

Newsletter

Friday 24th January 2025



What has been happening this week?

This week we welcomed Montage Arts to Brindishe Green, who worked with a group of children from Nursery to Year 6.

On Wednesday, Yr 4 visited Hither Green Baptist Church as part of their RE learning. Thank you to all the parents/carers who supported the classes on this visit.

What is happening next week?

On Tuesday, Year 1 are visiting Manor House Gardens as part of their Science learning.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our Asian families a very happy Lunar New Year! Wednesday 29th January marks the start of The Year of the Snake. We hope you all have a wonderful time celebrating with your friends and family.



Should I Keep My Child Off School?

The government has produced a useful factsheet which gives information on when children can return to school, if they have contracted a particular illness but feel well. This includes chicken pox, slapped cheek, vomiting and diarrhoea or scarlet fever.

[Click here to find the resources.](#)

Parent/Carer Workshop - Self-Esteem

Come and join us for our parent session this term. We will be meeting with our Educational Psychologist Amy on **Tuesday 4th February at 9am** to learn about self-esteem: what is it, why is it important and how can we support our children to develop good self-esteem.

Please book a place using the link - [Self Esteem Workshop](#).

Everyone is welcome, and we look forward to seeing you!



Number Day

On **Friday 7th February** we will be celebrating Number Day at Brindishe Green!

Number Day is an annual fundraising event led by the **NSPCC** to celebrate fun and creativity in Maths, and this year marks its 25th anniversary.

On this day, we ask that the children come to school '**dressed as number**'. It can be as simple as wearing a football shirt, a jumper with a number on it or some patterned socks. Alternatively it could be something even more creative!



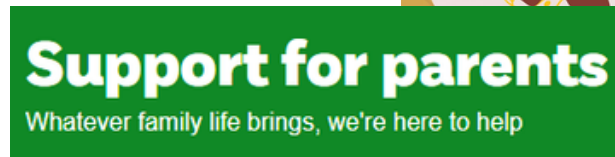
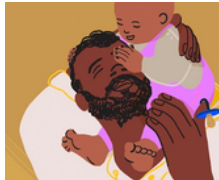
Support from the NSPCC

We wanted to draw your attention to a wonderful resource for parents/carers, packed full of advice on raising children.

The NSPCC has created a page full of information from how to talk to children about their bodies, to early parenting advice, to managing family life, to family bereavement, to talking about race and racism.

Check it out, and if there is anything we can do to support, please contact the school office.

[NSPCC](#)
[Support for Parents](#)



Something Wonderful to Celebrate

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

E Penguin	Kamari & Zekia
Cormorant	Jeremiah & Rita
Shoebill	Kadijah & Alex
Macaw	Lyra & Eli
Heron	Kaelo & Cara
Cassowary	Ibrahim & Margo
Hornbill	Frankie, Emilia & Shady
Red Kite	Ehan & Keziah
Puffin	Elliot & Chadwick
Magpie	Shahryar & Maryam
Hawk	Samuel & Zayne
Kingfisher	Jayden & Malik
Woodpecker	Apollo & Jude
Parakeet	Layal & Aaron
Kestrel	Kestrel Class
Swift	Iyad & Romona
Little Owl	Zanayah & Ali
Goldfinch	Zoland & Kurt

Term Dates – Academic Year 2025/26

Autumn term

Monday 1 September to Friday 24 October (40 days)

INSET Days Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd Sept – no children on these days.

Half term: Monday 27 October to Friday 31 October

Monday 3 November to Friday 19 December (35 days)

INSET Day – Friday 28th November – no children on this day.

Spring term

Monday 5 January to Friday 13 February (30 days)

INSET Day – Monday 5th January – no children on these days.

Half term: Monday 16 February to Friday 20 February

Monday 23 February to Friday 27 March (25 days)

Summer term

Monday 13 April to Friday 22 May (29 days)

Monday 4th May Bank Holiday

Half term: Monday 25 May to Friday 29 May

Monday 1 June to Monday 20 July (36 days)

INSET Day – Monday 20th July - no children on these days.

INSET DAYS

Monday 1 September

Tuesday 2 September

Friday 28 November

Monday 5 January

Monday 20 July

Attendance and Punctuality

Overall school attendance this week:	93.54%	
Top CLASSES with attendance over 98%:	Magpie	98.16%
	Red Kite	98.3%
	Little Owls	97.14%
	Cassowary	96.83%
A huge well done to you all!		
The Top Classes for BEST punctuality:	Little Owls, Robin, Cassowary and Macaw	
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Some Important Dates - Spring Term

January 2025		February 2025	
Mon 6 th Jan	INSET Day – No school	Tues 11 th Feb 8.35 – 9.15 am	Open Classroom Years 1, 3, 5
Tues 7 th Jan	Start of Spring term	Wed 12 th Feb 8.35 – 9.15 am	Open Classroom Reception
		Thurs 13 th Feb 8.35 – 9.15 am	Open Classroom Years 2, 4, 6
		Mon 17 th – Fri 21 st Feb	Half Term

A message from the Brindishe Friends Group



BFG Meeting

We had a great meeting this week. Thank you to all who joined us. Remember, all parents and carers at Brindishe Green are automatically members of our PTA, the Brindishe Friends Group (BFG), and we'd love to see you at any meeting.

As always, you can find the full minutes of our meeting and more info on our Linktree.

<https://linktr.ee/brindishefriendsgroup>

We have lots coming up, including...

School Discos • Fri 7 March

Discos for Years 1-6 will take place on Friday 7 March. Tickets will go on sale in the week of 10 February and will be available online and in the playground. Please let us know if you could volunteer to help on the day.

Preloved Book & Toy Sale • Thu 27 March

Our preloved book & toy sale is back later this term, so please start putting aside any donations. We'll be collecting them in the week starting 17 March. Again, we need volunteers for this event so let us know if you can help.

Library refurb

We're delighted to have been able to give the school £6k from money you've raised to enable them to refurbish the library. This will hopefully go ahead in late Spring / Summer term. We'll also be looking for volunteers to help with building furniture when it arrives. Watch this space!

BFG Teachers' Choice Fund

With the money you've raised we've been able to create a new fund to thank staff and teachers for their support of the BFG. Each year group will receive £100 per class to do something to enrich the children's school experience. We can't wait to let you know how they're planning to use the fund.

[brindishefriendsgroup](#) | [Facebook](#) - [Linktree](#)
[Brindishe Green's parent teacher & friends group \(PTA\).](#)
[Charity no 1207252.linktr.ee](https://charity.no.1207252.linktr.ee)

BFG Dates for your Diary

7 March 2025 - Spring Discos
27 March - Preloved Book & Toy Sale
4 July - Brindishe Green Summer Fair
Date TBC - Summer term coffee morning



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