



# Chess Club

Summer Term 2026. Latchmere Primary School

Dear Parents,

**Chess is starting again on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2026.** With **limited places** available, it is open to Y1-Y6 of **any standard including complete beginners** on a **first-come-first-served** basis both at lunchtime/After School.

Chess is a fun game. It **improves** concentration, memory, cognitive thinking and calculating ability. It also **develops** analytical skills, training the mind to plan ahead.

**We play and learn about strategy and tactics together**

Although fun, it is not just about winning. They will learn from their losses and become more **resilient** and how to stay **calm under pressure**. You will see them grow in confidence as they progress. **Latchmere are thrice National School Finalists!**

**Summer Term offers the opportunity for all children to be entered for the ECF Certificate of Excellence –B/S/G levels**

Our names are Mark & Hilary Hogarth. We are very experienced Chess teachers. Mark is also a Junior Chess County selector/coach, England Senior International and qualified Chess Arbiter. Complete beginners are **taught from scratch** until ready for assimilation into main group which covers Openings/midlegame strategy/basic endgames & mating patterns.

County U11 Chess Selector • Senior England International • chess tournament director • managed nationally/internationally

Whilst working at **Goldman Sachs** I also successfully pioneered Chess Partners as part of the Tower Hamlets Education Business Partnership a Charity, teaching Primary School kids in London's East End.

The club will run for 9 weeks After School and 10 weeks lunchtime as follows:

**Monday 3.30-4.25pm Y3 to Y6 £90 20<sup>th</sup> April – 29<sup>th</sup> June 2026 (Closed - Bank holiday Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2025)**

**Tuesday 12.05-12.30pm Y1 to Y2 £70 21<sup>st</sup> April – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Tuesday 12.30-1.00pm Y3 to Y4 £70 21<sup>st</sup> April – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Tuesday 1.00 -1.30pm Y5 to Y6 £70 21<sup>st</sup> April – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

To register your interest in joining the club please would you email [hilary.hogarth@btinternet.com](mailto:hilary.hogarth@btinternet.com) the following information by **20 March 2026**:

- 1) Your Child's Name
- 2) Year Group and Class
- 3) Session required (**L – lunchtime, A – After School**)
- 4) Chess Ability (e.g. beginner, basic moves, castling, chess notation etc)
- 5) Parent/Guardian Contact Name, email address and mobile number (**2 mobile numbers required if After School**)
- 6) Details of any allergy, medical needs (**including use of inhalers and epi-pens**)

Entry to the club will be on a **first-come-first-served basis**, with **limited** availability, **places will be going fast, so we cannot guarantee your child a place and an intra-term Waiting List will operate.** We will email you directly to confirm your child's place and at that stage send our **payment details** and general joining instructions. Cost for the Term is **£70 for lunch time, £90 for after school.**

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N.B. Sessions will only be refunded in the event of a whole school closure **except** when a **force majeure**. No refunds given **after** Week 2