



LADY BANKES PRIMARY SCHOOL

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ambition, togetherness, opportunity, respect, curiosity, happiness



Dear Lady Banks Families,

As we come to the end of the 5th year of being a primary school we have had another excellent year.

We have provided the children with so many opportunities throughout the year to enhance our curriculum offer- events as varied as workshops from the V&A and the Polar Museum in Cambridge to attending West End Musicals.

The most incredible sporting achievement this year was the Year 5 and 6 Athletics team who won the London Youth Games meaning that we are the best team in all of the 32 London boroughs. That is phenomenal. Congratulations again to all the children who trained every morning and to Ms Taylor and Mr S for their drive and dedication.

The end of Key Stage 2 data was released on Thursday and, as every year, our data is extremely strong putting us considerably above the national figures. 81% of pupils achieved the expected standard in reading, writing and mathematics- the national figure is 63%. 63% of our Year 4 pupils achieved full marks in their multiplication check in June. 37% of Year 4 pupils did nationally in 2025 so again demonstrates the children's fantastic achievements. 84% of our Year 1 pupils passed the phonics screening check in June as well and 98% Year 2 pupils leave Key Stage 1 having passed the phonics check. This year 80% of our Reception pupils leave EYFS with a good level of development. All these results are excellent and considerably stronger than national figures. They are testament to the fantastic teaching and learning that goes on every day here at Lady Banks. I couldn't be prouder of the children or the incredible teaching that takes place every day from our fabulous teaching team. Both staff and pupils now need a very well-deserved holiday!

Thank you to all the parents who have organised and helped at FOLBA events through the course of this year. We are so lucky to have such supportive parents who organise such great events for the school community to enjoy. They have really brought us together- no more so than for our wonderful 'Big Banks Birthday Bash' to celebrate our 90th anniversary. To see so many families attending it and past pupils, the oldest of whom was 95, was just wonderful and showed how Lady Banks has really been part of our community since 1936.

Today we say goodbye to Miss Templer, Mr Milner and Mr Baines. We wish them all the very best for the future and their new adventures. We will miss them and thank them so much for their dedication to Lady Banks.

As a staff team we are still coming to terms with the loss of Mrs Moller in April. We miss her greatly and continue to send our love to her family.

I hope that you all have a wonderful summer. For Year 6's moving on I wish you every success at high school and I look forward to seeing the children safely back to school on Thursday 3rd September.



Mrs Needs



Diary Dates

Wednesday 2nd September

Staff Training Day – School Closed

Thursday 3rd September

Autumn Term Begins at 8.30am

Tuesday 8th September

Welcome to Year 6 Meeting for families 8.45am

Wednesday 9th September

Welcome to Year 5 Meeting for families 8.45am

Thursday 10th September

Welcome to Year 4 Meeting for families 8.45am

Friday 11th September

Welcome to Year 2 Meeting for families 8.45am

Monday 14th September

Welcome to Year 3 Meeting for families 8.45am

Tuesday 15th September

Welcome to Year 1 Meeting for families 8.45am

Wednesday 16th September

Welcome to Reception Meeting for families
8.45am

Monday 28th September

Year 6 Bikability
Year 1 Pedestrian Training

Tuesday 29th September

Reception Pedestrian Training

Wednesday 30th September

Choir singing at St Pauls Church for 90th
Anniversary

PSD Child Care

How to Book:

Login or create an account with their on-line booking platform Magicbooking by going to the following link:

<https://thepsdgroup.magicbooking.co.uk>

Breakfast club 7.30 – 8.30am - £10

After School Club 3pm – 6pm - £18.50

After School Club 3pm – 4.30pm - £12

If you haven't already registered, simply click the button "Create an account". Register with the centre 'Lady Bankes Primary School'.



BANJI'S CLASS PERFORMING ARTS GROUP

(As seen on Britain's Got Talent) is coming to Lady Bankes Primary School, September 2026.

An exciting opportunity has presented itself for your child to be a part of the established Banji's Class performing arts group from September 2026, as seen on Britain's Got Talent. Back for a fourth year, the programme will run during school terms (12 weeks a term) every Saturday, for three hours (12pm-3pm), for children aged 4-14, at Lady Bankes Primary, HA4 9SF.

Pupils will be trained by industry professionals in dance, singing, and drama. They will also have the opportunity to record their vocals professionally as part of the recording process for a new Banji's Class song. The three-term programme culminates in a showcase for parents, guardians, and family & friends, and a **professional short film & music video which the children will star in.**

Places are allocated on a first come first served basis. To apply, please email comms@banjiclass.com and an application form will be sent to you.

In the words of top music industry executive, Simon Cowell:

"Brilliant, fun, very British! That's exactly the school I would like to be at!"

Simon Cowell (Britain's Got Talent)

Attendance July 2026

A big thank you to all our families working together with us this year. Every child is entitled to access full time education every day, attendance matters, let's help our children reach their full potential!

You will receive an email when your child returns in September 2026 which will include any updated attendance information and policies for the academic year 2026/2027.

In yr3 to yr6 all children with 95% or above attendance were entered into a draw. One child was selected from each class and received a £10 Amazon voucher, congratulations to all the winners.

Year group		% to end of year
Nursery	EYFS	87.4%
Reception	EYFS	94.5%
Year 1	KS1	93.6%
Year 2	KS1	95.1%
Year 3	KS2	94.3%
Year 4	KS2	94.6%
Year 5	KS2	94.5%
Year 6	KS2	94.8%

Our whole school attendance for
2025-26 is 94.5%
Mrs Sue Smith, Attendance Officer



Attend Today
Achieve Tomorrow



Family Days Out – Summer Holidays

At Lady Banks, we love to plan trips to enhance learning experiences for the children. We are always looking for exciting ways to engage the children and see their interests grow, both in and out of the classroom.

We have tried to find a selection of places and activities you can visit for either a small cost or for free during the summer holidays.

Summer Screens Family Gaming at Canada Square Park

Free Summer Screens Family Gaming sessions in Canary Wharf are perfect for those who love gaming. Set in Canada Square Park, families can play popular games like Mario Kart World and Just Dance on big outdoor screens, making it a fun and interactive experience.

There is no need to book, simply turn up and join in. Spaces are offered on a first come, first served basis, so it is worth arriving early. The sessions are aimed at children aged 5 and over, making it a great option for slightly older children during the summer holidays.



Dates: Selected dates in June, July and August 2026

Time: 1pm to 4pm

Price: Free

Apple Summer Camp Free Workshops at Apple Store

Apple Summer Camp is a free creative workshop designed for children, giving them the chance to learn new digital skills in a fun and interactive way. Taking place in Apple Stores across London, these sessions focus on filmmaking, where kids can record scenes, edit videos and add sound effects using iMovie on iPad.

Spaces are limited and must be booked in advance, so it is worth [signing up early](#) to secure a place.



Dates: Summer 2026 (dates vary by store)

Price: Free

Dinosaur World Live at Troubadour Wembley Park Theatre

Dinosaur World Live is returning to London this summer, giving families the chance to come face to face with life-like dinosaurs in an interactive live theatre show. Young dinosaur fans can meet a Tyrannosaurus Rex, Triceratops and other prehistoric creatures, with a special post show meet and greet included in the experience.

If you are looking for an affordable family theatre trip, the first four preview performances have all tickets available for just £10, making this an excellent low-cost activity for the summer holidays.



Dates: First four £10 performances on 28, 29 and 31 July 2026

Price: £10 for the first four preview shows

Pets at Home Pet Pals Workshops

Animal loving children can get hands on with furry friends this summer at the free Pet Pals Workshops taking place in Pets at Home stores across London. Designed for children aged 4 to 10, these interactive sessions give young animal enthusiasts the chance to meet and learn about a variety of pets in a safe and supervised environment.

Each workshop lasts up to 45 minutes and allows children to get up close with animals including guinea pigs, hamsters, rats and fish. Places are limited and advance booking is required.



Dates: Daily throughout the summer holidays 2026

Price: Free ([booking required](#))

Eating Out

IKEA	IKEA is one of the best value family dining options this summer. Children's meals start from just 85p and there's no requirement to buy an adult meal , making it one of the cheapest meal deals available. Options include pasta with tomato sauce, Swedish meatballs, plant balls and fish fingers, with prices starting from 85p. Available daily in IKEA Swedish Restaurants.
Harvester	Children can eat for £1 at Harvester every day until 4 September 2026 when you purchase an adult main meal. Choose any Children's main from the Kids' Menu or Breakfast Menu, with every meal including Harvester's unlimited salad. Simply claim the offer by logging into your Harvester account or through the Harvester app.
Toby Carvery	Children can enjoy a carvery for just £1 at Toby Carvery every day from 29 June to 4 September 2026 when you buy an adult main meal or all you can eat breakfast. The offer is available through the Toby Carvery app and can be redeemed for groups of up to six adults and children.
Morrisons Café	Children can enjoy a free meal at Morrisons Café when an adult purchases a main meal costing over £5. This offer includes a kids' main, side, vegetable and a drink, making it a great value option for families looking to save on lunch or dinner during the school holidays. In addition to this, Morrisons also runs a separate free breakfast offer during school holidays in partnership with Kellogg's. Children can enjoy a complimentary breakfast including cereal, fruit and milk, helping families start the day without the extra cost.
Tesco	Children eat free at participating Tesco Cafés and Coffee Shops from 25 June to 1 September 2026, 7 days a week, when you scan your Tesco Clubcard and make any full price purchase. An adult only needs to buy a qualifying item, even something as little as an apple, and there is no limit to the number of free kids' meals you can claim, making this one of the best value family offers this summer.

Great British Summer Savings

Rising prices can make life's little treats harder to afford, especially during the school holidays when costs build up for families. This Government is determined to help and that is why last month the Chancellor announced the *Great British Summer Savings* scheme.

From 25 June to 1 September 2026, the Government is temporarily cutting VAT from 20% to 5% on children's meals in restaurants, children and family tickets to cinemas, theatres, concerts and exhibitions and admission to a wide range of attractions. Combined with free bus travel during August for children aged 5 to 15 in England, families and young people will be able to enjoy experiences that make summer special, including visits to the kinds of cultural and educational attractions that enrich children's lives outside the classroom.

As part of this campaign, they have launched an **attraction finder** website which allows families to type in their postcode and find participating venues near them to make the most of summer savings. To use the attraction finder, please visit <https://summersavings.gov.uk>.

We hope our Lady Bankes Families all have an enjoyable summer.



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Identifying and supporting young carers at Lady Banks Primary School

Dear Families,

We are committed to ensuring that all students get the support they need to have a positive school experience, are happy in school and can achieve their full potential.

We know that for some students, factors outside of school can have a big impact on this, particularly if there is someone in their family or a friend who is ill, disabled, or has a mental health problem or an addiction. We think in every class there could be as many as two pupils who are helping to support someone because of one of these factors – we call these students **young carers**.

Students can be young carers for lots of different reasons:

- They might be providing physical support to a parent with a physical illness such as fibromyalgia or ME, such as cooking, fetching things or helping with things like putting shoes on or doing the shopping.
- They might be helping a parent with a disability who needs help with more personal tasks such as getting dressed, bathing or changing dressings.
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- Or it could be more emotional support – like being there if their autistic sibling is upset, taking responsibility for young siblings whilst parents attend health appointments, or checking that a parent with depression/anxiety is okay.
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Some young carers might be doing lots of caring, others just a small amount but are impacted by the situation at home for example by worrying about the person with the health condition, or needing to do more things for themselves compared to other students.

There is lots of support available for young carers and their families should they ever need it – both inside and outside of school.

If you think that any of the above applies to your child and that they might possibly be a young carer then please contact Miss Cronin on the email address youngcarer@ladybanks.school

Weekly sessions with a lead from the Carers Trust will begin at Lady Banks in October. All registered Young Carers will have access to this support.

Even if you feel your child or family are doing really well and don't need any support, we find that it's better for us to be aware and have them on our radar as potential young carers, in case the situation suddenly changes and they (or you) do need support. It just means that you and your child don't have to start from scratch with letting us know what is going on if things have become difficult.

Yours sincerely,

Young Carers' School Operational Lead: Miss Cronin



We would like to say a huge **thank you** to all of our wonderful Lady Bankes Families for your incredible support. Your generosity and enthusiasm have helped make our 'Break the Rules' day a great success. Thanks to your contributions, we are delighted to share that we have raised **over £1,000!** Your support makes a real difference to our school and helps us provide even more opportunities and resources for our children. We truly appreciate your continued kindness and commitment to the Lady Bankes community.



Standard Uniform Nursery to Year 6

- Grey skirt, pinafore, tailored trousers or shorts
- Brown V-necked jumper or cardigan with school logo
- Black school shoes (trainers are not school uniform)
- Grey, white or black socks or tights

Children in Nursery

- White polo shirt (badged polo shirts are optional)

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

- White polo shirt (badged polo shirts are optional)
- Black zipped sports top with logo
- PE T Shirt in the colour of the child's house
- Black PE shorts

Children in Years 3-6

- White shirt
- School tie (Years 3-5 are expected to wear a clip on tie, Year 6 to wear a self-tie tie)
- Black zipped sports top with logo
- PE T Shirt in the colour of the child's house
- Black PE shorts

This is the uniform that we expect all children to wear.

Optional uniform items

- Yellow checked summer dresses
- Black jogging bottoms for PE lessons only in colder weather
- Blue book bag with school logo

PE Kit

All children are required to wear a PE kit from Reception to Year 6. Reception children will wear a PE kit for lessons in the summer term. All children are in a 'house' and should wear a T shirt of their house colour- these are red, blue, green and yellow.

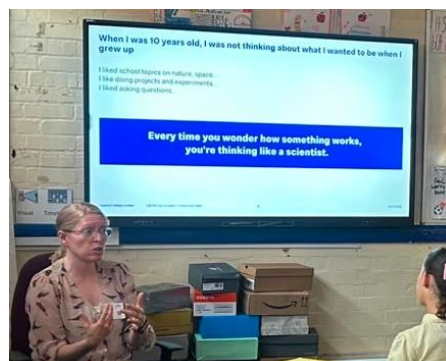
For outdoor games the children will need to wear plimsolls or trainers. The school zipped sports top must be worn on colder days or when representing the school at sporting events.

All logo items are available from Adams Schoolwear in Ruislip Manor. All other items are available at the local supermarkets.

FOLBA regularly hold second hand uniform sales during the school year including at parent evenings.

Careers Day 2026

Thank you to the fantastic speakers, who gave up their time, to come into school to share their careers with our Year 5 and Year 6 children. Here are just some of the pictures from the day:



Nursery

The Nursery children have learnt about holiday trips to Ireland, Spain, Italy, Greece and France. They enjoyed visiting the stalls of the older children spending their £1 coins on Enterprise Day. The children loved dressing up in their party clothes for their very first disco at Lady Bankes Primary School. The children were excited to meet their new Reception Teachers on Admits Day. We have prepared the children for their Nursery/ Reception transition by carrying out a school tour, Reception Teachers visiting the nursery sessions to spend time with their children and the children visiting the Reception Year classes and the Reception outside area in small groups. We celebrated the end of the school year with a teddy bears' picnic with the whole EYFS unit.

It has been an amazing year with this nursery group. All the children have grown in confidence in their social skills. The nursery team wish you all a lovely summer holiday and we look forward to seeing your children in their new Reception classes as we pass by.



Reception

As we reach the end of the school year, it's hard to believe how quickly our reception year has flown by. We are incredibly proud of everything the children have achieved. Through their enthusiasm, perseverance, and hard work, they have made fantastic progress and grown in confidence across all areas of their learning.

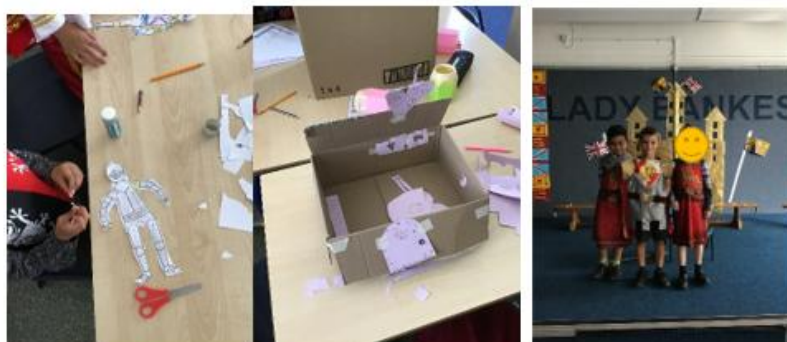
It has been a real privilege to teach your children this year, and we will miss them all very much. We know they are ready and excited for the next stage of their learning journey, taking with them many happy memories from a year filled with discovery, friendship, and fun.

Thank you for your continued support throughout the year. We wish you all a wonderful, relaxing summer break!



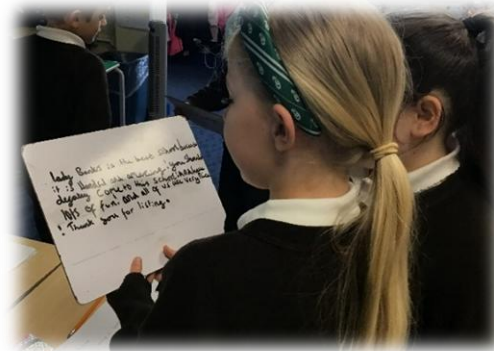
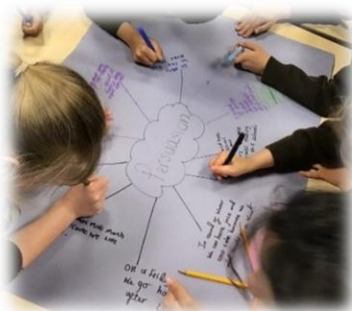
Year 1

Year 1 have thrived and grown in confidence in July. We have had an amazing time celebrating our Medieval day and making our own castles. We have said a farewell to Mr Milner and have been quizzing him on his new British Airways adventure, he has promised to come and see us when we are in Year 2. We wish you all a lovely summer break and look forward to seeing you in September.



Year 2

Life in Year 2 has been amazing in July. The children have had pedestrian training, scooter training, talent show, sports day to name some of the exciting events we have participated in. We have said a sad farewell to Miss Templer, we thank her for teaching us all about her passions surrounding guide dogs and photography, we wish her well in the future. As a Year 2 team, we have loved teaching the Year 2 children this year and are looking forward to seeing them flourish in September when they are in Year 3.



Year 3

Year 3 has had a fantastic end to the school year! We really enjoyed taking part in Sports Day, where everyone showed great teamwork, determination, and enthusiasm. We also learned lots during our Road Safety sessions, gaining valuable knowledge about how to stay safe when out and about.

In class, we had great fun designing shop fronts using digital technology before bringing our ideas to life through crafting. It was wonderful to see everyone's creativity and imagination shine in both the virtual designs and the finished models.

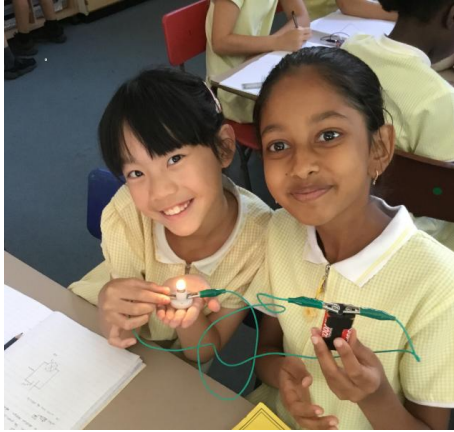
We are incredibly proud of all the hard work, progress, and positive attitudes the children have shown throughout the year. Thank you for your continued support—it has made a real difference.

We hope you all have a wonderful, relaxing summer break filled with fun, laughter, and special family memories. We look forward to welcoming the children back refreshed and ready for another exciting year.



Year 4

In Science, we have been learning about electricity. The children have had the opportunity to build simple circuits using wires, batteries and bulbs, and have been investigating conductors and insulators, discovering which materials allow electricity to flow and which ones block it. This practical learning has really sparked their curiosity!



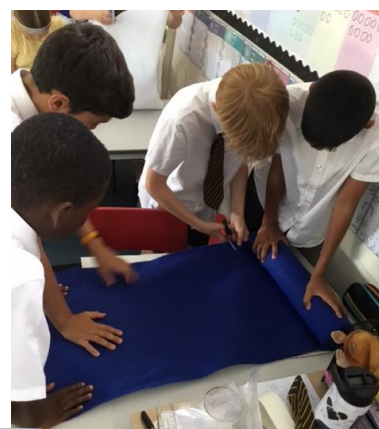
A huge congratulations to Henry and Amisha for making it through to the 2026 Lady Banks Talent Show. Their spectacular performances blew the audience away with their talent, confidence, and stage presence.



Thank you for your continued support throughout the year. We wish you all a wonderful summer.

Year 5

In Year 5, we have had a very busy end to the year. We have enjoyed completing a range of science experiments during our unit on forces such as making parachutes to test for air resistance and have also tested to see the impact of water resistance on different shape objects travelling through water. We enjoyed taking part in Sports Day – congratulations to all of the children who completed activities!



We are so proud of all of the children for a fabulous year. They have worked incredibly hard and it has been a pleasure teaching them. Wishing all of our children and families a lovely and restful summer holidays!

Year 6

Year 6 have finished off a very busy few weeks with our Year 6 Leavers Party. We wish them all the very best of luck for the future.



