

Newsletter

Friday 30th January 2026



Brindishe
Green

What has been happening this week?

This week, our 3 **Year 4** classes visited Hither Green Baptist Church, linked to their RE learning.

Robin and Wren classes visited the fire station to learn about people who keep us safe.

In Monday's assembly, children in Years 3-6 learnt about **Holocaust Memorial Day** (27th January). They learnt about the bravery of Sir Nicholas Winton and how he did everything he could to bring hundreds of Jewish children to England on the Kindertransport. The children learnt about the importance of using their voice for good and standing up for others who need help. We linked this back to Article 12: the right to be heard.

What is happening next week?

Next week, **Year 1, 3 and 6** parents/carers are invited to look at their children's learning through their Open Classroom. Please come to the classroom with your child at drop off. All adults must make their way out of the school by 9.15am at the latest.

On Monday, our **Nursery, Reception and Year 1** children will enjoy a Lunar New Year Dance Workshop, run by Dance Days. This has been paid for using money raised by the the BFG.

Also next week, **Magpie and Kingfisher** (Year 3) will visit the Tate Modern. The purpose of the visit is to research how artists use art to share a message or tell a story. Hawk class will go the following week.

SEN Surgery Dates

We have three SEN surgery dates coming up before half term. These are 15 minute meetings on TEAMS with our SEN team to discuss any questions or concerns you have about your child's learning. They are on Tuesday 3rd February, Tuesday 10th February and Friday 13th February. You can book an appointment using the links on Weduc.

Please send a brief email to BGinclusion@brindisheschools.org in advance, giving us a rough outline of what you'd like to discuss. This enables us to come to the meeting prepared in order to be the most productive possible. There will be more dates offered after half term.

Should I Keep My Child Off School?

The government has produced a useful factsheet which gives information on when children can return to school, if they have contracted a particular illness but feel well. This includes chicken pox, slapped cheek, vomiting and diarrhoea or scarlet fever.



[Click here to view the factsheet.](#)



Support from the NSPCC

We wanted to again draw your attention to a wonderful resource for parents/carers, packed full of advice on raising children.



The NSPCC has created a page full of information from how to talk to children about their bodies, to early parenting advice, to managing family life, to family bereavement, to talking about race and racism.

Check it out, and if there is anything we can do to support, please contact the school office.

Support for parents

Whatever family life brings, we're here to help



NSPCC Support for Parents

Please Arrive on Time

All children should be in their classroom by **8.45am** at the latest. The gate is open from **8.35-8.45am** to give everyone a ten minute window to be on time. Please try to arrive before 8.45am so that staff do not have to walk late-comers to their classroom.

If you are late you may be asked to wait until a member of staff is ready. Please be patient. Thank you.



Something Wonderful to Celebrate

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

E Penguin	Ada & Lina
Cormorant	Lyra & Caroline
Shoebill	Jimena & Hareem
Macaw	Even & Thisani
Heron	Joshua & Brandon
Cassowary	Frandy and Lily
Hornbill	Abdul & Rinthushan
Red Kite	Adam & Eva
Puffin	Hannah & Phoenix
Magpie	Kashai & CJ
Hawk	Hawk Class
Kingfisher	Marcus & Jude
Woodpecker	Frida & Arlo
Parakeet	Evelynn & Luna
Kestrel	Yusuf & Isa
Swift	Rume & Mustapha
Little Owl	Sky & Kwame
Goldfinch	Finn CT & Mya
Robin	Sebastian & Josiah
Wren	Natasha & Ellis
Sparrow	Joaquim, Indigo & Sisi

Brindishe Green 'Sign of the week'

This week's signs are...

'school' and 'teacher.'



School - Move dominant hand in a circle in front of your mouth.

Teacher - use both index fingers to point to mouth and then move out forward and to the sides.

Happy signing everyone!

Attendance and Punctuality

Overall school attendance this week:	95.3%	
Best Attendance 97% & Above Well Done Macaw 😊	Macaw	98.7%
Puffin		98.4%
Hawk		97.9%
Hornbill, Wren & Kingfisher		97.7%
A huge well done to Everyone! 😊		

Important Dates - Spring 1

January 2026		February 2026	
Mon 5 th Jan	INSET Day – No school	Open Classroom 8.40 – 9.15am	Monday 2 nd Feb – Year 1
Tues 6 th Jan	Start of Spring term	Tuesday 3 rd Feb – Year 3	Thursday 5 th Feb – Year 6
		Monday 9 th Feb – Year 5	Monday 9 th Feb – Year 5
		Tuesday 10 th Feb – Year 2	Tuesday 10 th Feb – Year 2
		Thursday 12 th Feb – Year 4	Thursday 12 th Feb – Year 4
		Wednesday 11 th Feb – Reception 3.15-3.45pm	
			Mon 16 th – Fri 20 th Feb
			Half Term



ONLINE SAFETY POSTER COMPETITION

BE SMART
ONLINE

Are you ready for SAFER INTERNET DAY?



Use everything you know about the potential risks and hazards of life online and create an award-winning Safer Internet Day poster.

COMPETITION RULES

- Open to all students in years 1-6.
- Each entry must have a title, name and class.
- Poster should be colourful and full of helpful information.
- Poster should no larger than A4 paper.



What online safety messages do you think are the most important for your chosen theme?

What will the theme of your poster be?



There are many different things to consider when visiting the online world,

Personal Information

Reliable Content

Online Communication

Safe Searching

Age Ratings

Healthy Gaming

Digital Footprints

Cyberbullying

Malware

Please return to your class teacher by

Tuesday 10th February

A Message from the Brindishe Friends Group



Diary Dates

Coffee Morning Friday

6th February, 8.45am

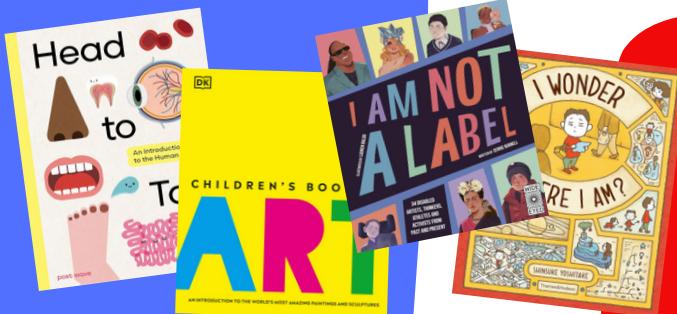
Join us to grab a hot drink, meet other families, and get a sneak peek at the refurbished library.



Doughnut Sale

Tuesday 10th February

Doughnuts £1 each on the day, or **pre-order a dozen online** & collect at school.



Year 1-5 Discos!

Friday 13th March

More info coming soon!

Book & Toy Sale

Date TBC

Keep hold of any pre-loved books and toys for our sale after half term. We'll let you know when we'll be collecting donations.

Spotlight: Teachers Choice Fund!

This week we're shining a light on one of the most impactful things the BFG supports. Our **Teachers' Choice Fund** gives **£500 to each year group (and £100 to Nursery)** to spend on workshops, trips and in-school experiences chosen by teachers – either fully funded or heavily subsidised, reducing costs for families.

This year's activities already include **dance and circus workshops, mudlarking, gymnastics and theatre trips**. Keep an eye out for messages from class teachers about what your year group is doing with the fund.

These experiences wouldn't happen without your support. Thank you for making them possible!

250 Books for the Library!

We're thrilled to have reached our goal and **completed the school library wishlist!**

Thank you to every single person who donated, whether buying a single book or a larger contribution. A true community effort that will benefit the children of Brindishe Green for years to come.

Committee Meeting

We had a great BFG meeting last week, covering big ideas for improving the lunchtime experience, upcoming events, future fundraising ideas and how we're supporting the school's sustainability work. If you'd like the detail, it's all in the **meeting minutes**.