



Brindishe  
Manor

# Newsletter

Friday 27th February 2026

## What has been happening this week?

Welcome to the second half of the Spring term!

We have been spoilt this week with some sunshine and signs of Spring around the school. We have a busy, short half term, with parents evenings, World Book Day and plenty of other activities taking place for the children.

We started the week on Monday with the KS2 choir taking part in the **Young Voices 2026** concert at the O2 arena in Greenwich.

The Key Stage 2 choir (almost 50 children) have been rehearsing a whole range of songs and medleys since October and were very excited for the final performance.

There were approximately 8000 children at the O2 and the rest of the venue was full with parents and carers. The children performed brilliantly throughout the day (it was a long day that ended at 9:30pm) and they should be really proud of how they represented the school and their families. A huge well done to you all!



***The Key Stage 2 choir meets on Wednesday lunchtimes.  
Children from years 4, 5 and 6 are welcome to attend.***



## SEND at Brindishe Manor

As you will now be aware, Verity Farrant, or current Inclusion Lead is away from school unwell. I understand that this will be frustrating for parents who were looking to communicate with Verity over the next few weeks or who are waiting for any documents or updates from her. I need to assure parents and carers that we are continuing to make SEND a priority, just as we always have and the Brindishe Manor staff are all working together to ensure that everything is continued to be addressed/ resolved. As a school we have many external professionals we can access advice and support any questions that you may have, if we are unable to answer them ourselves.

During Verity's absence, all Inclusion-related emails and enquiries will be monitored by myself and the Senior Leadership Team. Please be assured that messages will be picked up and responded to, and any urgent matters will continue to be addressed promptly. We do kindly ask that you continue to email and communicate in the usual way, rather than emailing separate channels. This will help us ensure that nothing is missed, that support for pupils continues without disruption and Verity will have all the relevant paperwork etc in the right place on her return.

Thank you for your continued support and we wish Verity a speedy recovery!

Parents Evening

# Parents Evening

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026

3:30-6:30pm

We will be inviting parents to sign up for a parents evening appointment from Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 5pm on Arbor. We will send instructions next week on how to do this. The appointments are 10 minutes long, but you will have plenty of opportunity to look in books before and after the appointment time, should you wish. Teachers focus will be on the progress that your child has made and their next steps across the curriculum.

## SEND Surgery appointments

Mrs Farrant was unable to hold her planned SEND surgery appointments before half term due to illness.

We would like to offer SEND surgery appointments for parents who have new SEN concerns about their child or if you would like to discuss existing concerns that have not already been addressed.

The appointments will be with members of our SLT (Senior Leadership Team) and will be held throughout the week beginning Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March.

## Brindishe Manor School Pantry

The PFSA kindly support with the funding of Brindishe Manor's free food pantry. It is stocked with cupboard essentials like pasta and rice, tinned and packaged foods, treats, toiletries and more. The pantry is open to any family in our school community who may need it.

Parents and families are welcome to collect a bag free of charge from the pantry at any time during term time. Email or call in at the school office to arrange collection.



# WORLD BOOK DAY

5 MARCH 2026

## World Book Day breakfast.

Welcoming all children to the PSFA's World Book Day breakfast, on **Thursday 5th March, 8.35 to 9am**. It's free of charge and there will be pastries, brioche, fruit and juice for the kids to enjoy.

After the breakfast parents are welcome to go to their child's classroom and spend some time reading with them.



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# WORLD BOOK DAY 2026

05 MARCH

CELEBRATING THE BOOKS OF JULIA DONALSON



- The Hospital Dog Hot Dog 1,3,5,6
- The Gruffalo Poisonous Warts 1,7 V (Vegetable and Cheese Puff Pastry Crown)
- The Badie's Jacket Potatoes with a choice of fillings 7,8,9
- The Highway Rat's Roasted Wedges
- Spinderella's Football Peas
- The Stickman's Carrot Sticks
- The Snail and the Whale's Rock Cakes 1,7 V
- The Ladybird Heard Moo Cookie 1 VG
- The Cook & King Wobbly Bob Jelly VG
- Zog's Yummy Fruit Pots VG

NOURISH

Dishes marked with any of the following numbers contain the matching allergen:  
1 Wheat 2 Crustaceans 3 Soybean 4 Mustard 5 Sesame 6 Sulphites/Sulphur Dioxide 7 Milk 8 Fish 9 Egg 10 Peanuts 11 Molluscs 12 Celeriac/Celery 13 Nuts 14 Lupins 15 Oat Gluten 16 Barley Gluten

## Dressing up on World Book Day

Please remember that your child can come dressed as their favourite character or in their PJs on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March.

## Reception and Year 3 children

### A visit from author Allison Parkinson



Dear Parents/Carers,

Local author and illustrator Allison Parkinson will visit our school on World Book Day 2026 to host a tiger-themed storytelling session and run two story crafting workshops.

Allison has written a variety of stories, including picture books and her Laurella Swift historical fantasy trilogy, which chronicles the time-travelling adventures of a 10-year-old Lewisham schoolgirl.

You can purchase her books and ROAR! card game via her website: [www.tigerseyebooks.co.uk](http://www.tigerseyebooks.co.uk) and you can see

her art on display at the Corbett Community Library, Torridon Road, throughout March. Follow her on Instagram @allisonparkinsonwrites to find out more about her books and events.

We are celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026** and we would like to invite you to join us in helping your child make the most of this special occasion.

World Book Day celebrates the joy and value of books and reading, especially for children. To help them with their reading journey, every child receives a £1 book token that can be exchanged for one of the exclusive, new £1 books or by getting £1 off any book (in participating bookshops and supermarkets).

We will be celebrating the day by encouraging the children to dress up in either a character of choice OR pyjamas on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026! Please remember, we don't allow onesies as they cause a bit of an issue when children are visiting the loo!

Remember you can reuse a costume you have used in the past! Have a look on the World Book Day website where there are printable costumes which are simple but extremely effective ideas, become creative and create your own or you can wear pyjamas and be from the 'Midnight Gang', 'The Pyjama Zoo Parade' etc.

You can join us in building your child's enthusiasm for books, well beyond World Book Day by reading together regularly and joining your local library, if you are not yet members.

Children, at any age, can start their journey with books, and the benefits of reading are enormous - so we hope, like us, you will use World Book Day to celebrate it with your child and join us for a day of fun.

## Key dates for the Spring Term

23<sup>rd</sup> Feb - 6<sup>th</sup> March  
 Tuesday 24th February  
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 Thursday 5th March  
 11th - 13th March  
 Monday 16th March

Year 4 swimming at Glassmill Leisure Centre  
 Open classroom at 3:30pm  
 Open Day for perspective Nursery children 4pm  
 World Book Day  
 Year 4 residential to Juniper Hall  
 Neurodiversity week



Overall school attendance this week:	<b>95.%</b>	
Top 5 classes with attendance over 95%:  A huge well done to Escher 100% attendance this week	Escher Attenborough Kusama Asher-Smith Goldsworthy	100% 99% 98% 98% 98%
Top classes with all children in on time	Rashford, Jeffers, Goldsworthy, Curie Huge well done to them all 😊	