



DRUMBEAT SCHOOL

Newsletter — Summer Term 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy and successful school year, we would like to take a moment to celebrate the achievements of our pupils and reflect on some of the highlights from this final half term.

We are delighted to have been awarded the **Rights Respecting Schools Silver Award**. This is a fantastic achievement and a testament to the dedication, hard work and commitment of both our pupils and staff.

Congratulations also to our Brockley students who successfully completed their **Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award**, including a challenging two-night expedition. We are incredibly proud of their determination and resilience.

This term, pupils across all of our sites enjoyed their annual **Sports Days**, demonstrating excellent teamwork, enthusiasm and sportsmanship. We also rounded off the year with a range of exciting celebrations, including **Drumfest, tea parties and discos**, creating wonderful memories for everyone.

As we reach the end of the year, we also say farewell to some valued members of staff. In particular, **Denise Gallagher**, Head of School at Brockley, will be retiring after being part of Drumbeat since it first opened. Denise has played an integral role in the school's journey and has made a lasting impact on countless pupils, families and colleagues. We thank her for her years of dedication and wish her a long, happy and adventure-filled retirement.

From September, the Government is introducing changes to the **Free School Meals** system. Please see page 3 of this newsletter for further information about what these changes mean for families.

Finally, I would like to thank all of our families for your continued support throughout the year. Your partnership makes a real difference to our school community, and we are truly grateful. We are already looking forward to the new school year with great excitement and can't wait to welcome everyone back on **Thursday 3rd September**.

Until then, we wish you all a safe, relaxing and enjoyable summer break.

Marie Neave
Executive Headteacher

New Academic Year Travel Assistance Arrangements



Any new pupils or pupils who are **changing school site** will need to complete an online travel assistance application form which can be found on the Lewisham website [How to apply for travel assistance](#) or by calling TCT.

Please contact tct@lewisham.gov.uk or call us on 020 8314 6363 if you have any transport related queries.

They are available Monday – Friday 08:00 – 17:00

If you require any assistance with completing the application, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Dates for the Diary....

Monday, 20 July

Last day of term

School will close at 1pm on this day

Wednesday, 2 September

INSET day

Pupils will not attend school on this day

Thursday, 3 September

First day of term for pupils

Wednesday, 21 October

Last day of term for pupils

Thursday, 22 Oct & Friday, 23 Oct

INSET days

Pupils will not attend school on this day



Free School Meals

**action required before
September 2026**

All families must **apply or reapply for free school meals before September 2026** due to changes in government guidance.

What is changing?

From September 2026:

- All families receiving Universal Credit will be entitled to free school meals
- Eligibility will be based on your **current circumstances** and checked regularly
- Existing entitlements will **not automatically continue**

What you must do

You must apply or reapply even if:

- Your child already receives free school meals
- You receive Universal Credit
- Meals are currently free for your child
- You have applied previously

If you do not apply

- Your eligibility may not be recorded correctly, and
- You may lose your child's free school meal entitlement and be required to pay for school meals

Apply now

Apply online via Lewisham Council:

<https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/student-pupil-support/free-school-meals-and-extra-support-for-your-child>

If you need support, please contact the school Family Liaison Officers.



FRIENDLY REMINDER



SCHOOL START & FINISH TIMES



START TIME:
8:50–9:00AM



END TIME:
3:00–3:15PM



Doors open at 8:50 AM for drop off and 2:50 PM for collections.



Please ensure you arrive on time.



Late arrivals disrupt learning and routines.



Collect your child promptly at the end of school.

**Thank you for helping us keep
things running smoothly!**



**PLEASE UPDATE YOUR
CONTACT DETAILS**

**Pease ensure that your contact details
and address is up to date.**

**If you have any changes, please let the
office AND your local SEN know.**

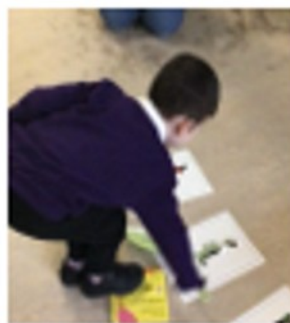


Crocodile Class

The children in Crocodile class have enjoyed taking part in a variety of creative art activities this term. They have explored collage, painting and colour mixing, learning how to use a range of tools, including paintbrushes, glue sticks and sponges. The children have been enthusiastic and imaginative, creating their own artwork and experimenting with different textures, colours and techniques. As part of Environmental Week, the children collected leaves from the Forest School and used them to create beautiful nature collages. They also planted seeds and enjoyed watching with excitement as they began to grow. These activities provided opportunities to develop creativity, fine motor skills and an appreciation of the natural world.



This summer term, Crocodile class has been very busy and has worked so hard across all areas of learning. In maths, the children have been developing their skills and knowledge of number by lining up objects, counting carefully and exploring patterns and shapes through a range of practical activities. They have shown great enthusiasm and have made fantastic progress in their understanding. The children have also enjoyed spending time looking at books, sharing stories and developing a love of reading. Alongside this, they have been actively taking part in phonics activities, building their confidence with sounds, letters and early reading skills. We are very proud of all their hard work, effort and achievements this term.



Panda Class

As we come to the end of another wonderful term, we would like to take a moment to celebrate all the fantastic achievements of our Panda Class children. They have been absolutely amazing and have worked incredibly hard towards their individual targets whilst having lots of fun along the way. We are so proud of everything they have accomplished!

One of the highlights of this term was Environmental Week. The children enjoyed planting cress seeds and watching them grow, helping them to learn all about caring for living things. We also explored different habitats and got creative by making beautiful pieces of recycled art. It was wonderful to see the children engaging with activities that encouraged them to think about the world around them.

This term, Panda Class has also been enjoying their swimming sessions. The children have truly wowed us with their growing independence when transitioning to and from swimming and practicing getting themselves changed. They showed great confidence and determination, and everyone had lots of fun splashing around, building confidence and using the floats!

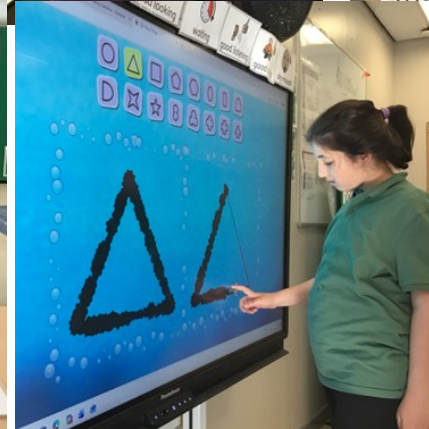
All of the Panda Class team are incredibly proud of each and every child. Their hard work, positive attitudes and achievements this term have been wonderful to see, and we look forward to watching them continue to grow.

We hope you all have a well deserved, relaxing summer break. Thank you for your continued support throughout the year. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new academic year!

From all of the Panda Class Team



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Drumbeat Turnham

Drumbeat Turnham has enjoyed a number of exciting events and celebrations this half term. We held our very first school disco, which was a fantastic success. Many of our children and parents joined us for an evening of dancing, socialising and an amazing raffle. It was wonderful to see everyone come together and enjoy such a special community event.

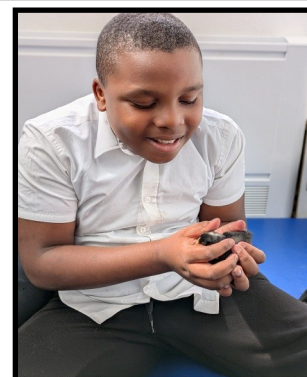
Pupils also had a fantastic time at our in-house Sports Day. Children took part in class teams and enjoyed a range of fun sporting and sensory activities, demonstrating great teamwork, enthusiasm and determination throughout the day.

Finally, we celebrated our Year 6 Graduation, where we said "see you later" to ten of our Year 6 pupils who are moving on to Drumbeat Downham and neighbouring schools. It was a very emotional day as we reflected on the incredible journeys these pupils have been on during their time at Turnham. While we are sad to see them leave, we are immensely proud of everything they have achieved and excited to hear about their future successes. We wish them all the very best as they take their next steps.

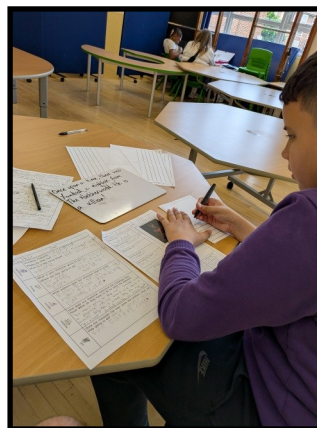
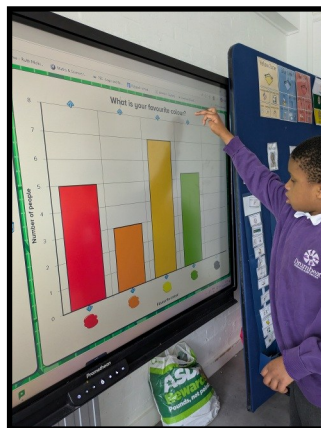


Lynx Class

Lynx Class have had a brilliant Summer Term, there has been so much to enjoy! Environmental Week was especially exciting for us in Lynx Class, of course holding and watching the hatching chicks were a highlight but, we also loved listening to a young bee keeper and asking lots of questions. We built our own bug hotels and completed a treasure hunt in Buckthorne Nature Reserve!

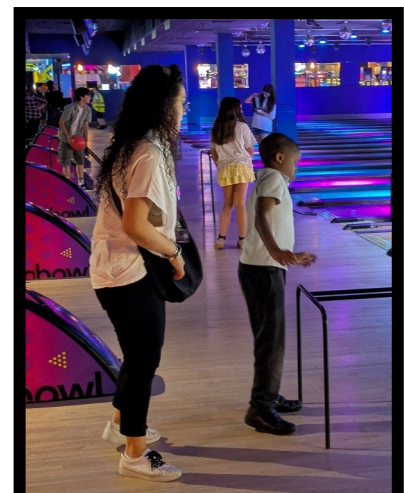
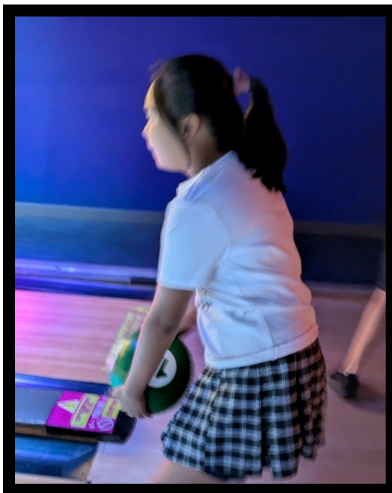
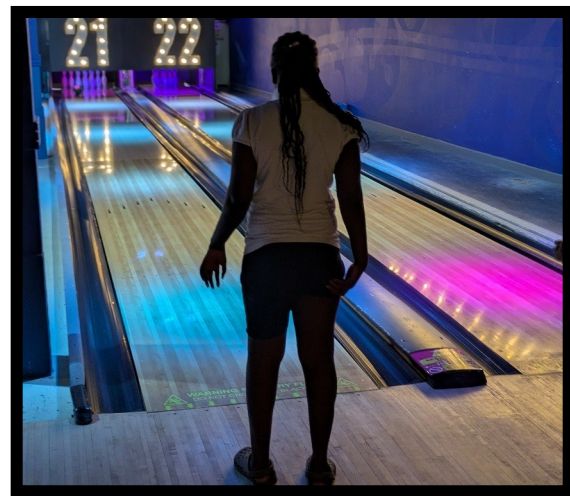


Lynx Class have had a year of working exceptionally hard, making all the adults so proud and the Summer term has been no exception. The children have collected their own data and represented this using bar graphs and pictograms, they have planned and written their own stories and much more!



To celebrate the end to a fantastic year, we also went on a bowling trip to Disco Bowl in Lewisham. We had an absolutely fantastic time, the children were exceptional on the bus (despite the heat!) and all bowled like champions!!

We are so very proud of all the hard work the children have put into their school year and know they will continue to do so in their new classes and schools. We cannot wait to see them all in September.



All the adults in Lynx class would like to say a huge thanks to all parents and carers at home. Your kindness and support this year has made a huge impact and we are so very grateful to all of you.

We hope that you have a fantastic Summer and look forward to hearing about the all the adventures, near or far, you have over the holidays.

Brockley Sports Day 2026

Brockley Sports Day was a fantastic success, bringing together pupils and staff for a day of fun, teamwork and friendly competition.

In the morning, pupils took part in a range of exciting activities, including relay races, archery, obstacle courses, and throwing and kicking challenges. Every class performed brilliantly, demonstrating excellent teamwork, determination and enthusiasm throughout the events. While all participants should be proud of their efforts, there could only be one overall winner, and congratulations go to **Finland Class**, who emerged victorious.

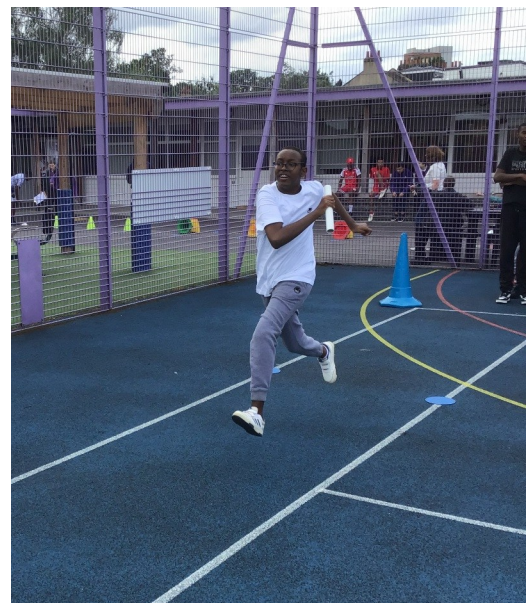
The afternoon featured a series of competitive races, with classes going head-to-head in front of enthusiastic supporters. It was a closely contested competition, but **Hilly Fields** ultimately claimed victory following a fantastic display of effort, perseverance and teamwork.

It was wonderful to see pupils demonstrating determination, resilience and outstanding sportsmanship while supporting one another and celebrating each other's achievements. The atmosphere throughout the day was positive and energetic, with pupils showing great enthusiasm and pride in representing their teams. Whether competing for a medal, cheering on their friends or trying a new activity, every participant played an important role in making the day memorable.

A huge thank you goes to all the staff and students who helped organise and support the event. Their hard work and commitment ensured the day ran smoothly and was enjoyed by everyone involved.

Most importantly, congratulations to all our pupils for their excellent effort, positive attitudes and outstanding participation. We are incredibly proud of the way they represented themselves and the school.

We are already looking forward to next year's Sports Day!



BMX Club

Students have been attending BMX sessions at the Lewisham BMX Track and have thoroughly enjoyed learning new skills in a fun and supportive environment. Throughout the programme, they practised a range of BMX techniques, including balance, control, cornering and safe riding around the track.

The coaches provided excellent support and adapted activities to meet the individual needs of our students, helping everyone to build confidence and develop their riding abilities. It has been wonderful to see students challenge themselves, show determination and encourage one another throughout the sessions.



Most importantly, every student had lots of fun and looked forward to taking part each week. We are incredibly grateful to Lewisham BMX for providing such a positive experience and hope to continue working with them to offer our students more opportunities to participate in this exciting sport.





Tennis

Students recently took part in a tennis workshop run by Vamos Tennis at Dulwich Park. The session was great, and all students enjoyed taking part in a range of fun activities.



The coach set up different stations to help teach basic tennis skills, which were well suited to our students. Everyone was fully engaged and had a great time, making it a fantastic introduction to tennis. It was also a perfect way to get ready for the upcoming Wimbledon tournament. We hope to continue these sessions in the future.



SEND Sports Festival

Students recently attended a SEND Sports Festival organised by Access Sport at Marlborough Sports Garden near London Bridge. It was a fantastic day, giving our students the opportunity to meet and take part in activities alongside students from other schools. Throughout the day, they enjoyed a variety of sports including cricket, beach volleyball, boccia and football. The activities were fun, engaging and suitable for all abilities, helping students build confidence, teamwork and new skills.



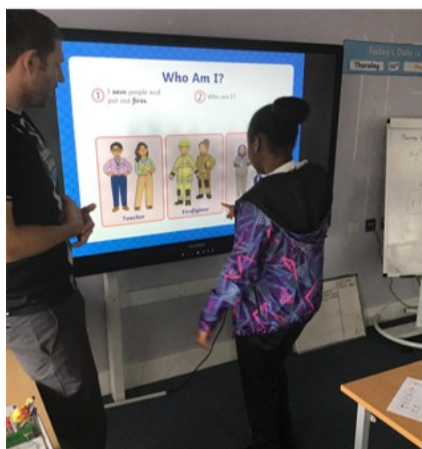
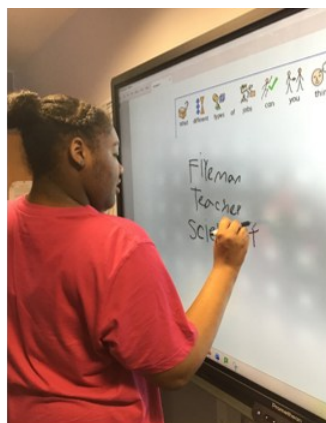
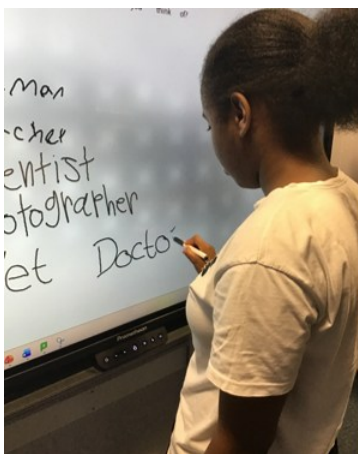
The trip also provided a fantastic opportunity to develop travel training skills, as students travelled from school to the venue using public transport. They showed excellent behaviour, independence and confidence throughout the journey. It was wonderful to see everyone getting involved, trying new activities and having so much fun. What a great day for all involved!

Finland Class

Finland Class have continued to make excellent progress this term, and we are incredibly proud of all the student's effort and hard work. Unfortunately, we have to say bye to a few of our classmates, but we are excited for their next chapter in life.

In order to best prepare for the future ahead, Finland class have been exploring the world of work, learning about different jobs and the skills needed for employment. A particular focus has been preparing for job interviews, where pupils have practised answering common interview questions, talking about their strengths, and presenting themselves confidently. Through role-play activities and group discussions, the class have developed their communication, listening, and social interaction skills while learning the importance of making a positive first impression.

It has been wonderful to see the pupils grow in confidence and independence as they prepare for future opportunities.



Revelon Class

Revelon class have had a lovely end to the year. They have been going out and about doing different activities in different places such as bowling in Lewisham and the beach and we have been for regular walks in the locality. Many different sports have been enjoyed, such as Taekwondo, BMX, football, basketball and athletics. In Art we have explored art from different cultures and have learnt about famous artists such as Van Gogh, Stephen Wiltshire, Monet and Georgia O' Keefe and created artwork in their style.

Revelon class have also been thinking about future careers, updating their CVs and learning about the recruitment process. The students have had successful work experience placements, such as at Arlo and Mo café, the Naval college in Greenwich and then Sue Ryder charity shop in Catford. In debating, the class have been developing their viewpoints on a number of different subjects relating to the Right Respecting schools article 29, about every child having a right to Education.

We wish you a very enjoyable summer.



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Lewisham SEND Inclusive Sports Summer Activity

Multiple dates in July and August
2026!

Alex Yee Ladywell Arena,
Silvermere Rd, London SE6 4QX

Free activity, accessible for all
abilities, for disabled young people
aged 5 - 25, and their families.

Register below using the link or
scan the QR code:

bit.ly/LewishamSummer26



Delivered by the Lewisham
Disability Sport Network.

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Disability.Inclusion@AccessSport.org.uk

020 7993 9883

School term dates 2026-27

Autumn term 1 (38 days)

- Wednesday 2 September
- Thursday 3 September
- Wednesday 21 October
- Thursday 22 Oct & Friday 23 Oct

Half Term

INSET Day
 First day of term for pupils
 Last day of term for pupils
 INSET Days

Monday 26 October to Friday 30 October

Autumn term 2 (35 days)

- Monday 2 November
- Friday 4 December
- Friday 18 December

Christmas Holiday

First day of term
 INSET Day
 Last day of term*

Monday 21 December to Friday 1 January

Spring term 1 (30 days)

- Monday 4 January
- Friday 12 February

Half term

First day of term
 Last day of term

Monday 15 February to Friday 19 February

Spring term 2 (24 days)

- Monday 22 February
- Thursday 25 March

Easter Holiday

First day of term
 Last day of term*

Friday 26 March to Friday 9 April

Summer term 1 (34 days)

- Monday 12 April
- Monday 3 May
- Friday 28 May

Half term

First day of term
 Bank Holiday
 Last day of term

Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June

Summer term 2 (34 days)

- Monday 7 June
- Friday 9 July
- Thursday 22 July

First day of term
 INSET Day
 Last day of term*

Pupils will not attend school on INSET days
***School will close at 1pm on last day of term 2**