

Newsletter

Friday 4th April 2025



What has been happening this week?

On Monday, Sportacus ran some special assemblies for the children across the school.

On Tuesday Year 3 classes visited St. Swithun's church to learn about how Christians use the Bible in church and their every day lives. This linked to their previous RE unit.

On Wednesday, Years 1, 2 and 3 were visited by the author and broadcaster, Karen Arthur, who shared her wonderful debut children's book - Grandma's Locs - with them. Not only did the children enjoy hearing the story, but they also got the chance to ask questions about what inspired her to write it, her writing process and also to find out all about her varied career. The journalists from Brindishe Green News also spent some time interviewing Ms Arthur for their next edition.

On Thursday, Heron class visited Sutcliff Park to take part in some special Gymnastics Lessons. The children walked there, and enjoyed the opportunity to use the equipment and learn from the coaches.



What is happening next week?

School finishes next Friday 4th at 3.15pm for the Easter Break. We will return to school on Tuesday 22nd April.

On Wednesday 23rd April, Year 3 will go into London to visit The Tate Modern. They are going to research how artists use textiles and wall hangings to share a message or tell a story.

Arriving After 8.45am

If your child arrives in school after 8.45am, they will need to come through the school office.

If your child is late, an adult must come into school and sign them in using the electronic screen.

If your child is in Nursery or Reception, you may be asked to wait with your child until the allocated member of staff is free to walk them to their classroom. We appreciate your patience if you are asked to wait.

School Photographs

Our photographer, Brian Morris, will be visiting school week beginning 28th April to take individual, class and sibling photographs. A timetable will be included in the newsletter, after Easter.

Goodbye and Thank You, Ms O'Brien

Today we say goodbye to one of our teachers, Ashlene O'Brien. Ms O'Brien joined the school in September 2018 and during her time with us has worked in Year 5, Year 3 and as a PPA teacher. She has been a valuable member of the team and we thank her for all her hard work and commitment during her time with us. She has now taken on a new role in a school closer to her home, and we wish her all the very best.

Four Questions to Ask Your Child

Here are 4 questions for you to ask your children around the dinner table or when on a journey during the school break. Don't forget to delve deeper by asking why, what would happen if this happened or can you explain more?

- What is one thing that always makes you **feel really happy**?
- If you could have **one superpower**, what would it be?
- What is something you wish **grown-ups understood** about children?
- If we could go on **any adventure together**, where would we go?



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Lewisham SEN Workshops for Parents/Carers

Lewisham is running a week of parental workshops running from **Friday 25th April- Thursday 1st May** (including Saturday 26th April.) These workshops are specifically targeted at Lewisham parents/carers of children at SEN Support and cover a range of topics. The workshops will be run in person in 6 locations across Lewisham and both in the morning and in the evening. For more information and to book your place, please see the attached flier.



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Do you want to know how to support your child with language?

Is attendance at school hard for your child?

Need to find out why safe relationships are important?

Want to know how schools support children with SEN without an EHC Plan?

Need some ideas on how to get your child ready to learn?

Workshops will be held in venues across Lewisham during and after working hours



Free SEND Support Parent/Carer Workshops: Friday 25th April – Thursday 1st May



Something Wonderful to Celebrate

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

E Penguin	Rudy, Fenella & Jessica
Cormorant	Olivier & Josias
Shoebill	Navie-Mae & Averie
Macaw	Caroline & Roshan
Heron	Ede and Poppy
Cassowary	Cassidy & Albert
Hornbill	Thomas & Jakub W
Red Kite	Harvey & Zac
Puffin	Lema & Alfie
Magpie	Jessie-John & Elissa
Hawk	Rocco & Tommy
Kingfisher	Yashua & Ava
Woodpecker	Eliza & Maddie
Parakeet	Whole class
Kestrel	Skylar-Rose & Zakary
Swift	Jonah & Holly
Little Owl	Hugo & Layla
Goldfinch	Eden & Rowan

Attendance and Punctuality

Overall school attendance this week:	90.25%	
Well done to Cormorant for achieving aver 98% Attendance!	Cormorant	98.15%
	Hornbill	97.45%
	Woodpecker	94.52%
	Goldfinch	93.94%
	Redkite	93.22%
Top CLASSES for good Attendance - Well done to you All!		
The Top Classes for BEST punctuality	Woodpecker, Hawk, shoebill, & Little Owl	
	A huge well done! 😊	

Some Important Dates - Spring 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



Thank you! ❤️

Thanks so much to everyone who played a part in making this another fantastic term at Brindishe Green. Whether you volunteered your time to help plan, prepare and deliver events, or donated toys, books and cakes for our sale, or spent money at our events, your support has enabled the BFG to raise a whopping £1,346 this term alone!

🌐 **Discos: £1,006**

🍰 **Book, toy & cake sale: £340**

🌸 **Total profit for Spring Term: £1,346**

All the money we raise goes directly towards resources and activities for the children of Brindishe Green. Look out for details of our next big event, the Summer Fair!

A special thanks goes to the staff of Brindishe Green for making it all possible, especially the Premises Team for their help with setting up and clearing away after events.



BFG meeting - 1 May 2025 at 4.30pm

Our next in-person BFG meeting will be at the school on Thursday 1 May, starting at 4.30pm.

The meeting is a great opportunity to find out more about the BFG. There will be an update on recent activities, how we've spent funds we raised for the school, and our future plans, including the school library, leavers' t-shirts and food pantry. All are welcome and we'd love to see some new faces, so please come and say hello, especially if you'd like to be a part of shaping how we support the school and its pupils.

The Big Half - 7 September 2025

There are still a few spaces left for September's Big Half. If you fancy joining our team to run a half-marathon on 7 September and raise money for the school, please email Hayley at bfgsocials@gmail.com. Last year we raised over £3,200 for the school, and we'd really love to do even better this year!

For more information visit <https://www.letsdothis.com/gb/e/2025-the-big-half-229483>.



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Important Dates

1 May - BFG Meeting in School

4 July - Brindishe Green Summer Fair

Date TBC - Summer Term Coffee Morning

7 September - The Big Half



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