Newsletter

Friday 6th November 2026

Brindishe Green

What has happened this week?

On Monday, Year 4 began cricket lessons, taught by Platform Cricket. It was great to give them the opportunity to be coached by experienced cricketers.



Local MP Janet Daby, Unfortunately had to cancel her visit.

On Tuesday and Friday, Year 6 took part in an Anne Frank equality workshop.

On Thursday, Mr Bradley launched a new whole school Eco Project for everyone to get involved with - Cut Your Carbon. Please see below for more information!

Happy Diwali 2026

Diwali, which takes place on Sunday, is the Hindu festival of lights. It is celebrated each year to symbolise the triumph of light over darkness and good over evil. We wish all our staff and families who celebrate, a very Happy Diwali, filled with peace, happiness and prosperity!

What is happening next week?

Next week, alongside Ms Supple, Ms Harris, Mr Ingram, Ms Zoe, Mr Freddy and Mr Andy, most of our Year 6 children are heading off on their School Journey Residential. They will set off on Monday morning and return on Friday afternoon. We hope they have a wonderful time and know they will make us proud. We want to thank all the staff who are giving up their time to take them. The remaining Year 6 children will have a fun packed week in school, including a trip to the cinema on Tuesday.

Also next week, we will welcome our Year 5, 2, 4, Reception and Nursery families into school at 3.15-3.45pm for their Open Classrooms. On Tuesday, Year 3 will visit London Zoo.

BREAKING NEWS

Ms Debbie

It is with very mixed emotions that we are writing to let you know that the time has come for Ms Debbie Hughes to hang up her lanyard and enjoy the world of retirement.



We are absolutely thrilled for her and know that, if anyone deserves many years of relaxation, adventure and time to enjoy life beyond school, it is Ms Debbie!

She has been part of Brindishe Green for 18 years, working as a class teacher, Assistant Headteacher and, most recently, Deputy Headteacher. Before joining Brindishe Green, she worked in other schools across the borough and also shared her expertise as a Phonics and Early Years Consultant for Lewisham. The knowledge, experience and skills she shares generously with colleagues every day, alongside the emotional support, kindness and friendship she gives freely, are just some of the reasons she will be so dearly missed. We are not only saying goodbye to a wonderful practitioner and educator of young children, but also to a very special friend.



Ms Debbie's last day will be Wednesday 16th December, and we know you will want to take the opportunity to share your own goodbyes, memories and thank yous with her over the coming weeks.

Poppy Appeal 2026



Armistice Day, marked on 11th November each year, is when we remember and honour all those who have served or sacrificed their lives in times of conflict, and reflect on the importance of peace. To support the Royal British Legion, some Year 6 children will visit classrooms from Monday - Wednesday next week, selling poppies. If you would like your child to buy a poppy, please send them into school with the correct money, in a clearly marked (name and amount) envelope.



Eco School Challenge - Curb Your Carbon!

This November, we are taking part in the Cut Your Carbon initiative, designed to reduce our carbon emissions and encourage more sustainable habits. Over the month, pupils will complete nine small carbon-cutting activities at home with their friends and family. **This will form part of their ME Book tasks.** At the end of the challenge, we will calculate how much carbon our school community has saved, showing how small changes can make a big difference.



Homelearning This Week

As we continue to adjust to moving away from using Weduc, the following tasks should still be completed please:

- Daily Reading
- New ME Book Tasks
- Termly Project
- Sumdog

Something Wonderful to Celebrate

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

E Penguin	Nevaeh and Mila
Cormorant	Harvey & Keziah
Shoebill	Sophie & Kyle
Macaw	Corin & Ross
Heron	Frances and Amelie
Cassowary	Phoenix & Michelle
Hornbill	Kenzy & Hornbill
Red Kite	Farhan & Chaela
Puffin	Mohammed & Lilly
Magpie	Ali & Finn
Hawk	Mary & Finley
Kingfisher	Bobby & Ayodeji
Woodpecker	Danny & Sanaa
Parakeet	Olivia & Aanaya
Kestrel	Jamie & Ophelia
Swift	Eric & Ari
Little Owl	Luciana & Damon
Goldfinch	Abrar & Saoirse
Robin	Marin & Keno
Wren	David & Nila
Sparrow	Alfie & Zara

Attendance and Punctuality

School Attendance & Punctuality this week:	95.1%	
Outstanding Achievement ✨ Shoebill Attendance 100%	Shoebill Kestrel Kingfisher Macaw	100% 98.67% 96.89% 96.83%
Top spot! Woodpecker! 😁 for Exceptional Punctuality	Kestrel, Sparrow, Hawk, and Redkite Excellent Punctuality!	

Important Dates - Autumn 2

November 2026		December 2026	
16th – 20th Nov	Celebrating Diversity Week!	Wk beg 30th Nov	Parent/Teacher Meetings
Open Classroom 3:15-3:45pm Monday 9th Nov – Year 5 Tuesday 10th Nov – Year 2 Wednesday 11th Nov – Reception and Nursery Thursday 12th Nov – Year 4		**Winter Performances/ Events** Tues 8th Dec - Year 2 – 9am Tues 8th Dec - Year 3 – 2.30pm Thurs 10th Dec - Year 1 – 9am Thurs 10th Dec - Year 4 – 2.30pm Tues 15th Dec - Reception – 9am Tues 15th Dec - Year 5 – 2.30am Wed 16th Dec - Year 6 – 9am Thurs 17th Dec - Nursery – 8.45am	
Tuesday 17th 10am and 4.30pm	Sept 2027 Reception Open Day	Thurs 17th Dec	Christmas lunch and jumper day
Fri 27th Nov	**Inset Day - No school for children**	**Fri 18th Dec** (4th Jan – INSET Day)	**Last Day** Christmas Holidays

Drop-off and Pick-Up by Car

We are writing to remind everyone about some important rules around drop-off and pick-up times, following concerns raised by our local residents and witnessed by our own staff.



School Street Restrictions

As you know, Beacon Road operates as a School Street with camera enforcement.
Please remember:

- Avoid entering the School Street zone very early as arriving early and waiting in your car with the engine on (idling) causes disruption to our neighbours and contributes to poor air quality



Blocking driveways is illegal (243 Highway Code)

Several residents have reported that cars are blocking their driveways during drop-off times. Please remember:

- It is illegal to block a driveway, even for a few minutes
- Our neighbours need access to their homes at all times
- Please be considerate and park only in designated areas



Engine idling is illegal and harmful (123 Highway Code)

We've also had reports of parents leaving their engines running whilst waiting.
Please be aware:

- It is illegal to idle your engine when stationary
- Engine idling contributes to poor air quality, which is particularly harmful to young children and babies
- Please switch off your engine if you're waiting in your car



Our Community

We share our local community with families, including young babies, small children and people with respiritory conditions, and we all have a responsibility to keep the air clean and safe for everyone. The health and wellbeing of our children and neighbours must be our priority.

Our staff will be more visible during morning drop-off to help remind everyone of these important rules.

If these issues continue, residents may report vehicles to the council for enforcement action.
Thank you for your cooperation.

A Message from the Brindishe Friends Group

BFG Winter Fair
Friday 4th December

Our Winter Fair is on Friday 4th December, and it's one of our biggest days of the year. We need as many helpers as we can get. If we don't have enough, we have to cut back on stalls and games.

You can help by:

- selling raffle tickets
- setting up before the fair
- running a stall
- clearing up at the end

Even half an hour makes a big difference!

Sign Up to Help



Festive Goodies!

Use the code on the form sent home in book bags to order cards, wrapping paper, gift tags and more designed by your child! **Order by 13th November.**

Book Corner Challenge: COMPLETE! 📚

We did it! Every year group's wish list is now complete, from Nursery right up to Year 6. That's **over 500 brand new books** for classroom book corners.

A huge thank you to every family who bought a book. A special thank you also goes to our generous parent donor, who matched your purchases book for book. The last books are arriving now, so look out for full shelves in the coming weeks!



Great British Bake Off... & Cake Sale
Thursday 19th November

Bake Around the World for Diversity Week! Make a family recipe, a treat from somewhere you've been, or a cake decorated as a scene from any continent. Prizes for the best KS1 and KS2 bakes!

New this year: every bake needs a quick **Entry and Allergen Form**. You can pick one up from the office or download from our Linktree.

All bakes must be nut free. Drop off in the morning. On sale in the playground at 3.15pm!



Download an Entry Form

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