

Newsletter

Friday 17th April 2026

Welcome Back to School



What has been happening this week?

Welcome back to school for the beginning of the Summer Term. Can you believe we are now $\frac{2}{3}$ of the way through the academic year?



This week, the children across the school enjoyed having their class, individual and sibling photos taken by Brian Morris. We will let you know as soon as they are ready for you to view.

Also this week, the **Year 6** children from across the federation travelled to the Unicorn Theatre to see a performance of William Shakespeare's 'A Mid Summer Nights Dream'. One child said 'It was funny, magical and well-performed. I enjoyed trying to work out what was going to happen after Puck cast his magical spell on the characters. The cliff hanger at the end left me wanting to know more!'

On Tuesday, **Year 4** took part in a Born Free workshop where they discussed the question, 'Should Animals Have the Same Rights?' This was paid for using money raised by the BFG, as part of our work on climate action and 'Let's Go Zero.'

On Thursday, **Little Owl Class (Year 1)** visited The National Maritime Museum to learn about Polar explorers and scientists. Also on Thursday, all three **Reception** classes took part in a singing workshop led by one of our parents.



What is happening next week?

Next week, linked to **Earth Day on Wednesday**, it is our **Brindishe Federation Eco Week!** The children will learn about ways to look after the environment through a range of exciting activities. They will finish the week with a whole school song in the playground.

On Friday, **Reception** will be visited by The Wiggly Wild Show where they will have a hands on experience learning about different animals.

One Old T-Shirt

On Monday, as part of Eco Week, every child from Reception to Year 6 will need to bring in a clean **old t-shirt** which they no longer need (please do not buy one). The children will be working with other year groups to make them into tote bags.

London Mini Marathon and Marathon

We have 40 children from Reception to Year 6 running the London Mini Marathon on Saturday 25th April. Each child will take on either the 1 mile or 2.6 km race, finishing on The Mall in front of Buckingham Palace. If you would like to sponsor the children, please click the link below which will take you to their sponsorship page.

So far they have raised £213!

Thank you in advance. [Click here!](#)

Also, we wish Miss Dee's sister lots of luck and strength as she runs the London Marathon on 26th April to raise money for Brindishe Green. She has already raised an amazing £1,295 - 86% of her target.

If you'd like to sponsor her here is the link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/katherine-munt-3>

MUSICIAN OF THE MONTH

From: Kangding, Tibet, China
Years Active: 2005 - Present
Famous Song: River of Eternity

ALAN DAWA DOLMA

Cultural Entitlement and Personal Development Spring 2026

National Events	Whole School Events	Year Group Educational Visits and Events	After School Clubs/Tuition
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Martin Luther King Day • Winnie the Pooh Day • Holocaust Memorial Day • LGBTQ+ History month • Children's Mental Health Week • Safer Internet Day • Lunar New Year • Ramadan and Eid • Easter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rights Respecting Article of the Month – Article 12, 17 & 27 • Musician of the Month – David Bowie, Tracy Chapman • Year 2 – 4 Emma Johnson, Musical performance • R-Yr 6 Open Classrooms • Safer Internet Day and competition • World Book Day • Science Week • Science Fair 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nursery – Manor House Library, Dance Workshop • Reception – Lewisham Fire Station, Dance Workshop, Singing Workshop Lewisham ICU Nurses visit • Year 1 – Dance Workshop • Year 2 – Ragged School Museum, Lewisham Market, Allison Parkinson (story crafting workshop) • Year 3 – Born Free Workshop, Tate Modern • Year 4 – Eco Code Workshop, Hither Green Baptist Church, Viking Workshop • Year 5 – Born Free Workshop, Eco Code Workshop, Deptford Creek Discovery Centre, Broadway Theatre, Shine, London Transport Museum • Year 6 – London Philharmonia Orchestra, Network Rail Workshops, GD Writing Workshop, The Old Bailey 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KS2 Choir – free • Dance Club – free (Broadway Theatre yr5) • Drama Club – free Yr 4 • Podcast – free KS2 • Japanese – free UKS2 • Yr 6 Boosters – free • Art Club – free Yr 6 • Art Club- free - Yr 3 & 4 • Yr 6 Boosters • Yr 6 Maths Club <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sportacus – 5 days a week – All Years <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast Club • Tea Club <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guitar, Trumpet and Flute Tuition

Spring Enrichment Opportunities

Here are a list of the additional enrichment opportunities our children experienced in the Spring Term. These experiences play a vital role in supporting children's personal development, helping them build confidence, discover new interests, and broaden their understanding of the world.

Musician of the Month

Our April/May Musician of the Month is Alan Dawa Dolma, a Chinese singer and actress of Tibetan ethnicity. She gained popularity with her debut album "Voice of Earth" and is known for her powerful vocals and emotional performances. If you would like to listen to her music with your family, please click on the link to gain access to some of her videos and songs - [Click here!](#)



Something Wonderful to Celebrate

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

E Penguin	Bella & Alexandra
Cormorant	Caroline & Ousmane
Shoebill	Cara & Cuba
Macaw	Malakai & Rhianna
Heron	Reuben & Albie
Cassowary	Link, Frandy, Ejla, Eliot, Abner, Ned
Hornbill	Corin & Chloe
Red Kite	Harry & Eva
Puffin	Malik & Elias-Cruz
Magpie	Henry & Leyre
Hawk	Ilaai, Dylan-Rose & Hawk Class
Kingfisher	Gabriel & Etta
Woodpecker	Eva & Abdul
Parakeet	Evelynn & Leo
Kestrel	Ali-Karem & Arielle
Swift	Swift Class
Little Owl	Ilham & Kit S
Goldfinch	Ezra & Maro
Robin	Israa & Freya
Wren	Akenzae & Hanna
Sparrow	Zaynah & Sophie

Attendance and Punctuality

Overall school attendance this week:	94.6%	
Best Attendance 98% & Above	Little Owl	98.8%
Well done, Little Owl 😊	Cormorant	98.5%
	Shoebill	98.3%
Top Classes for BEST punctuality	Hummingbird & Swift A huge well done to everyone! 😊	

Important Dates - Summer 1

April 2026		May 2026	
Mon 30 th March – 10 th April	Easter Holidays	Mon 4 th May	Bank Holiday – No school
Mon 13 th April	Start of Summer term	Year Group Performance – 9.00am Year 2 – Thursday 7 th May Year 3 – Tuesday 19 th May Year 5 – Thursday 21 st May	
Mon 13 th April			
		Wk. beg – 11 th May	Year 6 SATs week
		Wk beg – 25 th May	Half Term – No School

Are you a parent/primary caregiver of a child aged 3-12?

We are inviting parents to take part in an online study about parent and child relationships.

The study is confidential and to be completed online in your own time.

Your responses will help us to better understand parenting and child development.

Interested? Please copy the link into your browser or scan the QR code below.

https://qualtrics.ucl.ac.uk/jfe/form/SV_2nxc7TtttAY01LM

For further information contact the research supervisors of this study-

Prof. Bonamy Oliver- b.oliver@ucl.ac.uk and
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Thank you so much for your time and participation!



A Message from the Brindishe Friends Group



Diary Dates

BFG Meeting Thursday 23rd April, 4.30pm

Everyone welcome! Find out more about the BFG and help shape our plans for the Summer term.

Coffee Morning & AGM Friday 15th May, 8.45am

Grab a hot drink, meet other families, and find out more about the BFG.

BFG Summer Fair Friday 26th June

It might only be April but we're already thinking about the Summer Fair! Our biggest event of the year — games, stalls, food, and fun for everyone!



Planning for the holidays?
Check out our **Holiday Club Directory** for local clubs and activities.

BFG Meeting

Thursday 23 April, 4.30pm

Our next meeting is just around the corner. Whether you're curious about what the BFG gets up to, want to find out how your child's school benefits from our fundraising, or want to know more about what we're planning for the Summer Term, come along! Everyone is welcome, no commitment needed.

Could You Join the BFG Committee?

Our **AGM is coming up** on 15 May, and we're looking for a few new faces to join the committee. You don't need any special skills or loads of free time... just a bit of enthusiasm and a willingness to help make things happen for our school community.



We'd especially love to hear from anyone who hasn't been involved with the BFG before. The more voices we have around the table, the better our events and fundraising can reflect the whole of Brindishe Green.

Read our **AGM Notice** here
Find out **more about committee roles**

Questions? Drop us a line at **bfgsocials@gmail.com** — we're a friendly bunch, promise!

 **Find out more**



Run the **BIG HALF** for Brindishe Green!

JUST 2 PLACES LEFT!

**Sunday 6th
September 2026**

13.1 miles

Live music

Riverside views

Amazing atmosphere

The BFG has 10 charity places available for London's biggest and best half marathon.

There's no minimum fundraising target, just share your page and raise what you can for our school.

We want to reflect the full diversity of our community so will prioritise applications from people not often represented among our runners.

Whether you're an experienced runner or trying your first half marathon, we'd love to have you on the team!

**Deadline extended to
Friday 1 May**

Apply now