, balance and coordination**. We began by **practising forward rolls** before **progressing onto cartwheels**, where the year 5's demonstrated great determination, resilience and teamwork.

In English, the children will be writing their **own recounts based on the exciting story Shackleton's Journey**, applying the key features of recount writing which we have learnt together. In History, the children explored the **beliefs of the Ancient Greeks** and examined the famous rivalry between **Athens and Sparta**, comparing the different lifestyles, values and ways of life within these two powerful city states. What a wonderful week... well done year 5!

YEAR 1

This week, we have started our new book, **Where the Wild Things Are**. The children have been **exploring the text, sequencing the story and adding verbs to describe each section**. Khadija noticed that "the middle is the biggest part because that's where the adventure happens!"

In Science, we started our plant unit by **trekking up to the roof garden**. We saw chillies and different coloured tomatoes before exploring fruits and vegetables and investigating the seeds inside and outside them. The children worked scientifically, observing how seeds are similar and different.

On **Democracy Day**, we discussed why it is important that everyone has the right to vote. We voted to name our class elephant Coca-Cola! Ayah and Awais were elected as school councillors, while Khadijah and Abdullah became eco-warriors. These are important leadership roles, and it is lovely to see the children taking responsibility so early.

YEAR 3

It has been a lovely week for our Year 3 children. The children have continued to settle in brilliantly and have enjoyed getting to know their new classmates, teachers and routines. Alongside settling continue to settle into their new classroom, the children have been busy with their learning, enjoying English activities **linked to our class reading** and developing their ideas and vocabulary. They have also been **working hard in maths, tackling new challenges and building their problem-solving skills**.

We are so pleased with the positive attitude they have shown consistently this week and are incredibly proud of the fantastic start they have made.

YEAR 4

What a wonderful week we've had! It has been a pleasure to welcome the Year 3 children into Year 4 and see everyone working so well together. The children have made a fantastic start and have settled into their new routines beautifully.

In English, we have been enjoying **The Queen's Nose**, **exploring the characters and sharing ideas as we prepare to write our own stories**. We have also been working hard in maths and across the wider curriculum.

A big thank you to all the parents who attended our Meet the Teacher meeting on Thursday.

Looking ahead... swimming will commence in the Spring Term. More information to come...

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend!

YEAR 2

Did you know the next Prime Minister could be coming from Year 2?

Year 2 had a fantastic **Democracy Day** on Tuesday, and the **children were full of enthusiasm as they put themselves forward for the important roles of Eco Warrior and School Council**.

It was wonderful to see so many children **showing confidence, courage and leadership** as they stood in front of the class and shared their ideas about why they would be great for the role. They listened to one another, shared their thoughts and showed us what it means to have a voice in our school community. 🗣️👏

Yunus not only confidently explained why he would make a fantastic Eco Warrior, but also told Ms Anita that he was "applying for Prime Minister!"

Watch this space... we may have a future Prime Minister of Mulberry Canon Barnett in our midst!

NURSERY

The children have had another fantastic week in Nursery, busy exploring, learning and making new friends! 💜

This week, we have enjoyed **lots of nursery rhymes** and explored **The Colour Monster**. The children have been learning to **recognise and sort red, yellow and blue, while talking about colours and emotions**.

We have also had lots of fun **painting webs** for Incy Wincy Spider, exploring different painting techniques. 🕷️🎨

It has been wonderful to see **friendships flourishing** as the children become more confident playing together, sharing resources and enjoying their time with one another.

We are also becoming **more confident with our Nursery routines**, including moving calmly around school and finding our carpet spaces independently using our new class rug.

We are so proud of how beautifully the children are settling, learning and growing together. Well done, Nursery! 👏💜

YEAR 6

This week, we held our very own Democracy Day! We explored **what democracy means** and thought about how it affects our everyday lives. We discussed the **importance of having a voice, listening to others, sharing ideas and making decisions together**.

After learning about different leadership roles, we worked collaboratively to create our very own campaigns. We thought carefully about the **qualities and skills needed** for each position and **developed persuasive ideas** to showcase why we would make a strong candidate. This was a fantastic opportunity to put our Oracy skills into action, using clear, confident voices and strong presentation skills to share our campaigns with our peers.

Once all the campaigns had been presented, we **listened carefully to everyone's ideas before casting our votes**. We then experienced democracy in action, seeing first-hand how every voice and every vote can play an important part in making a decision.

It was a fantastic day of teamwork, communication, confidence and, most importantly, having our voices heard!

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 19/9/26 - Year 3 Country Trust Session - Food Discovery Program
- 21/9/26 - Year 6 Parent Workshop - Meet the Teacher
- 23/9/26 - Parent Carer Staff Association (PCSA) first meeting this year!
- 30/9/26 - 7/10/26 - Book Fair
- 2/10/26 - Year 6 TFL Junior Citizen Workshop (Shadwell Fire Station)
- 5/10/26 - 9/10/26 - Year 6 Residential Trip to Wales
- 14/10/26 - 15/10/26 - Parents' Evening - More Information coming soon
- 16/10/26 - School Closed for Children - Inset Day
- 19/10/26 - School Reopens for Children
- 19/10/26-23/10/26 - Open Morning at MCB (from 9.30am)
- 26/10/26 - 30/10/26 - Half Term Holiday
- 2/11/26 - 3/11/26 - School Closed for Children - Inset Day
- 9/11/26 - Year 3 Country Trust Session - Food Discovery Program
- 13/11/26 - Curriculum Newsletters Shared with Families
- 18/11/26 - Flu Vaccine Session delivered by Vaccination UK *
- 23/11/26-27/11/26 - Open Afternoon at MCB (from 2pm)

The flu vaccine team will contact families directly to get consent.

Reminder- Our Mulberry Mini Explorers Stay and Play sessions occur weekly on a Tuesday from 9.30-11am.

We'll keep updating the calendar regularly-be sure to check in each week for new information.

Give me 10 - Family Reading Weekly!

- Nursery, Reception and year 1- Weekly on a Thursday morning
- Yea 3 - Weekly on a Thursday morning

9-9.10am

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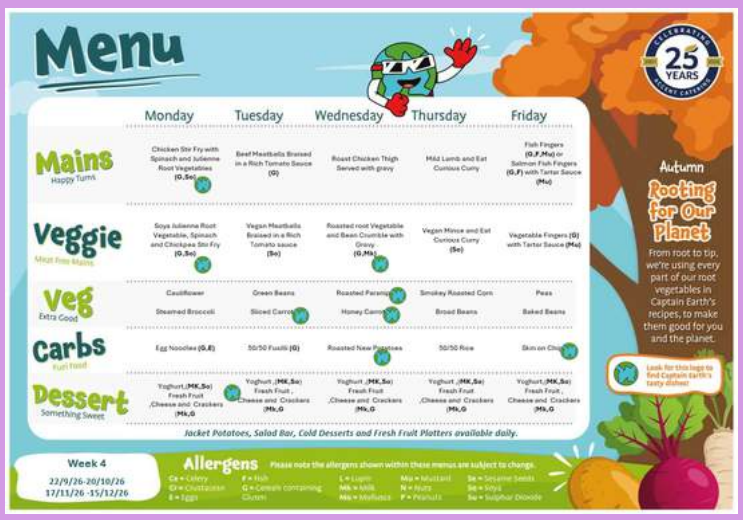
What's for Lunch?

Accent

TIME FOR LUNCH

Our School Council members are always happy to hear your feedback about school lunches-what's working well and what could be even better. They share this feedback with the Accent team each term, so please don't hesitate to speak to us.



What's for Breakfast?

We offer free breakfast club for all children which is funded by Magic Breakfast.

Children can come into school from 8am to 8:30am (last entry is 8.30am) to enjoy a healthy breakfast and play some games with their friends.

If you have any queries, please contact our team at the school office.

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Follow us on our social channels...

Stay Connected with Mulberry Canon Barnett Primary on social media

We are excited to share more about school life at Mulberry Canon Barnett Primary and invite you to join our online community. To keep up with the latest news, events and achievements of our wonderful students, please follow us on our social media channels:

Facebook: MulberryCanonBarnett
Instagram: @Mulberry_Canon_Barnett

By following us, you'll get a glimpse into the exciting activities taking place across the school, from classroom projects to special events. We encourage you to like, share and comment on our posts. Let's work together to celebrate the achievements of our children and staff and strengthen our school community!
Thank you for your support—see you online!

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