



WEEKLY NEWS

Friday 24th April 2026

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THE BRENT SCHOOLS COMMITMENT: THE PHONE PLEDGE

Anson Primary School is recognised nationally and internationally for the work we do with computing and technology. As a school with staff who are Apple Teachers, Apple Distinguished Educators, Google Certified Educators and Seesaw Ambassadors we have a range of staff skills that ensure our children can be safe, inspired and confident.

Our aim is to provide our children with a curriculum which ensures they are digitally literate, can become active creators in the digital world and are well-prepared for the challenges of the future workplace. As a school with creativity at the core of our offer we encourage the skills of drawing, video, photography, coding and music using technology. We also support the children to understand the role AI. Children are creators at Anson rather than consumers.

We have also been part of the schools which have created the Brent Phone Pledge. We know parents are concerned about the use of mobile technology and the impacts on young people. The DFE and Government are taking steps in this area, but the Brent Phone pledge goes even further in supporting schools. Please read the information from Brent.



DATES

Friday 24th April

The Tempest
2pm

Monday 27th April

Parents' Evening (part one)
3:50pm to 5:00pm

Thursday 30th April

Parents' Evening (part two)
3:50pm to 7:00pm

Monday 4th May

Bank Holiday (School Closed)

Thursday 7th May

Mapesbury Class Assembly
at 9:10am

Monday 11th May

Year 6 SATs Week

Tuesday 19th May

Class Photo Day

Friday 22nd May

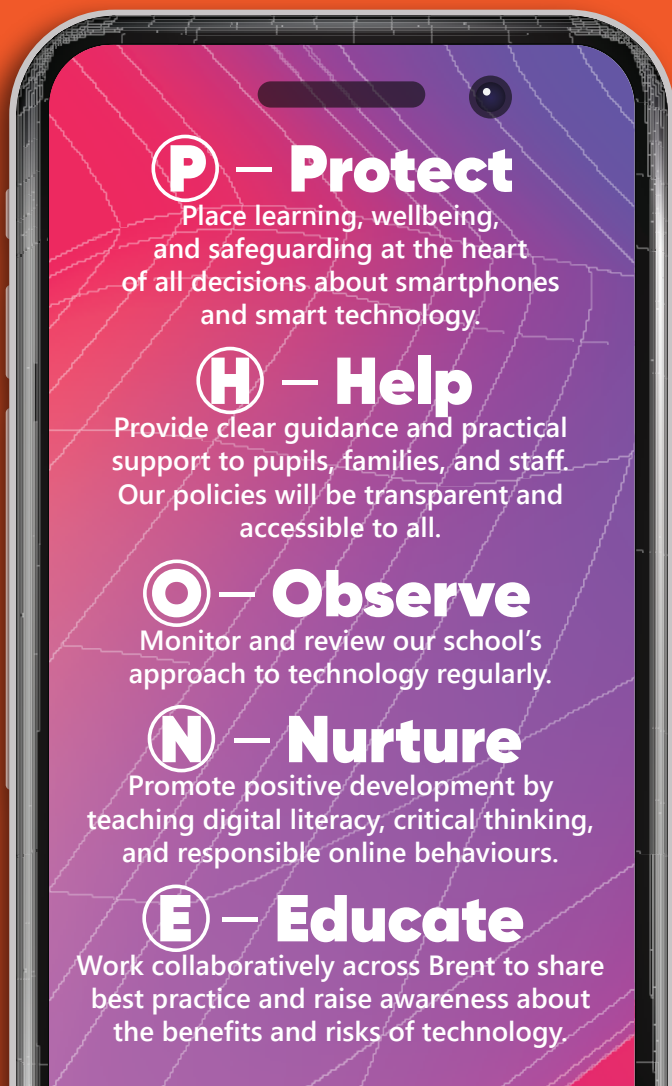
INSET DAY: School Closed

Monday 25th May

Half Term

Monday 1st June

Children return to school






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P – Protect

H – Help

O – Observe

N – Nurture

E – Educate

Protect

Place learning, wellbeing, and safeguarding at the heart of all decisions about smartphones and smart technology.

Help

Provide clear guidance and practical support to pupils, families, and staff. Our policies will be transparent and accessible to all.

Observe

Monitor and review our school's approach to technology regularly.

Nurture

Promote positive development by teaching digital literacy, critical thinking, and responsible online behaviours.

Educate

Work collaboratively across Brent to share best practice and raise awareness about the benefits and risks of technology.

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- Consistency across classrooms and spaces
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- High expectations for learning behaviours and digital responsibility

I have enclosed a copy of the Brent PHONE Pledge along with a list of schools that have signed up. I hope that you will welcome this Pledge and the clarity it presents around children's mobile phone use.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shirley Parks', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Shirley Parks
Director, Education, Partnerships and Strategy
Brent Council

Schools which have signed up to the Brent PHONE Pledge

Alperton Community School
Anson Primary School
Ark Academy
Ark Elvin Academy
Ark Franklin Primary Academy
Ashley College
Avigdor Hirsch Torah Temimah Primary School
Barham Primary School
Braintcroft E-Act Primary Academy
Brent River College
Brentfield Primary School
Carlton Vale Infant School
Chalkhill Primary School
Christ Church Primary School
Claremont High School
College Green School and Services
Convent of Jesus & Mary Infant School
Curzon Nursery School & Family Wellbeing Centre
Donnington Primary School
E-ACT Crest Academy
Elsley Primary School
Fawood Nursery School & Family Wellbeing Centre
Fryent Primary School
Furness Primary School
Gladstone Park Primary School
Granville Plus Nursery School
Harlesden Primary School
Harris Lowe Academy
Harris Primary Academy South Kenton
Islamia Primary School
JFS
John Keble Primary School
Kilburn Grange School
Kilburn Park School
Kingsbury Green Primary School
Kingsbury High School
Leopold Primary School
Lyon Park Primary School
Malorees Primary School
Manor School
Mitchell Brook Primary School
Mora Primary School
Mount Stewart Infant School
Mount Stewart Junior School

Newfield Primary School
Newman Catholic College
North West London Jewish Day School
Northview Junior and Infant School
Oakington Manor Primary School
Oliver Goldsmith Primary School
Our Lady of Grace Infant School
Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School
Park Lane Primary School
Phoenix Arch School
Preston Manor School
Preston Park Primary School
Princess Frederica Primary School
Queens Park Community School
Roe Green Infant School
Roe Green Junior School
Roundwood School
Salisbury Primary School
Sinai School
St Claudine's Catholic School for Girls
St Gregory's RC Science College
St Joseph's Infant School
St Joseph's Junior School
St Joseph's Primary School
St Margaret Clitherow Primary School
St Mary Magdalen's Junior School
St Mary's C of E Primary School
St Mary's RC Primary School
St Robert Southwell Primary School
Sudbury Primary School
The Avenue
The Stonebridge School
Uxendon Manor Primary School
Wembley Primary School
Woodfield School
Wykeham Primary School

Brent Schools Commitment: The PHONE Pledge

As Brent schools, we commit to working together to create safe, supportive, and forward-thinking environments for our children. We will:

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