



Brindishe Federation Newsletter

Friday 24th October 2025

School Holiday activities at Better Leisure Centres

The Better run Leisure Centre's are running a range of activities this October Half Term.

Activities on offer

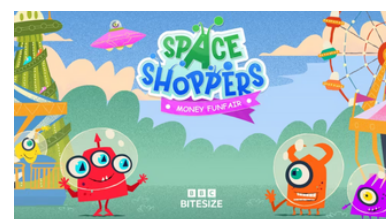
- Kids swim for £1
- Additional Swim for All's (family swims)
- Soft play sessions
- Swimming lesson Crash Courses
- Junior classes
- Additional Junior Gym sessions
- SEND holiday camp at Alex Yee Ladywell Arena, run in partnership with Access Sport
- Kids Football Camp at Bellingham Leisure & Lifestyle Centre



To find out more about what's on offer please contact your nearest leisure centre for more information or click on image above.

BBC Bitesize Primary Space Shoppers

Alien assistance to understand money



BBC Bitesize Primary has launched Space Shoppers Money Funfair, a new game to help KS1 pupils get to grips with using money. It features aliens who have landed on earth at the Money Funfair and need help to learn how humans use money.

In a series of short, colourful games, children can help the aliens to buy lunar lollies and astronaut stickers. They also have a chance to help them to sell their own out-of-this-world produce, including delights such as refreshing Saturn smoothies and tasty moon dogs.

Space Shoppers Money Funfair helps pupils to learn about the value of different coins, recognising the symbols for pounds and pence, combining coins and notes, giving change, plus lots more. It is a fun way for children to practice their maths skills in an interactive and engaging format.

Reminder for Lewisham parents whose children are starting secondary school in September 2026

The closing date for applications is **Friday 31 October 2025** (we recommend that you submit your online application by Friday 24 October 2025) and it is very important that you apply for a secondary school before this date. Applications are made online and the website is already active. Please visit [Lewisham Council - Applying to start secondary school in September 2025](#) (Education, Schools, Secondary Schools, Applying to Start Secondary Schools) to apply and for more information on the process, including the admissions criteria. It is important that you find out about as many schools as you can and we encourage you to list 6 schools in order of preference.

Green Careers Week - Not Just Lab Coats

National Careers Week has announced that Green Careers Week will take place from the 3rd to the 8th of November 2025!

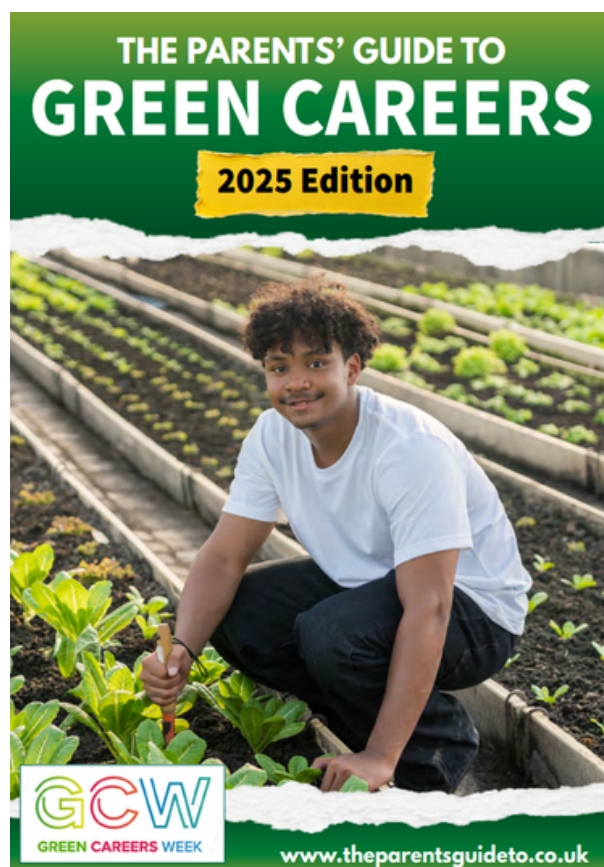
"A green career can be any job, role or occupation that contributes to preserving or restoring the environment and our planet. It can be any industry, not just those seen as 'green.' Green careers are a fast-growing global employment sector that touches every company, employer, employee, and education establishment. Requiring everyone to work together to build a talent pipeline from school through to employment for the thousands and thousands of jobs and roles needed for the future."

Green Careers Week is an exciting event that raises aspiration, supports diversity, challenges stereotypes, and promotes real opportunities for young people to have a career that will genuinely make a difference. Tackling climate change is a global effort and Brindishe Schools are committed to this initiative. In 2019, the UK pledged to reach Net Zero by 2050 and Brindishe Schools have joined this pledge. Everyone can play their part in contributing towards this goal and our young people are especially important. As the future workforce, our children need the right education and tools to support them in developing innovative ways of doing things better.

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During Green Careers Week after half term, in all Brindishe Schools, we will be talking to children in assemblies about jobs, roles and occupations that contributes to saving our environment. By recognising Green Careers Week with our children and parents/carers, we are integrating green skills and career pathways in our schools.

[Here you can find a plethora of resources and a 'Parent's 'Guide'.](#)



Holiday Vouchers

We are pleased once again to inform you that FSM vouchers for the October half term holiday will be available for FSM eligible children. The scheme allows £15 per eligible child for this holiday and these vouchers will be sent to you by Friday 24th October.

Online Safety Bulletin

Texting dictionary from Internet Matters

Internet Matters have created a list of text language terms to help you understand some of the text slang that your child might be using.

Do you know what do emojis represent in texting?



Find out more here: <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/text-dictionary/>



Millwall Community Trust October Half Term Football Camps

Millwall Community Trust Half Term Football Camps are open to boys and girls of all abilities. These camps provide a fantastic opportunity for children to stay active, develop their football skills, and make new friends in a safe and positive environment during the school holidays.

You can find full details and booking information here:

👉 [Millwall FC Football Coaching, Soccer School and After School Club](#)



OCTOBER HALF-TERM FOOTBALL HOLIDAY CAMP

📍 St Paul's Sports Ground, Rotherhithe, SE16 5EF

🕒 10am-3pm

📅 Monday 27th October - Thursday 30th October

💷 £12 per day or £40 for four days

👤 Age 5-13 year-olds

✉ Contact: Nfarrell@millwallcommunity.org.uk / 07932877303 for more information

Register here or visit:
<https://tinyurl.com/3zxy8uvh>







OCTOBER HALF-TERM MULTI-SPORTS HOLIDAY CAMP

📍 The Lions Centre, Bolina Rd, SE16 3LD

🕒 10am-3pm

📅 Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October

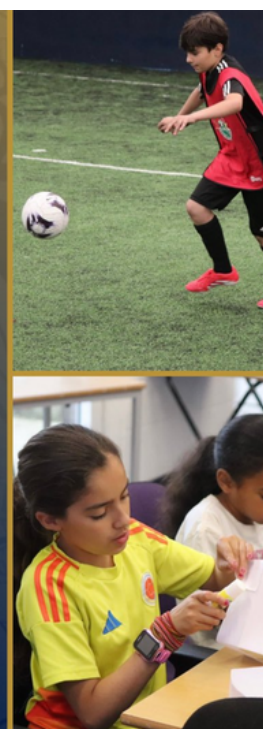
💷 £12 per day or £50 for five days

👤 Age 5-13 year-olds

✉ Contact: Epoole@millwallcommunity.org.uk / 07958026876 for more information

Register here or visit:
<https://tinyurl.com/dn7wy4ph>





Starting Reception in 2026

Family and Education

Starting reception in 2026 – advice and support for Lewisham parents will take place on:

Wednesday 12, Thursday 13, Monday 24 and Wednesday 26 November 2025 at 5pm

It is an informal event for parents/carers to ask questions about the admissions process.

Parents / carers can book a place at one of the school talks, to understand the application process, be aware of the timetable and closing date for submitting their application.

After each school talk, parents will have the opportunity to ask questions about the process.

There will also be an opportunity to meet with other Lewisham colleagues, including from Early Years, SEN and Family Navigators.



Applying to start primary school 2026–27

Information about admissions arrangements

Is your child due to start primary school in September 2026?

If your child was born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022, you can apply for a Reception place for September 2026.

Before you apply you should:

- Research your local primary schools
- Visit schools you want to apply for
- Carefully check the admissions criteria for schools you are interested in.

From 1 September 2025, visit our website for everything you need to know about applying for primary school places, including:

- schools that are in the borough and are closest to you
- how to apply for a school place
- how decisions are made
- what happens after you apply
- important dates in the application process.

Deciding which schools to apply for

The first step is to decide which schools you would like to apply for. There are many good and outstanding primary schools in the Lewisham borough. Find out about these schools and see which are nearest to you at www.lewisham.gov.uk/primaryschools.

Check if your child is likely to be offered a place at a school

If there are more applicants for a school than places available, we use the admissions criteria to decide who should be offered a place. The criteria vary from school to school. You should use them to find out if your child has a good chance of being offered a place at the schools you prefer.

How to apply

You need to apply online at www.eadmissions.org.uk. You can apply for up to six schools, either in Lewisham or outside the borough. You must not put independent schools on your application. You must list the schools you wish to apply for in preference order. You can apply online from 1 September 2025 and must apply by the closing date on 15 January 2026.

When you will find out which school your child has been offered a place at

You will get an email on the evening of national offer day, Thursday 16 April 2026. It will tell you where your child has been offered a place and how to accept the offer.

From 1 September 2025, you can find all the information you need to apply for primary school places at www.lewisham.gov.uk/primaryadmissions. If you cannot find the information you need, call us on 020 8314 8282 (Monday – Thursday 10–12pm and Monday 2–4pm).

Children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities

Most children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities can get the support they need at local mainstream schools.

If your child has an education, health and care plan, you need to follow a different process. Find out more at www.lewisham.gov.uk/SENadmissions.

Free email reminders

Sign up to get free emails with reminders, application tips and more at www.lewisham.gov.uk/primaryadmissions



REAL - courses for parents and carers

This fun 4 week course aims to build your confidence in how you can support early literacy within your home and help your children's learning and development in communication and language. You will get a chance to:

- Meet other parents and carers.
- Share ideas to support your child's early learning.
- Take home FREE resources each week.

Thursdays 13th November - 4th December 1.00pm - 3.00pm Ladywell Family Hub 30 Rushey Mead, SE4 1JJ

Thursdays 20th November - 11th December 9.30am - 11.30am Deptford Family Hub Alverton Street, SE8 5NH

Sharing REAL with Parents



To book go to:
[lewishamfamilyhubs.org.uk/
events/parenting-course](http://lewishamfamilyhubs.org.uk/events/parenting-course)
scan the QR code
email family.hub.bookings@lewisham.gov.uk
or call 07720 152902



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lewishamfamilyhubs.org.uk



Key Federation Dates

- **October Half Term - Monday 27th October 2025 to Friday 31st October 2025**
- **Friday 28th November - INSET DAY - Schools closed to all children.**
- **Secondary Application Deadline - Friday 31 October 2025** (*we recommend that you submit your online application by Friday 24 October 2025*)
- **End of Autumn Term - Friday 19th December 2025**

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'. This means you can sit and observe the meeting but will be unable to speak/comment and would need to leave the meeting during confidential items.

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. An email to confirm attendance at the meeting will need to be received before a parent/carers can join the meeting.

Our second meeting for 2025/2026 will be held on Thursday 11th December 2025 at Brindishe Green School - 6pm.