

# Newsletter

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2025

## What has been happening this week?

It was such a shame that the Federation Sports Day was rained off for Years 4, 5 and 6. We are looking at alternatives, so please bear with us.

Year 1, 2 and 3 managed to dodge the showers with a modified Sports Day and a great time was had. The parents race did not pass the risk assessment- we are not sure if parents were pleased or disappointed about this! Well done to all the children for taking part and joining in. Congratulations to the White Team for lifting the trophy this year. Huge thanks to Year 6 for their help with the events- the younger children really enjoyed having them there.

Massive well done to the Year 5 and 6 girls who went along to the football tournament at St Dunstan's on Wednesday after school. They played magnificently against some very stiff competition. Their excellent sporting behaviour was noted by the organisers.

Congratulations to Adam who played brilliantly on Wednesday and is through to the Kent Schools tennis doubles finals with a friend from Manor next Friday. Good luck, Adam!



## What is happening next week?

Year 2 have a talk from the National Farmer's Union on Thursday, to enrich their learning about where food comes from.

Year 6 are off to the Bank of England to learn about money and the basics of economics as they embark upon their enterprise project at school.

Reception have their sports morning at school on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 9.30am. Parents should come to the main entrance at 9.30am if they would like to watch the races. It will finish at about 10.40am.

In assembly on Monday, we will revisit the protected characteristics in the context of our Rights Respecting Schools status.





We hope you're all looking forward to the sponsored walk tomorrow! The weather forecast looks good! Sponsorship forms are available at school if you didn't pick one up earlier this week.



### TOMBOLA DRIVE!

We desperately need to restock the tombola prizes for the Summer Fair. Please bring in your used toys and books. In good condition and age appropriate please (no preschool items).



Any donations can be left at the school office.

Thank you!



We had a visit from Oci Stott from the charity Let's Go Zero today. She will be helping us to develop and carry out our action plan to help us become carbon neutral by 2030. The eco council got to use an infra red heat monitor and we saw the amount of heat being given off by an interactive board on standby! That was turned straight off! They placed a game to help identify priorities and told Oci about all the eco work they have done this year.



## 2024/2025 Parent/Carer Survey

Recently we posted on Weduc an update of everything we have done this year, since the 2023/2024 parent/carers survey.

We have now sent you a link to our 2024/25 Parent/Carer Survey. This is a very important way for us to find out what you think about our school. Please look out for it and take some time to answer the questions. Thank you.

## Attendance

Well done Year 4! No learning time lost and great attendance!

Registration Form	Present R/C: Marks (%)	Late R/C: Marks (%)
Reception	94.44%	0.74%
Year 1	91.85%	0.74%
Year 2	98.15%	1.11%
Year 3	99.15%	0.43%
Year 4	95.63%	0%
Year 5	85.6%	0%
Year 6	94.84%	1.98%

## Important Dates

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



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# Lewisham Holiday Vouchers and Activities

If you are entitled to Free School Meal vouchers they will be automatically sent to you on 11<sup>th</sup> June. These vouchers allow you to participate in free activities during the summer break. No action is required on your part.

The holiday activities will be published here nearer the summer holidays on the Lewisham website - please click here - <https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/young-people/holiday-programme-food-and-fun>

## Dulwich Youth Orchestra

Dulwich Youth Orchestra are celebrating 50 years of holiday courses in Dulwich this summer and they are hoping to share this exciting achievement with as many local young musicians as possible.

All the children on the courses play in at least two orchestras, over five mornings and take part in a public performance at the end of the week. They provide a fantastic opportunity to support the work done in specialist instrumental and class music lessons, especially for pupils who do not have the opportunity to play in a regular ensemble elsewhere.

Please visit [www.dyodulwich.com](http://www.dyodulwich.com) for further information or scan the QR code.



## Online Safety Bulletin

### *How to best use location tracking apps within your family*

*Location tracking gives us the ability to see where somebody is via their smart device and is often one of the reasons children receive their first device. Internet Matters have published an article discussing location tracking, including the benefits and risks and provide links to other supporting resources.*

*You can read the article here:*

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/expert-opinion/how-to-use-location-tracking-apps-in-your-family/>





# 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/>

## Measles Cases Rising: Call For Action

Number of measles cases are rising in the UK with London having highest number of cases in England. Lewisham has the highest number of measles cases in Southeast London.

- Two doses of the MMR vaccine are required to be fully protected against measles.
- More information about the MMR vaccine can be found on the [NHS website](#).
  - The MMR vaccine is a combination vaccine which protects against three diseases – measles, mumps and rubella.
  - In England, children should receive their first dose of the MMR vaccine when they turn 12 months old, the second dose is given when children turn 18 months.
  - It is never too late to get vaccinated. People of any age who have missed MMR vaccinations can have them at their GP practice.
- The MMR vaccine is safe, free, effective and the best protection for our children and young adults.



- measles outbreaks happen when not enough children have been vaccinated
- measles can be a very serious disease, leading to ear and chest infections, fits, diarrhoea, and damage to the brain. Measles can kill
- your child is at risk of measles if he or she hasn't had the MMR vaccination
- 2 doses of MMR vaccine are needed to get the best protection
- if your child is due to have had 2 doses of MMR but has not yet received them, no matter what age they are, you should contact your GP to get them vaccinated as soon as possible\*
- if you can't remember if your child has had any, 1 or 2 doses of MMR vaccine, check his or her personal child health record (the Red Book). If this doesn't help, speak to your GP
- if you don't know how many doses your child has had, it's better to have 2 doses of MMR vaccine now rather than risk leaving them unprotected

\*In response to a local outbreak then the 2 doses can be given one month apart from the age of 18 months.

## 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](mailto:rawaite@brindisheschools.org). **Our last meeting for 2024/2025 will be held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2025 at Brindishe Lee School - 6pm.**

## Key Federation Dates

- Phonics Screening Check for Year 1 starts Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June
- Brindishe Schools INSET DAY - School closed to all children - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June
- Reports to parents/carers - Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July
- End of 2024/2025 - Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025