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Hadith of the Week

The Prophet Muhammed ﷺ said:

"The best of companions with Allah is the one who is best to his companions and the best of neighbours to Allah is the one who is the best to his neighbour." (At Tirmidhi)

Teaching of the week: As humans we are the crown of God's creation and bearers of His Revelations working to be the best is an innate drive that we must develop, and harness and it must be aligned with the motive of doing good to and for others and not be misaligned with any egoism and arrogance. We should be very caring towards our friends and neighbours. Material success and popularity should not be the benchmarks of success but rather one's commitment, reliance, responsibility, and manners. The Prophet (PBUH) epitomises this: surrounded by the wealthy and elite the Prophet's (PBUH) unflinching dedication to helping the poor and showing kindness to all gave him the eternal status of 'mercy to mankind'.

Attendance & Leave Requests

The overall attendance is **93.8%**

Year Group	% Present
Reception	94%
Year 1	97%
Year 2	94%
Year 3	96%
Year 4	96%
Year 5	96%
Year 6	95%
Overall	95%

There has been a surge in holiday and leave requests during term time. The Education (Pupil Registration) Regulations 2013 prohibits the principal of a school from granting leave of absence to a pupil, except where an **advance application** has been made by the parent/carer and the principal considers that there are **exceptional circumstances** relating to the application.

The request for leave of absence, where possible, must be made at least one month in advance by completing the 'Leave of Absence During Term Time Request Form.' The form is available from the school office. Each case will be considered on merit, taking into account the individual facts and the exceptional circumstances. For the purpose of defining 'exceptional circumstances' and as a guiding principle only, the principal may consider if the reasons given for requesting leave are **rare, significant, unavoidable and short**.

Message from Principal (Mr. Mirza)

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

Assalamu alaikum (peace be with you).

A number of children took part in trips this week. These trips contribute significantly to children's learning and provide them with memorable enrichment opportunities that they will remember for a long time. We have a packed line up of end of trips taking place next half term. We will send you a full list of all events and activities straight after the holidays.

Please ensure that you or your child(ren) are not leaning on any walls, sitting on any walls or entering into any front gardens belonging to our neighbours. We must respect our neighbours at all times.

Please note that school begins at **8:30am** with pupils entering the building from **8:15am**. Although we open the playground gate at **8:05am** to ease congestion on the road, parents are fully responsible for supervising their children until **8:15am**.

Parent Coffee Morning

This will take place on Tuesday the 6th June in the Nurture Room from 1:30pm to 2:20pm for the Year 4 parents.

Free School Meal Vouchers

Free School Meal vouchers have been issued out to eligible parents on Tuesday 23rd May 2023 for the value of £15/child for the May half-term break.

If you have not received your voucher, please also check your junk or spam in your mailbox.

Updating Contact details

Please inform the office if you have recently moved address and need a change of address on our system, we require a copy of your council tax bill to change your address.

Please also let us know if you need to update any contact mobile numbers/ email addresses.

School Dates for September 2023

Please click on the link for the school calendar for the next academic year: <https://bit.ly/3LzDqML>

Online Safety

Did you know the age rating to use TikTok is 13 years?

Some of our pupils have alerted us that they have been using their parents' or older siblings' TikTok accounts.

Please find the TikTok poster below to guide you around what you need to know about TikTok.

WUW_116_TikTok_2022_FIN copy (olivehackney.com)

Please find additional information about TikTok via link: Is TikTok safe? | NSPCC

School Uniform

We have about 1 Term left, and we can see our school uniform is not as consistent as it was in the Autumn term. And Spring terms

Can I therefore please remind you to send your child to school wearing the correct school uniform until we break up in July.

All parents agreed to adhere to school policies when their child became a member of Olive School, Hackney. Wearing the correct school uniform is school policy: it also creates an identity for school and is an important part of being a school pupil. However, we have noticed many children are not wearing the correct uniform. Uniforms create a sense of belonging to a particular school and an identity for the school in the community. Perhaps most importantly, a uniform means student don't have to worry about peer pressure when it comes to their clothes. When everyone is dressed the same, worrying about what you look like isn't so important.

Finally, for some children, wearing a different jumper, or top makes them 'stand out' from their classmates so they are seen to be flouting the rules and different from everyone else. This can be very upsetting for some children and unnecessary issues often arise when the children are asked to remove the item that is not uniform. Of course, this can be readily avoided if parents encourage their children to wear correct uniform, as they will need to when transferring to any secondary school in the borough.

Personal items in school

A gentle reminder that pupils are not allowed to buy and sell any personal items in school. Please pay particular attention if your child is bringing money into school and returning home with items which do not belong to them. Unfortunately, some children are too young to be able to handle money in school and this is causing incidents on the playground. Thank you for your support.

Reading Café

Once again, we are delighted to invite parents to attend their child's reading café. This is an excellent opportunity for parents to engage with their child and listen to them reading in school. Reading cafes for the following year groups will take place on the following days and times:

- Rec - Monday 5/6/23 from 8:15am to 8:45am
- Year 1 & 2 - Tuesday 6/6/23 from 8:15am to 8:45am
- Year 3 & 4 - Wednesday 7/6/23 from 8:15am to 8:45am
- Year 5 - Thursday 8/6/23 from 8:15am to 8:45am

Multiplication tables check in Year 4

The multiplication tables check (MTC) is statutory for all year 4 pupils and must be administered between Monday 5th June and Friday 16th June 2023. We are hoping to carry out our testing from 12th June onwards so that the children have a week of practice after they arrive back from the half-term break. Please do use the half-term to practice with your children and test them so they have the best chance of getting a high score. You can use the following website to assist them.

[Hit the Button - Quick fire maths practise for 6-11 year olds \(topmarks.co.uk\)](https://www.topmarks.co.uk/quick-fire-maths)

Family Learning

The organisation next door (Groundwork) who are in charge of the building and free-range garden over the wall have invited 15 of our reception pupils and a parent each to a *Family Learning Day* on **Weds 7th June, 1pm – 3pm**. Children will explore the garden, and learn about life cycles through outdoor craft activities. They can expect a scavenger hunt, storytelling, natural arts & crafts, and more. [CLICK HERE](#) for the poster.

Please do not book directly with Groundwork. We will send out our own registration link shortly and bookings will be accepted on a first come first serve basis.

School Trips

Monday 5th June – Year 6 Knife Crime Workshop at Ben Kinsella Trust

Tuesday 6th June – Year 5 (Ibn Amr) to visit Mithraeum Museum

Wednesday 7th June – Year 6 (Ibn Abee Talib) are going to Laser Tag

Thursday 8th June – Year 6 (Ibn Haarithah) are going to Laser Tag

Thursday 8th June – Reception Classes to visit London Zoo

London History Day

We will be celebrating London History Day on Friday 9th June 2023. As part of our celebrations, we are asking children to come into school dressed as a significant historical figure. Prizes will be awarded to the best costumes, so this is a great excuse to get creative over half term! The children have been given a holiday project related to London History Day, which has been sent home with them. We look forward to seeing some fantastic projects!



Dress up as a historical figure for 'London day' – best creative costume prizes for each year group!



See items from museums, galleries and archives telling amazing stories of London's past. Follow [#LondonHistoryDay](#) on Twitter!

London History Day

Historic England



Friday 9th June 2023

Find out what all the children at Olive Hackney have been learning in History. Artefact boxes will be available for children for all year groups to explore.

YOU DO
What do you love about London?

Show your love for London by creating;

- A poem
- A London landmark
- A story with London as the setting
- A map of London
- A poster to promote tourism in London





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Come and join us for an afternoon of adventure at the Free Range Garden!

Parents/carers and their children are invited to explore the garden, and learn about life cycles through outdoor craft activities.

You can expect a **scavenger hunt**, **storytelling**, **natural arts & crafts**, and **more...**

When?

Wednesday 7th June, 1pm – 3pm

Where?

Groundwork – Free Range Garden
6 Lower Clapton Road
London
E5 0PD

