

Newsletter

Friday 16th January 2026



What has been happening this week?

This week we welcomed Emma Johnson, British clarinetist, who performed with her band for our Year 2-4 children.

Clubs, Boosters and Tuition started again. Please check out our extensive list of Sportacus clubs and consider signing your child up for these extra-curricular activities.

Before the Winter Break we gathered money for Crisis at Christmas. We are delighted to tell you that £377.85 was raised. Thank you for your generosity.

Young Artists' Summer Show

We have registered Brindishe Green for the Royal Academy of Arts, Young Artists' Summer Show.

If your child produces a piece of art for the competition at home, you can upload it on to the website. It can be a painting, sculpture, photograph, installation, video, drawing, or a combination. There is no theme. Submission date closes on 4th March 2026 at 5pm.

[Click here](#) for more information, including guidance on what and how to submit.



Password Reminder

If another adult is collecting your child (who is not on your emergency contacts on Arbor), they will be required to provide a 'pick up' password before they can take your child home.

Please ensure you pass this onto the school office when you inform them of alternative collection arrangements.

Missed your flu vaccine?

Live or attend school in the borough of Lewisham? Aged 4 - 16?

Come down to a flu catch-up clinic and protect yourself!

Saturday 17 January, 10:00 - 14:00
Downham Health & Leisure Centre, BR1 5EW

Tuesday 20 January, 15:30 - 16:45
Downham Health & Leisure Centre, BR1 5EW

Thursday 22 January, 15:30 - 16:45
Downham Health & Leisure Centre, BR1 5EW

Call 020 3903 3635 or
scan the QR code for
more information or to
book an appointment



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I have a right to
relax and play



What is happening next week?

Next week, some of our Year 6 writers will be taking part in 2 workshops at Brindishe Manor.

Wren and Sparrow class (Reception), will visit the Ladywell Fire Station to learn about people who help us. Robin class will go the week after.

TCS Mini London Marathon

We have again registered Brindishe Green for the 2026 TCS Mini Marathon on **Sat 25th April**. If you would like your child/ren to be considered for a place, please email the school office before Friday 30th January, for the attention of Miss Campbell, with your **child's name, year, class, which race you would like them to enter AND if your child has participated before**. Please do not email Ms Campbell directly.

JUL 17 Saturday 25th April 2026

One mile (Reception-Yr6) or 2.6K (Yr4-6)

14,000 children and young people

Medal, and £10 to the school for every finisher

[Click here for more information](#)

The event is free to enter, with more than 14,000 children and young people expected to run, jog, walk, or wheel one mile or 2.6K in the heart of the capital. Please note that this was a very popular, and it is extremely doubtful that everyone will receive a place. Ms Campbell will let you know if your child is able to take part as soon as she can. If your child is not allocated a place, their name will be placed on a waiting list.

Something Wonderful to Celebrate

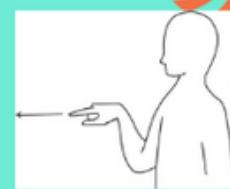
These children have been praised this week for their wonderful learning and behaviour in school.

E Penguin	Aisha & Lizzy
Cormorant	Amy & Aaron
Shoebill	Ernes & Kellis
Macaw	Rafi & Malakai
Heron	Londi & Oscar
Cassowary	Alfie, Sophie & Link
Hornbill	Amelia & Rahim
Red Kite	Nayara & Haseenah
Puffin	Malik, Olivia & Yi Yu
Magpie	Iyla & Ayla
Hawk	Sofia & Nico
Kingfisher	Johanna & Kathiya
Woodpecker	Isabella & Kyra
Parakeet	Esmé & Alicia
Kestrel	Aaliyah & Amelie
Swift	Celia, Jack & Kirusikan
Little Owl	Eli & Violet
Goldfinch	Soleil & Ayden
Robin	Alyssa & George
Wren	Aniyala-Rose & Nickolas
Sparrow	Zaynah & Timi

Brindishe Green 'Sign of the week'

This week's signs are...

'come' and 'go'



Come - using dominant hand index finger raise and draw towards body in 'come here' motion.

Go - use dominant hand to point in the direction you want to go.

Happy signing everyone!

Attendance and Punctuality

Overall school attendance this week:	95.05%	
Best Attendance 97% & Above: Well Done Hornbill 😊	Hornbill Parakeet Kingfisher	100% 97.8% 97.6%
Top Classes for BEST punctuality: Hornbill, Wren, Kestrel & Red Kite 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 Tuesday 3 rd Feb – Year 3 Thursday 5 th Feb – Year 6 Monday 9 th Feb – Year 5 Tuesday 10 th Feb – Year 2 Thursday 12 th Feb – Year 4
Tues 6 th Jan	Start of Spring term	
		Wednesday 11 th Feb – Reception 3.15–3.45pm
		Mon 16 th – Fri 20 th Feb
		Half Term

A Message from the Brindishe Friends Group

2026

Next BFG Meeting Thu 22nd January

Our first meeting of 2026 is next **Thursday 22nd January, 4.30pm** at school. Come and hear about plans for this term, share your ideas, or find out how to get involved. We'd love to see you! **Email us** if you can come along.

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.

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.



Three easy ways to help this term... (without volunteering)

A small action from you can make a big difference to what we're able to fund for the children.

1. Start Easyfundraising!

Buying online? You could raise money for the BFG, for free! Whether you're doing the weekly shop, renewing car insurance or booking a holiday, get donations from hundreds of retailers like **Sainsburys, Amazon, Argos, Trainline, TUI, Uber Eats, MoneySupermarket** and more! **We've already raised over £1,800. Can you help us hit £2,000 this term?**

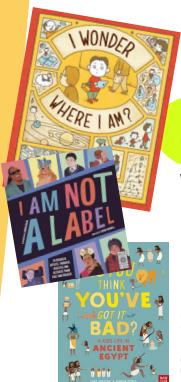


[Sign up to Easyfundraising](#)



2. Give through your workplace

Big thanks to everyone who's already helped us raise **£300 via workplace giving** this year! We're a registered charity and you can find us on employee giving and match-funding platforms including **Benefity** and **GivingForce**. Get in touch if you want to know more.



3. Buy a book! Two weeks left...

With **two weeks to go** there are just 58 books left on our wishlist. January is the perfect time to support cosy Winter reading and give a long-lasting gift to the school. **Every book donated means the BFG can spend more on other projects later this year.**



[Donate a book now](#)