



## Old Oak Primary School Update

Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear families,

Thank you to those parents who attended the Meet the Teacher sessions this week. We hope you found them useful. It is helpful for you to see the classroom as well and to understand the environment where the children spend their days. The partnership between school and home is so important and your support is really appreciated.

We have written below about the importance of reading at home every day and the impact this has on children's progress. We also have some information below about the events at our local Shepherds Bush library, including meeting an author this Saturday morning.

### **Attendance – OUR TARGET IS 96% FOR THE SCHOOL**

The new government is very keen to improve attendance in schools. The 2024 document states that:

*'Where parents decide to have their child registered at school, they have an additional **legal duty** to ensure their child attends that school regularly. This means their child **must** attend every day that the school is open, except in a small number of allowable circumstances such as being too ill to attend or being given permission for an absence in advance from the school.'*

The attendance figures for the top classes is good again this week. In key stage 1, **Acacia Class** achieved **96%**, and in key stage 2, **Willow class** achieved **97%**. This is

exactly what your children need- to be in school as often as possible. Well done to those classes.

**Punctuality** – Acacia class also had the best punctuality in key stage 1, with 6 late children. In key stage 2, Magnolia class also had 6.

**Reading with children at home:** We often talk about the importance of reading at home in our updates. But read the research below about the long term benefits of reading at home from the Booktrust:

*A child growing up in poverty who is read to at age five has a **significantly higher chance of economic success** in their 30s than their peers who are not read to.*

*Shared reading has a unique and transformative impact on school attainment. Shared reading at home exerts a stronger influence on children's academic performance than parents' supervision, control of homework or attendance of school activities.*

**For more information go to :**

**<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/globalassets/resources/research/booktrusts-benefits-of-reading-june-2024.pdf>**

## **BLACK HISTORY MONTH:**



Next month is Black History Month, which is always an important event in the school calendar. Each year group will be studying a significant person of colour and producing a piece of art work for the school.

## **BLACK HISTORY PARTY – WEDNESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER 3.30-4.40pm:**

We will be celebrating Black History with a party, to showcase the artwork the children produce, combined with music, dance, traditional dress and food. We would be grateful for any food donations. If you are able to make something to share, please drop this at school on the morning of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct, with ingredients clearly labelled. Please note we can accept no nut dishes due to allergies. It would

be fantastic if you could share a little about the traditions of the dish and the country where it originates. Children can come to school on the 22<sup>nd</sup> dressed in either party clothes or traditional dress.

**PE Kits** – there were a lot fewer football shirts or kits at school this week. Thank you. However, there were still one or two. Children can wear them outside school at any time but not in school please.

**FINAL REMINDER - Wick Court School Journey** - We are currently finalising numbers for our annual residential trip to Wick Court farm at the beginning of December. This 4 night stay is open to children in Year 4-6. There are a few spaces remaining - if you would like your children to attend, please see Joanne at front desk. More information for those attending will be coming in the near future.

**FINAL REMINDER - Flu Vaccinations:** We are aware that the link below has not been working but have been assured that it is working now, so please try again if you are interested in the children having a vaccination. Remember parents and carers must complete the form linked below to sign up and give/refuse consent.

<https://nwl.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2024/hammersmithandfulham>

*Reminder - The dates for the vaccinations at school are:*

First Session: - Tue 08 Oct at 8:30:00 AM until 12:00:00 PM

Second Session: Thu 07 Nov at 12:30:00 until 15:00:00 PM

**School Uniform:** It is now available the first **FRIDAY of EVERY MONTH.**

*For photos of the week, please check the school's Instagram page.*

Have a great weekend

Mrs Beardsworth and Mr. Brown

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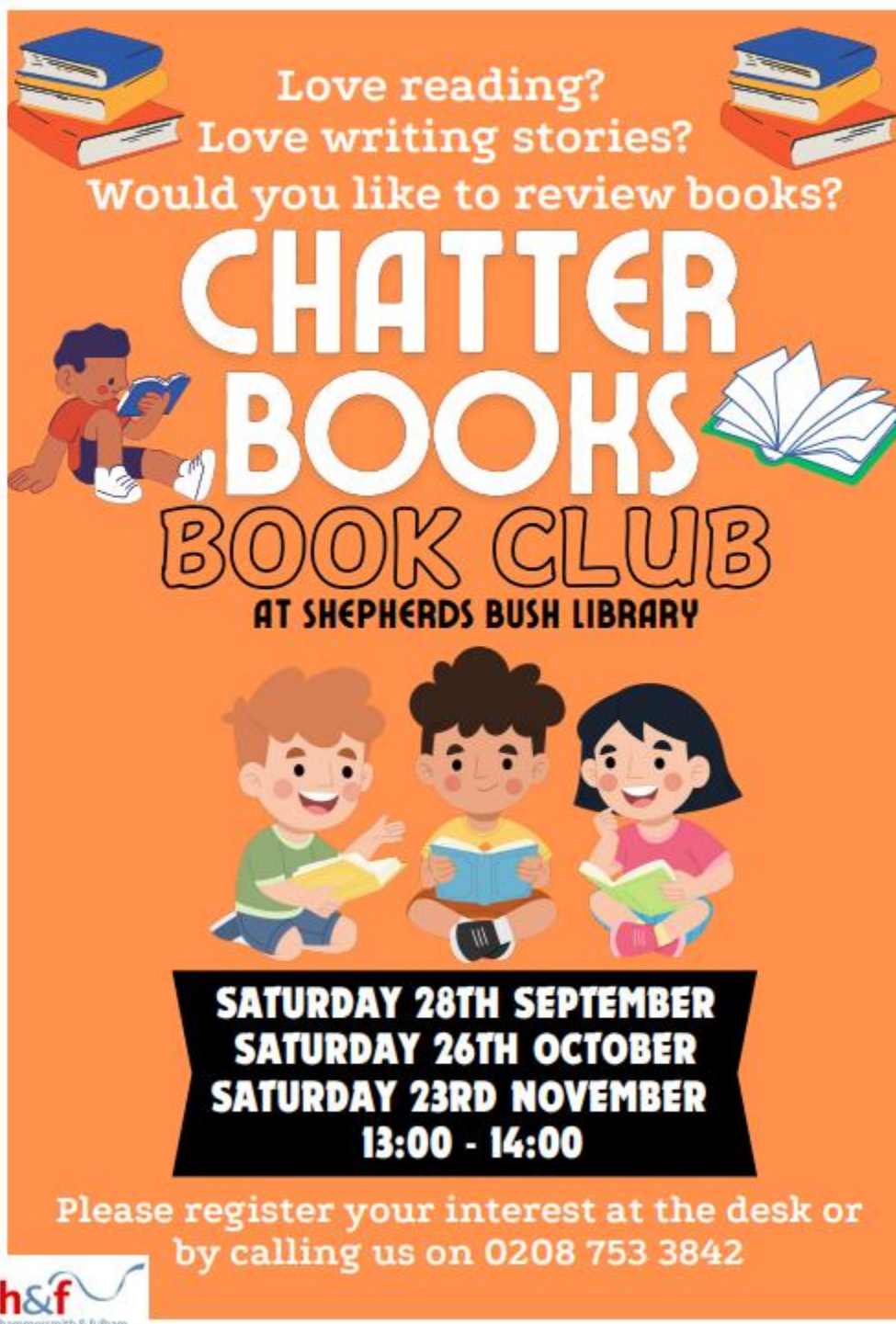


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# CHATTER BOOKS

## BOOK CLUB

AT SHEPHERDS BUSH LIBRARY

**SATURDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER**  
**SATURDAY 26TH OCTOBER**  
**SATURDAY 23RD NOVEMBER**  
**13:00 - 14:00**

Please register your interest at the desk or  
by calling us on 0208 753 3842



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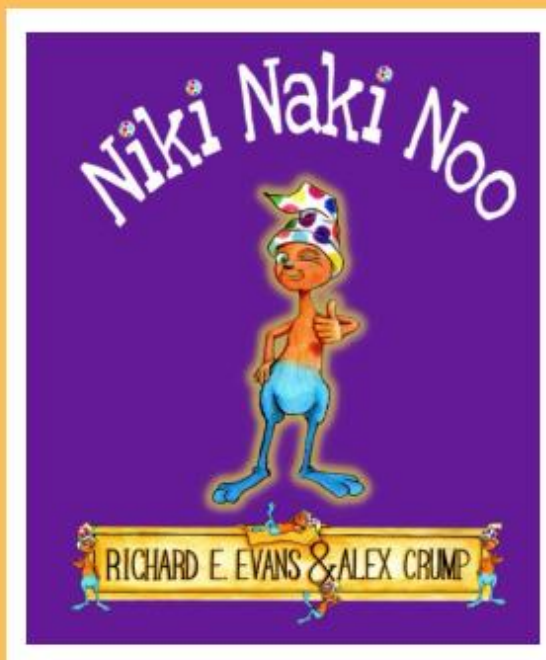


# Children's Author Event

## At Shepherds Bush Library

Where do stories come from?

Saturday 28th September  
13:00 – 14:00



Join Niki Naki Noo author Richard E. Evans and illustrator Alex Crump as they use their Niki Naki Noo book to show where stories come from and that there is a story in all of us. Fun, interactive and full of surprises so much so Niki Naki Noo may drop in himself

Suitable for children aged 3 – 8 years old

# Games Club

At Shepherds Bush Library

Every Wednesday

16:15 - 17:15



**Come along and join in the fun**  
**For ages 7 - 11**