

Newsletter

Friday 13th March 2026



What has been happening this week?

On Monday, **Parakeet** class visited Lewisham Market to buy produce to make healthy, delicious dishes back in school.

On Tuesday, children from **Years 4 to 6** attended an assembly or workshop led by Network Rail. They learnt how to travel by train safely.

On Wednesday, **Year 4** took part in an online workshop listening to three women talk about their careers in engineering and operations. On Thursday, **Year 5** children took part in an Eco themed coding session. The children used software to mimic vibrations on a spiders web, in order to create pictures of wasps, humans and flies. Two children from Macaw class said, 'The session was 5 stars (out of 5)! Although some parts were challenging and frustrating, it built our resilience and determination to succeed!'

On Friday, **Woodpecker and Kestrel** classes visited The Ragged School Museum as part of their learning on the Victorians. We think it is safe to say that the children are all very pleased they attend Brindishe Green in 2026, and not over 100 years ago!



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 19th March 3.30pm to 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.**

What is happening next week?

Next week is a very important week for our **Year 6** children, as they sit their Mock SATs. The teachers set up the classrooms and access arrangements to reflect what the children can expect during SATs week in May. A number of staff from across the school will support the Year 6s, including Ms Campbell, Ms Sharrock and Ms Clifflands.

The children are more than ready to take these tests and we look forward to seeing what they achieve as they have worked very hard this year.

Run the Big Half Marathon for Brindishe Green!

[Register your interest here!](#)

We would love to see more of our parents/carers take part!



Meet the Teacher - Have you made your appointment?

As you know, our next round of Parent Teacher meetings will take place week beginning 23rd March. **So far, 67% of families have booked their appointments.**

To book your meeting, please use your Arbor App or the Arbor Parent Portal (internet browser). The portal will close - Sunday 22nd March at 7pm.

Please remember that all school led clubs, led by Brindishe Green staff, will not be taking place the week of 23rd March – This does not affect Sportacus or Tea Club.

Please ensure you pass this message on to whoever collects your child at the end of the school day.



Recycle Your Batteries at Brindishe Green

Brindishe Green is recycling batteries to protect the planet (and for a chance to win book vouchers for the school). We need your help - plus your child could win some fantastic eco-inspired prizes too!

How can you help?

1. Hunt out **old, used batteries** at home. We are collecting AA, AAA, C, D and button batteries.
1. **Tape over the contacts** of lithium (Li) and button batteries.
2. Put them in a **tied plastic bag** (preferably reused)
3. Take them to the **main office** before the start of the school day.



Safety first:

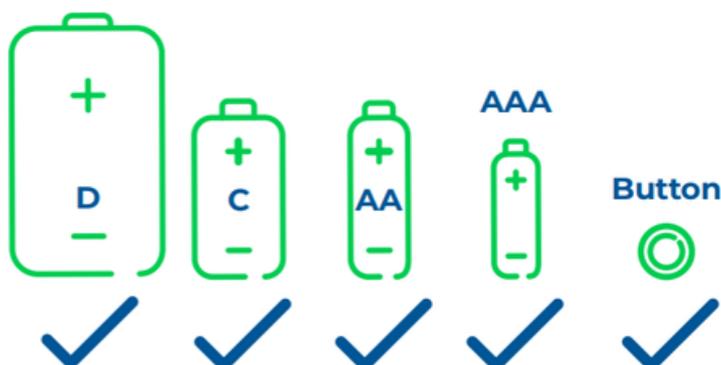
Not only is storing and recycling batteries safely great for the environment, it can also help **reduce risks associated with batteries**:

- Batteries can cause serious injury or death if swallowed, please keep batteries out of reach of small children and pets.
- Lithium and button batteries need to be taped so their contacts don't touch, as they could short circuit if they do.

Use sticky tape over the contacts (top and bottom of batteries). Button batteries can be placed in a line between two sections of sticky tape. Lithium batteries can look like any battery, but they will have lithium (Li) written on them.

Something Wonderful to Celebrate

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



E Penguin	Cameron & Hamidah
Cormorant	Ari & Tracy
Shoebill	Skye & Cuba
Macaw	Mila & Devaani
Heron	Jahziyon and Chloe
Cassowary	Link and Ronan
Hornbill	Anna & Alessandra
Red Kite	Tommy & Zayne
Puffin	Yi Yu & Sophia
Magpie	Ethan and Sharon
Hawk	Ava & Nico
Kingfisher	Hollie-Mae & Luciana
Woodpecker	Euan & Dante
Parakeet	Sorrel & Holly
Kestrel	Arielle & Zanayah
Swift	Zakaria, Evie & Akram
Little Owl	Oskar & Sky
Goldfinch	Benjamin & Evie
Robin	Alexandros & Mae
Wren	Leandro & Leena
Sparrow	Asharie & Jem

Attendance and Punctuality

School Attendance & Punctuality this week:	95.31%	
Over 99% Attendance! Well Done Kingfisher! 🎉	Kingfisher Cassowary Magpie Shoebill	99.11% 98.99% 97.34% 97.69%
Amazing Punctuality Well Done! 🎉	Kestrel took the top spot for punctuality this week! 🎉 Swift followed closely behind.	

Important Dates - Spring 2

March 2026		April 2026	
Wk beg 23 rd March	Parent/Teacher Meetings	Mon 30 th March – 10 th April	Easter Holidays
		Mon 13 th April	Start of Summer term

A Message from the Brindishe Friends Group



It's Disco Day!

A huge thank you to everyone who's bought tickets and to all our wonderful volunteers helping make today happen. We can't wait to see the children dancing, playing games and having a brilliant time this afternoon.

Diary Dates

Book & Toy Sale Thursday 26th March

Pre-loved sale in the main playground.

BFG Meeting Thursday 23rd April, 4.30pm

Everyone welcome!

Coffee Morning & AGM Friday 15th May, 8.45am

Grab a hot drink, meet other families, and find out more about the BFG.

Got Outgrown Books & Toys? We Need Them!

Our **Pre-loved Book & Toy Sale** is coming up on **Thursday 26th March**, and we need your donations! Every book and toy you pass on is one less thing heading to landfill – and families find great stuff at pocket-money prices. It's a win for the planet and a win for our community.

We're looking for:

- 🧩 **Toys, puzzles and games** with all their pieces
- 📖 **Chapter books** in good condition

Items must be clean and in good enough condition that you'd be happy to buy them yourself. We can't accept broken toys or damaged books.

Drop off your donations:

- At drop-off or pickup in the main playground **Wed-Fri next week**
- In our donations box by the school gate during the school day



Run the Big Half for Brindishe Green

We still have 7 places left for the Big Half on Sunday 6th September. You don't need to be a serious runner or commit to raising a target, just fancy a challenge and be willing to share your fundraising page. Apply by 27th March.

[Find out more and sign up](#)