

End-of-the-year Newsletter

Friday 17th July 2026



hello
SUMMER

What has happened...this year?

We have made it! **Today marks the end of the academic year** and the beginning of the summer break. It has gone by in a flash!



We have seen all of our children, from Nursery to Year 6, **grow, mature, learn, develop new skills, embed new knowledge and secure stronger relationships.** All of our staff have worked tirelessly to ensure that the children receive an excellent education in a **safe and welcoming environment.**



We have achieved a set of **national assessment results to be proud of** – Reception, Year 1 Phonics and Year 4 Multiplication are all better than last year. Our Year 6 SATs results were our best since Covid, above Lewisham average, above London average and well above the national average, at the Expected Standard AND at Greater Depth.



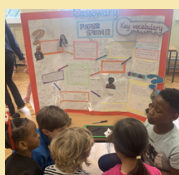
The BFG have run many successful events, raising lots of money for our school - **keep scrolling to see the staggering amount raised this year.** This is only possible as a result of their dedication, commitment and teamwork. **We thank the committee for their significant effort, and to everyone who volunteered to support this year.**



Throughout the year we have invited parents/carers to a **September year group information meeting, 2 parent/teacher meetings, 3 Open Classrooms, 2 performances, Sports Days and on many educational visits.** Teachers have also provided detailed End of Year Reports. We have welcomed a host of exciting visitors, planned for a range of enrichment activities, run numerous after school clubs, and performed collaboratively in a range of sporting, musical and art events.



We may all be exhausted and ready for the summer, but as we look back on 2025/26, we can see that we have a lot to be proud of. **We thank all of our wonderful staff for their dedication, compassion and hard work, and we thank you for your unwavering support throughout the year!**



Farewell, Year 6

Finally, we would like to wish our Year 6 children all the very best as they move on to secondary school. We believe we have done all we can to give them the best start in life and have set them up with the tools, skills and knowledge they will need to be successful members of society. We feel privileged to have watched them grow and mature during their time with us. **It is now time for them to spread their wings and fly**

Goodbye and Thank You!

As you know, we are saying goodbye for now, to **Mr Chris Coker** who is moving to Brindishe Lee to complete a trainee teacher programme, and **Ms Jenny Guest**, who will be working across the Federation. We are saying goodbye to **Mr Josh Twyford**, who is relocating with his family. We thank him for all his hard work and dedication over the past 3 years. And finally, we want to say a final thank you to **Ms Joan Creswell**. After many years of nurturing our youngest children and supporting staff, it is now time for her to enjoy her well deserved retirement. We thank you Joan, from the bottom of our hearts, for everything you have done at Brindishe Green.

Safeguarding Children

Safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility. If you are worried about a child over the summer break, or at any time during the year, you should contact the Lewisham Safeguarding Team by email or telephone. Click here for more information - [Lewisham Safeguarding](#).



If you are worried about the welfare or safety of a child or young person

Email: mashagency@lewisham.gov.uk

Tel: 020 8314 6660



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Children Partnership

Be Kind to Yourself

The summer break can be a long and difficult time for many. We encourage everyone to be kind to themselves and allow time to pause and recharge. Reach out for support if you need to!

For anyone who needs some support right now. ❤️

CALM - 0800585858
Mind - 03001233393
No Panic - 08449678488
Bereavement - 08088081677
PAPYRUS - 08000684141
Samaritans - 116 123
SHOUT - Text SHOUT to 85258
Abuse - 0808 2000 247
Refuge - 020 7395 7700

Stay safe and take care.



Thursday 3rd September 2026

The start of the new academic year begins on Thursday 3rd September when the gate opens at 8.35am. **All children must be in school by 8.45am at the latest.** For the first week or so, the children in **Year 1 and 2 will be met in the main playground by their class teacher.** Children in **Years 3 – 6 will walk round to their classrooms on their own** as normal. There will be members of staff around to support. At the end of the school day (3.15-3.25am), all children from **Years 1-6 will be collected from the main playground.**

We will send you an email at the beginning of September, with more information regarding the start of the new term.

Something to Celebrate

These children have been praised this week for their wonderful efforts in school:

Attendance and Punctuality

E Penguin	Emperor Penguin Class
Cormorant	Cormorant class
Shoebill	Shoebill class
Macaw	Macaw Class
Heron	Heron Class
Cassowary	Cassowary Class
Hornbill	Ms Llovet
Red Kite	Ms Anderson & Red Kite
Puffin	Miss Eve
Magpie	Magpie class & Henry
Hawk	Hawk Class
Kingfisher	Kingfisher Class
Woodpecker	Kurt & Pwoc
Parakeet	Reuben & Finn
Kestrel	Yusuf & Alma
Swift	Miss Allen & Miss Ayse
Little Owl	All Little Owls
Goldfinch	All Goldfinch Class
Robin	Robin Class
Wren	Leena & Kairen
Sparrow	All Sparrow Class



Overall school attendance this week:	91.7%	
Best Attendance This Week	Cormorant Cassowary Heron	98.1%
Well Done to Cormorant 😊		97.1%
		95.9%
Top Classes for BEST punctuality	Parakeet, Wren, Kestrel & Kingfisher A huge well done to Everyone! 😊	



Some Important Dates - Autumn (Draft)

September 2026		October 2026	
Wed 2 nd Sep	Inset Days - No school for children	Black History Month	
Thurs 3 rd Sept	Start of Autumn term Y1-6		
Year Group meetings – 9.00am Friday 4 th Sept – Year 6 Monday 7 th Sept – Year 1 Tuesday 8 th Sept – Year 2 Wednesday 9 th Sept – Year 3 Thursday 10 th Sept – Year 4 Friday 11 th Sept – Year 5 Wednesday 16 th Sept – Reception		Open Classroom 3:15-3:45pm Monday 12 th Oct – Year 1 Tuesday 13 th Oct – Year 3 Thursday 15 th Oct – Year 6	
		Fri 2 nd Oct	Flu immunisations R-Y6
Tuesday 22 nd Sept 10am and 4.30pm	Sept 2027 Reception Open Day	Tues 13 th Oct 10am and 4.30pm	Sept 2027 Reception Open Day
		Mon 26 th Oct – Fri 30 th Oct	Half Term

A Message from the Brindishe Friends Group



This year you've helped us raise a staggering £27,000 for Brindishe Green!

That's funded a **Festive Show & Panto** afternoon, trips & experiences for every class with our **Teachers' Choice Fund**, a **Free Food Pantry**, new starters **Book bags**, **Leavers' hoodies**, **library books**, **Born Free wildlife workshops**, and a whole school **Art Exhibition**.

Plus we've held **Summer and Winter Fairs**, **Discos**, **coffee mornings** and our **Winter clothing exchange**.

We're also funding two huge lunchtime upgrades: **acoustic panels** for the hall, to be installed over the holiday, and participation in the **OPAL outdoor play and learning programme**.

We couldn't be prouder of what our community has achieved together. Here's to next year! ❤️

Our Year in Numbers...



289 disco dancing kids



1 record-breaking Summer Fair the heatwave couldn't spoil!



100+ items donated to Mammakind



78 leavers' hoodies



Over 1,000 Doughnuts



200 new library books



22 trips & experiences (one for every class)



1 whole-school exhibition



Over 50 incredible volunteers ❤️