Brindishe Manor

Newsletter

Inset Day
Friday 27th November 2026

School will be closed to children.

Friday 20th November 2026

What has been happening this week....

Year 4 started their two week swimming block this week and have thoroughly enjoyed their lessons. So many children have made great progress already! A huge thank you to parents who have given up their time to walk to and from the leisure centre this week.

Open Day

This week we held another open morning and afternoon and have welcomed lots of new parents and carers who are looking for Reception places for September 2027. So many families praised the calm and focussed learning environments that they saw whilst walking around and could see that the children were enjoying their learning. If you are a parent who is applying for a September 2027 place in one of our Reception classes, please feel free to come to our next open day in January.

Diversity week

This week, we have been celebrating Diversity Week. Across the school, children have been learning about a range of inspirational people from every continent, discovering how diverse our world is and celebrating the unique cultures, experiences and contributions of people around the globe.



It has been a wonderful opportunity to celebrate diversity, promote understanding and inspire our children to recognise the value that everyone brings to our communities. Do ask your child what learning they enjoyed most from this week!

ROCK STEADY

We had a huge response to our new Rocksteady sessions that will be starting next week (for some of the bands). We have now extended the amount of time our band leader will be in school to accommodate as many children who want to take part as possible. If your child did not get in a band this half term, they will remain on the wait list for an opening.

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Lee Green Open Studio

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LEE GREEN open STUDIOS



Opal Play

As we begin to build our playground resources for Opal Play, we would like to ask families for donations of any scooters or helmets. If you have scooters that you no longer use at home, or indeed may have them ready to donate closer to Christmas, please bring them in for us to start using in our playground from January.

Winter Performances

We are really looking forward to seeing parents and carers at our winter performances in December. As many of you will be aware, our main school hall is fairly small, so we ask each family to respect our 2 adult per child ratio for each performance. Small children accompanying must be placed on an adults lap.

If your child is in Year 2, we will be distributing each child with 2 tickets and you can choose which performance/s to attend.

Attendance Matters

Every Day Counts....

Overall school attendance this week:	95.%	
Top 5 classes with attendance over 95%:	Curie Yousafzai Escher Pankhurst Kusama	98% 98% 97% 97% 97%
A huge well done to Thunberg, Attenborough Pankhurst 99% attendance this week		
Top classes with all children in on time	Adeola, Jeffers, Goldsworthy Huge well done to them all 😊	

Key Dates



10th Nov - Y6 Turing class to IWM
13th Nov - Y6 Escher class to IWM
16th - 26th Nov - Year 4 swimming daily
23rd Nov - NSPCC 'Speak up stay safe' workshops
30th Nov - Y5 to Natural History Museum

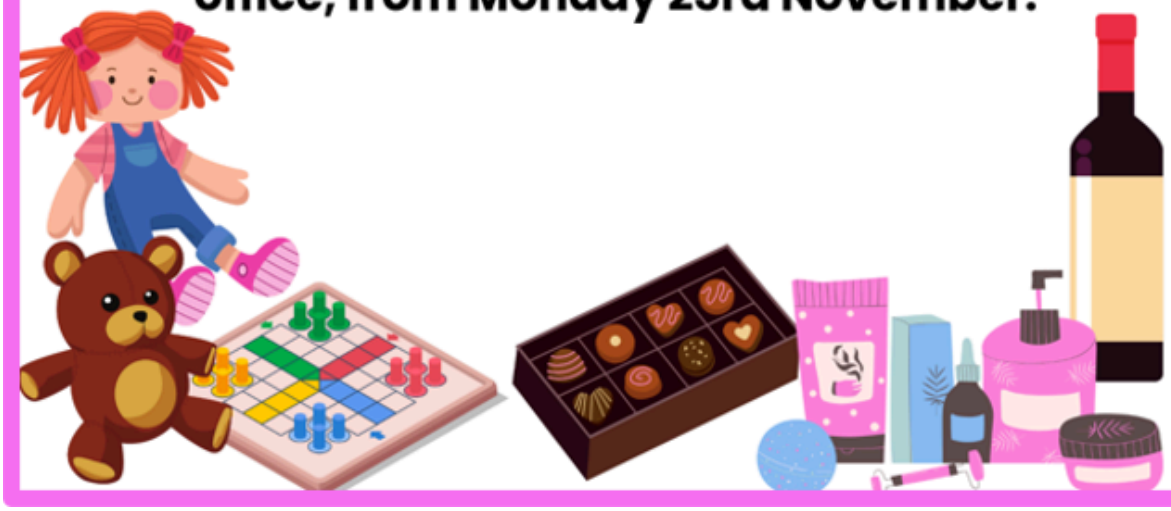
1st Dec - Open classroom 8:35am
4th Dec - Winter Fair
8th Dec - Y2 Winter performance PM
9th Dec - Y2 Winter performacne AM
11th Dec - Reception Winter perfomance AM
14th Dec - Y1 Winter performance AM
15th Dec - Y3 Winter performance AM
16th Dec - Y4 Winter performance AM
17th Dec - Y5 Winter performance AM
18th Dec - Y6 Winter performance AM
18th Dec - End of term

Tombola donations.

If you have any unused and unopened stationery sets, smellies, drinks and sweet treats (in date), then we would love to have them for the tombola stall at our winter fair.

For the kids' tombola we need new and preloved soft toys and games. Please make sure they are clean and in good condition.

Please bring your items to the school office, from Monday 23rd November.



Brindishe Federation

Brindishe Federation Newsletter Friday 20th November 2026

Celebrating Diversity Week at Brindishe Schools

At Brindishe Schools, we are proud to be a community that truly celebrates and respects diversity. Our children, families and staff come from a rich variety of backgrounds, identities, experiences and points of view – and we believe that everyone should feel valued, celebrated and empowered to be themselves. This week, across all three Brindishe Schools we have been celebrating our diversity.

Our vision are clear: we respect and celebrate our community, encourage others to feel energised, valued, confident and empowered, and nurture a culture of mutual respect, positivity and inquisitiveness. We all contribute to the diverse world around us and want to make a positive difference.

At Brindishe, we learn about diversity through our curriculum, special events, assemblies, national events, visits and visitors, displays, our Rights Respecting School work, and our annual Celebrating Diversity Week.

Our curriculum introduces children to inspiring figures from diverse backgrounds, including Mae Jemison (astronaut), Greta Thunberg (activist), and Frida Kahlo (artist). We also mark important dates like International Day of Disabled Persons.

Throughout the year, we celebrate important events that help our children understand and appreciate diversity:

- Holocaust Memorial Day (27th January) – helping children understand the importance of standing against prejudice and discrimination
- Lunar New Year – celebrating this major holiday observed across East and Southeast Asia
- Give Racism the Red Card Day – taking a stand against racism
- Black History Month – honouring contributions and celebrating Black history

Our annual Celebrating Diversity Week is a highlight of the school year, featuring themed days including Odd Socks Day (breaking stereotypes), Many Faiths One Community (during Lewisham Inter-Faith Week), World Kindness Day, and Children in Need. Children work together across classrooms to create anti-bullying superheroes, kindness pledges, community chains and celebration mosaics.

This year during Black History Month, we learned about local Black hidden heroes who have made a difference in our community, including family members of our own Brindishe children – from RAF servicemen and bus drivers who were part of the Windrush Generation, to activists like Olive Morris, talented actors, professional footballers, and community carers who have touched countless lives with their kindness and dedication.

At Brindishe Schools, equality and diversity aren't just topics we teach – they're values we live every day. Through our curriculum, our celebrations, and our commitment to respect and inclusion, we're helping our children become compassionate, confident citizens who will make a positive difference in the world.

Lee Green Open Studios

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A lovely pre-festive arts event, there are more than 50 artists taking part at 13 venues. Each venue is free and most are accessible as well. A huge range of art will be available to see and buy, ranging from Christmas cards to paintings, books to metalwork, ceramics to crochet, jewellery to perfume, photography, pyrography, and more!

There also will be workshops for children at Brindishe Green on Saturday 21st November. Please pick up a leaflet at the school office or go online for details: https://www.leegreenopenstudios.com/

Hope to see you there!

Drop-off and Pick-Up by Car around our schools

We are writing to remind everyone about some important rules around drop-off and pick-up times, following concerns raised by our local residents and witnessed by our own staff. Avoid entering the School Street zone very early as arriving early and waiting in your car with the engine on (idling) causes disruption to our neighbours and contributes to poor air quality.



Please be considerate and park only in designated areas - please do not block driveways. Please switch off your engine if you're waiting in your car.

Thank you for your co-operation and understanding in advance.

Online Safety Bulletin

Discussing distressing news

As we know, children often hear about distressing information in the news which can have detrimental effects on their wellbeing and mental health. Following on from the recent awful events in Southport, INEQUE Safeguarding Group have published an article to help you when discussing distressing news with your child.



The article also includes a downloadable resource that children can read when news becomes overwhelming for them.

Find out more here: Discussing Distressing News Events With Children - Ineqe Safeguarding Group

Rights Respecting - Anti Bullying

Anti-bullying Week is held each year in November and is a time for all of us to think about how we can develop positive relationships in school based on dignity and respect, take a proactive approach to preventing bullying and also support people who have faced or are facing bullying.

Article 2 (non-discrimination) - The Convention applies to every child without discrimination, whatever their ethnicity, gender, religion, language, abilities or any other status, whatever they think or say, whatever their family background.
Article 12 (respect for the views of the child) - Every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered and taken seriously. This right applies at all times, for example during immigration proceedings, housing decisions or the child's day-to-day home life.
Article 13 (freedom of expression) - Every child must be free to express their thoughts and opinions and to access all kinds of information, as long as it is within the law.
Article 19 (protection from violence, abuse and neglect) - Governments must do all they can to ensure that children are protected from all forms of violence, abuse, neglect and bad treatment by their parents or anyone else who looks after them.

What does bullying mean to you?
What different kinds of bullying can you think of?

It is repeated behaviour that treats another person badly over time.
Behaviour that makes you feel unsafe and/or puts you down as a person.
Physical – aggressive or violent, being pushed, hit, kicked, intimidated.
Verbal – name-calling, threatening, being laughed at, teasing, being shouted at.
Social – being purposefully excluded from plans with your 'friends'.
Cyber bullying (online, on social media or gaming forums) – unkind comments, sharing photos with negative comments.
Discrimination - against race, nationality, sexuality, faith or another protected characteristic.
Sexual bullying – unwanted sexual comments or contact, spreading of sex rumours.
Emotional or psychological – when someone gets what they want by making others feel angry/sad (manipulation) or being told they are not good enough.

Article 2 says no-one should be discriminated against in any way but sometimes people are bullied because of the way they look and/or their identity. Read **'We Are All Wonders'** and talk as a family at home about how everyone should be treated with dignity and respect.

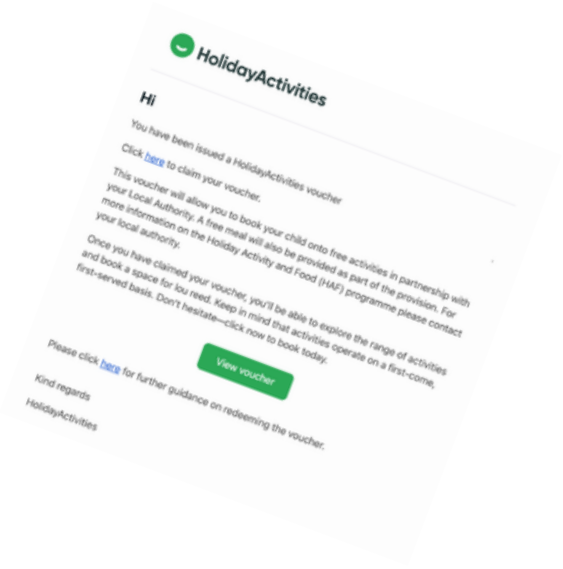




Holiday Vouchers

Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) vouchers will automatically be sent to all eligible families (Targeted FSM) so you can participate in activities during the term break.

Your vouchers will be sent on 16th November via email or text. For help and support, please visit the HolidayActivities Site where you can find guidance on which activities are suitable for your child, how to manage bookings and how to book multiple sessions.







Key Federation Dates

- **INSET DAY - Friday 27th November 2026**
- **End of Autumn Term 2 - Friday 18th December**
- **Spring Term Begins - Children return to school - Tuesday 5th January**

Brindishe Schools Governing Body

Governing Body meetings are regular and meet every half term. Parents/carers are more than welcome to attend our meetings as 'observers'. This means you can sit and observe the meeting but will be unable to speak/comment and would need to leave the meeting during confidential items.

If you would like to know more about the governing body or you would like to attend one of our meetings, please email Rachel Waite - rawaite@brindisheschools.org. An email to confirm attendance at the meeting will need to be received before a parent/carer can join the meeting.

Our third meeting for 2026/2027 will be held on Tuesday 2nd February at Brindishe Manor School - 6pm.

Illustrate & Animate!

New! 'The Snowman' Inspired, Animation Workshops for Children.

With Local Artist, Nancy Ellis, at Le Délice, Hither Green Branch.



Get Ready for some Fun, Exciting & Magical Workshops... Let's Fly your Snowpeople to the North Pole!

KS1 Sessions, Ages 5-7
4:15 pm – 5:45 pm

Tuesday 24th November
Tuesday 1st December
Tuesday 8th December

£22 per ticket inc booking fee.
Accompanying adult to remain at Le Délice for the duration of KS1 sessions.

KS2 Sessions, Ages 8-11
4:15 pm – 6:00 pm

Thursday 26th November
Thursday 3rd December
Thursday 10th December

£25 per ticket inc booking fee.
Drop off and pick up optional for KS2 sessions, with consent form completed.

Don't miss out on a wonderful, festive experience, reserve your tickets now!

Full details, dates & times on Eventbrite:
Scan the QR code to the right, or visit:
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