



Brindishe
Lee

Newsletter

Friday 9th October 2026

What's been happening this week?

Thank you so much to the parents who came to the Grand Library Sort Out on Thursday afternoon. We have recycled some (very) old fiction books and made sure everything is sorted and accessible for the children. Next we need to select suitable chapter books for Lower Key Stage 2 to go into our new rotating book storage, funded by London Square. Look out for the next date and come along to help!

Hello Yellow day was awesome and raised a smile for all as well as raising awareness of World Mental Health Day. The children looked great in their yellow clothes and accessories, had fun in the photobooth and enjoyed learning about how to look after their mental health.



What is happening next week?

Assembly on Monday will focus on Black History Month, looking at some of our 'local heroes'. We have started our 'Celebrating Our Communities' display, so Black African/ Caribbean, British/ Mixed Heritage parents and carers, please be sure to send in your picture and a summary of your work life to inspire our children. We will celebrate Black History Month in school on Wednesday with a special lunch menu.



Thursday 15th October at 3.40pm is Open Classrooms. We are looking forward to inviting you in to school to see your child's books and classroom. They have been working hard!



Important Information from the Office

Music: Please pay for music lessons on Arbor.

Year 6: Please return forms to the office and make payment on Arbor for Cuffley Residential. Mrs Bannister needs to submit medical information the the centre by Tuesday.

Year 4: Please make payment on Weduc and give permission on Arbor for the Lesnes Abbey trip.

Please remember to call the office if you're running late or if your child is off sick! This will really help Vikki's workload!

Don't forget to send
in a water bottle for
your child!!



Upcoming events!

Our fundraising events for this year kick off with our **Family Pancake Breakfast** on Thursday 22nd October. Information about tickets coming soon!



On Friday 23rd October we have our **Halloween Costume Swap and Spooky Cake Sale**. This is part of our Let's Go Zero mission! We want to be carbon neutral by 2030. There are enough costumes already in the world for us all. No need to buy a new one! Send in the costumes your child has grown out of and come along on Friday 23rd October after school to choose a new one for a small donation to F@B. Please donate spooky cakes to sell!



Important Dates

Well done Year 2! You were on time this week!

Registration Form	Present R/C: Marks (%)	Late R/C: Marks (%)
Reception	98.08%	1.53%
Year 1	89.32%	1.71%
Year 2	95.02%	0.38%
Year 3	95.4%	2.68%
Year 4	95.88%	2.47%
Year 5	98.15%	3.7%
Year 6	94.91%	0.93%

Thursday 15th October- Open Classrooms- 3.40pm

Tuesday 20th October- Year 4 trip to Lesnes Abbey

Wednesday 21st October- Trinity Laban Supersonics workshop in school- Year 3 and 4

Thursday 22nd October- F@B Pancake Breakfast

Thursday 22nd October- 3.30pm- Year 6 Residential meeting

Friday October 23rd- Halloween Costume Swap and Cake Sale

Monday 26th October- Half term week.

Tuesday November 3rd- Year 6 Imperial War Museum Trip

Wednesday 4th November- Year 6 Eco Coding Workshop- at school.

Wednesday 4th November- Year 3 trip to a Buddhist Temple

Monday 9th November- Year 6 Residential Trip- Cuffley in Hertfordshire

Monday 9th November- Year 3 Cinema trip

Monday 16th - Wednesday 18th November- Scholastic Book Fair in The Atrium

Wednesday 25th November- Year 5 and 6 Girls' Football Tournament at St Dunstan's after school

Tuesday 1st December and Thursday 3rd December- parent Consultation Evenings

Attendance Newsletter

Across the Brindishe Federation, we firmly believe that regular school attendance is essential for the educational progress and overall wellbeing of all our pupils. It is about working in partnership with our children, parents, carers and the Local Authority to ensure we set high expectations. We hope that this letter helps you to keep in mind the key aspects of our attendance policy.

Why does regular attendance matter?

Keeping attendance above 96%, allows your child to:

- Fully engage in learning and make academic progress
- maintain friendships and develop new ones
- Grow in confidence in a supportive and nurturing school environment
- Build a sense of routine and responsibility, essential for future success

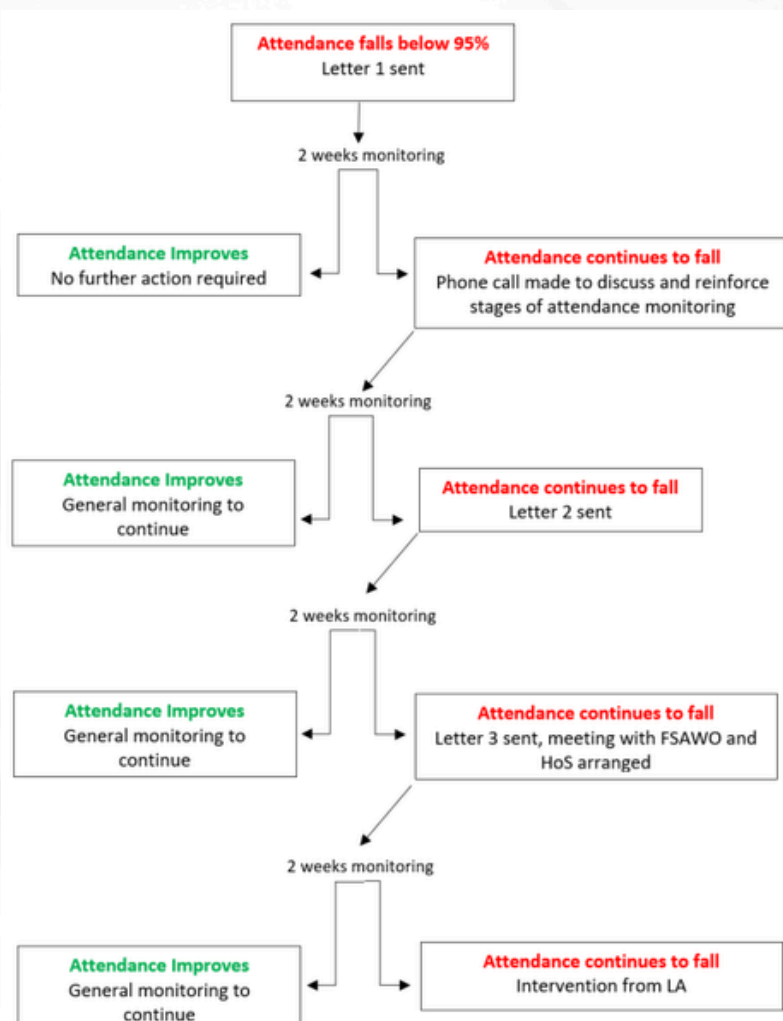


How do we monitor attendance?

Every fortnight, staff at the school monitor their attendance.

If your child's attendance:

- falls below 95%, you will be sent a letter to remind you of the importance of attendance in school
- continues to fall, a member of staff will call you to discuss your child's attendance
- continues to fall further, you will be sent a letter regarding the loss of learning time
- continues to fall further, you will be invited in for a meeting with the HoS and FASWO
- does not improve, you will be sent a letter from the LA informing you of potential legal procedures including a court warning



What does a percentage look like in days?

Below shows how your child's attendance can be affected if they are off. We aim for all children to be around 96%.

- 95% (2 weeks) 9 days off in a school year
- 90% (4 weeks) 19 days off in a school year
- 85% (6 weeks) 29 days off in a school year

What absence will we authorise?

We recognise that there are circumstances where a pupil's absence can't be avoided.

Acceptable reasons for being absent from school include:

- Illness
- Medical appointments: if your child has a medical appointment that CANNOT be scheduled outside school hours, please notify us in advance and provide relevant documentation (e.g. an appointment card)
- Religious observance
- Exceptional circumstances

