

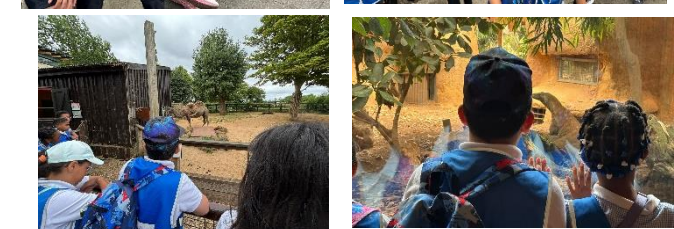
YEAR 3 WOBURN SAFARI PARK

Lions & tigers & bears, oh my! Y3 went on a thrilling ride on their bus safari trip, driving through the habitats of some majestic big cats and getting up close and personal with the cheeky monkeys! They then took part in a walking safari to meet some more animals and ended the day with a fun slide. Aliyah in 3R said "At the safari park I saw loads of monkeys and one of the monkeys jumped on the coach and was walking everywhere on it. The day was really good and I liked everything at the safari park."



YEAR 4 LONDON ZOO

Y4 had a wild day out on their trip London Zoo. They saw lots of amazing and exotic animals and learned all about the Zoo's conservation efforts to protect endangered species and their habitats. Marwa commented: "The zoo became my favourite trip and was so amazing, I learnt so many fun facts, all about different animals, their habitats and a lot more. The animals looked so friendly. There was a huge tortoise- I never knew that tortoises could be that huge!" and Ismael wrote "I saw a hippo and a capybara. Did you know that capybaras are the largest rodents in the world? When they are resting, other animals take the opportunity to sit on them!"



GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK

National Fieldwork Fortnight continued with 6 Red visiting the canal for their tour and Y1 going on their local walk to Cuckoo Park, thinking about the features and colours in their environment, and having some fun on the playpark! Geography Fieldwork is intended to enable young people to develop their subject knowledge, gain a range of skills that are difficult to develop in the classroom and help them to understand the 'messiness' of geographical reality. This has been a great opportunity to take our classes out to investigate, observe, discover, challenge, test out ideas and gain a deeper and wider understanding of the world around them.



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

It has been great to see all the end of year trips happening this week, with children enjoying their days out, experiencing the world around us.

We are starting to think about the end of term, which is approaching very quickly- we do have lots more to squeeze in before we say goodbye for the summer.

Next week is Aspirations Week where we look forward to inviting in lots of aspirational speakers to talk to the children about their jobs and career pathways- inspiring the next generation.

Our annual sports days are also next week and Dance Afternoon the week after- so make sure the dates are in the diary and I look forward to seeing you in the coming weeks.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs. Crosdale

SCHOOL READINESS

UPCOMING EVENTS

30/6-4/7 Aspirations Week

2/7 KS1 Sports Day (Rec-Y2) 9.30am

3/7 KS2 Sports Day: Y3&Y4 9.30am / Y5&Y6 1.45pm

8/7 Dance Afternoon 2pm

HOUSE CUP 2024/5

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Please do not hesitate to email or call us if you have any queries or concerns & we will do our best to answer these for you.

Email: admin@brentsideprimary.ealing.sch.uk

Our school website is an important resource for you.

We update this regularly with information about the school, news and bulletins, and websites that can support you and your family.

<https://www.brentsideprimaryacademy.co.uk/>

EALING FOODBANK

If you are struggling, call 0808 2082138 for free to speak to a trained and independent agent confidentially about your circumstances. Alternatively, speak to the school office about making a

BRENTSIDE PRIMARY ACADEMY

MR PIERCE'S SUMMER SPORTS CAMP

Open to all pupils in Year 1-6 at Brentside Primary Academy

Come and join Mr Pierce and coaches for fun and games daily on the following dates:
Thursday 24th July & Friday 25th July
 plus
Monday 28th July-Friday 1st August

£30 per day
 (FULL WEEK OFFER and HALF DAY options available as well as sibling discount)
PACKED LUNCH REQUIRED
 (fruit available for break which is kindly donated by a local supplier)


What we offer:

- ✔ Wide variety of sports and activities
- ✔ Qualified coaches
- ✔ Fun games to develop individual skills and team building skills

Registration: 8-830AM via Brants Walk gate W7 1BU

Dismissal: 3:30PM via Brants Walk gate

Book by searching: Mr Pierce on www.eventbrite.co.uk or by scanning the QR code



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QUESTORS THEATRE SUMMER SCHOOLS

Play in a Week (age 11-16): Monday 28th July-Friday 1st August 10am-4pm Spend a week at Questors creating an original piece of devised theatre. Via vocal and physical drama skills work and various group and individual acting challenges, participants will work with QYT staff to be ready to perform at the end of the week.

Play in a Week (age 5-10): Monday 4th August-Friday 8th August 10am-3pm Using props and costume as our starting point, via games, group activities and individual acting challenges, we will work to create an entirely new play based on the group's ideas for characters and stories.

Musical Theatre Summer School (age 5-11): Monday 28th July-Friday 1st August 11am-3pm This year the junior week will tackle the theme of Fantasy. Including numbers from shows including Little Shop of Horrors, Back to the Future, The Wizard of Oz and Shrek!

QYT with Little Wild Theatre (age 5-10): Monday 11th-Friday 15th August 10am-3pm The Questors Youth Theatre are excited to be collaborating with Little Wild Theatre this summer to celebrate every child's authenticity through theatrical experiences of the natural world

QYT with Dreams In Motion (Suitable for children with special needs & their siblings of all ages): Monday 18th - Friday 22nd August 10:30am - 2:30pm A joyful, inclusive space for children with disabilities and their siblings — where imagination thrives, friendships grow, and every child takes centre stage.

BOOK HERE:

<https://www.questors.org.uk/microsite.aspx?page=597&ref=357>

*There is a concessionary rate for those in receipt of benefits.

Please email youththeatre@questors.org.uk to arrange to pay this rate. Please note that documentary evidence dated within the last six months will be required.

FREE FUNDED PLACES (HAF) Ealing

Selected Summer Workshops offer free funded places through the Ealing Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme for children who receive Benefit Related Free School Meals.

At the National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, internet health and wellbeing, and digital citizenship. Research, delivered by National Online Safety, shows games new releases, game topics and themes.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about NINTENDO SWITCH 2

Nintendo launched its Switch 2 games console in early June 2025 – its first new console in eight years. While it builds on the original's success by remaining compatible with certain existing games, it also adds powerful hardware and new features like GameChat and a USB-C camera. As more children look to upgrade, it's important to understand how this new console might affect their play and safety.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

EASIER TO ACCESS MATURE CONTENT

Despite Nintendo's reputation for family-friendly titles, mature games like Cyberpunk 2077 and Horizon Forbidden West are available on the platform. With the Switch 2's improved performance, developers will be able to port even more mature-rated games. These may appeal to children due to their popularity, but they contain content that is highly unsuitable for young audiences.

IN-APP & GAME STORE PURCHASES

The Nintendo eShop enables purchases with just a few taps. If payment details are saved and PIN protection is disabled, children may unknowingly make costly purchases – including game add-ons, cosmetic items or entire new releases – without parental approval.

UNRESTRICTED ONLINE PLAY IN SOME GAMES

While GameChat is one feature, Switch 2 also connects to the broader Nintendo Switch Online service. Many free-to-play titles like Fortnite or Splatoon 4 allow voice or text chat with strangers unless chat settings are restricted, meaning children could encounter inappropriate language or unwanted contact.

GAMECHAT & REAL-TIME VOICE COMMUNICATION

GameChat enables live chatting with up to 12 people, even across different games, with optional voice and screen sharing. Though children under 18 are restricted to chatting only with approved friends, the broad accessibility could raise privacy concerns or create pressure to remain online longer.

CAMERA COMPATIBILITY & PRIVACY CONCERNS

The optional USB-C camera supports slide calling and facial overlays in games, however, this also raises the risk of capturing or the unwanted sharing of personal images. The camera can be disabled, removed or covered, and parental controls are essential to manage use and when it's used.

POWERFUL PULL OF FAMILIAR CHARACTERS

Nintendo's mascot, Mario – along with Pikachu, Bowser and other iconic characters – remains highly appealing to younger audiences, especially after the success of their recent film. The recent Mario Bros. Movie (2023), which borrowed icons as central to Nintendo's branding and other features in merchandising, adverts and in-game promotions, created strong emotional attachments in children and a sense of urgency to keep up with their peers.

Advice for Parents & Educators

CHECK RATINGS & USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Every Switch 2 game comes with a PEGI age rating. Before buying or downloading a game, check the rating. Use the Nintendo Parental Controls app to monitor gameplay, set screen-time limits and manage friend requests.

REMOVE OR RESTRICT PAYMENT METHODS

Avoid accidental spending by unlinking credit cards from the device. Instead, consider adding funds via a prepaid card or requesting a PIN for purchases. Some banking apps can also be set to approve transactions manually.

REVIEW FRIEND LISTS AND CHAT PERMISSIONS

Chat profiles are restricted to chatting with approved friends only, but it's good practice to regularly check their friend list and communication settings. Use the Parental Controls app to switch off voice or video chat if necessary.

ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATIONS

Teach children how to block, report and capture any behaviour or content that makes them uncomfortable. The console will not automatically create screenshots or video clips, which can aid in reporting any issues. Keeping an open dialogue helps children feel supported and safe.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is the Games Editor of Daily Star and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for 16 years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new titles, he's also a parent and understands the importance of online safety. He's been interviewed by a wide range of media and has been published on sites including BBC, Techradar, and plenty more.

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