

Newsletter

Friday 6th June 2025



What has been happening this week?

On Tuesday, Ms Waghorn and Ms Swindells took a group of Year 6 children to **The Houses of Parliament** to look around the historic building and to learn about how laws are made in our country. Thank you Ms Waghorn for organising this amazing opportunity.

On Tuesday Mr Ingram took a group of Year 5 cricketers to a competition in Blackheath.

On Thursday, we were very sad to have to cancel our Year 4, 5 and 6 Sports Day. We are currently exploring options and alternative dates with Ladywell or an alternative venue that can accommodate the federation. We will be in touch with you regarding Plan B and give you as much notice as possible.

What is happening next week?

Through out the week our **Year 3** classes will visit **The Natural History Museum** as part of their learning on rocks and the Earth. Thank you to the staff for organising and the parents/carers who offered support on the visit.

Also throughout the week our **Year 1** children will be taking part in the **National Phonics Screening Check**. The class teachers will individually ask the children to read 40 real and 'alien/made-up' words to them. The results of the check will be shared with parents/carers in July when they receive their end of year report.

LGBT+ Pride Month

In Brindishe Schools we believe that 'everyone should be valued and celebrated,' both within our school and the wider community.



LGBT+ Pride Month is marked annually in June, to celebrate the LGBT+ community. Pride Month began to commemorate the Stonewall riots, a series of protests for LGBT+ liberation, which started on 28th June, 1969.

At Brindishe Schools we use Pride Month as an opportunity to educate our children on the history of the LGBT+ community, to celebrate all those who identify as LGBT+ and to remind children that everyone has Rights.



Reporting Absence

If your child is unwell and unable to come to school, please remember to call the school office and leave a message before 8.30am. Thank you.

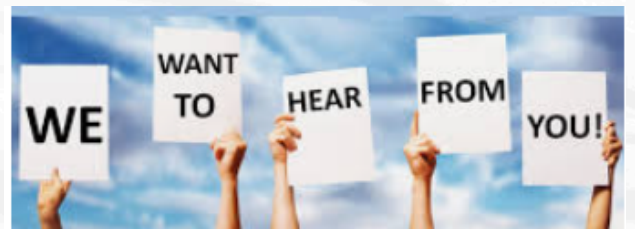
2024/2025 Parent/Carer Survey

On Wednesday you will have received an email with a link to our 2024/25 Parent/Carer Survey. This survey is a very important way for us to find out what you think about our school. Please take some time to answer the questions and give us your feedback. We would be thrilled if everyone could do this.

The survey will close on Wednesday 11th June at 5pm.



When the time is right, everyone is free to choose who they love and to choose the right person for them, if they want to be in a relationship.



Makaton

Makaton is a unique communication programme that uses symbols (pictures), signs (gestures) and speech to enable people to communicate. We use Makaton in school in the Early Years and KS1, and teach older children the signs as well. Every week we will share with you the sign the children have learnt, so that you can use them at home too.

Educational Psychologist Drop-Ins

We are delighted to be able to offer in person, drop-in sessions with our EP again this year. These will take place on **Monday 30th June**. She will be offering appointments between **9am and 2pm**, and each session is half an hour long. She will be able to talk to you about anything that is impacting on your child's education – it could be something specific like a learning need, or it could be a social or emotional need, for example friendship issues or a family separation. Email Jessica Dee to request an appointment: BGinclusion@brindisheschools.org Please note appointments are limited and we will prioritise requests from families who have not already seen the EP or Drumbeat this year.

Something Wonderful to Celebrate

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

E Penguin	Och & Eesha
Cormorant	Arthur & Santiago
Shoebill	Natalie & Cade
Macaw	Brayden & Ariana
Heron	Éabha & Isaac
Cassowary	Ari & Zara
Hornbill	Tomi & Eli
Red Kite	Oscar & Chloe
Puffin	Karine & Ronan
Magpie	Rico & Manahil
Hawk	Zayne & Maria
Kingfisher	Aya & Ishmael
Woodpecker	Amber & Amira
Parakeet	Kanish & Abisola
Kestrel	Dylan-Rose & Eli
Swift	Zephy & Mikail
Little Owl	Aniyah & Aaliyah
Goldfinch	Bobby & Deron

Brindishe Green 'Sign of the week'

This week's signs are...

'more' and 'finished.'



More



Finished

More - Place flat hand on top of closed fist as if putting a lid on a pot.
Finished - Hold your two closed fists together in front of your chest and flick them open downwards.

Dressing-Up Clothes

We are looking for dressing up clothes, role-play toys (such as kitchen toys) and games for young children (EYFS or KS1). If you have any that are good in a good condition that you would be happy to donate, please bring to the school office for the attention of Jessica Dee.

Attendance and Punctuality

Overall school attendance this week:	92.19%	
Top CLASSES over 96% Attendance: Well done to you All!	Cormorant Heron Kingfisher Macaw Wren	98.61% 97.22% 96.93% 96.71% 96.00%
Top Classes for BEST punctuality: Well Done!	Cassowary, Goldfinch, Hornbill and Macaw A huge well done! 🌟	

Some Important Dates - Summer Term

June 2025		July 2025	
Wk beg 9 th June	Year 1 Phonics check	Date TBC	End of Year Reports to parents/carers
Fortnight beg 2 nd June	Year 4 Times Tables	Year Group Performance - 9.00am Year 4 – Tuesday 1 st July Year 1 – Thursday 3 rd July	
27 th June	INSET Day – school closed to children	Open Classrooms – 3.15-3.45 Years 1, 2, 3 – Tuesday 8 th July Years 4, 5, 6 – Thursday 10 th July	
Sports Days – 9.10am 23 rd June - Rec – Playground 24 th June - Year 1 – Playground 25 th June - Year 2 – Playground 26 th June - Year 3 – Playground 5 th June - Year 4/5/6 – Ladywell Arena		Year 6 Transition Events Performance – Thursday 17 th July Festival – Monday 21 st July Leavers' Assembly – Tuesday 22 nd July	
		Thurs 22 nd July Wed 23 rd July	Last day of school Summer holidays

A message from the Brindishe Friends Group



An update from the BFG Committee

It's been a busy week for the BFG. We got to meet lots of new parents and carers at the school's Welcome Meeting for parents of children starting in Reception Class in September.

It was also great to chat with parents and carers at our Coffee Morning today. We're delighted to have some new volunteers to help us continue to support the school.



And on that note... ALL parents and carers can support us by **purchasing tickets for our Summer Fair raffle! We'll be selling tickets in the playground before and after school on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays starting on Weds 18th June.** We will also be collecting tombola contributions and donations of pre-loved toys and chapter books, so please start clearing out your cupboards and help us collect a great selection of prizes.

Summer Fair – Volunteers Needed! **Friday 4th July 3:00-5:00pm**

Can you spare an hour (or more) to help us run stalls, set up, clear up, or prep tombola prizes!

- ★ Find out more & sign up here: <https://tr.ee/KtoTPRXh9b>
- ★ Or get in touch with your year / class volunteers
- ★ Email: bfgsocials@gmail.com

Every bit of help makes a BIG difference – thank you!

SUMMER FAIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Friday 4th July

Can you spare an hour (or more) to help with stalls, setting up, clearing up, and labelling tombola prizes.

Visit our Linktree to signup, get in touch with your class rep, or email bfgsocials@gmail.com.

Every bit of help makes a big difference – thank you!



BRINDISHE FRIENDS GROUP – BIG ON SUMMER, BIG ON FUNDRAISING
Charity no 1207252 | bfgsocials@gmail.com | linktr.ee/brindishefriendsgroup

Easyfundraising: sign up to help raise money for the school

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**Two minutes of your time
could raise us £2
– and that's just the start!**

This month, when you sign up to Easyfundraising via the app and choose Brindishe Friends Group as your cause, we'll receive a £2 donation - at no cost to you. Even better, if 10 or more people register we'll unlock additional bonus funding!

We've already raised over £1,000 of free donations through Easyfundraising. Can you help us raise even more?

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