

Newsletter

Friday 9th May 2025



What has been happening this week?

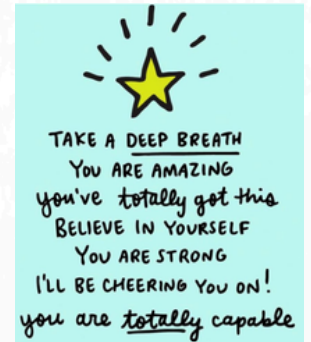
Despite it only being a 4 day week, we have packed a lot in. Year 3 performed for their families on Tuesday, showcasing their skills in dance, drama, singing and reading. Thank you to the teachers who prepared the children so well, the premises team for getting the hall ready, and Aleks for supporting with IT.

On Thursday our older children attended an assembly which taught them about the importance of VE day and the 80th anniversary. We have also linked one of our ME book activities to this special occasion.

What is happening next week?

Next week is one of the biggest weeks in the school year, as our wonderful Year 6 children sit their national SATs assessments. They will start each day with a special breakfast in the main hall, before going to their classrooms to take their tests:

- Monday - Spelling, punctuation and grammar
- Tuesday - Reading
- Wednesday - 2 Maths papers - arithmetic and reasoning
- Thursday - Maths Reasoning



All the staff have prepared the children extremely well and they are now more than ready to show us what they can do. We are all full of confidence!

Jewellery in School

Please can we remind all children and parents/carers of our policy on jewellery: **we do not allow jewellery in school, apart from essential religious items such as a Kara (Sikh bangle), and only close-fitting stud earrings (never hooped or dangly earrings).**

Please can I ask for your support with helping your child make the right choices with regards to accessories. Since returning from the Easter holidays, we have noticed a large proportion of children in school wearing elasticated or metal bracelets and necklaces (for example). Please can I ask that these stay at home so that they do not get lost or broken and learning time is not impacted.

National Numeracy Day - 21st May 2025

Wednesday 21st May 2025 will be National Numeracy Day!

This year is '**The Money Edition**' and will focus on improving young people's confidence with numbers through money awareness. As part of National Numeracy Day, children have the chance to become **Money Heroes**. All they have to do is create a picture (using a medium of their choice) of themselves doing their dream job or hobby and explaining how it uses numbers. There is a chance to win a fantastic prize for themselves and one of six incredible prize bundles is worth hundreds of £££s for our school. The winner will be chosen by TV personality Bobby Seagull.

National Numeracy also provides some wonderful tips and tricks for helping parents and carers to raise children's confidence with numbers and money sense. Check out their resources using the QR codes below:



NSPCC - Speak Out, Stay Safe

Over the next 2 weeks we will be running ‘NSPCC - Speak Out, Stay Safe’ assemblies and lessons for children from Year 1 to Year 6. This child friendly programme is aligned with the curriculum and consists of age appropriate virtual assemblies and supporting classroom based activities which we have reviewed. The content is delivered in an engaging and interactive way with the help of the NSPCC mascot Buddy.

If you would like to know more about the programme, visit www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout



Additional NSPCC resources for families to help keep children safe

The NSPCC have shared some important information below on wider NSPCC resources and support to help keep children safe.

Parent/Carer support

Take a look at information, support, advice and activities from NSPCC for parent and carers.

www.nspcc.org.uk/parents

Activities to extend learning at home

Take part in games and activities at home to help children learn about speaking out and staying safe.

www.nspcc.org.uk/activities

3 Adults must do what's best for me

34 Nobody should touch me in ways that make me feel uncomfortable, unsafe or sad

Online Safety Hub

For information on a range of different online safety topics including gaming, social media, sharing images, parental controls and more.

www.nspcc.org.uk/online-safety

Childline – under 12's

Childline have an accessible website with advice, support, games and activities. Children can change the language, enlarge text and also listen to the content.

www.childline.org.uk/buddy (5-7)

www.childline.org.uk/kids (7-11)

Talk PANTS with your children

Talk PANTS is a simple conversation to help keep children safe from sexual abuse. From P through to S, each letter of PANTS provides simple but important messages.

Download the free resources at www.nspcc.org.uk/pants.

Something Wonderful to Celebrate

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

Attendance and Punctuality

E Penguin	Bethel & Carter
Cormorant	Joseph & Nia
Shoebill	Alex & Samuel
Macaw	Ambie & Lyra
Heron	Lotta & Amy
Cassowary	Alia & Jordan
Hornbill	Imisi, Shady & Rayhan
Red Kite	Mariam & Albie
Puffin	Malakai & Link
Magpie	Eliot, Maryam and whole class
Hawk	Yusuf & Zayne
Kingfisher	Elijah & Nazim
Woodpecker	Angeley & Jude
Parakeet	Aaliyah & Sharon
Kestrel	Ava & Sofia
Swift	Sorrel & Shaik
Little Owl	Leo & Arielle
Goldfinch	Pwoc & Amber

Overall school attendance this week:	95.32%	
Top CLASSES for good Attendance Well done to you All!	Kingfisher	98.94%
	Hornbill	98.41%
	Wren	98.1%
	Shoebill	97.88%
	Cormorant	96.85%
Top Classes for BEST punctuality Well Done to Robin 100% Punctuality	Robin, Parakeet, Woodpecker, Macaw, Shoebill & Cormorant A huge well done! 😊	

Some Important Dates - Summer Term

May 2025		June 2025	
Mon 5 th May	Bank Holiday	Wk beg 9 th June	Year 1 Phonics check
Year Group Performance - 9.00am Year 3 – Tuesday 6 th May Year 2 – Tuesday 20 th May Year 5 – Thursday 22 nd May		Fortnight beg 2 nd June	Year 4 Times Tables
Wk beg – 12 th May	Year 6 SATs week	27 th June	INSET Day – school closed to children
Mon 26 th – 30 th May	Half Term	Sports Days – 9.10am 23 rd June - Rec – Playground 24 th June - Year 1 – Playground 25 th June - Year 2 – Playground 26 th June - Year 3 – Playground 5 th June - Year 4/5/6 – Ladywell Arena	

A message from the Brindishe Friends Group



BFG Meeting update

If you weren't able to attend the BFG meeting at school last week but would like to keep up-to-date with what was discussed, you can find the minutes of the meeting on our Linktree webpage:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1C5r02nx8Zr2c0Exoyn_Bt23kMM5-1hEkRQVsiROOb20/edit?tab=t.0

There is lots more information on Linktree about the BFG and our upcoming events:

<https://linktr.ee/brindishefriendsgroup>

BFG Pantry

The BFG Pantry is Brindishe Green's free food pantry, fully stocked with non-perishable food and hygiene essentials. Any parent that finds themselves in need or just going through a difficult patch is encouraged to make use of the pantry to stock up on things they need. All you have to do is get in touch with the Family Support Lead Michelle (mibarrett@brindisheschools.org) in confidence, and she will be very happy to assist you.

We are keen for the pantry to meet the needs of our school community, so if there are any items you think we should stock, do let us know.



Summer Fair - 4 July 2025 - Can You Help?

As we start to look ahead to our annual Summer Fair, which will be held at school on Friday 4 July, we are on the hunt for some really good raffle prizes. Do you work in a cafe, shop or business that could donate a prize? Do you have anything that you could donate, or do you know someone that might be able to donate something lovely? It could be a gift for an adult or for a child - we'd love to gather a wide range of prizes to encourage people to buy lots of raffle tickets.

This year's fair will have an international theme and we'll be arranging a Planning Meeting soon. If you think you might be able to help, please email us at bfgsocials@gmail.com.

Alternatively, come along to our Summer Term Coffee Morning on Friday 6 June, join us in the playground once you have dropped your children at school to find out more about the BFG, meet other parents and carers, or just get yourself a coffee and a cake!

Join our team

Every parent and carer is automatically a member of the BFG and is welcome to attend any of our meetings and events. On top of this, we are always looking for people to join our team and help us plan, organise and run these events, shaping how we support the school and its pupils.

We are currently looking for new committee members to join us in September when some of the existing BFG Committee end their term of office. Whether you're full of ideas, great with numbers, good with organising, have charity experience or are just keen to contribute in any way you can, we'd love your support.

Being part of the BFG is a great way to support our school, connect with other parents and carers, and help make a real difference to the students at Brindishe Green. All roles can be shared, so you wouldn't be thrown in at the deep end or have to take on any more than you want to. If you're interested, we'd be happy to have an informal, no-obligation chat.