



DRUMBEAT SCHOOL

Newsletter — Summer Term

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt thanks for your continued support throughout the year. It has been another fantastic year at Drumbeat.

I would also like to thank our talented and committed staff who work tirelessly to provide a safe, inspiring, and nurturing environment for every child.

Their passion and professionalism are at the heart of everything we do.

To those moving on to new adventures – we will miss you and wish you all the very best for the future. To everyone returning in September – we look forward to welcoming you back, rested and refreshed, for another exciting year of learning and growth.

Wishing you all a safe, restful, and enjoyable summer break.

Marie Neave
Executive Headteacher

Dates for the Diary....

Friday, 18 July

Leavers Assembly (Brockley)

Tuesday, 22 July

Last day of term

School will close at 1pm

Monday, 1 September

INSET day

Pupils will not attend school on this day

Tuesday, 2 September

First day of term

Friday, 10 October

INSET day

Pupils will not attend school on this day

John Smith Cup Football Tournament

Every year we have a special football tournament to commemorate our friend and colleague John Smith. The event is called the **John Smith Cup**.

John loved football and cared a lot about our school. This tournament is a way to say thank you and remember him. All the pupils showed great team spirit and had lots of fun. The winning team received the John Smith Cup.



On behalf of everyone at Brockley, I would like to extend our sincere thanks to

Ben and Office Solutions

for kindly donating the leavers hoodies this year.

Your generosity means a great deal to our students — it's more than just a hoodie; it's a lasting memory of their time at Drumbeat and a symbol of their achievements. The smiles on their faces when they received them said it all.

We truly appreciate your support and commitment to the local community. Thank you again for helping make this milestone so special for our leavers.



School Hours

Start time: 8:50—9:00am
End time: 3:00 — 3:15 pm
 Doors open at 8:50am for drop off and
 2:50pm for collections.

Lewisham School Transport

1) New Starters or changing school site

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

2) Pupils leaving or moving at end of Summer Term 2025

Pupils will not automatically qualify for transport at their new establishment, parents will need to re-apply.

TCT are available Monday – Friday 08:00 – 17:00. If you have any queries please email them at tct@lewisham.gov.uk or call on 020 8314 6363.



After School Club Now Available at Bubbly Nursery Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays 3:15-6:00pm.



Bubbly Nursery is now offering After School Club for children aged between 4-9 years old

Mini Bus will be available to pick up children from Drumbeat and Watgate school to Bubbly.

If you are interested please complete the registration form on our website or contact us on:

www.bubblyspecialneedsnursery.co.uk

Phone: 07954 952406

Bubbly is based at London Borough of Lewisham and accepting SEN children from neighbouring boroughs



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.

DRUMBEAT SUMMER FAIR 2025

We would like to thank all those who attended the Upbeat Summer Fair. It was a very successful and special celebration for our young people. The Upbeat team at Drumbeat have worked so hard to put on this event, so a special thank you to them.



We are a Rights Respecting School

I'm pleased to share that we are now working towards the Silver Rights Respecting Schools Award. This is part of a national UNICEF programme that supports schools to place children's rights at the heart of everything they do.

At Drumbeat, we want all our pupils to feel safe, respected, and valued. Through the Rights Respecting Schools Award, we are building a culture where children not only learn about their own rights but also develop a sense of respect for the rights of others. This work is based on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and links closely with our school values.

Over the past half term, staff have been introducing the idea of rights in ways that are meaningful and accessible for our pupils. In class, children have explored themes such as fairness, safety and kindness through role-play, sensory activities and real-life situations. We've been celebrating their achievements in our assemblies—recognising when children use their voice, help a friend or take care of their space. These everyday moments are powerful ways for our pupils to begin understanding their rights and the rights of others. It's been lovely to see each class taking this forward in a way that makes sense for them.

Our School Council is also helping us take this work forward by sharing pupils' ideas and giving them opportunities to be involved in decisions. Staff across the school have taken part in training to make sure this approach is consistent and inclusive for all.

As always, families are an important part of our school community. We know that many of our children learn best through real experiences and consistency across home and school. You can support this work simply by noticing and naming the positive things your child does, like being kind, taking turns, or asking for help. We'll continue to share what we're doing in school so you feel included in the journey too.

We are proud of how the children have responded so far, and we look forward to continuing this journey with you.

Rebecca Day (AHT), Sonia Lopez Martinez (Class Teacher and Maths Lead). RRS coordinators

School council

Our School Council has been busy learning about children's rights and helping others across the school to do the same. This half term, they've taken part in sessions where they shared what they enjoy about Drumbeat, explored the idea of fairness, and created posters linking our school values to children's rights. It's been a joy to see them taking pride in their role and helping to make rights part of everyday life at Drumbeat.

  
We have been thinking about

  
what children's rights are.

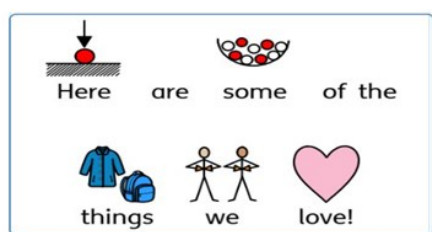


Assemblies

Across the school, pupils have been taking part in special assemblies focused on their rights. Each group explored a different article from the UN Convention, from the right to play, to the right to be healthy, to the right to develop our talents. EYFS explored how toys and play make us feel happy through sensory and interactive activities. KS1 shared how they play together, watched class videos, and celebrated positive interactions. KS2 focused on talents and interests, sharing creative work and celebrating what helps us grow and learn. KS3 explored healthy routines and how they help us feel well and ready for school. In Pathway 3/4, pupils watched a video introducing some key rights and took part in an interactive game. It's been wonderful to see pupils across the school engaging with the idea of rights in a way that makes sense to them.



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Individual classes

As part of our work towards becoming a Rights Respecting School, all classes across both Downham and Turnham sites have been learning about different articles from the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. Each class explored a specific right through activities suited to their children's needs, from sensory play and roleplay to cooking, storytelling and games.

Some classes focused on the right to play, while others explored fairness, privacy, health, or expressing your views. Children celebrated their talents, explored their cultures, and used a variety of communication methods including AAC, Makaton, and symbols to share their thoughts.

Staff and pupils worked together to make each session engaging and relevant. It has been a great term full of exploration, creativity, and growing understanding of rights across the school.







It has been a true honour to watch them learn, interact with friends, and take on new challenges. I'm so proud of how far they've come, and I know they're more than ready to take their next big step into a new class, with new adventures and opportunities ahead.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart to all you parents and carers for all your support, trust, and kindness throughout the year. It truly has been a team effort and me, Juliana, Marcia and Tosin appreciate you all and wish you a great and restful summer break!

Drumbeat School & ASD Service

Trip to Danson Park



Pelican Class News!



As we come to the end of the summer term, I just want to say what a wonderful year it has been in Pelican Class! We have learnt so much and taken on many exciting challenges in all areas of our curriculum.

This term, in our topic lessons, we have been learning about plants, our planet, and the environment. We have enjoyed playing with flowers, exploring and labelling their different parts, and discovering why nature is important and how we can help care for our planet.



In cooking, we have been focusing on developing our independence by learning to prepare simple meals for ourselves. The children have practised making a variety of dishes, including warming soups and assembling their own mini pizzas. This hands-on experience has not only helped build their confidence in the kitchen but also encouraged them to try new flavours and ingredients. We have loved seeing their excitement as they tasted all the different foods they made and shared their creations with friends.



In maths, we have been exploring pictograms to collect and represent data visually. The children have enjoyed counting, sorting, and interpreting information through these charts. Alongside this, we have been getting to grips with basic calculations, including addition, subtraction, and multiplication. We have also introduced the concepts of prepositions and directions, helping the children understand spatial language such as “under,” “next to,” “on,” and how to follow and give simple instructions involving left, right, forwards, and backwards. These lessons have made maths more interactive and practical, helping the children apply their skills in everyday contexts.



Zebra Class

What a fantastic term (and year!) it's been in Zebra Class! We've been busy learning, playing, and growing together – and having so much fun along the way.

This term, we've been getting stuck into all things nature! Our weekly Forest School sessions took us outdoors to plant, weed, dig, and explore different habitats. During Environmental Week, we learned how to help our planet by recycling, saving energy, and looking after the world around us.

In Maths, we explored measurement using rulers, scales, and tape measures, and had fun learning about coins – adding up totals and working out change like little shopkeepers!

We're super proud of the progress everyone's made in phonics – with most of the class passing or coming very close in their assessments. In English, we practised researching useful information using dictionaries and search engines to find things like our names, birthdays, and addresses.

We also made the most of the sunshine with lots of water play, gardening, and sensory fun outside. It's been a brilliant year full of laughter, learning, new friendships, and fantastic progress in literacy and numeracy. Have a wonderful summer – we can't wait to see you all in September.



Atlas Class

This summer term Atlas class have been very busy working on their targets and learning about the natural world. During Environmental week we learnt how to sort materials for recycling, make art using the things we'd otherwise throw away, and why it's so important to protect bees. We explored the different parts of plants and what they need to survive for our science topic, and then visited the Buckthorne nature reserve to find some of the things we'd been learning about in class and watch the trains go by next to the track. In art classes we've been sculpting with playdough and practiced cutting and scooping in cooking lessons.



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Phoenix Class News

Phoenix class have had a wonderful half term. They have continued to make progressed within all of their learning areas and with their confidence and independence.

Our learning

As you are aware we are constantly working on the children's EHCP targets. Although throughout the half term we will have a variety of different learning areas, topics and books we focus our learning on. In maths we have worked on identifying groups which have 'more' and less. We have focused on adding 1 to numbers with visual support.

We continue to work through our personalised phonics program.

In science we have been learning about plants and trees. We have been learning about what flowers need to grow and have labelled the different parts of the flower.

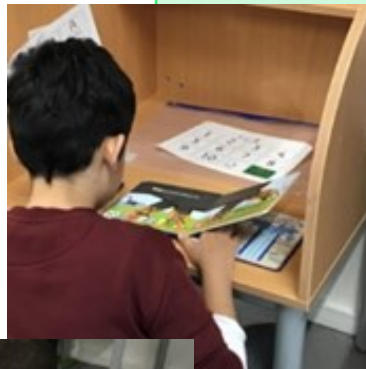
In cooking the children have worked on making healthy snack and focused on keeping our hands clean whilst we make our food.

Trips

Phoenix class visited the Cove in Greenwich Park. They followed instructions and had the best time. We learnt about being safe outside the classroom and crossing roads.

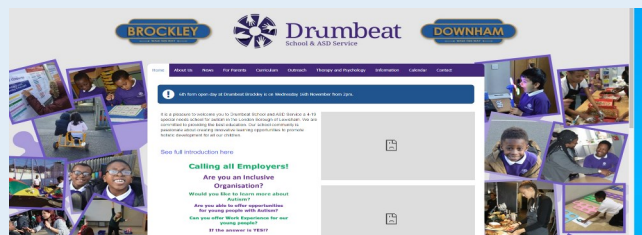
Swimming

We had a fantastic time during our swimming lessons during summer 1. It is always lovely to see how the children progress in their confidence being in the water. They followed instructions on how to move through the water as well as playing with lots of fun water toys.



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School Website



Important information such as term dates, school newsletters. We also share additional support documents such as communication tasks to do at home and visual school holiday timetables for the children.
www.drumbeatasd.co.uk



Have a wonderful break from school we look forward to seeing you in September
 Please if you have any questions or information to share, please feel free to send me
 an email r.martin@drumbeat.lewisham.sch.uk

A Great Year of Work Experience for Our Students

This year has been amazing for our students. They got the chance to try different jobs in many places, like Torridon and Crofton Park libraries, CO-OP supermarket, Tomboyz hair salons, Old Royal Naval College Museum and Sue Ryder charity shop.

These work placements helped students learn about different kinds of jobs and industries. They also learnt new skills and used what they've been studying at school. Whether they were helping customers, setting up displays or doing everyday tasks, every job taught them something useful.

The experience help students become more confident, better at communicating with people and more independent in their travels and daily routines. It was a great way to see what real work is like and get ready for the future.

We are very proud of all our students and special mention Teddy, who now has a weekend job because of his hard work during his placement at Sue Ryder. Great job, Teddy!

A big thank you to everyone who helped make this happen.



Music Club

This year, Drumbeat Turnham's music club have been working with the London Symphony Orchestra. We have created 3 pieces and played with players from the LSO, and have been to see them in concert at the Barbican Theatre. The music club have really enjoyed working with the players and developing their musical skills.



Brockley Family Fun Day & Drumfest

We've been having lots of fun at Brockley with our summer celebrations!

We held our annual Family Fun Day on July 11th and Drumfest 2025 on July 17th. For the Family Fun Day, Brockley students turned the playground into a market with stalls and games. Classes sold jewellery they'd made, cakes, fruit smoothies, slushies and hosted games like bowling and penalty shootout. Thank you to all our parents for coming along and supporting this event. It created a real community atmosphere!

Our Drumfest 2025 event, was a celebration for our leavers! We hosted a special lunch with a beautifully decorated hall. This was followed by a local band 'Untapped' from the Autism Project (TAP) and a disco. Lots of fun was had by all.

We will miss all our leavers, best of luck to you all!



Lewisham Foodbank Visit

We were very happy to visit Lewisham Foodbank recently to deliver donations from Drumbeat School. A big thank you for all contributions received! Some of our students had the chance to visit the foodbank every week. During these visits, they helped with different tasks and supported the staff and volunteers. It was a great way for them to build work and social skills while giving back to the community. We are truly grateful for the strong and positive relationship we have built with Lewisham Foodbank over the years. Thank you for your continued support.



John Smith Cup Curling Tournament

Students at the Brockley site had a great time taking part in the John Smith Cup curling tournament.

Everyone was fully engaged and really enjoyed the experience. Congratulations to Ivydale Class for winning the cup! They did a fantastic job and showed great teamwork and spirit.



Brockley Sports Day

This term, Drumbeat Brockley held its Sports Day event on Monday, 7th July at Ladywell Arena. All classes transitioned smoothly and arrived full of excitement and enthusiasm. A big congratulations to Revelon Class for securing 1st place in Key Stage 5, and to Peckham Rye for taking 1st place in Key Stage 4. Every class put in a fantastic effort across all activities, and most importantly, everyone had a great time!



Telegraph Hill News

Going Out and About

Telegraph Hill have had a lovely end to the year and have been going out and about doing different activities and to different places. With Hilly Fields class, some of our students went bowling, which they really enjoyed. Especially when they were able to order food afterwards.

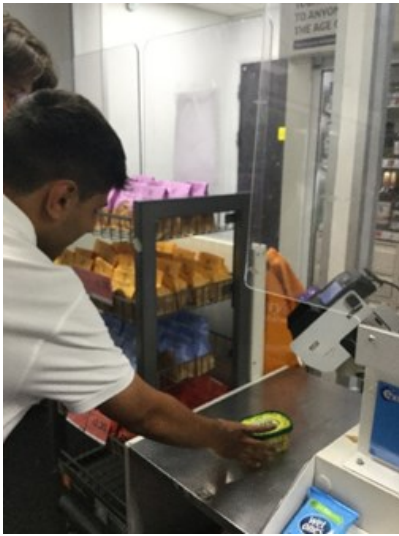
We have also been taking regular walks out into the community, where we have been practicing road safety, like stopping, looking and listening before crossing the road. The pupils have been shopping, using a shopping list to buy ingredients for cooking, and then paying using cash or card.

Finally, we took a trip to Danson Park, where we enjoyed some water play, bought some snacks from the café and fed the ducks. We had a great time and really enjoyed visiting somewhere new.

Telegraph Hill have had an amazing year and everyone deserves to have a nice long rest. I hope you all have a nice summer!



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Champions of Inclusion



A group of students from KS4 and KS5 have been participating in the project 'Champions of Inclusion'. As a group they have been discussing how it feels to have autism, their challenges and feelings, their hobbies and interests. After 6 weeks they ran workshops about their hobbies and interests for other children with ASD at Catford civic centre. Tasharn demonstrated origami, Andre made pipe cleaner people and animals and Zion performed and created rap music. Following this they went to Lewisham radio to record a podcast on live radio with Andre presenting it. All the students talked confidently about their interests and what they enjoyed doing.



Manor Park

Manor Park class have had a productive and fun term. The students enjoyed the Environmental week activities, especially the "Climate march" around the neighbourhood. In Art we explored the topic Sculptures and Textiles. The students showed creativity when using clay and designing textile using the tie dye technique. We planted seeds in science and watched the plants grow over the term. The students showed interest in exploring electrical circuits and learning about electricity. Everyone had lots of fun during the Sports day. It was great to see parents joining in and taking part in the activities. We wish you a great summer break!





We have been practising our cycling skills.





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If you are experiencing hardship, have a child under 5 and live in one of our qualifying London boroughs, you can ask your midwife, health visitor, doctor, school or local Children's Centre for a Little Village referral. They can find out more at

www.littlevillagehq.org/make-a-referral

We will then be in touch to confirm how to receive your items.

I'm a professional and want to refer a family to Little Village

You can refer any family who you feel would benefit from our support – there are no complicated assessments. Details on how to refer are on our website. If you would like more information on how we work with referral partners, please email us at referrals@littlevillagehq.org.

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School term dates 2025-26

Autumn term 1

Monday 1 September	INSET DAY
Tuesday 2 September	First day of term
Friday 10 October	INSET DAY
Friday 24 October	Last day of term

Half Term

Monday 27 October to Friday 31 October

Autumn term 2

Monday 3 November	First day of term
Friday 5 December	INSET DAY
Friday 19 December	Last day of term*

Christmas Holiday

Monday 22 December to Friday 2 January

Spring term 1

Monday 5 January	First day of term
Friday 16 January	INSET DAY
Friday 13 February	Last day of term

Half term

Monday 16 February to Friday 20 February

Spring term 2

Monday 23 February	First day of term
Friday 27 March	Last day of term*

Easter Holiday

Monday 30 March to Friday 10 April

Summer term 1

Monday 13 April	First day of term
Monday 4 May	Bank Holiday
Friday 22 May	Last day of term

Half term

Monday 25 May to Friday 29 May

Summer term 2

Monday 1 June	First day of term
Monday 25 May	Bank Holiday
Friday 12 June	INSET DAY
Monday 20 July	Last day of term*

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