

# Newsletter

Friday 26th September 2025

## Census Day - We Need Your Help!

On Thursday 2nd October it is Census Day - **this is a very important day for our school**. The money that the government gives our school, is dependent on **how many children are in school on this day, and this day alone**. Therefore, it is really important to us that every child is in school on Thursday, and that they are not late. The money the government gives us goes towards us being able to maintain and run a safe, effective and well-resourced school.

**In addition, we need as many children to choose a school dinner on this day**. Every child who has a school meal on Thursday 2 October secures funding for Brindishe Green. If your child is normally a packed lunch but would like to enjoy the Space Themed Menu they simply have to let their teacher know at registration. You can always provide them with a packed lunch in case they do not like it. Thank you for all your support.



## What has been happening this week?

This week we welcomed many parents who are starting the process of applying for Reception places for September 2026. On Thursday morning, the children in Emperor Penguin showed groups around their school and our visitors were extremely impressed with how articulate, confident and enthusiastic they were. Thank you to our Year 6 children.

Also this week, Heron class took part in their first week of swimming lessons. Year 6 children took part in Bikability, learning the skills they need to be accomplished, safe cyclists.

On Tuesday, every class was allocated a new food caddy for their classrooms. This forms part of our work on reducing our carbon footprint with Let's Go Zero. Check out this week's ME Book activity for more information.



## What is happening next week?

Next week, Heron class will continue with their swimming lessons - thank you to all the parents/carers and staff who have been supporting. On Thursday, the school nursing team will be in school to administer the Flu sniff/jab. Finally, on Thursday 2nd we will be running the Scholastic Book Fair after school. It will finish on Wednesday 8th.

## Brindishe Green Surgery

Your Hither Green Labour Councillors, Cllr Mark Ingleby, Cllr Kim Powell and Cllr Yemisi Anifowose and The Lewisham Cabinet Member for Better Homes, Neighbourhoods and Homelessness, Cllr Will Cooper, are hosting an after-school surgery on **Thursday 16th October 2025, 3.30pm-4.30pm at Brindishe Green**. This special surgery is for Brindishe Green parents/carers to speak to their local representatives about any housing or local issues. No registration is required.



## Our Teaching Assistants

Friday 26th September is **National Teaching Assistants' Day**. The purpose of the day is to raise awareness of the hard work and efforts of TAs.

We are all REALLY lucky to have so many exceptional Teaching Assistants in our school. Their role within the school is crucial in ensuring that our children are safe, supported, encouraged and given the skills and knowledge to thrive. The list of jobs they do is never ending and they don't stop from the minute they walk in the door, to the minute they leave.

**We want to thank them ALL for everything they do, each and every day!**

## Please Check!

Children in Years 3-6 are encouraged to bring **a piece of fruit or raw vegetables** into school to have as a morning snack. This is because many children find it hard to make it to lunchtime without getting hungry, which affects their concentration and learning behaviour.

**Only fruit and vegetables** are allowed in school for snack time. This is so that it can be taken outside, eaten on the carpet or eaten at their tables while they continue their learning.



## Something Wonderful to Celebrate

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

E Penguin	Kaylin & Ethan
Cormorant	Ariana & Kaelo
Shoebill	Skye & Cassidy
Macaw	Grace & Eli
Heron	Mishal & Harvey
Cassowary	Ava & Link
Hornbill	Starlin & Harold
Red Kite	Haseenah & Thando
Puffin	Honour & Agnes
Magpie	Lilly & Aaron
Hawk	Skylar-Rose, Valentina & Akssar
Kingfisher	Almir-Malik & Gabriel
Woodpecker	Mia & Zoland
Parakeet	Iyad & Alicia
Kestrel	Yusuf & Iris
Swift	Luke & Teddy
Little Owl	Aanaya & David
Goldfinch	Arvi & Leah
Robin	Aurora & Hamza
Wren	Lexi (Crisp) & Kow Kian
Sparrow	Benji & Alma



## Attendance and Punctuality

<b>Overall school attendance this week:</b>	<b>94.9%</b>	
<b>Best Attendance 98% &amp; Above:</b>	<b>Kestrel</b>	<b>99.2%</b>
	<b>Heron</b>	<b>99.1%</b>
<b>Well Done Kestrel 😊</b>	<b>Hornbill</b>	<b>98.8%</b>
<b>Top Classes for BEST punctuality:</b>	<b>Wren, Swift, Parakeet &amp; Hornbill</b> <b>A huge well done to Everyone! 😊</b>	

## Some Important Dates - Autumn Term

September 2025		October 2025	
Mon 1st and Tue 2nd Sep	Inset Days - No school for children	Black History Month	
Wed 3rd Sep	Start of Autumn term Y1-6		
<b>Year Group meetings – 9.00am</b> Friday 5th Sept – Year 6 Monday 8th Sept – Year 1 Tuesday 9th Sept – Year 2 Wednesday 10th Sept – Year 3 Thursday 11th Sept – Year 4 Friday 12th Sept – Year 5 Wednesday 17th Sept – Reception		<b>Open Classroom 3:15-3:45pm</b> Monday 13th Oct – Year 1 Tuesday 14th Oct – Year 3 Thursday 16th Oct – Year 6	
		Thurs 2nd Oct	Flu immunisations R-Y6
Thurs 25th Sept 10am and 4.30pm	Sept 2026 Reception Open Day	Tues 14th Oct 10am and 4.30pm	Sept 2026 Reception Open Day
		Mon 27th Oct – Fri 31st Oct	Half Term

# A message from the Brindishe Friends Group



## We Want Your Pre-loved Books and Toys!

Do you have toys and books that are outgrown or unloved? We're hosting a Book & Toy Sale especially for Reception families, and we'd love your donations of good quality second-hand books, toys, puzzles and games that need a new home.

BFG volunteers will be in the playground collecting donations before and after school on Tuesday 30 September and Friday 3 October.

The sale itself will take place in the Reception playground at pick-up on Wednesday 15 October. Come along to pick up some pre-loved treasures – everything will be just 50p each!

## Gift a Book to the Library!

Thank you so much to everyone who has already donated to our "Gift a Book" campaign. We've had over £100 of new books purchased for the library! Every book donated helps bring more fun and a brilliant range of diverse and interesting books into the new library for all our children to enjoy.

Just browse the list, choose a book, pay securely online, and the book will be delivered straight to school.

[Gift a Book – Scholastic Wish List](#)



## AGM – Tuesday 7 October

Our Annual General Meeting will be on Tuesday 7 October at 4.30pm at school. This is your chance to hear what we've been up to, share your ideas, and find out how you can get involved. We're always looking for extra help, whether that's taking on a committee role, supporting with communications and social media, helping at one event, or even leading a new idea. We'd love to see you there! [Find out more - click here!](#)



### Brindishe Friends Group

Parents, teachers and friends of Brindishe Green Primary School

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