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OSHWAL ACADEMY NAIROBI NURSERY

END OF TERM III NEWSLETTER

2025-2026

NEXT TERM DATES

Begins : 25th August 2026

Mid-Term : 16th-21st October 2026

Ends : 27th November 2026



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FROM THE HEAD'S DESK

Dear Parents and Caregivers,
Greetings.

What a spectacular academic year of growth, joy, and sporting success it has been! As we draw the curtain on a truly successful 2025–2026 academic year and look ahead to the future, we want to express our deepest gratitude to the entire OAN Nursery community. This year has been an extraordinary journey, and its success is a testament to the powerful partnership between home and school—the very foundation upon which our children's achievements are built. We deeply appreciate our parents' unwavering support, dedication, and active involvement, which make our school a true family.

It has been an absolute joy to watch our wonderful learners blossom. Our campus has been vibrant, lively, and filled with the laughter and boundless curiosity of your little ones. In this safe, nurturing, and secure environment, our students have grown in confidence, built lasting friendships, and achieved incredible learning milestones.

Throughout the year, we placed a significant emphasis on the holistic well-being of our learners, parents, and staff. We firmly believe that a happy child is a successful learner. Together, we have successfully nurtured resilience, positivity, and kindness at every single step of their journey.

In addition to our academic strides, what a fantastic and high-energy sports program we have enjoyed! Our special theme for the recent term was Sports—a dynamic focus that kept both learners and parents actively engaged. From the very beginning, our pupils embraced exciting new disciplines, including the Cricket Fest, Badminton Fest, and the energetic Taekwondo Fest that beautifully concluded the term.

The ultimate highlight was our Annual Sports Event, where every single child was celebrated, awarded, and cheered on as a champion. Seeing their confidence and enthusiasm brought immense pride to us all. It has been incredibly heartwarming to see you, our parents, so actively involved in school life. Events like the Mommy-Baby Twirl for our Playgroup beautifully showcased the parent-child bond. The true cherry on top, however, was the Grandparents' Race, which deeply reminded us how blessed we are to have such a supportive, multi-generational community.

We are equally grateful for your overwhelming love, support, and for highly recommending Oshwal Academy Nairobi Nursery to your friends and families. Your continuous trust strengthens our commitment every single day.

As we look ahead to the new terms and the upcoming year, we remember the wise words of Nelson Mandela: "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." To keep our little ones active during the break, we will ensure that your children are engaged creatively in our upcoming July 2026 Holiday Camp. We cannot wait to welcome them back for days filled with imagination, fun, and hands-on learning.

Furthermore, looking towards the future of our school environment, we extend our heartfelt thanks to the school management for the approved renovation works. These upgrades will make our learning spaces much more efficient in supporting a safe, fresh, and completely new look for our learners.

For now, we hope you all enjoy a restful, safe, and well-deserved break filled with wonderful family fun. Remember, "when parents and schools work together, children flourish in every way."

With best wishes and warm blessings,

Rooma Mali
Headteacher



FROM THE DEPUTY-HEAD'S DESK



Every school year tells a unique story, and this one has been no exception. It has been a year of exploration, achievement, and growth as our children continued to learn, play, and discover the world around them. Watching them develop new skills, build meaningful friendships, and grow in confidence has been both inspiring and rewarding.

At Oshwal Academy Nairobi Nursery, we remain committed to providing a nurturing environment where every child feels valued, inspired, and encouraged to reach their full potential. Guided by the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Framework and the International Early Years Curriculum (IEYC), our classrooms have continued to foster curiosity, creativity, collaboration, and a genuine love for learning. Through meaningful play, inquiry-based experiences, and carefully planned learning opportunities, our children have developed the confidence to explore, question, investigate, and express themselves with increasing independence.

One of the most rewarding aspects of this year has been seeing our learners embrace new challenges with confidence and enthusiasm. From taking their first steps in early literacy and numeracy to becoming thoughtful communicators, creative thinkers, and collaborative learners, each child has made progress in their own unique way. These achievements remind us that success is measured not only by academic milestones but also by the development of resilience, kindness, empathy, and self-confidence.

Our commitment to promoting a love of reading has continued through the Jolly Phonics Programme and the Bug Club Reading Programme for our Kindergarten and Reception learners. These programmes have played a significant role in strengthening children's early literacy skills. Regular reading both at school and at home has helped our learners build vocabulary, improve comprehension, and develop confidence as emerging readers. We sincerely appreciate our parents for supporting reading routines at home and helping to nurture a lifelong love of reading.

Beyond the classroom, our children have embraced a wide variety of enriching experiences that have supported their holistic development. Opportunities for creative expression, collaborative play, physical activity, and hands-on exploration have enabled them to develop important life skills while discovering their individual talents and interests. Whether working together to solve challenges, engaging in imaginative play, or participating in outdoor learning experiences, our learners have consistently demonstrated enthusiasm, curiosity, resilience, and perseverance.

The strength of our school lies in the partnership we share with our families. Education is most successful when schools and parents work together, and we are truly grateful for the trust, encouragement, and support you have shown throughout the year. Your active involvement in your children's learning, attendance at school events, timely communication, and continued encouragement at home have made a significant contribution to their success. Together, we have created a caring community where every child is encouraged to thrive. As we prepare for the holidays, I encourage our families to continue nurturing learning through everyday experiences. Reading together, exploring nature, encouraging meaningful conversations, playing educational games, and providing opportunities for children to be creative will help maintain their curiosity and confidence while creating lasting family memories.

As another chapter comes to a close, we celebrate not only the milestones achieved but also the friendships formed, the confidence gained, and the wonderful memories created. Every smile, every new skill mastered, every challenge overcome, and every act of kindness has contributed to making this year truly special.

We wish all our families a safe, restful, and joyful holiday and look forward to welcoming you back for another exciting year filled with new opportunities, meaningful experiences, and continued success.

Warm regards,

Chepngetich Koech
Deputy Headteacher



FROM THE CO-CURRICULAR COORDINATOR'S DESK

As we close this remarkable academic year, we are filled with pride reflecting on our learners' journey in our nurturing, fun environment. We launched this term with vibrant festivals for our Kindergarten and Reception learners, followed by essential basic fire safety education and a successful school-wide fire drill. We also nurtured empathy and community spirit through a heart-warming Student Exchange and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative, giving our young learners hands-on opportunities to connect and give back.

Inclusion remains our cornerstone, highlighted by our Inclusive Education Department's (IED) wonderful Inter-school Sensory Play event, which celebrated diverse learning styles through joyful, shared activities. Our sports fields also bustled with energy during friendly football matches that showcased outstanding teamwork, while our academic talents shone brightly at the Interschool Spelling Bee, where our brilliant learners triumphed to take first place among six competing schools. Rounding off the term, our spectacular Musical Extravaganza celebrated our learners' immense creative talents, leading beautifully into our landmark Graduation ceremony as we honoured our transitioning learners. The excitement continues into the break with our highly anticipated Holiday Camp!

Thank you to our dedicated teachers and supportive parent community for partnering with us to make this year such a resounding success. Wishing you all a safe, restful, and joyful holiday ahead!

Kind regards,

Girija Ramkumar
Co-curricular Coordinator



A Fresh Start: Kicking off Term III

Term III began with excitement as learners returned to school on Monday, 20th April 2026, happy to reconnect with friends, teachers, and staff. A fun card-making activity helped break the ice, encouraged creativity, and set a positive tone for the term ahead. The following day, we warmly welcomed our new admissions. Teachers ensured they settled in comfortably, while parents joined us to capture the special milestone with memorable photographs.



TENNIS SPECTACLE

Our Kindergarten and Reception learners enjoyed a fun-filled Tennis Spectacle on Wednesday, 22nd April. Through exciting activities, they learned basic tennis skills, built coordination and teamwork, and embraced the joy of being active in a lively and supportive environment.





BALLET SHOWCASE



Our Kindergarten and Reception learners took part in a delightful Ballet Showcase **on Wednesday, 22nd April**. The session highlighted their progress in basic movement, balance, and rhythm, while also building confidence and creativity. A special performance by professional dancers inspired the learners and made the experience both exciting and memorable.



Drama Showcase

Our Kindergarten and Reception learners enjoyed a lively Drama Showcase **on Thursday, 23rd April**. Working in groups, they performed short scenes that encouraged storytelling, expression, and creativity. The experience helped them build confidence as they used voice, facial expressions, and gestures to bring characters to life in a fun and engaging way.



Fire Safety Awareness & Drill



On Thursday, 23rd April, Reception learners took part in a fire safety awareness session led by the sports team. They learned about basic hazards, safety equipment, and key emergency procedures, including exit routes and the assembly point. A whole-school fire drill followed **on Thursday, 30th April**, where learners applied what they had learned, moving through evacuation routes in an orderly and disciplined manner. Their excellent response was recognized, reinforcing confidence and readiness in emergency situations.



GYMNASTICS SHOWCASE

On Friday, 24th April, Kindergarten and Reception learners enjoyed a Gymnastics Showcase featuring inspiring professional performances. Learners then participated in simple movement activities focusing on balance, coordination, and flexibility, building confidence and interest in the sport.



Kickboxing Showcase

Also **on Friday, 24th April**, learners were introduced to Kickboxing through guided demonstrations and basic movements. The session emphasized discipline, coordination, and physical awareness in a safe and structured environment.



OPEN DAY

On Saturday, 25th April 2026, the Nursery Open Day welcomed new families for an introduction to the school. Led by the Head of School and staff, parents toured the campus, explored learning spaces, and engaged with class arrangements, strengthening the school-home partnership.



Unit of Work: Entry Points Activities

Playgroup learners celebrated their "*Once Upon a Time*" unit on **23rd April 2026** with storytelling, songs, and a library visit, sparking excitement for their learning journey.



Kindergarten launched "*Imagine That*" with creative role-play and art-based activities that encouraged imagination and expression.



Preschool learners, dressed as dinosaurs, explored their "*Dinosaur Detectives*" unit through fun, hands-on stations discovering different species and features.



Reception began "*Going Places*" through outdoor group activities using scarves and ribbons to explore movement, direction, and motion in a fun, practical way.



EDUCATIONAL FIELD TRIPS

Learners from IED, Playgroup, Reception, Preschool, and Kindergarten enjoyed enriching field trips that connected classroom learning with real-life experiences.

- **IED** visited Sarit Centre on 27th April 2026
- **Playgroup** went to Rosslyn Cinema on 30th April 2026.
- **Reception** explored the Nairobi Railway Museum on 28th-29th April 2026.
- **Kindergarten** visited the Nairobi Gallery on 4th-5th May 2026.
- **Preschool** explored the Nairobi Animal Orphanage on 6th and 8th May.



- The trips were engaging, enjoyable, and offered meaningful hands-on learning experiences.



STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM & CSR

On 6th May 2026, Reception learners visited Mogra Children's Home as part of the CSR and Student Exchange Program. With support from parents, they donated essential items that were warmly received by the home's administrators. The learners also engaged in interactive activities with the children, including singing, storytelling, and drama, creating meaningful peer-to-peer connections. The visit was a valuable experience that fostered empathy, social responsibility, and community engagement.



No Means No



On 5th May 2026, our teachers held an awareness session for Reception learners on the importance of personal boundaries. The learners were taught that "no means no" and learned to recognise unsafe situations and speak up. The session helped build a safer, more supportive environment for their wellbeing and learning.

♥ MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

On Thursday, 7th May 2026, our whole school community, Playgroup, Preschool, Kindergarten, Reception, and the Inclusive Education Department, came together for Mother's Day. Mothers and children walked the runway in matching outfits for a fashion show. Students performed skits, dances, songs, and gave speeches. Each child also gave their mother a handmade card. It was a happy, moving occasion for everyone.



U6 SOCCER FRIENDLY MATCH

On Friday, 8th May 2026, we hosted an Under-6 friendly football tournament with Samaj Academy. Young players from both schools took part in matches that showed teamwork and skill. The event built new friendships and encouraged good sportsmanship both on and off the field.



When Parents Join the Class: A DAY IN MY CHILD'S LIFE

From May 11th to 15th, 2026, parents spent a full school day with their child at Oshwal Academy Nairobi. They observed teaching methods and followed the daily timetable. Having parents in the classroom motivated the learners, and some parents took part in tasks.



The valuable feedback collected will help improve the learning experience. The event strengthened the bond between school and home, making it a successful and memorable occasion.

Nurturing Parent Wellbeing for Our Learners' Success

On Saturday, 23rd May 2026, we held a parent workshop titled "Building Stronger Bonds with Your Toddler: From Clash to Connection to Confidence." Led by Licensed Psychologist and TEDx Speaker **Binny Brahmhatt-Sharma**, the session gave parents of Kindergarten and Reception learners practical ways to turn everyday friction into emotional connection. The workshop drew strong parent participation and further strengthened the home-school partnership.



INCLUSIVE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT: INTER SCHOOL SENSORIAL SPORTS



On Monday, 25th May 2026, the Inclusive Education Department hosted an inter-school sensory play session. Learners and educators from Urafiki School and Kestrel Manor joined us. Children from all three schools took part in tactile and sensory activities, connecting in an inclusive space. The session was a success, highlighting our dedication to inclusive education and building new friendships across school communities.



Honouring Our History: MADARAKA DAY CELEBRATION:

Madaraka Day commemorates Kenya's journey to independence from British colonial rule. **On 29th May 2026**, students, teachers, and staff gathered at the school entrance to celebrate. The assembly included patriotic songs and speeches on patriotism, all aimed at inspiring students to embrace a sense of responsibility for their country.



6 and Under Triathlon Competition

On Saturday, 30th May 2026, our campus hosted an interschool triathlon for children under six. Young athletes took part in swimming, biking, and running events. Top finishers in both boys' and girls' categories received medals for first, second, and third places. Every participant earned a certificate for their effort. The event drew strong parent support and showed our commitment to holistic early childhood development.



CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION



Our Reception learners took part in a Creative Writing Competition on June 3rd. The task brought out their budding literary talents with great enthusiasm. After careful review, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place certificates, along with participation certificates for all, were awarded in each class to celebrate their effort and creativity.

KINDERGARTEN FOREIGN LANGUAGE *Rhymes*

On June 3rd, our Kindergarten learners presented rhymes in Russian, Italian, French, Spanish, and Japanese. They took to the stage with confidence, showing strong listening skills and plenty of enthusiasm. The showcase was a memorable highlight, celebrating their embrace of different languages.



Growing Green hearts: ENVIRONMENTAL DAY

On Tuesday, 2nd June 2026, we marked World Environment Day with a whole-school focus on sustainability. Pre-schoolers, dressed in green, held a mini-rally sharing messages on caring for the environment. The Inclusive Education Department started the day with a tree-planting ceremony. Playgroup learners explored the importance of keeping their surroundings tidy, while Kindergarten classes cleaned the lunch hall after break.



Reception children enjoyed environmental stories and created items from waste materials.

Each activity gave learners a practical way to connect with the theme of protecting our planet.



FRIENDLY FOOTBALL FESTIVAL



On June 5th, 2026, selected Kindergarten and Reception learners took part in a Football Festival hosted by Premier Academy. Our young players showed teamwork, energy, and good sportsmanship on the field. All participants received certificates, making it a memorable and rewarding day for the early years department.



CHESS TOURNAMENT

On Saturday, 6th June 2026, we hosted a chess tournament in partnership with Nairobi Chess Academy and Clubs. Oshwal Academy delivered a strong performance, showing focus and skill to earn the 1st Runner-Up trophy. It was a day of healthy competition and friendship. Congratulations to all participants for making the event a success.



IED EDUCATIONAL TRIP

On June 9th, learners from the Inclusive Education Department visited the play area at *Garden City Mall*. They explored the play spaces and joined activities that encouraged **social interaction**, **motor skills**, and **creative play**. The outing gave everyone a chance to bond outside the classroom and share a joyful day together. The trip was a success, and the learners left with lasting happy memories.



SPELLING BEE

On Wednesday, 10th June 2026, we hosted its annual Spelling Bee and General Knowledge Competition for Reception learners. This Term 3 event allowed our students to test their general knowledge, phonics, and phoneme skills. Judges from all six participating schools ensured a fair and challenging contest. The participating schools were:

- Oshwal Academy Nairobi Nursery (**Host**)
- Premier Academy
- Arya Vedic Academy
- Arya School
- Riara Kindergarten
- Riara Springs



Refreshments kept spirits high throughout the event. Every participant received a certificate and a medal based on their position. We are proud to announce that Oshwal Academy Nairobi Nursery learners secured first place and a gold medal. It was a memorable day that highlighted the learners' growing skills and dedication.

FATHER'S DAY

On June 12th, 2026, the whole school community, from Playgroup to Reception and the Inclusive Education Department, gathered to celebrate Father's Day. Fathers took part in athletic activities while children cheered them on. A fun and heartwarming games saw fathers identifying their children just by looking at their feet. Later, learners presented handmade cards, creating a deeply moving moment. The day strengthened the bond between fathers and their children and left everyone with happy memories.



PIZZERIA

On Saturday, June 13th, 2026, we held a Pizza Day with a great turnout.



The learners became little chefs, rolling dough, spreading sauce, and choosing toppings for their own pizzas. After baking, they boxed up their creations to share with families. The hands-on activity taught practical skills and brought joy to everyone.

ONLINE READINESS

On June 19th, 2026, Preschool, Kindergarten, and Reception learners joined an online readiness session. These sessions help them move smoothly to virtual learning in case of emergencies, so learning continues without interruption. The Inclusive Education Department and Playgroups also use Microsoft Teams to share weekly homework, letting learners practise and strengthen their skills at home.



VIRTUAL SPELLING BEE AND GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ



On Saturday, 27th June 2026, Oshwal Academy Nairobi Nursery hosted a virtual Spelling Bee and General Knowledge Quiz for Reception learners aged 5 to 6. The quiz ran from 2:50 pm to 4:10 pm through a Google Form that opened and closed automatically. It covered phonics, sentences, articles, and general knowledge trivia, boosting confidence and reinforcing foundational literacy. All participants received an E-Certificate of participation on completion.

MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA & GRADUATION

On Saturday, 4th July 2026, we held our annual Musical Extravaganza and Graduation Ceremony at the Oshwal Junior High Auditorium. Learners from Playgroup, Preschool, Kindergarten, and Reception performed lively dance, percussion, and recorder pieces, while the Inclusive Education Department also presented a captivating display. Parents joined in the entertainment with their own performances, adding to the joy of the occasion. The graduation segment honoured Reception learners as they prepared to move to Year 1. The event was graced by the Academic Consultant, OERB Office Bearers, Nursery Committee Chairlady, Committee Members, and sister campus Heads, making it a proud and memorable celebration for the entire school community.

To our dear graduates, may your next chapter be filled with wonder, joy, and every success.





SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: *At a Glance*



Before school activities

Lego



Dance



Percussion



Chess



Cycling



Music



Kiswahili



Taekwondo



Badminton



Football



***"Children are not things to be molded,
but people to be unfolded." ~ Jess Lair***

After school activities

Drama



Reading Club(KG)



Young Engineers Club



Swimming



Skating



Lamda



Tennis



African Dance & Movement



Football



Cookery



Badminton



Chess



After school activities Continued

Kickboxing



Cricket



Gymnastics



Music(Instrumental Piano)



Bharatanatyam



Ballet



Reading Club(Reception)



Art & Craft



Have a
Fun-Filled
Holiday