

Wembley Manor Autumn Newsletter 2025/26

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of our first full term at our brand-new site in Wembley, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks for your continued patience, support, and positivity throughout this period of transition. Moving into a new school building is a significant undertaking, and your encouragement has made all the difference as we've settled into our new home.

It has been wonderful to see how quickly our students have embraced the new environment and how the enhanced facilities are already helping us deliver the high-quality provision they deserve. The move has marked an important milestone for Wembley Manor School within The Rise Partnership Trust, and we are excited about the opportunities this new chapter will bring.

We hope that as many of you as possible were able to join us for our end-of-term Christmas performance. The students worked incredibly hard on their pieces, and it was a joy to celebrate their achievements together. Their confidence, creativity, and enthusiasm truly captured the spirit of the season.

As we head into the festive break, I wish all of our families a restful, peaceful, and joyful holiday period. Thank you once again for being valued partners in our school community. We look forward to welcoming all students and families back for the start of the new term on Wednesday, 7th January 2026.



Kind Regards,

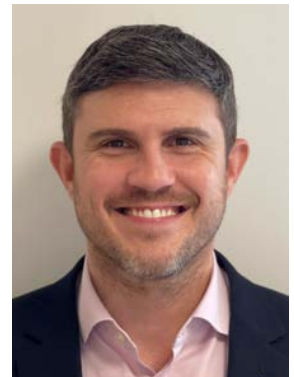
Andrew Chaplin
Headteacher



Brent SEND Newsletter

December 16th 2025

"I recently had the privilege of visiting Wembley Manor School ahead of its official launch, and it was an inspiring experience. The school boasts modern, well-equipped facilities, including a gym, a life skills room, and stunning surroundings that create a welcoming atmosphere. During my visit, the dynamic Headteacher gave me a whistle-stop tour and introduced me to the friendly and dedicated staff. The provision is currently supporting 90 students but the school is set to grow in coming years. Wembley Manor primarily supports students who are autistic, offering tailored education in an inclusive environment. Headteacher, Andrew Chaplin, shares his thoughts below."



1. How would you describe the school's core values and vision for inclusion?

At Wembley Manor, and across the Rise Partnership Trust, the core values are encapsulated in the motto "Love, Learn, Laugh" – these guide everything the school does. The overarching vision is to champion unique potential and pursue excellence in education, therapy, support and provision for all pupils. In terms of inclusion, when pupils are safe, happy and well-cared for, their learning is enhanced. The curriculum intent emphasises personalised learning, a range of communication, functional skills and independence for each pupil, alongside embedding British values and pupil voice. Inclusive provision is fundamental – every pupil, regardless of background or need, is valued and should achieve their unique potential.

2. How will the school support children with a wide range of needs?

Wembley Manor has been designed as a specialist environment: small class sizes, specially trained staff, speech and occupational therapy on site. The curriculum is explicitly tailored to meet individual profiles of strengths and needs – for example, establishing communication, self-care, independence, and access to the community as part of the intent. The school is part of a trust which provides specific professional development programmes for Early Career Teachers (ECTs), focusing on supporting pupils with SEND (special educational needs and disabilities). Furthermore, the school emphasises multi-disciplinary working, embedding therapeutic approaches, small group and 1:1 interventions and continual assessment of pupils' progress. Therefore, the support for a wide range of needs is built into the environment, curriculum and staff development.

[To read the full interview, click here!](#)



Year 7

7A

7A have had a vibrant and enriching half-term, beginning with Anti-Bullying Week, where they engaged in thoughtful, scaffolded discussions on how to handle challenging scenarios with kindness and confidence. Students' learning stretched across time and continents as they explored life and culture in ancient Rome through English, History and Art, while also mastering fractions in Maths, investigating states of matter in Science, and discussing the changes that come with puberty.

They learned how to stay safe online, reflected on the importance of voting in PSHE, and enjoyed developing practical skills through baking and yoga. Festive cheer filled the term with a student-led Christmas concert and Christmas Jumper Day, and the highlight for many was a trip to Wilton's Music Hall to watch the brilliantly entertaining Potted Panto.



7B

7B students have been truly enthralled by our topic of the Romans. In History, we immersed ourselves in Roman life by dressing in tunics and togas, tasting Roman foods, exploring Roman scents, and taking part in traditional activities. Our trip to the Roman Amphitheatre was a highlight, allowing students to see where gladiator battles and wild animal hunts once took place.

In English, students eagerly conducted research and created informative writing pieces to showcase their growing knowledge. This cross-curricular journey has sparked curiosity, deepened understanding, and made the Roman world feel vivid and exciting for everyone throughout our recent learning adventures.



Year 8

8A

What a wonderfully busy and exciting autumn term it has been in 8A! I have been incredibly impressed with how well our students have settled in. Especially as we began the term in a temporary building before moving into our wonderful new school site. They adapted brilliantly and showed great maturity throughout the transition.

In English, we explored Floella Benjamin's *Coming to England*, learning about her inspiring journey and the vibrant culture of Trinidad. We also enjoyed diving into Michael Morpurgo's version of *The Pied Piper*, producing diary entries, character studies and letters that showed real creativity and engagement.

In Maths, students have worked hard on place value, multiplication, division and telling the time. They have made fantastic progress across the term.

We've also had memorable themed weeks, including Anti-Bullying Week, where we dressed as heroes, and our Remembrance activities, during which students created beautiful poppy wreaths and read poetry with confidence. Our visits to the Edible Garden helped us explore sustainability hands-on.

A standout highlight was our trip to the London Dungeons, where we immersed ourselves in the rich and gruesome history of London!

8B

8B has had a fantastic first autumn term, full of friendship, hard work, fun, and plenty of laughter. In Maths, pupils have been developing their division skills and deepening their understanding of time. In English, we have been enjoying our lively class text *The Pied Piper of Hamelin* by Michael Morpurgo.

This term has also been filled with exciting trips. 8B faced their fears at the London Dungeon and came out victorious perfectly complementing their History learning about the Great Plague. Our visit to Potato Pants was another highlight, with pupils laughing their socks off throughout the performance.

8B has truly shone in the awards department, with Alex and Amelia receiving the Steve Jobs and Emma Watson Awards. The class also proudly achieved the Best Attendance Award this term an excellent reflection of their dedication and enthusiasm.

In addition to this, 8B created the longest paper chain link for our Christmas celebrations, showing fantastic teamwork and festive spirit.

Well done 8B for a truly brilliant term!

Year 9

9A

This half term, Class 9A have worked exceptionally well across all subjects. In English, we explored A Christmas Carol, producing thoughtful discussions and strong written work. In Maths, we strengthened our understanding of fractions and applied these skills with confidence. Our Science lessons focused on atoms, elements, and compounds, helping us understand the building blocks of matter. In History, we learned about the Industrial Revolution and how it shaped the modern world. We have also been busy rehearsing for our Christmas play, showing great teamwork and creativity. A highlight of the term was our incredible VR experience, where we travelled through space and explored the wonders of the universe.



9B

As we moved through Autumn 2, Year 9B continued to impress us with their enthusiasm, kindness, and growing confidence. They settled wonderfully into the school year, approaching new challenges with maturity and genuine curiosity. We have been incredibly proud of everything they have achieved during this half-term.

The class explored A Christmas Carol, using drama, discussion, and writing to deepen their understanding of the story and its themes of kindness and personal change. In Science, pupils investigated atoms, elements, and the structure of the periodic table through hands-on, practical activities that made learning meaningful and engaging.

In Maths, students strengthened their understanding of place value and fractions, working at levels carefully matched to their individual needs. This supported their confidence in applying number skills to everyday problem-solving. In Computing, they developed their coding abilities through creative Minecraft projects that encouraged logical thinking, perseverance, and teamwork.

PSHE lessons focused on making safe and informed choices, including the responsible use of medicines and the effects of illegal substances. In History, the class explored the Industrial Revolution, discovering how new inventions reshaped daily life. In RE, they learned about a range of religious festivals and their significance.

We are truly looking forward to the months ahead and the wonderful learning opportunities they will bring. Thank you, as always, for your continued support—it helps your children grow in confidence, independence, and joy every single day.

Year 10

10A

We've had a brilliant start to Year 10 and KS4 in 10A! After initially starting back in Harlesden, it was wonderful to finally be at our purpose-built secondary school in Wembley. We have enjoyed exploring our new school and making use of the new types of rooms we have: Food Technology room, Lifeskills Room, Sports Hall, Gym, Library and a Science Lab.

We have been introduced to Entry Levels and ASDAN, the qualifications that we are working towards throughout KS4. We have also been working on our Options lessons: Art, Spanish, Food Technology and PE. We have been working hard to practice skills we've learnt previously as well as learning new skills to support our learning.

The 10A class team are very proud of the hard-working nature of our class and how determined they are to learn and create bright futures for themselves as they become teenagers and young men and women. Keep it up, 10A!



10B

10B have settled in really well to our new building and have loved having so much more space to learn and play in such great facilities! Key Stage 4 is a big change, and are working hard building towards new topics and accreditations including English, maths, science, computing, cooking and life skills, as well as option subjects.

We also recently had an exciting climate change VR experience, learning all about how humans affect the planet, global warming, and carbon footprints. Many of 10B are very passionate about climate change and really enjoyed it. One of our class has also been elected chairman of the school's Eco Committee and won a Jack Petchey Environmental Foundation Award! We are all so proud of him!

We have also been doing sessions on trust, online safety and friendship safety and the students have been demonstrating lots of knowledge with a very mature outlook. 10B recently also learnt how to serve a Christmas roast dinner and lay the table, and won the school Christmas table decorating competition!

It's been a very busy term, and we are all really looking forward to the holidays! Have a lovely festive period, from all of us in 10B!

Trips and Events

VR Experience

Our students had an incredible time exploring the VR immersive experience at school. Year 7 travelled through the human body, gaining a clearer understanding of organs and systems in a vivid, engaging way. Year 8 explored Indigenous Australia, connecting with culture, stories, and landscapes with real depth. Year 9s ventured into space, experiencing planets and galaxies up close, sparking awe and curiosity. Year 10 investigated climate change, seeing real-world impacts and solutions in action. The VR sessions made learning more accessible, exciting, and meaningful for all students, helping them connect with complex topics in a way traditional lessons can't match.



Wilton's Music Hall - Potted Panto

Students were absolutely delighted by the Potted Panto at Wilton's Music Hall. For many, it was their first-ever pantomime, and they loved every moment — from the hilarious characters to the lively audience participation. The fast-paced storytelling and clever comedy kept everyone laughing, and the magical atmosphere of Wilton's made the experience even more memorable. Students left buzzing with excitement, sharing their favourite jokes and scenes. Overall, it was a wonderfully fun and uplifting outing, and a perfect way to end the term on a high note, bringing the whole group together for a cheerful, festive celebration.



Careers education

This half-term, we continued to strengthen careers education across Wembley Manor, offering our students a range of valuable opportunities to build confidence, develop life skills, and broaden their understanding of the world of work.

As part of statutory requirements, all KS4 pupils received guidance from a qualified Careers Advisor. A Careers Workshop took place during the week, where students explored different jobs and employment sectors, practised completing application forms, received CV guidance, and learned about the importance of teamwork in the workplace. These practical and supportive sessions helped students reflect on their strengths, interests, and future pathways.

The workshop linked closely to developments from our recent partnership meeting with Springboard. Together, we continued to refine our three-year careers programme to ensure it met the Gatsby Benchmarks and provided meaningful experiences, including employer involvement, life-skills development, and opportunities for hands-on learning.

We were also pleased that The Army Outreach Team delivered a full careers presentation for our oldest students. This visit allowed pupils to meet serving personnel, explore Army career routes, and develop key employability skills such as communication, teamwork, and resilience.

Alongside these events, we planned additional opportunities for Spring 1, including further employer encounters, workshops, and experiences designed to inspire students and support informed decision-making. We looked forward to sharing more information soon.

Thank you for your continued support as our young people took confident steps toward adulthood.



Inclusion and Family support

Hi everyone,

I hope you have all had a great first term at Wembley Manor. Thank you for your patience with transport applications—if you need any further support, please call the school office to book an appointment.

Our first Coffee Morning took place on the 5th of December in the new café, and it was wonderful to see so many of you join us for a coffee and a chat. It was lovely to see families supporting each other and even creating a Wembley Manor WhatsApp group. A big thank you to Jo and the pupils for providing us with the delicious baked snacks!

Coffee Mornings will continue to be held every half term, and I will send invitations out with plenty of notice.

If you require support with DLA applications, Family Fund, or any other support letters, please contact the office and we will arrange a suitable time to assist you.

I hope you all have a lovely break, and I look forward to seeing you in 2026!



Holiday activities

Bee Active Club

What we offer
SEND school Holiday clubs and
SEND Saturday Clubs.

And now from September 2024
new venues available, in Harrow
Hillingdon and Brent.

Contact us now for details.
Look out for us, we are on 'The
Brent Local Offer'

Morning, Afternoon, and full
Day Sessions are offered.
Book now by phone or
email , Limited spaces.



SEND YOUTH CLUB

SatH
Community Sports & Wellbeing Group

SATURDAYS | 12-2PM

Sport at the Heart's SEND Youth Club offers fun, inclusive activities where young people can stay active, learn new skills, and enjoy time together in a supportive environment. **Come join the fun!**

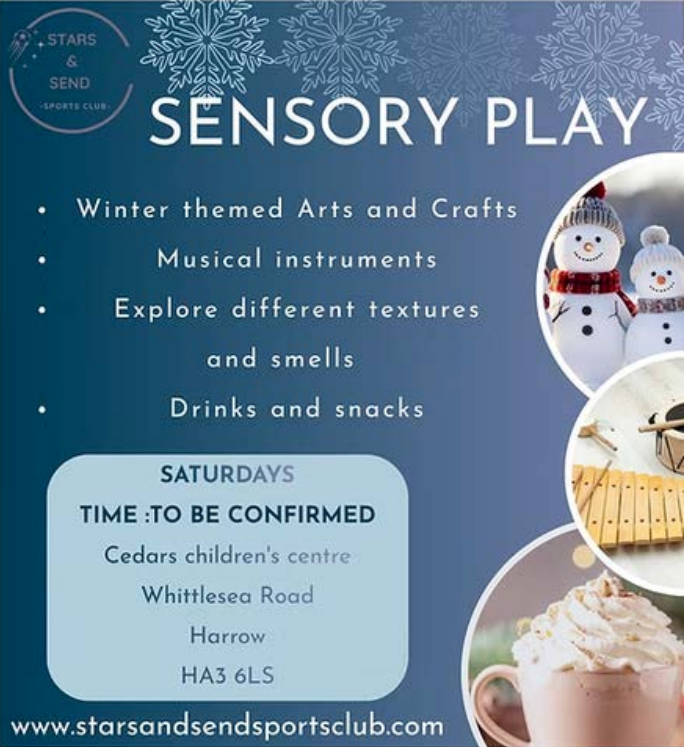
We are unable to provide one2one support for this session, we do encourage parents or carers to stay for the session.

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STARS & SEND SPORTS CLUB

SENSORY PLAY

- Winter themed Arts and Crafts
- Musical instruments
- Explore different textures and smells
- Drinks and snacks

SATURDAYS
TIME :TO BE CONFIRMED

Cedars children's centre
Whittlesea Road
Harrow
HA3 6LS

www.starsandsendsportsclub.com

Festive Market

Also starting on December 7 is Wembley Park's Festive Market with 100 stalls selling artisan and festive products over three weekends in December from 11am to 7pm.

Visitors to Market Square can shop for unique gifts, international flavours and seasonal treats, from Italian Panettone, wine and truffles, to South American Alpaca crafts and clothing and African textiles. Food stalls will also offer Caribbean street food, Hungarian pastries, German and Polish sausages, Turkish flatbreads, and Chinese flavours.

On Market days the Sound Shell will host a free programme of festive choirs and life-sized puppets including giant penguins, reindeers and polar bears.

Christmas Concert

Kickstarting the celebrations on December 7 is a free open air concert in the Sound Shell on Olympic Way. Running from 1-6pm, A Global Christmas: A Thousand Years of Festive Music Through Cultures aims to share the universal spirit of Christmas through music.

Steel pans bring a Caribbean touch to familiar carols alongside Motown and Afro-American classics. Brass quartets will evoke the traditions of Victorian Christmas, while the Hurdy-Gurdy and Hammered Dulcimer intertwine with Indian Dhol drums, Arabic melodies and Balkan rhythms.

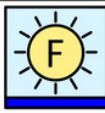
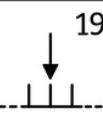
Diary Dates

[Click a calendar for a printable PDF!](#)





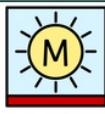

Christmas Holidays countdown calendar





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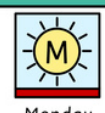

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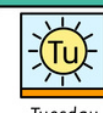

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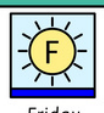

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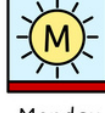

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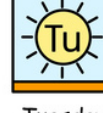

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Back to school on Wednesday 7th January 2026

Academic calendar 2025/26 UK

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Calendar Key Wembley Manor School 2025/26

 = INSET day, school closed to students
 = school holiday, school closed to students
 = term time, school open to students
 Numbers in red text indicate national bank holidays
 = weekend, school closed to students

Autumn recap 2025

