

Newsletter

Friday 19th December 2025



What has been happening this week?

This week, our **Reception, Year 5 and Year 6** children performed for their families. **Nursery** families were invited into class for a festive Stay and Play on Thursday. On Thursday it was our **Festive Winter Jumper Day**. The children also enjoyed their special Christmas dinner. They were very happy that there wasn't a Brussel spout in sight. A huge thank you to the kitchen team and lunchtime play leads for their hard work. On Monday, **Year 5** had a fire safety workshop led by the London Fire Brigade.

Also on Thursday, our youngest children enjoyed a special online pantomime and delicious popcorn. Today, Years 2-6 watched a live performance of The Reluctant Dragon (Wizard Theatre). This was been paid for by the BFG as a result of your donations and contributions throughout the year. Thank you!

On Saturday 13th, some of our wonderful **Year 4 children took part in Blackheath Goes Gospel** at Blackheath Halls. To say they stole the show would be an understatement. As the only school performing, they shone on stage and sang beautifully. A huge thank you to Ms Collins for organising and supporting on the day.



What is happening next week?

And that's a wrap! **Thank you to all our staff** for their hard work throughout the Autumn term, and **thank you to our families** for their continued support.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families who celebrate a very merry Christmas! And to our Jewish families, a "Happy Hanukkah".



We look forward to welcoming you all back to school on **Tuesday 6th January 2026 at 8.35-8.45am.**

Happy New Year to you ALL!



Cultural Entitlement and Personal Development Autumn 2025

| National Events | Whole School Events | Year Group Events | After School Clubs/Tuition |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Black History Month (October)• Hello Yellow Day/World Mental Health Day (10th Oct)• World Food Day (16th Oct)• Anti-Bullying Week (10-14th Nov)• World Kindness Day (13th Nov)• Children in Need (17th Nov)• Road Safety Week (17th – 21st Nov)• UK Parliament Week (25-29th Nov)• International Day of Disabled Persons (3rd Dec)• Human Rights Day (10th Dec) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year Group Meetings – all years• Open Classrooms – all years• Black History Month• Scholastic Book Fair• Whole school Sing-Up and Dance event• Hello Yellow Day• The Big Draw!• Yr 3-6 Breck Foundation• AFRIL Harvest Collection• Celebrating Diversity Week – 14th Nov• Winter Performances• Festive celebrations – Jumper Day and pantomime• Crisis at Christmas - Collection• Cross Age Learning• Author Visit• Junior Eurovision | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reception – Manor House Library, Manor House Gardens• Year 1 – Mountsfield Park, Cinema,• Year 2 – London Aquarium, Cinema, Fire Brigade Visit.• Year 3 – Cinema• Year 4 – Cinema, Dulwich Gallery, Bromley Synagogue, Cricket, Gospel Choir• Year 5 – Swimming, Science Museum, Cinema, Fire Brigade Visit• Yr 5/6 Road Safety Workshop• Year 6 - School Journey, Cinema, Imperial War Museum, Tibetan Peace Garden, Bikeability, Greater Depth Writers Workshop | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• KS1 Choir – free• KS2 Choir - free• Girls' Football – free• Podcast – free• Art Club (printing) - free• Japanese – free• Multi-Skills – free• Yr 6 Boosters - free• Sportacus – 5 days a week• Breakfast Club• Tea Club• Guitar, Trumpet, Singing, Violin and Flute Tuition• Choir performances – The Winter Fair and Turning of the Year at Blackheath Halls |

Enrichment Opportunities

Here are a list of the additional enrichment opportunities our children have experienced this term alone. These experiences play a vital role in supporting children's personal development, helping them build confidence, discover new interests, and broaden their understanding of the world.



Applying for Primary School

Do you, or someone you know, have a child who is due to start primary school in September 2026?

If so, please note that all applications must be submitted **to Lewisham** by **Wednesday 15th January, at the latest**.

We understand that it can be a complicated process so please email the school office if you have any questions. Alternatively, the Lewisham website has all the information that you will need. [Click here!](#)

For anyone who needs some support right now. ❤️

CALM - 0800585858
Mind - 03001233393
No Panic - 08449674848
Bereavement - 08088081677
PAPYRUS - 08000684141
Samaritans - 116 123
SHOUT - Text SHOUT to 85258
Abuse - 0808 2000 247
Refuge - 020 7395 7700

Stay safe this Christmas.



Be Kind to Yourself

The winter break can be a busy, pressured and difficult time for many. We encourage everyone to be kind to themselves and allow time to pause and recharge. You're doing an amazing job.



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I have the right to be protected from being hurt or badly treated

Safeguarding Children

Safeguarding is EVERYONE'S responsibility. If you are worried about a child over the winter break, or at any time during the year, you should contact the Lewisham Safeguarding Team by email (mashagency@lewisham.gov.uk) or telephone (02083146660). [Click here for more information](#)

Something Wonderful to Celebrate

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

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| E Penguin | Emperor Penguin Class |
| Cormorant | Cormorant class |
| Shoebill | Shoebill class |
| Macaw | Jacob, Jakub & Matteo |
| Heron | Kiran and Zac |
| Cassowary | Cassowary Class |
| Hornbill | Ellie & Eliot |
| Red Kite | Samuel & Ezra |
| Puffin | Michael & Eden |
| Magpie | Asna & Leyre |
| Hawk | Hope & Mia |
| Kingfisher | Hollie-Mae & Hajera |
| Woodpecker | Electra & Pwoc |
| Parakeet | Finn & Phaedra |
| Kestrel | Oliver & Ali |
| Swift | Evie & Amaya |
| Little Owl | Kit C & Isaac |
| Goldfinch | Danny & Leah |
| Robin | Abrar & Mae |
| Wren | David & Sara |
| Sparrow | Sophie & Liam |



This week's signs are...
'read' and 'play'



Read - make your hands into the shape of a book and move side to side.
Play- use both hands with open palms to make a curling motion out to the side of the body.

Happy signing everyone!

Important Dates

| January 2026 | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Mon 5 th Jan | INSET Day - No school |
| Tues 6 th Jan | Start of Spring term |

A Message from the Brindishe Friends Group



One More Gift?

Our newly refurbished library has already received over 130 new books thanks to your generosity – and there are **only 71 books left on our wish list!**

If you're able, could you consider **one more gift this Christmas?** A book for the whole school!

Every book helps make our library more exciting, and inspiring for every child. You can browse and buy a book online, and it will be delivered straight to school.



Donate a book now



A Term to Be Proud Of!

As we reach the end of term, we wanted to say a huge thank you to our whole school community. Thanks to your support, time and generosity, it's been a brilliant few months for the BFG.

What We've Achieved Together This Term

Because of the funds you've helped raise, we've already been able to support the school in meaningful ways:

- **Teacher's Choice Fund (£3,600)** - £500 for each year group to spend on visits, workshops and special experiences chosen by teachers to enrich learning.
- **Born Free Workshops (£600)** - A whole-school programme exploring environmental responsibility and sustainability, delivered to every class.
- **Festive End-of-Term Treats (£944)** - A live performance for Years 2–6, plus an online panto and popcorn for Nursery, Reception and Year 1.

Funds raised will also go towards our longer-term goal of improving the acoustics in the lunch hall, and helping make lunchtimes more enjoyable for everyone.

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered, donated, baked, bought tickets, shared messages, or simply cheered us on. We couldn't do any of this without you.

Wishing all Brindishe Green families and staff a restful, happy break and look forward to lots more fun (and fundraising!) next term.

THANK YOU!

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raised a HUGE

£9,004.36

That's helped support...

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A programme of sustainability
workshops for the whole school
delivered by Born Free. **£600**

Festive **end-of-term events**; a live
performance for Years 2-6 and an
online panto plus popcorn for the
younger ones! **£944**

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**Have a fabulous Winter break.
See you in January!**

