

Newsletter

Friday 23rd October 2026



Brindishe
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What has happened this week?

On Monday Year 4 took part in a virtual visit with London Mithraeum. The children got to 'visit' 3 different places in Roman London and then had to guess what the different artefacts were used for. There was also scent boxes for each place. According to the children, The Roman Baths smelt like smelly feet!

Unfortunately we had to postpone the Year 1 visit to Mountsfield Park this week, due to the forecast wet weather. We will be in touch with a new date after half term.

Year 2 visited London Zoo on Thursday. It was an amazing day, and Ms Cliftlands said it was one of the best visits they had been on. Thank you to the BFG who helped to subsidise the visit.



What is happening next week?



Next week is half term! :)

School will open again to all children on Monday 2nd November at 8.35am.

On Monday 2nd, Year 4 will begin cricket lessons, taught by Platform Cricket. Local MP Janet Daby is due to visit on Monday 2nd to talk to the children in Years 3-6.

And finally, on Thursday, Mr Bradley will be launching a new whole school Eco Project for everyone to get involved with. More information will be shared after half term, and form part of the ME Book challenges given on the 6th November.

Homelearning Over Half Term

As we adjust to moving away from using Weduc, there will be no additional homelearning sent out over half term.

The following tasks should still be completed please:

- Daily Reading
- New ME Book Tasks
- Termly Project

(Year 6 have a little extra to do as well)

**DATE
CHANGE**

Change of Date - Year 4/5/6 Sports Day

We have had to change the date of the Year 4, 5 and 6 Sports Day at Ladywell Arena. This is due to upgrade works taking place at the venue.

The new provisional date is **Thursday 29th April 2027, although this is subject to change.** Please spread the word.

Arbor Update

As you know, we will be bringing our communications together across Arbor and on our school websites, meaning we will no longer be using the Weduc app. As you may remember, our parent and carer surveys highlighted that many families felt there were too many different systems and platforms to navigate. In response to this feedback, we have been working towards simplifying our communication systems and making it easier for families to access important information, updates and key services in one place. **Over the coming weeks we will share guidance and information to help you become familiar with using Arbor and our school websites to access the functions and information you have previously received through Weduc.** We are looking forward to bringing our communications together in this way and hope that you will welcome this move towards a simpler, more streamlined system for our school communities.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and patience.



A Reminder About Road Safety and Consideration for Our Neighbours

We would like to remind all parents, carers and drivers of the importance of safe and considerate behaviour during school drop-off and pick-up times. Please help us to maintain a safe, healthy and respectful environment for our children, local residents and the wider community by observing the following guidelines:

- **Please respect private property.** Children should not be allowed to run or play on residents' private driveways while waiting for school to open or at pick-up time. As well as disturbing residents, this can create unnecessary safety risks.
- **Please switch off your engine when stationary.** Leaving a vehicle engine running while parked contributes to air pollution and can negatively affect air quality and children's health.
- **Please park safely and legally.** Vehicles must not be left unattended on the yellow zig-zag lines outside the school or parked in a way that blocks residents' driveways.
- **Please be aware of local traffic restrictions.** Beacon Road is a designated School Street, with signage and traffic controls in place. However, certain vehicles can still use the road. Please remind your children that they should not stand on or walk up the road.

We fully appreciate the pressures on busy families and recognise that ensuring children arrive at and leave school on time and safely is everyone's priority. However, a little extra thoughtfulness can make a significant difference to the safety, wellbeing and quality of life of those who live and work in the local community.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Something Wonderful to Celebrate

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

E Penguin	Ejla & Ronan
Cormorant	Link & Rowan
Shoebill	Gabrielius & Eli
Macaw	Davi & Eliot
Heron	Haseenah + Maria
Cassowary	Yi Yu & Nazim
Hornbill	Ava & Gilson
Red Kite	Maddie & Eliza
Puffin	Abisola & Shahan
Magpie	Oliver, Iris & Magpie
Hawk	Alicia & Evi
Kingfisher	Elsa & Euan
Woodpecker	Woodpecker Class
Parakeet	Kit S & Kwame
Kestrel	Kestrel Class
Swift	Abner & Theo
Little Owl	Leandro & Costea
Goldfinch	Nyla & Yordan
Robin	Anaya & Sebastian
Wren	Isla & Akiro
Sparrow	Ruby and Mia



Attendance and Punctuality

School Attendance & Punctuality this week:	90.4%	
Outstanding Achievement 🏆 Attendance Over 98%	Kingfisher Robin Little Owl Magpie	98.67% 98.36% 97.78% 97.69%
Top spot! Sparrow! 😊 for Exceptional Punctuality	Kestrel, Redkite, Cormorant and Shoebill Excellent Punctuality!	

Important Dates - Autumn 1

October 2026		November 2026	
Black History Month		16 th – 20 th Nov	Celebrating Diversity Week!
Open Classroom 3:15-3:45pm Monday 12 th Oct – Year 1 Tuesday 13 th Oct – Year 3 Thursday 15 th Oct – Year 6		Open Classroom 3:15-3:45pm Monday 9 th Nov – Year 5 Tuesday 10 th Nov – Year 2 Wednesday 11 th Nov – Reception and Nursery Thursday 12 th Nov – Year 4	
Fri 2 nd Oct	Flu immunisations R-Y6		
Tues 13 th Oct 10am and 4.30pm	Sept 2027 Reception Open Day	Tuesday 17 th 10am and 4.30pm	Sept 2027 Reception Open Day
Mon 26 th Oct – Fri 30 th Oct	Half Term	Fri 27 th Nov	Inset Day - No school for children

A Message from the Brindishe Friends Group



Diary Dates

Great Brindishe Bake Off
Thursday 19th November

Dust off your mixing bowls and get ready to show off your baking skills. Details to follow after half term!

BFG Winter Fair
Friday 4th December



Book Corner Challenge - Last Chance! 📖

Our book corner challenge closes at the end of half term and with an incredible 320 books already purchased there are **only 172 books still to buy!** Thanks to a generous parent donor, there are still over 40 matched books left, so every book you buy means a free extra one for your child's year group!

Buy a Book

Winter Fair - we need YOU! ❄️ 🎅

Our Winter Fair is just six weeks away, and it's one of our biggest events of the year! To make it magical, we need lots of help from our school community. Here's how you could help:

🎨 **Face painters:** If you can paint a snowflake, a reindeer or a superhero (or you'd love to have a go), we'd really love to hear from you.

🎅 **Santa's Grotto makers:** help us turn a corner of the school into a magical winter grotto. We need crafty people to plan the grotto and help set up on the day.

🎯 **Stall helpers:** run a stall like the lucky dip, games, or the tombola. No experience needed, and we'll show you what to do.

🔧 **Set-up and tidy-up:** help get everything ready before the doors open, or help pack up at the end.

Can't help on the day? **You can still help by donating raffle prizes, tombola treats or small gifts for the lucky dip.** Even half an hour of help makes a huge difference. The more helpers we have, the more stalls and games we can run!

Sign Up to Help

Have a wonderful break and we'll see you in November, ready for a fun Winter term!

