



Brindishe
Lee

Newsletter

Friday 16th May 2025

What has been happening this week?

Well done, Year 6! You have all impressed us so much with your diligent attitude towards your SATs this week. You can now focus on being ready for the next stage of your education and enjoy the activities we have lined up for you in the coming weeks.

Year 4 used their geographical skills to evaluate the local area this week on a local walk. They were not happy with the amount of litter between the school and Sainsbury's and will be writing to the local council to ask for more litter bins in this area.

Year 2 had an immersive day at the Ragged School Museum, acting as children in a Victorian classroom. They learned so much, and returned happy that they are not living in Victorian times!

What is happening next week?

It's Walk to School Week next week! We will have a special assembly about it and think carefully about our own journey to school, looking for ways to make it as healthy and eco friendly as possible. It's also Water Saving Week, so we will take the opportunity to consider the importance of water and how we can save water at school and at home.

[Waterwise website here](#)

Year 1-6 have online safety workshops from the Breck Foundation. See separate email for information about the parent workshop.

Year 1 are visiting The Good Shepherd church and Year 6 have a TFL Citizens Safety workshop. Year 5 are off to Brindishe Manor to do a Mini First Aiders course.



waterwise

Walk
to school
LIVING STREETS
PUTTING PEOPLE FIRST

Important Information From the Office

Trips: Please give permission for the trip on WEDUC and payments on Parent Portal.

Music: Please make payments for the Summer Term music lessons on Parent Portal- this is now overdue.

Clubs: If your circumstances have changed and your child is no longer coming to their club, please let Vikki know so we can fill the space from the long waiting list!

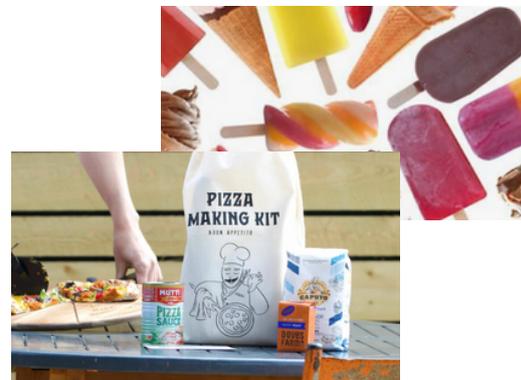


Hot off the heels of the last pancake breakfast of the school year we have three more events lined up for you;

Saturday 7th June we will be taking part in a sponsored walk of Scadbury Park Reserve.

Friday 20th June we have a double event. Year 6 will be selling lollies after class and, in collaboration with Sapore Vero, we will be selling pizza kits for you to make at home. Details on how to buy them will be out after half term.

We do hope you can join us for these events!



Thank you!
Sincere thanks to F@B for putting on a fabulous Pancake Breakfast this morning. It was lovely to see everyone enjoying some time together.



Attendance

Well done Year 6! And great to see Year 2 in the top 3 for punctuality!

Class	Attendance	Minutes Late
Reception	98.47%	26
Year 1	97.32%	121
Year 2	96.67%	10
Year 3	99.56%	102
Year 4	100%	40
Year 5	98.35%	29
Year 6	97.62%	0

Important Dates

May 2025		June 2025		July 2025	
Mon 5 th May	Bank Holiday	Fortnight beg 2 nd June	Year 4 Times Tables checks	Friday 11 th July	End of Year Reports to parents/carers
Wk beg 12 th May	Year 6 SATs	2 nd - 4 th June	School Photographer in	Tuesday 8 th July - 3.40pm - 4.10pm	Open Classrooms
		Thursday 5 th June	Years 4, 5 and 6- Sports Day at Ladywell Arena	Saturday 12 th July	F@B Summer Fair
		Friday 6 th June	Year 1, 2 and 3- Sports Day at Manor House Gardens	WB 7 th July	Final School clubs
Mon 26 th - 30 th May	Half Term	Saturday 7 th June	F@B sponsored Walk	Thursday 17 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Performance
		Wk beg 9 th June	Year 1 Phonics checks	Tuesday 22 nd July	Last day of school
		Friday 13 th June	Reception Sports Morning		
		Wks beg 16 th and 23 rd June	Year 5- Swimming Lessons		
		27 th June	INSET Day - School closed to children		



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Smokefree Lewisham

Lewisham Council supports **Smokefree 2030** and is working to reduce smoking and its impact on the people who live, work or study in the Borough. Smoking continues to be the leading cause of preventable death. Lewisham council encourages and promotes healthy behaviour around children and young people to reduce their exposure to harmful second-hand smoke. We all want to protect children and young people from the harms of smoking along with helping smokers to quit.

Smokefree School Gates

School buildings and grounds are already smoke free, providing a healthy environment in which children and young people can learn and thrive. The aim of the smokefree school gate is to go further to reduce exposure to second-hand smoke by the children and other non-smokers. Everyone has the right to enjoy their surroundings free from the effects of tobacco smoke and this includes children and young people who may have to walk past smoking adults at the school gates. Embedding a smokefree gates initiative will help to promote and model healthy behaviour, reduce children's' exposure to tobacco, improve air quality and discourage learnt behaviour.

Brindishe Schools have Smokefree School Gates

The smoke free gate is an important initiative to support the creation of Smokefree Generation and Smokefree 2030. To quit smoking in Lewisham, please call: 0800 0820 388 or email: quit@smokefreelewisham.co.uk

Online Safety Bulletin

The impact of smartphones

There is a growing concern on how excessive use of smartphones can affect our children. In addition to the effects of seeing inappropriate content online, the risk of cyberbullying and grooming, it is important that we also highlight the effects of smartphone use on our children's mental health.

If your child is using a smartphone then please try to ensure they maintain a healthy screentime limit. According to King's College London, "two new studies of smartphone habits in teenagers have identified links between problematic smartphone use and depression, anxiety and insomnia." You can read more about these studies here:

<https://www.kcl.ac.uk/news/teens-with-problematic-smartphone-use-are-twice-as-likely-to-have-anxiety-and-many-are-eager-to-cut-down>

Compass have published an article as well on what effects mobile phones have on children here:

<https://www.compass-uk.org/services/compass-changing-lives/online-resources/what-effects-do-mobile-phones-have-on-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health/>

**SMOKEFREE LEWISHAM**



Lewisham Summer Reading Challenge 2025

Story Garden challenge will keep children reading over the holidays - in libraries and in the Great Outdoors.

All Lewisham public libraries are offering the Challenge throughout the summer holidays, and it's free for children to take part. Children joining 'Story Garden' can discover new books, participate in free activities, and explore the link between reading and the great outdoors, where nature and imagination come together.

This year's Summer Reading Challenge features artwork from award-winning illustrator Dapo Adeola, whose stunning illustrations will bring the Story Garden theme to life; creating an enchanting world where children can find magical creatures, plants and flowers to inspire their next reading adventure.



For further information click link here - <https://readingagency.org.uk/the-summer-reading-challenge-2025-story-garden-takes-reading-to-the-great-outdoors/>

Walk to School Week

WALK WITH US!

Walk to School Week is an annual five-day walking challenge and takes place 19-23 May 2025. This year's challenge will see pupils take on The Great Space Walk, encouraging them to travel actively to school every day of the week.

Meeting various colourful intergalactic friends along the way, pupils will learn about the important reasons to walk or wheel and its benefits for individuals, communities and the planet!

If you're a parent or carer, there are lots of ways Living Streets can help get you and your family walking. They can also help make walking safer and easier in your neighbourhood. Find out about our [walk to school initiatives](#), including WOW - our walk to school challenge.



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'. 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. ***Our fifth meeting for 2024/2025 will be held on Thursday 22nd May 2025 at Brindishe Lee School - 6pm.***

Key Federation Dates

- May Half Term - Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May
- Multiplication Check Year 4 starts Monday 2nd June
- Phonics Screening Check for Year 1 starts Monday 9th June
- Brindishe Schools INSET DAY - School closed to all children - Friday 27th June



May Half Term Camps Are
LIVE! Multisports & Dance at
Sportacus!

