

Newsletter

Friday 2nd October 2026



Brindishe
Green

What has been happening this week

This week, **Magpie class** visited The London Archives as part of their History unit. The children enjoyed looking at old artefacts and learning about how historians use these to find out about the past. Thank you to the parents/carers who supported on the day.

Throughout the week, **Macaw class** went swimming at Glass Mill. Thank you to all the parents who helped escort the children there and back.

Thank you to all the **Year 1 parents/carers** who attended Ms Jackson's Phonics Workshop. We will run more workshops like this throughout the year.

Year 5 had a great time today when they were visited by Zoo Lab. This linked to their learning on lifecycles in Science.

On Thursday and Friday, many children and their families bought books from our **Scholastic Book Fair**. Every book purchased earns us rewards that we use to buy books for our school library and book corners. Thank you for your support.

What is happening next week?

Next week, **Macaw** class will continue with their swimming lessons, and the **Scholastic Book Fair** will run from Monday to Wednesday in the playground after school.

On Tuesday 6th, **Kingfisher class** are visiting the London Archives, and on Friday 9th, **Year 6** are visiting The Imperial War Museum to enhance their understanding of World War 2.

On Friday 9th October it is **Hello Yellow Day**, an important day when the children and staff in school discuss the importance of looking after their mental health. EVERYONE is encouraged to wear something yellow to school (a top, socks, hair band, trousers - something they already have in the house), and if you are able to, donate £1 to the important charity - **Young Minds!**



Black History Month 2026 – Honouring Our Community

October is Black History Month, and this year's national theme is 'Honouring our Community'. This year, we would like to create a presentation for the teachers to share with the children in assembly and class, that celebrates the contributions and achievements of Black and Black Mixed Heritage members of our school community who have made a difference to others.

This could be someone who works or has worked in the armed services, as a doctor, nurse or teacher, in environmental work, human rights, community work, charity work – or in any other role where they have made a positive difference to their community.

If you would like to share your story with the children, or know someone in your family – perhaps a grandparent, great-grandparent, aunt, uncle, other relative or friend – who would be happy to take part, please send us:

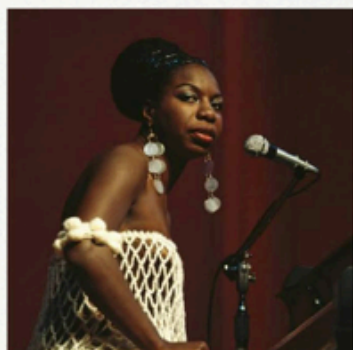
- Your name and a short paragraph about yourself and your story, including the difference you have made
- The name and class of the child/children in school you are related to
- A photograph, ideally showing you at work or doing something that makes a difference

We will bring these stories together into a presentation and create a Black History Month display. If you would be happy to participate, please email the school office with your information, **FAO Lauren Campbell, by Tuesday 6th October at the latest.**



MUSICIAN OF THE MONTH

NINA SIMONE



COUNTRY: NORTH CAROLINA, U.S.A.

GENRES: R&B/SOUL, JAZZ

ACTIVE FROM: 1954 - 2002

SONGS: FEELING GOOD, AND MY BABY JUST CARES FOR ME



Musician of the Month - October

Every month, we focus on a different musician from around the world. We listen to and talk about their music, and learn about them, where they are from and why they are an inspiration. We explore the work of musicians from diverse backgrounds, spanning a variety of musical styles and traditions.

October's Musician of the Month is global legend, **Nina Simone**! Nina Simone was an influential American singer, songwriter, and civil rights activist. Her powerful voice and soulful performances brought together jazz, blues, and gospel, making her a revered figure in music history.

We will share her music in class, in singing assemblies (Years 3-5), learning tasks and through displays.

Why not listen to some of her music with your family - [Play List](#).

Lost Property

Name :

Please remember to label your child's jumper/cardigan and coat. There are many unnamed items in Lost Property that we can not return as we do not know who they belong to. Thank you.

Something Wonderful to Celebrate

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

E Penguin	Iris & Teilo
Cormorant	Cali & Reuben
Shoebill	Eliza & Jakub
Macaw	Jasmine & Jessica
Heron	Ezra, Aiden & Archer
Cassowary	Rico & Sompa
Hornbill	Jean, Summer & Valentina
Red Kite	Hajera and Aydan
Puffin	CJ & Emily
Magpie	Magpie, Ami & Yusuf
Hawk	Sorrel & Luna
Kingfisher	Amber & Pwoc
Woodpecker	Ethan & Rylee
Parakeet	Maia & Ovie
Kestrel	Dillon & Luke
Swift	Alma & Cassian
Little Owl	Isaac & Esme
Goldfinch	Clemmie & Izaiah
Robin	Mary-May & Theodore
Wren	Yuvika & Daniel
Sparrow	Josephine & Liv

Overall school attendance this week:	95.5%	
Best Attendance This Week	Kestrel Hornbill Macaw Kingfisher	100% 99.0% 98.9% 98.7%
Well done to Kestrel for their perfect Attendance 😊		
Top Classes for BEST punctuality	Red Kite, Little Owl, Kestrel & Hawk A huge well done to Everyone! 😊	

Attendance and 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 9am 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 Swap Party

Thursday 15th October

On swap day, come and take your pick of good quality pre-loved children's clothes for free (or make a donation if you'd like). Think clothes swap meets Vinted night, but all for free!

It's all part of Brindishe Green's work to reduce, reuse and recycle!

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

Planning for half term?
Check out our **Holiday Club Directory** for local clubs and activities.

We want your pre-loved clothes!

Time to sort through those outgrown wellies, too-small winter coats and barely-worn Christmas jumpers! We want your good quality children's clothes, coats and footwear.

Drop them off in our donations box at the school gate, or look out for us in the playground on Thursdays and Fridays. **Please only good-quality items – think "someone's new favourite", not the back of the drawer.** 



One week in and WOW!

We launched our Book Corner Challenge just a week ago... and you've already filled our classrooms with an **incredible 214 new books!** Thank you!

So who's winning this week? **Year 5** have stormed into first place with a brilliant 51 books, overtaking **Reception** who are close behind on 48. **Year 4** are in 3rd with 36. There's still everything to play for, and it only takes one book to start climbing!

Can your year group take the lead? Pick a book from our wish lists and help them crown themselves next week's champions

See the Wish Lists

