

Newsletter

Friday 17th October 2025



What has been happening this week?

Thank you to all our families who came to their child's **Year 1, 3 and 6** Open Classroom this week. We hope you enjoyed looking at all the learning they have done so far this year.

On Tuesday, some of our **Year 6** children visited Brindishe Manor for a special writing workshop. They enjoyed working alongside other children from the Brindishe Federation.

On Thursday, **Red Kite and Hornbill** children visited the Dulwich Picture Gallery.

On Tuesday we welcomed lots of parents/carers who are choosing which primary school to send their children to in September. Children in **Emperor Penguin and Shoebill** classes did a wonderful job showing them around and answering their questions.

Finally, on Friday, **Year 5** completed their swimming lessons. Not only do we thank the parents who accompanied every day over the 6 week period, we also thank all the staff who went - both teachers and TAs.



What is happening next week?

Next week is the last week of Autumn 1. It has been a very busy start to the new academic year, with lots to celebrate. We finish school at 3.15pm on Friday, and return again on 3rd November.

Monday 20th October marks **Diwali**, the Festival of Lights.

We wish a bright and joyful celebration to everyone in our community observing this special occasion.



Next Wednesday, **Year 1** Parents/Carers are invited to a Phonics Workshop in the hall, led by Susan Jackson.

On Thursday, **Year 2** children will visit The London Aquarium, linked to their learning on Antarctica.

On Friday, **Year 5** children will visit The Science Museum, to prepare them for their next Science topic - Space.

And finally, next week **the whole school** will be taking part in The Big Draw 2025! The whole school will focus on developing their drawing skills. Click on the link to find events in London, including one at The V&A this weekend - [click!](#)



Eligible Free School Meal Families

If you are entitled to Free School Meals, you will be issued with £15 per child of food vouchers over the half term holiday.

If you think you could be eligible but have not applied in a while, please contact the school office who can point you in the right direction.

Alternatively, please click on the link for more information on who should apply and how - [click here!](#)



This week's signs are... 'stop' and 'walk.'



Stop - Hold hand palm out in front of shoulder.
Walk - Use two fingers from your dominant hand to 'finger walk' in front of your chest.

Happy signing everyone!

AFRIL Foodbank Harvest Collection

Next week we will be collecting **tinned fruit and vegetables** to donate to the AFRIL (Action for Refugees in Lewisham) Helping Hands Foodbank. If you would like to contribute, please bring in your tins on Tuesday or Wednesday drop off/collection. Thank you.



Dads Stay & Play

all Dads and Male Carers Welcome!

Join your local Family Navigator and Early Years Practitioner for a morning of activities for you and your children.
Refreshments Provided

Saturdays - 10.00am - 12.00pm

Bellingham Family Hub
109 Randlesdown Road
SE6 3HB
18th October
20th December
21st February
18th April

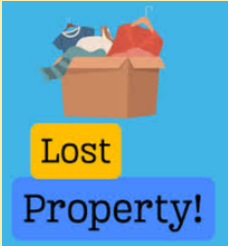
Deptford Family Hub
Alverton Street
SE8 5NH
15th November
17th January
21st March

lewishamfamilyhubs.org.uk



Please Check! Lost Property

Our Lost Property is getting bigger! Please check that your child is leaving school with the coats and jumpers they came wearing. All clothing should be clearly labelled with their name. If it is not in the baskets in the foyer, it could be in the box in the playground or on the tables at the end of the day. **Lost property will be emptied at half term and donated to charity.**



Something Wonderful to Celebrate

These children have been praised this week for their wonderful learning and behaviour in school.

E Penguin	Lina & Alia
Cormorant	Alex & Lyra
Shoebill	Lillian & Isaac
Macaw	Thisani & Alia
Heron	Londi & Janat
Cassowary	Kyle and Ned
Hornbill	Abdul & Rahim
Red Kite	Yusuf & Maria
Puffin	Yi Yu & Danilo
Magpie	Kanish and Sofia
Hawk	Amiyah & Zakary
Kingfisher	Angely & Apollo
Woodpecker	Deron & Hashvi
Parakeet	Millie & Ayaan
Kestrel	Brian & Arilaya
Swift	Zakaria and Rosie
Little Owl	Esma & Iverson
Goldfinch	Saigenno
Robin	Reign & Freya
Wren	Daniel & Hanna
Sparrow	Aryanna & Sofia



Attendance and Punctuality

Overall school attendance this week:	96.87%	
100% Attendance!	Woodpecker	100%
Well Done Woodpecker & Parakeet! 🐦	Parakeet	100%
	Goldfinch	99.23%
	Hornbill	99.21%
	Macaw	99.11%
Amazing Punctuality This Week!	Kestrel, Macaw, Parakeet & Woodpecker...The list goes on! Well done to Everyone! 😊	

Some Important Dates - Autumn Term



September 2025		October 2025	
Mon 1st and Tue 2nd Sep	Inset Days - No school for children	Black History Month	
Wed 3rd Sep	Start of Autumn term Y1-6	Open Classroom 3:15-3:45pm Monday 13th Oct - Year 1 Tuesday 14th Oct - Year 3 Thursday 16th Oct - Year 6	
Year Group meetings - 9.00am Friday 5th Sept - Year 6 Monday 8th Sept - Year 1 Tuesday 9th Sept - Year 2 Wednesday 10th Sept - Year 3 Thursday 11th Sept - Year 4 Friday 12th Sept - Year 5 Wednesday 17th Sept - Reception		Thurs 2nd Oct	Flu immunisations R-Y6
Thurs 25th Sept 10am and 4.30pm	Sept 2026 Reception Open Day	Tues 14th Oct 10am and 4.30pm	Sept 2026 Reception Open Day
		Mon 27th Oct - Fri 31st Oct	Half Term

A Message from the Brindishe Friends Group



Diary Dates

Winter Clothing Hub Week of 3rd November

We'll be collecting good-quality second-hand children's coats after half term for our Winter Clothes Hub. Have a sort-out over the break and drop off your outgrown coats after half term.

Great Brindishe Bake Off Monday 10th November

Dust off your mixing bowls and get ready to show off your baking skills. Details to follow after half term!

BFG Winter Fair Friday 5th December



Help Make the Winter Fair Happen!

Our **Winter Fair on 5th December** is one of the highlights of the year, and we need your help to make it extra special. You don't need experience, just enthusiasm! Whether it's helping set up, running a stall, or serving food & drink, we'll guide you through everything. We're especially looking for face painters, so if that's you, please get in touch!

Even an hour makes a difference. Sign up using our short online form or [email us](#) to find out more.

[Sign up to help](#)

Book & Toy Sale - Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who donated and came along to our sale, and to **our lovely Year 6 Helpers!** We raised a **brilliant £63.26** and found new homes for lots of pre-loved toys.

Library Wish List: Two Weeks Left!

Huge thanks to everyone who has gifted an **incredible 50 books so far!** There are still 42 titles on the list, with just two weeks to go. Help fill our library shelves with a brilliant mix of diverse and exciting books.

54%



[Gift a book now](#)



With half term around the corner, check out our **Holiday Club Directory** for local clubs and activities.