



Newsletter

Friday 30th January 2026

What's been happening this week?

We were delighted to take a delivery of nearly £600 worth of beautiful new books this week. We have refreshed our poetry and picture book collection and the Year 6 Reading Ambassadors chose some new fiction titles for the library. The money was raised from sales at our last Scholastic Book Fair. We have another one coming up soon, so please keep an eye out for information about that. We will be able to buy even more books!



There was great excitement in the playground this week as the weather was good enough for us to begin using our new 'loose parts' play equipment. The children now have tyres, wheels, crates, planks and poles to fuel their imagination and develop collaborative skills with their peers. They have made their own trim trails, built cars that actually move, thrones and castles. We are looking forward to seeing how their play develops through using these things. The next stage is to roll out the mud kitchen and open up the Forest School for use at lunchtime. Sincere thanks to F@B who have raised the money for these wonderful things for the children.



Reception met some real life super heroes when they visited Lee Fire Station. The firefighters were called out on a shout during the visit! How exciting! The children got to see how the firefighters practise their skills on the tower and they got to spray the hose. Thank you to all the parents who came along to help.



Year 5 loved their visit to the Globe Theatre, despite the miserable weather on Tuesday. They had a tour with actor, James Parkes and a Q and A session, before taking part in a workshop about The Tempest, which is the play they are studying in English at the moment.



What is happening next week?

Year 1 are off to the Horniman Museum on Tuesday, to look at toys and puppets to enrich their History learning.

We will have a special assembly about Lunar New Year which is coming up in February.

We will also learn about our new Musicians of the Month for February: Te Waka Huia. Have a look below for more information!



See you on Friday 6th February for the F@B Pancake Breakfast!

Tickets for this lovely event are now sold out we are afraid! We will plan another pancake breakfast soon. We are looking forward to seeing you there on Friday. Thank you so much for supporting this event so well!



Important Information From the Office

Year 5 and Year 6: There are some outstanding author payments for last term. Please pay on Arbor.

Year 2: Please complete permission form on Weduc for Year 2 BrightSparks Concert and make payment on Arbor

There is a considerable amount of water bottles in lost property- please come and have a look.

Music: Payments for music are overdue as of TODAY!

Handwriting and Presentation Award

We have a big focus on presentation and handwriting at Brindishe Lee this year. We want all children to be forming letters correctly and finding ease in their handwriting, to be able to focus on other aspects of their writing, such as vocabulary and punctuation. All children have regular handwriting lessons and we have introduced a new classroom award- the Thumbs Up- given when a child is seen to be putting effort into their presentation and handwriting in their day to day tasks. Ask your child if they have had the award yet!



Attendance

Not a great week for being on time! We will blame the rain! But well done Year 1 for being the best this week.

Important Dates

Attendance Statistics

26 Jan 2026 - 30 Jan 2026

Registration Form	Present R/C: Marks (%)	Late R/C: Marks (%)
Reception	92.9%	3%
Year 1	99.2%	1.1%
Year 2	95.9%	3%
Year 3	96.4%	2%
Year 4	98.6%	3.2%
Year 5	94.7%	2.1%
Year 6	91.8%	2.1%

February 2026	
Tuesday 10 th February 3.40pm- 4.10pm	Open Classroom
Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th February	Half Term

March 2026	
Thursday 5 th March	Dress Cost for World Book Day
Tuesday 24 th March and Thursday 26 th March TBC	Parent/Teacher Meetings
Friday 27 th March	Last day



HOME INFORMATION



February's Musician of the Month

Te Waka Huai



Books to read...






Watch and discuss 'A Night of Song and Dance' video.

About: Te Waka Huia is a renowned Māori kapa haka ensemble from Aotearoa New Zealand, founded in 1981 by Ngāpō and Pimia Wehi after their whānau relocated to Auckland. Originally a family-based group, it has since grown into a pan-tribal performing collective celebrated for its powerful choral singing, haka, poi, and traditional Māori storytelling through movement. Te Waka Huia is widely regarded as one of the country's premier kapa haka teams, winning multiple national Te Matatini championships and playing a significant role in preserving and showcasing Māori performing arts.

Genre: Kapa haka (Māori performing arts)

Active from: 1981–present

Origin: Tāmaki Makaurau (Auckland), Aotearoa – New Zealand

If you like Te Waka Huai, try...

- Maisey Rika
- Hātea Kapa Haka
- Ngā Tūmanako