

# Newsletter

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025



Brindishe  
Green

## What has been happening this week?

This week our **Reception** classes visited Manor House Gardens and Library. They enjoyed reading books together and going on a scavenger hunt in the park.

Author Claire Linney led a special assembly for our **Year 5 and 6** children.



## What is happening next week?

Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be performing in the main hall for their parents/carers. When you come to watch, please can we ask that you stay in your seat and do not block the aisles. Any photographs or videos taken must be for personal use only and not shared on social media. Thank you.

Also next week, Year 3 will enjoy a special online performance of Everybody Dance: Alice's Adventures.

There will be a full federation Governing Body Meeting at Brindishe Green on Thursday. If you would like to attend, please contact our Executive Head, Rachel Waite. Some of our Eco Warriors will be speaking to the Governors about their role, before the formal meeting begins.

## Encouraging Children to Speak Out

At Brindishe we work together with our families and community to make sure everyone feels welcome, safe and valued. Every person, without discrimination, has equal Rights.

It is all of our responsibility to teach, encourage and support our children to speak out if they hear or see something that is wrong. This could be the use of inappropriate language, rough play, unacceptable behaviour or instances of racism/homophobia/sexism etc. At Brindishe we do not tolerate any form of prejudice or discrimination.

In school we teach our children about the difference between right and wrong, equity, equality and kindness through our PSHME curriculum, in assemblies, and by addressing what has been said/done when it occurs. We also teach children about racism and other types of discrimination, and how these must always be challenged. We talk to parents/carers about their child's behaviour and language, and ask for the message to be reinforced at home.

We encourage all our parents/carers to talk to their children to remind them to speak to their teachers or a trusted adult in school as soon as something happens. We also encourage all parents/carers to let the school know as soon as an incident arises, and not wait until a later date. It can be challenging to address incidents in school with young children the next day or even weeks later.

We thank you for your continued support.



## Winter Performances

Year 1 - Fri 12th December 9am

Year 2 - Tues 9th December 9am

Year 3 - Tues 9th December 2.30pm

Year 4 - Fri 12th December 2:30pm



During these events, and on our Winter/Festive Jumper Day (Thursday 18th Dec), we will be collecting money for the Crisis Christmas Charity Appeal.



## Brindishe Green's 12 Days of Reading Challenge

Our Reading Champions from across the school have created 'Brindishe Green's 12 Days of Reading Challenge' for our families to enjoy over the holidays...!If you would like to! You will find the challenge at the bottom of the newsletter and attached. **Goodluck and happy reading! :)**

### Instructions:

1. Pick a day (or more than 1) and complete the challenge
2. **Take a photo of the end result**, email it to [info-BG@brindisheschools.org](mailto:info-BG@brindisheschools.org) (email entitled FOR ATTENTION OF READING CHAMPIONS ) or bring it into school after the holidays and give it to your class teacher (NB: this is an optional step, if you would like to complete the challenge and not enter anything that is more than fine)
3. The Reading Champions are going to judge the entries and there will be **prizes and certificates** for those who enter
4. Deadline for entries is **Friday 9th January**.



Brindishe Green 'Sign of the week'

This week's signs are...  
'big' and 'small'



Big - begin with hands close together in front of your chest and pull apart.  
Small - hold hands close together in front of chest.

Happy signing everyone!

## Something Wonderful to Celebrate

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

E Penguin	Ada & Taku
Cormorant	Elsa & Henry
Shoebill	Lillian & Ishaan
Macaw	Romeo & Imisi
Heron	Sona & Hugo
Cassowary	Isabella and Imani
Hornbill	Anna & Shahryar
Red Kite	Frances & Zayne
Puffin	Michelle & Matilda
Magpie	Kanish and Aaron
Hawk	Kenzy, Jean, & Eli
Kingfisher	Farhan & Etta
Woodpecker	Woodpecker class
Parakeet	Sorrel & Emmanuel
Kestrel	Isa & Aria
Swift	Thomas, Nala & Jamie
Little Owl	Ixak & Niamh
Goldfinch	Sanna & Storm
Robin	Hamza & Freya
Wren	Damon & Robin
Sparrow	Cassian & Annalisa

Overall school attendance this week:	91.2%	
Over 97% Attendance! Well Done, Woodpecker! 🐦	Woodpecker Cormorant Macaw Hornbill	97.3% 97.1% 96.0% 96.9%
Amazing Punctuality This Week!	Hornbill, Kingfisher, Little Owls and Wren! Well done to Everyone! 🐦	

December 2025	
Week beg 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Parent/Teacher Meetings
Winter Performances/ Events 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec - Year 2 – 9am 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec - Year 3 – 2.30pm 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec - Year 1 – 9am 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec - Year 4 – 2.30pm 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec - Reception – 9am 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec - Year 5 – 9am 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec - Year 6 – 2.30pm 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec - Nursery – 8.45am	
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas lunch and jumper day
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec (5 <sup>th</sup> Jan – INSET Day)	Last Day Christmas Holidays

## Attendance and Punctuality



## Important Dates

January 2026	
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	INSET Day – No school
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Start of Spring term

# A Message from the Brindishe Friends Group



## Winter Fair DAY!

It's finally here, the Winter Fair is **TODAY**! By the time you read this, the hall will be buzzing with games, crafts, music, delicious treats and festive cheer. We can't wait to welcome everyone after school for a wonderful community celebration.

The Winter Fair simply wouldn't happen without an incredible team effort. **A HUGE and heartfelt thanks to:**

- **All the school staff**, from the teaching staff to the office, kitchen & facilities teams for their support, time and help behind the scenes.
- **Every family** who bought raffle tickets, donated tombola items, gifted raffle prizes and sent in bakes.
- **Most of all, our AMAZING BFG volunteers**, those helping today and those who've done hours of work behind the scenes planning, preparing and organising. We're so grateful for everything you do!

**And of course, every one of you for coming along and making the fair such a joyful occasion. Thank you for being part of it!**



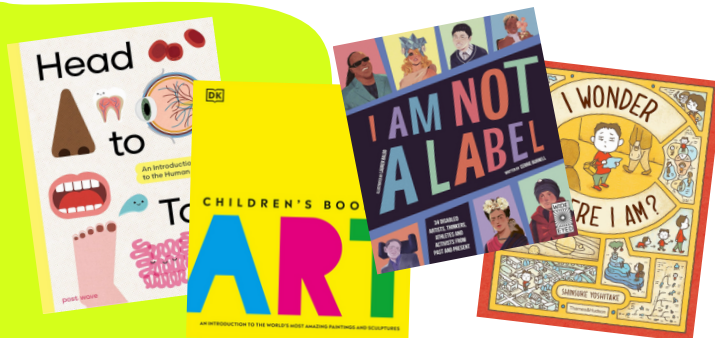
## Raffle Prize Winners

If you won a prize but weren't at the fair, the school office will be in touch early next week to let you know how to collect it.

## Library Wish List: A Gift That Lasts

If you'd like to gift something meaningful this Christmas, our Library Wish List is open. Every book you buy goes straight into the school library for children to enjoy all year round.

**Gift a book now**



# Brindishe Green's 12 Days of Christmas Reading Challenge



1



Create an activity sheet or game based on your favourite book e.g. wordsearch, crossword or Top Trumps

2



Take a photo of you reading in an interesting place

3



Write a summary of the book (without giving away any spoilers)

4



Write a short review of your book & rate it out of 5

5



Create a piece of artwork based on the character or setting from your book

6



Draw a character in the style of a famous illustrator e.g. Quentin Blake

7



Make a model of a character using Lego, clay, plasticine etc.

8



Write a comic based on a book you have enjoyed

9



Design your own mythical creature and write a short story about them

10



Use Scratch or ScratchJr to create a short animation of a book you have enjoyed - fiction or non-fiction

11



Create a map of the world your story is set in

12



Share your favourite book with a friend or family member

## Good luck & happy reading!