Whiteheath Infant and Nursery School

Learning, Fun & Friends

Newsletter

Friday 18th September 2026

Dear Families,

It has been so lovely to welcome all our Year 1 and Year 2 parents and carers to our Meet the Teacher meetings this week. Thank you to everyone who attended and to our staff for organising these meetings and making them such a success.

This week, our assemblies have focused on our school values and emotions. On Monday, Miss Vaughan led our assembly on internet safety with discussions around what to do if children encounter anything concerning online. Wednesday's assembly explored our school value, *We Have Rules*, and why rules are important. On Thursday, we focused on the emotion sadness, helping children to understand and talk about their feelings.

Next week is Recycling Week, and we will be learning about the importance of recycling and how we can all help to look after our environment. Please encourage your children to recycle at home as well as at school. Every little action makes a difference!

Thank you for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Hall

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Key Dates

EVENT	DATE
Year 2 Meet the Teacher	Friday 18th September 9am
Recycling Week	Monday 21st – Friday 25th September
SEN coffee morning	Monday 28th September 9am
Little Recyclers Collection	Thursday 1st October
Year 2 Harvest assembly	Thursday 8th October 9:10am & 2:30pm
Individual Photo Day	Monday 12th October
Year 1 and Year 2 Mr Frostie Show	Thursday 15th October
Open Day for New Prospective Families	Saturday 17th October
Parents Evening	Tuesday 20th and Thursday 22nd October
Reception Trip to the Allotment (Parent Volunteers School DBS required – please contact School Office for information)	Friday 23rd October (amended date)
October Half-Term	Monday 26th – Friday 30th October
Year 1 Local Trip (Parent Volunteers School DBS required – please contact School Office for information)	Thursday 12th November
Christmas Fayre	Friday 4th December
WISA Quiz Night	Friday 13th November
Children in Need Day	Friday 13th November
SEN coffee morning	Monday 23rd November 9am
Year 1 Christmas Show (dress rehearsal)	Tuesday 8th December
Year 1 Christmas Show	Thursday 10th December 9:10am & 2:30pm
Rocksteady Concert	Tuesday 15th December 9:30-10:30am & 2-3pm

Updates/Changes in red.

School News, Events & Updates

Weekly Attendance by Class

Class	Attendance %
Nursery	90.2
Wrens	93.6
Swans	92.0
Doves	94.4
Robins	98.0
Owls	98.8
Puffins	98.9
Swallows	99.3

Weekly Attendance Winners: Swallows (99.3%)

Uniform Donations Needed

We are urgently looking for spare uniform items. If you have any **boys' grey trousers (age 5+)** or **black P.E. shorts (age 5+)** that your child no longer uses, we would be very grateful for your donation. Please bring any items to the school office.

Parent Volunteers – DBS Applications

If you would like to volunteer at Whiteheath — whether for school trips, events or helping in class — please make sure you have a **school-specific DBS check**. Even if you already hold a DBS from another organisation, we are required to have one issued **specifically for our school** before you can volunteer.

You can contact the school office to request an application form, or collect a paper copy in person.

Ongoing Email Delivery Issues

We want to make parents aware that our school email provider is continuing to experience technical problems, which are also affecting many other schools. As a result, some emails sent from the school may not arrive in your main inbox or may be delivered straight into your junk or spam folder.

If you have emailed us and are expecting a reply, please check your junk/spam folder before calling the office. We always respond when a message requires an answer, but due to the current issue, our reply may not appear where you expect it.

Thank you for your patience while the provider works to resolve this. If you need help with **email communication**, please let us know.

Updated Permissions Letter – Deadline: Monday 21st September

Please ensure all completed forms are returned to the school office **by Monday 21st September**, either by email or by handing in a paper copy. **We have had a very low number of returned forms.**

It is very important that we have your most up-to-date permissions, especially regarding **photography and images**. These permissions allow us to safely and appropriately include children in school photos, class activities, displays, newsletters and our secure communication platforms. Keeping permissions current ensures we follow all safeguarding guidelines and respect each family's wishes.

School News, Events & Updates

🌐 Togetherness – Free Online Learning Platform

Togetherness is a free online learning platform from the Parenting and Home Learning Team that supports emotional wellbeing, healthy relationships, and positive child development. The platform offers evidence-based guidance on topics including child development, SEND, young people's mental health and adult emotional wellbeing. Hillingdon residents can access the platform free of charge at www.togetherness.co.uk using the access code LEARNTOGETHER and their postcode.

🏫 Applying for a School Place – September 2027

Nursery parents will have received information this week about **applying for a primary school place for September 2027**.

If your child was born between **1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023**, it is now time to submit their application for a full-time school place.

Please refer to the email/Class Dojo post shared earlier this week, which contains all the key details you need. You can also find the full guidance online via the London Borough of Hillingdon website: **http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions**

The closing date for applications is **Friday 15 January 2027**.

Please remember that it is each parent's responsibility to apply for a full-time school place. Even if you already have an older child at a school, a **separate application** must be completed for younger siblings. If you need help with **school admissions**, please get in touch.

🏫 Year 2 – Applying for Junior School (September 2027)

Year 2 parents were contacted via email/Class Dojo this week regarding **applying for a Junior School place**.

While Whiteheath Junior School is our feeder school, you **must still submit an application** if you wish for your child to attend there in September 2027. A separate application is required for every child, regardless of siblings already attending.

The closing date for applications is **Friday 15 January 2027**. Applications submitted after this date will be considered **late**, and your child may not be guaranteed a place.

Please note that the Infant School is **unable to submit applications on your behalf**. If you need help with **Junior School admissions**, please get in touch.

Important Reminder

We would like to remind all parents and carers of the importance of following the school's arrangements for drop-off and collection.

The school car park is for staff use only. Parents and carers must **not** use the car park or the car park gate when entering or leaving the school at drop off or collection time.

At collection, **parents and children MUST leave the school via the pedestrian gate onto Ladygate Lane.** The car park gate **must not** be used as an alternative exit.

This is a **health and safety requirement,** not simply a preference. Vehicles regularly leave the school car park during and around collection time, and anyone using the car park gate may be required to walk alongside or cross the path of moving vehicles. This creates an unnecessary risk to children, parents, carers and staff.

We also ask all parents and carers to remain **sensible, patient and vigilant when driving and parking around the school,** particularly during the busy drop-off and collection periods.

Please do not:

- Park or stop on the pavement/footpath.
- Drive or park on grassed areas.
- Block or obstruct residents' driveways.
- Stop in the road in a way that causes an obstruction or creates a hazard.
- Carry out manoeuvres that put pedestrians or other road users at risk.
- Use areas around the school simply for convenience if doing so creates a safety issue.

We appreciate that drop-off and collection times can be busy, but **the safety of our children, families, staff and local residents must come first**.

Please ensure that you follow the designated routes and parking arrangements and show consideration for our neighbours and the wider community.

Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us to keep the school and surrounding area safe, accessible and respectful for everyone.



Kingfishers Wrap Around Club – More Spaces Available!

We're pleased to let families know that we have **expanded the number of places available in our Kingfishers Wrap Around Club**. 🎉

Our club provides **safe, friendly and convenient before- and after-school care** in a familiar school environment. 🏫💚

💷 **Need help with childcare costs?** Families may be eligible for financial support with childcare. Visit the Government's **Best Start in Life** website to find out what help may be available:

🔗 **www.beststartinlife.gov.uk**

🌿 **Find out more about Kingfishers Wrap Around Club,** including our provision and how to book:

🔗 **https://whiteheathinfant.secure-primarysite.net/wrap-around-school-clubs/**

🍎 FREE SCHOOL MEALS – PLEASE COMPLETE AN ELIGIBILITY CHECK

Did you know that even though **all Whiteheath children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 already receive free school meals,** it is still important to check whether your child qualifies for **benefits-related Free School Meals**?

💷 An eligible child may bring **up to £1,550 in additional Pupil Premium funding** into our school to support learning, wellbeing and opportunities.

🟡 Eligibility may also give families access to additional support such as the **Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme**.

📢 **Free School Meals eligibility has expanded from September 2026,** including children from households receiving Universal Credit, so please check even if you have applied before or think you may not qualify.

☑ Checking does not mean your child has to eat a school meal every day.

👉 **Complete the quick eligibility check here:** https://fsm.lgfl.net/

Little recyclers - help us raise funds for our school!

Doing a clear out? We've teamed up with 'The Little Recyclers' to turn your unwanted items into money for Whiteheath Infant & Nursery School. Simply leave your bags of donations outside school on the morning of Thursday 1st October (not before please!). More information about what they can and can't accept on the website.

https://thelittlerecyclers.co.uk/items-we-accept/





Click here to buy tickets – Jack and the Beanstalk - Beck Theatre – Beck Theatre, Hayes

buytickets.at

Christmas Panto @ The Beck Theatre, Hayes!

Saturday 19th December @ 11am !!
£17.50 pp

We are very pleased to confirm that we have managed to secure tickets for our school families again this year at this discounted price you save over £10pp.

Book now as ticket numbers are limited.

Thank you
WISA



Swallows



Year 2

Puffins



Thank you to those of you who attended the Year 2 Meet the Teacher event this morning - it was lovely to meet you. The PowerPoint slides, including all the key information will be available on the school website.

The children enjoyed creating beautiful **autumn sun catchers** in Art this morning. We look forward to showcasing them at our **Year 2 Harvest Assembly on Thursday 8th October**.

Thank you for keeping up to date with Year 2 news through the newsletter and **Class Dojo**. Please remember to check Class Dojo daily, as all important messages and reminders will be shared there.

English - We are continuing our work on *I Want My Hat Back* next week. The children have loved exploring the story and sharing creative ideas about the mystery cone this week.

On **Wednesday**, we will have a special **hat day** to inspire our writing. Please send your child to school wearing a hat — the more creative and unusual, the better! Cowboy, party, police, firefighter, beret or any other style are all welcome.
The children will describe their hats using ambitious vocabulary and adjectives before designing and making their own personalised hats and writing about them.

Maths - We will be exploring different ways to **partition numbers to 100** and using practical resources to build numbers with our talk partners. The Maths home learning this week focuses on partitioning numbers into tens and ones so this should consolidate the learning we have done in class.

At home, please practise:

- Counting aloud in tens.
- Counting on in tens from any given number to 100, e.g. **45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50**.

Dimensions - Our 'Mobile Mystery' topic continues next week - we will be looking at the history of the telephone which will include an introduction to a significant person from the past - Alexander Graham Bell. We will be learning facts about his life and all about the invention of the telephone.

In RE - we continue our focus on Harvest time and we will be learning how Hindu harvest traditions.

Home Learning, Reading & Spellings - Homework and a spelling sheet will be sent home **every Thursday**. Spelling words are based on the graphemes covered in our phonics lessons that week.

- **Monday:** Return reading books.
- **Tuesday:** Return home learning folders.
- **Friday:** Spelling test and return library books.

Spelling tests will be completed on paper, marked and sent home each Friday. Please look out for these in your child's book bag.
Please return reading books promptly on Monday so that we can redistribute them for the following week. Thank you for your cooperation.

PE - PE is on Wednesday and Friday**. Please ensure PE kits follow the school uniform policy:**

- White short-sleeved T-shirt
- Black shorts, jogging bottoms or leggings
- Black hoodie or school jumper
- Trainers

Long hair should be tied back. Children with pierced ears should wear studs only, which must be covered with tape or removed before school.
As always, please message your child's class teacher via Class Dojo if you have any questions.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

The Year 2 Team



It has been another wonderful week in Year 1!

In English next week we will be doing our last Drawing Club sessions. We will continue our work on capital letters and word spaces as well as using a full stop at the end of the sentence.

Next week in Phonics we will be revising our phase 4 phonics from Reception. We will be reviewing the tricky words: was, they, some, come, were, there, sure and pure. Please continue to help your child learn all of the tricky words taught so far at home.

In Maths we are continuing our place value to 10 topic. We will be recognising numbers as words and counting on from a given number. This will include adding one more and practising counting backwards. Please continue to practise number formation (watching out for reversals) and counting backwards from 10.

In our topic lessons, we will be exploring an Art challenge to design and create a clay pot for Cinderella's jewellery. We will also be learning about the life cycle of a duck during our Science and Forest school sessions.

In RE we will be thinking about what is important to Christians.

Notices:

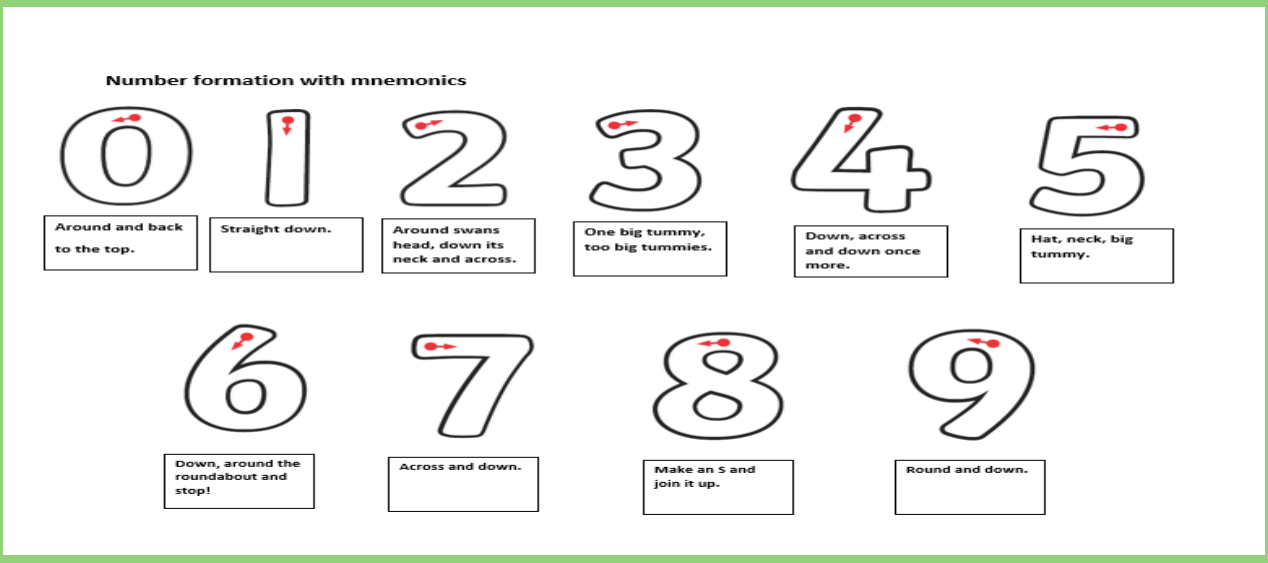
We need donations of egg boxes (half a dozen size please). Thank you.

We need volunteers for our local walk on the 12th of November. This will be a morning walk.

Friday 25th of September (1:30-2:30pm) Year 1 will be making clay pots. We are looking for volunteers who can help.

Please can you start sending in pictures of your child as a baby through Dojo as we need these by the 25th

Thank you for all your support. We hope you have a lovely weekend, the Year One team.



Wrens



Reception

Swans



This week we had our very first assembly and our first Forest School session. The Reception children are coping so well with all the new experiences we are introducing them to. They absolutely loved Forest School - being outside, exploring the woodland area, discovering natural treasures and having the freedom to investigate the world around them. They have been incredibly engaged in provision too, exploring, trying new activities and showing such curiosity in their learning. We're sure they must be coming home tired after such busy, exciting days, and we are so proud of how confidently they are settling into school life.

Looking Ahead to Next Week

Phonics – g, o, c, k

Next week we will be learning the sounds **g, o, c, k**. We've already heard lots of you tell us that your children are beginning to recognise graphemes in the world around them, which is fantastic. Please keep encouraging this — spotting letters in books, signs, packaging and labels makes a huge difference. New sounds will continue to be shared weekly on Dojo, along with a printed handout in book bags.

Maths – More, Less and Capacity

In maths, we will be learning about **more** and **less**, recognising who has more objects and who has fewer. We will then link this learning to **capacity**, exploring full, empty and everything in between through practical activities.

Dimensions Theme – The Five Senses

Our Dimensions theme next week is **The Five Senses**. We have lots of lovely activities planned - listening games, texture exploration and even some *very* interesting smells for the children to investigate. It's always a fun, hands-on week.

Drawing Club Begins

Next week we are excited to start **Drawing Club**. Drawing Club is when we begin exploring rich, imaginative texts that lead to more mark-making and, eventually, writing. The children absolutely love Drawing Club - it's magical, creative and full of storytelling. We are very much looking forward to introducing them to this.

Messages for Parents

- **Names in jumpers** really help us — please ensure all clothing is clearly labelled.
- We are still collecting **natural objects** such as conkers, pine cones, acorns and interesting leaves for our investigation area.

- We always need **volunteers** for trips and reading. Please remember: **DBS checks must be completed through the school** to volunteer. These can take **up to 3 weeks,** so please speak to the office if you are able to offer your time.
- Now that **school lunches** are available, please upload your child's **photo** to their **HCL account** to help lunch staff with giving out meals smoothly



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another successful week at Nursery. The children have continued to build friendships with one another and have made a positive start to school life. They are also becoming very familiar with the Nursery team who are supporting them throughout the day helping them feel safe and happy.

The children are learning to follow the class routine and are remembering where their personal items need to be placed during the day. To help promote their independence at school, please teach your child to put on their coats and jumpers. We would also like you to please support your child to use the toilet independently at home. This includes pulling up their clothes and washing their hands. We are constantly reminding the children to roll up their sleeves to avoid them from getting wet from hand washing – please continue to remind and show them how to do this.

We are really pleased to see the progress the children are already making and look forward to them grow over the coming week.

A few reminders:

- Please ensure your child has a pair of wellingtons in school (kept in school).
- Please label all items of clothing. This includes water bottles, lunch box, school bags, all items of uniform and spare clothes, shoes, wellingtons.
- Your child must bring a water bottle to school every day. Please ensure this is ready in their hands when they arrive at school to help with the transition.
- Please register your child on 'cool milk' if you would like your child to have milk at school. We are unable to give them milk if they have not been registered.
- Please ensure you are not putting hummus or any nuts of any kind in your child's lunch box.

- Please only bring a lunch box, book bag and water bottle to school – no additional bags.

Thank you for your continuous support.

Have a lovely weekend! The Nursery Team



EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

Autumn Term 2026

The following clubs are currently available at Whiteheath Infant School. The clubs are provided by external providers who communicate directly with parents.

For more information, please use the contact details below.

STREET DANCE **(Monday 3.20pm-4.20pm)** Year 1 and Year 2- Open to Reception from January 2026 Soul Performing Arts **www.igotsoulofficial.com** Contact: 07791 466859 Email: **info@igotsoulofficial.com**	**GYMNASTICS CLUB** **(Monday 3.20pm-4.20pm)** Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 The PSD Group **www.thepsdgroup.org.uk/psd-clubs** Contac: 0203 397 7409 Email: **info@psdgroup.org.uk**
ROCKSTEADY **(Tuesday- during school hours)** Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Rocksteady Music School Book online: **www.rocksteadymuscischool.com** Tel: 0330 113 0330 Email: **info@rocksteadymusicschool.com**	**THE CREATION STATION** **(Tuesday 3.20pm-4.20pm)** Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 The Creation Station Email: **lisaandrews@thecreationstation.co.uk** Tel: 07885 492952
FOOTBALL **(Wednesday 3.20pm-4.20pm)** Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 The Elms Book online: **www.theelms.co.uk**	**TENNIS** **(Thursday 3.20pm-4.20pm)** Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Lets Go Tennis Contact: 020 3291 2984 **Email: lisa@letsgotennis@gmail.com**
DRAMA **(FRIDAY 3.20-4.20PM)** Year 1 and Year 2 Little Voices Contact: 07787 535506 Email: **coleen@littlevoices.org.uk** (bookings now closed – waiting list in place)	

London Borough of Hillingdon

Whiteheath Infant and Nursery School

TERMS AND HOLIDAYS FOR 2026-2027

Public Holidays 2027

Good Friday	Friday 26th March 2027
Easter Monday	Monday 29th March 2027
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 3rd May 2027
Spring Bank Holiday	Monday 31st May 2027

Autumn Term 2026

Closure	Wednesday 2nd September (Training Day)
Term Starts	Thursday 3rd September
Half Term	Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October
Closure	Monday 2nd November (Training Day)
Term Ends	Friday 18th December @ 12.20pm

Spring Term 2027

Closure	Monday 4th January (Training Day)
Term Starts	Tuesday 5th January
Half Term	Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February
Term Ends	Friday 27th March @ 12.20pm

Summer Term 2027

Term Starts	Monday 12th April
Half Term	Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June
Term Ends	Tuesday 20th July @ 12.20pm
Closure	Wednesday 21st July (Training Day)
Closure	Thursday 22nd July (Training Day)

Community Events and News

Please note: Information shared on these pages is provided for the interest and convenience of our school community. The events, activities and services advertised are not organised, endorsed or affiliated with Whiteheath Infant and Nursery School, unless expressly stated otherwise.

Some organisations featured may also provide clubs or services that Whiteheath Infant and Nursery School works with separately; however, any events or information advertised here is independent of the school and should not be taken as school-organised activities.





Junior Adventures Group

HOLIDAY HQ

OCTOBER

HALF TERM HOLIDAY CAMP

LAUNCHING OCTOBER 2026

- Action-packed activities every day – sports, games, crafts, challenges & more
- Mission Starlight this October – a new space-themed adventure every day
- Make, create & take it home – including our Solar System Planetarium
- Great-value holiday childcare – with offers & discounts available

SCAN TO FIND YOUR HOLIDAY HQ & BOOK NOW

MISSION CONTROL IS CALLING...

MISSION Starlight

OCTOBER PROGRAMME

Give your child an October half term filled with activities, creativity, active play, new experiences and plenty of fun at Holiday HQ.
With exciting activities throughout the day and a programme designed to keep children engaged, Holiday HQ offers October half term childcare that's about much more than simply filling the school holidays.
Find your nearest October half term holiday club and join Mission Starlight.



MAKE YOUR OWN PLANETARIUM

DAILY ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- Big adventures bringing each day's theme to life
- Fun challenges to test skills, teamwork & confidence
- Imagine it. Create it. Make it yours.

PLUS - 100+ WAYS TO PLAY WITH CHILDREN'S CHOICE EVERY DAY

- Save with Early Bird
- Sibling Discounts Available
- Book Ad Hoc or Weekly
- Tax-Free Childcare Accepted

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- Children's early development and behaviour
- Special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)
- Adolescence and young people's mental health
- Adult emotional health including trauma

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LOOKING FOR OUTSTANDING CHILDCARE THIS HOLIDAY?



Themed around a popular musical or play, a Little Voices Theatre Week/Camp is packed from start to finish with a mix of creative activities that will help your child:

- burn off **energy**
- release **tension**
- build **confidence**
- learn new **skills**
- make new **friends**

and, most importantly, have loads of **fun!**

FIND OUT **MORE!**

Don't miss out! Limited spaces available. Book now to secure your child's spot.

Dates: Monday 26th to Thursday 29th October 2026

Venue: Pinner Wood School, Latimer Gardens, HA5 3RA

Times: 9am - 3pm

For more information and to book:

07787 535506

coleen@littlevoices.org.uk

littlevoices.org.uk/harrow-hillingdon

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(NOT JUST LITTLE VOICES PUPILS!)

Little Voices

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Family Celebrations

We welcome families of all shapes and sizes!

Join us for a fun-filled hour of Bible stories, crafts, songs, food and family fun!

🕐 Time: 17:30–18:30

📍 St Lawrence Church Hall, Eastcote, HA5 2SJ

🗓️ Future Dates:

12 September
17 October
14 November
23 January

No need to book – just turn up and get messy!

For more information visit:
https://www.st-lawrence-eastcote.org.uk/familycelebrationmessychurch

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