

# Newsletter

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025

### What has been happening this week?

Year 3 had a great time during their Royal Opera House workshop. They were very excited to be talking to real life opera singers!

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Piano Concert on Tuesday. We hope you enjoyed seeing how much your children have learned this year in their music lessons.

Year 4 did us proud at the Interschools Cricket
Tournament on Monday. They stayed cool in the shade
and then burned up the cricket pitch with their accurate
catching and speedy runs. One of our teams made it to
the semi finals and our pupils won awards for scoring runs
and catches. Thanks to the parents and our school adults
who enabled the teams to take part.

A great time was had at our Rainbow Parade, a celebration of acceptance, equality and diversity, ensuring everyone feels welcome here.





### What is happening next week?

It's Outdoor Learning Week next week, where Science meets Art! The children will be using our beautiful grounds to create and investigate.

On Tuesday after school we have Open Classrooms. Please come and have a look at the work your child/children have been doing this term-3.40pm-4.10pm.

Year 5 have Bikeability and a taster day at Trinity Secondary School.

The girls football team are off to another tournament- this time at St Winifred's Primary School. Good luck girls!

Reports are out on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July and you'll find out who your child's class teacher is then too!



#### Hot Weather reminders!

No bare shoulders Closed toe shoes Cool clothes Waterbottle

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All day sunscreen applied at home (unless by prior arrangement with the office)

### Important Messages from the Office

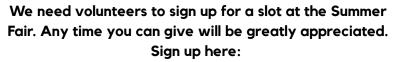
**Music Lessons:** Please let us know if your child no longer wants to continue with music lessons so we can allocate places to children on the waitlist. Places will be offered next week via WEDUC. If we do not hear from you, we assume you are continuing and you will be charged.

Late Pick Up: Please be sure to be on time to collect your child. Phone us if you are late please!



### Summer Fair Saturday 12th July 11-2pm

We have our BEST RAFFLE EVER with some amazing prizes this year. Get your tickets now! Children have brought them home in their book bags and more will be on sale at school.



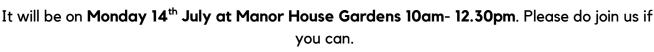






#### Sports Day Update - Years 4, 5 and 6

We have booked Manor House Gardens to give Year 4, 5 and 6 a chance to do some athletics following the cancellation of the Federation Sports Day due to bad weather.





#### Attendance

Well done Year 5!

Registration Form	Present R/C: Marks (%)	Late R/C: Marks (%)
Reception	94.8%	1.9%
Year 1	94.1%	1.9%
Year 2	95.6%	1.1%
Year 3	98.3%	1.7%
Year 4	98.4%	1.2%
Year 5	97.5%	0.4%
Year 6	93.7%	1.2%

#### **Important Dates**

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July 2025			
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Year Reports to parents/carers		
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July- 3.40pm- 4.10pm	Open Classrooms		
Saturday 12th July	F@B Summer Fair		
WB 7th July	Final School clubs		
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers' Performance		
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Last day of school		





### Free parenting app for parents of young children

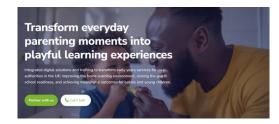
As part of Lewisham's commitment to supporting local families and parents in the early stages of their child's development, Lewisham Council has commissioned the EasyPeasy app.

The EasyPeasy app has been launched to support parents, carers, and early years practitioners of babies and children aged zero to five across the area and transform everyday parenting moments into playful learning activities.

EasyPeasy brings together the best ideas, advice, and inspiration from a diverse community of parents, experts, and brands supporting families and their zero to five year-olds during the crucial early years. Parents can access thousands of simple, fun, and educational parenting tips and activities, tailored to their child's age and development stage, designed to use everyday materials that families already have access to at home.

The app includes information, activities, and tips on a range of topics including:

- wellbeing
- bedtime
- nutrition
- speech
- language
- mindfulness



The EasyPeasy app also allows parents and carers to create and share their own parenting tips and experiences, building peer-to-peer support systems in local communities.

Residents can download the EasyPeasy app from the <u>App Store</u> or the <u>Google Play store</u> on their mobile devices now and enjoy free, premium access as part of this partnership. More information can be found at <u>easypeasyapp.com</u>.

### Online Safety Bulletin - A guide to Apps & Social Media

The number of apps and social media channels your child could be exposed to grow all the time, as does an app's functionality. We recommend you visit Child Matters to read the latest and most current advice on over 70 apps to ensure you know what they do, how you can limit their features as well as recommended age restrictions.

The apps included are:

- Fortnite
- Instagram
- Snapchat
- YouTube
- Minecraft
- Kik
- TikTok
- And many, many more



### **Lewisham Summer Reading Challenge 2025**

Story Garden challenge will keep children reading over the holidays - in libraries and in the Great Outdoors.

All Lewisham public libraries are offering the Challenge throughout the summer holidays, and it's free for children to take part. Children joining 'Story Garden' can discover new books, participate in free activities, and explore the link between reading and the great outdoors, where nature and imagination come together.

This year's Summer Reading Challenge features artwork from award-winning illustrator Dapo Adeola, whose stunning illustrations will bring the Story Garden theme to life; creating an enchanting world where children can find magical creatures, plants and flowers to inspire their next reading adventure.



For further information click link here https://readingagency.org.uk/the-summerreading-challenge-2025-story-garden-takesreading-to-the-great-outdoors/

Arbor

## Weekend Activities at Lewisham Leisure Centres-19th/20th July

Over the weekend of the 19th and 20th July the leisure centres across the London Borough of Lewisham will be running a range of activities over the course of this weekend.

They have a variety of activities on offer across the borough so whether this is your first time or you are a regular visitor they will have something for you and your family.

Highlights include

- Taster swimming lessons
- Kids Swim for £1
- Athletics tasters

To find out more visit <u>h</u>ttps://www.better.org.uk/leisure-centre/london/lewisham/news/national-summer-open-weekend-19th-20th-july

### **Brindishe School Streets**

Please can we take the opportunity to remind you that although all three Brindishe Schools have school streets this does not mean that the streets will be completely car free during school street times. Residents are permitted to enter and exit, many Lewisham residents have permits that exempt them from school streets and so do some members of staff for exceptional circumstances. It is also important to note that emergency vehicles can enter and exit school streets and as we have seen near Brindishe Manor do so at very high speed when responding to an emergency. Please remind your children (as we will do in school) that safe road awareness should be followed at all times.

### **Arbor**

As you will be aware, earlier this term Brindishe Schools moved their MIS systems over from Horizons to Arbor. Some of you may be familiar with Arbor, as we have used it previously across our federation. For some of you it will be new

Did you know that in order to access your child's information, pay for clubs, music, trips and see attendance data, Arbor have a parent/carer app? The Arbor App brings all the functionality of desktop Parent Portal to your phone.

Please find attached to this newsletter a 'How To' guide - The Arbor App Usage Guide for Guardians. If you would like support with using the desktop parent portal or the app please let the school office know and we will be happy to assist.

### **Key Federation Dates**

- Reports to parents/carers Friday 11th July
- End of 2024/2025 Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025
- Children return to school Wednesday 3rd September

### **Brindishe Schools Governing Body**

Governing Body meetings are regular and meet every half term. Parents/carers are more than welcome to attend our meetings as 'observers'. If you would like to know more about the governing body or you would like to attend one of our meetings, please email Rachel Waite - rawaite@brindisheschools.org. Our last meeting for 2024/2025 will be held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2025 at Brindishe Lee School - 6pm.

