



Brindishe  
Manor

**End of Term**

**Friday 20th December  
3:15pm**

**Return to school  
Tuesday 7th January 2025**

# Newsletter

Friday 13th December 2024

## **What has been happening this week?**

Thank you to all of our parents and carers who have attended any of our performances this week. The children really enjoy performing to an audience and have all done really well, with beautiful singing, dancing and acting.

After each of our sessions we have held an Open Classroom for families to have a look at some of their child's learning from the wider curriculum. We hope you enjoyed having a look through the variety of learning that was available to you and seeing inside your child's classroom.

Today the children enjoyed their 'dress festive' day and Christmas lunch that was served by Molly and her team. Lots of the staff joined the children in the Lunch Room to eat lunch and listen to some Christmas music together.

## **What is happening next week?**

We are looking forward to welcoming Reception parents and carers to their performance on Monday at 2:45pm and our Nursery parents into our craft workshop on Tuesday 17th December between 9-10am.

Last week is our final week of the Autumn term. It has been a long term, but so much has been achieved and the children have all been making great progress across the curriculum. We have had residential visits, class trips, specialist coaching, online workshops, performances and a range of PSFA events.

A huge thank you to the many parents who give their time to support the school at our school events and for those who help at PSFA run events or who are indeed part of our really successful PSFA.

## **Breakfast Club and Tea Club**

From January, Brindishe Manor are going to be leading our own breakfast and after school club, with the current Little Gremlins team. We are really excited to be able to offer Breakfast Club and Tea Club ourselves and look forward to supporting families before and after school. Information has been sent to our existing families that use either of the clubs and our website will be updated next week with all of the up-to-date information required.

## Starting school in Reception in September 2025

Please be reminded that if you are applying for a Reception place for your child for the next academic year, you will need to apply by January 15th 2025. Your application should be made via **eadmissions** at <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>



## Number Day 2025 is fast approaching and this year we are seeking your support!

Do you use Maths in your job? Would you like to discuss how Maths supports the role you do?

We would love children to get a feel for how maths is used in the real world and make links to the learning we do in school. Whether you're a hairdresser, scientist, accountant, vet, meteorologist, sports analyst, carpenter, nurse - anything that uses Maths, we'd love to hear from you!

If you would be happy to do a short talk about your job to a group of children, please email [info-BM@brindisheschools.org](mailto:info-BM@brindisheschools.org) Please put FAO Miss Blackie - Number Day in the subject of your email. The date for the event is Friday 7th February 2025.

We look forward to hearing from you and thank you in advance.

### Request for spare clothes

We are running low on spare clothes for our younger children if they have accidents at school. If you have any unwanted clean joggers/ leggings/trousers/socks/underwear, please could you send in to the office. Thank you!

### Key Dates

**Monday 6th January** - INSET day  
**Tuesday 7th - Friday 17th January**  
- Y4 swimming  
**Wednesday 15th January** - Y6 visit to the Imperial War Museum  
**Friday 24th January** - Y5 Tudor Quiz  
**Wednesday 29th January** - Y6 visit Bromley Reform Synagogue  
**Further dates on the Weduc Calendar**

### A Quick Reminder About Sickness and Diarrhoea

We know it's never easy when your child is feeling unwell, and we really appreciate your support in keeping our school community healthy. If your child has had sickness or diarrhoea, we kindly ask that they stay at home for 48 hours after their symptoms have stopped. We understand that this can be a bit of a hassle, but it really helps prevent the spread of illness to other children.

## Crisis at Christmas

Due to a bucket malfunction last week, we were unable to collect donations for our Christmas charity. We will make sure there are buckets on the gate at drop off and pick up all next week if you have any spare change.





Brindishe  
Federation

# Brindishe Federation Newsletter Friday 13th December 2024



## Farewell to Julie Hockham and 'Thank You'

Next week, Brindishe Schools will say a very fond farewell to Brindishe Manor's long standing Assistant Headteacher, Julie Hockham. Julie was employed as a teacher at Lee Manor before becoming a valued member of the Senior Leadership Team of Brindishe Manor. Julie has been based at Brindishe Manor for the duration of her employment in Lewisham and the support, dedication and hard work she has given over 14 years to support **all staff and children in every Brindishe School** is remarkable. From EVC lead, Science and DT lead, School Journey support and most recently Curriculum Lead, her loyalty and commitment to all of our children has been unwavering. Staff across the federation have been led by her on many aspects of school life. Our Brindishe Curriculum, 'The World Is Our Classroom' has been reviewed and rewritten many times (not to mention formatted) by Julie and the subject leads and as a result our children across all three schools are exposed to a broad, progressive and ambitious curriculum, with strong resources to support.

Thank You, Julie. You will be sorely missed by children and staff at Brindishe Manor, but also staff from across Brindishe Green and Brindishe Lee too. We wish you all the luck in your new venture!

## Free School Meal vouchers for Christmas Holiday

London Borough of Lewisham will use an allocation of the 'Household Support Fund (5)' to support families with FSM eligible children by providing vouchers for the holidays until Easter 2025 and in particular, the upcoming Christmas and New Year holidays. The available funding means Lewisham can assist families at a rate of £30 per eligible child for this holiday.

"Lewisham Funded FSM Vouchers" will be processed from **Friday the 13th of December 2024**.

For more information the Lewisham Holiday Fun Programme provided over the festive break visit here -



<https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/young-people/holiday-programme-food-and-fun>

## Reception 2025 Application Deadline

The deadline is fast approaching for parents/carers to apply for a Reception place for September 2025 - **15th January 2025**.

### How to apply

You need to apply online at [www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk). You can apply for up to six schools, either in Lewisham or outside the borough. You must not put independent schools on your application. You must list the schools you wish to apply for in preference order. You must apply by the closing date on **15 January 2025**. When you will find out which school your child has been offered a place at You will get an email on the evening of national offer day, **Wednesday 16 April 2025**. It will tell you where your child has been offered a place and how to accept the offer.



Website to apply on:

<https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>



# Online Safety Bulletin



## Discussing distressing news

As we know, children often hear about distressing information in the news which can have detrimental effects on their wellbeing and mental health. Following on from the recent awful events in Southport, INEQUE Safeguarding Group have published an article to help you when discussing distressing news with your child.

The article also includes a downloadable resource that children can read when news becomes overwhelming for them.

Find out more here: <https://ineqe.com/2024/08/02/discussing-distressing-news-events-with-children/>



## Use of X (formally Twitter)

With immediate effect, Brindishe Schools will cease to use the platform X to celebrate our children and successes. All three school accounts have been disabled.

Over the last few years and most significantly the last few months, the social media platform does not align with our school vision and values and everything that Brindishe stands for: respect, equality, equity, understanding and diversity. The Senior Leadership Team from across Brindishe will take some time now to decide how best we communicate with you going forward.

## Rights Respecting - Article of the Week



### Human Rights Day

On 10th December 1948, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly.

This important moment in human history is now remembered on that date every year and is known as Human Rights Day.

All children have the same human rights as adults. The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child sets out the additional rights that all children have until the age of 18.

Children's rights are human rights so we can celebrate them alongside the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

### Article 4 (implementation of the Convention)

Governments must do all they can to make sure every child can enjoy their rights by creating systems and passing laws that promote and protect children's rights.

### Article 41 (respect for higher national standards)

If a country has laws and standards that go further than the present Convention, then the country must keep these laws.

Watch [this video](#) with your child at home about the history of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Discuss in why you think the rights mentioned are important and relevant to you and your family.



# 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 third meeting for 2024/2025 will be held on Thursday 6th February 2025 at Brindishe Manor School - 6pm.**

## Key Federation Dates

- INSET DAY - Friday 29th November
- Christmas Holidays - Monday 23rd December to Friday 3rd January
- INSET Day - Monday 6th January - Children back to school Tuesday 7th January
- End of Spring Term 1 - Friday 14th February
- Half Term - Monday 17th to Friday 21st February
- Children return to school - Monday 24th February

# Sportacus New Year's Camps

## 2nd and 3rd January at Brindishe Green



**HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM SPORTACUS**

**NEW YEARS 25**

# SPORTATHON

THURSDAY 2ND & FRIDAY 3RD JAN 25

3 FANTASTIC VENUES | STANDARD DAY 09:30 - 3:30  
EXTENDED DAY 08:00 - 5:30

**WWW.SPORTACUS.CO.UK**  
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**2 DAY SPORTATHON**

**NEW YEARS 25**

# SPORTATHON

JUMP BACK INTO ACTION WITH OUR 2-DAY JANUARY CAMP! SHAKE OFF THE CHRISTMAS BREAK AND GET BACK TO BEING ACTIVE WITH OUR FUN-FILLED JANUARY CAMP! OVER TWO EXCITING DAYS, YOUR CHILDREN CAN DIVE INTO A MIX OF SPORTS, GAMES, AND CREATIVE ACTIVITIES DESIGNED TO RE-ENERGIZE THEIR MINDS AND BODIES AFTER THE HOLIDAY SEASON. WHETHER IT'S BUILDING NEW SKILLS OR ENJOYING A BURST OF POST-HOLIDAY FUN, OUR EXPERIENCED COACHES ENSURE A SAFE AND ENGAGING ENVIRONMENT.

**WHAT TO BRING:**  
A PACKED LUNCH AND SNACKS FOR THE DAY  
A REFILLABLE WATER BOTTLE TO STAY HYDRATED  
SUITABLE CLOTHING FOR SPORTS AND WEATHER CONDITIONS  
ANY MEDICATION (CLEARLY LABELED)  
FOR OUR YOUNGEST SPORTATOTS PLEASE PACK A SPARE SET OF CLOTHES, JUST IN CASE!

BRINDISHE GREEN - DARRICK WOOD JRS - GREEN STREET GREEN

STANDARD DAY 9:30 - 3:30 £28.50  
EXTENDED DAY 8:00 - 5:30 £45.00

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