



# DRUMBEAT SCHOOL

## Newsletter — Spring Term 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of the spring term, we would like to take a moment to reflect on the wonderful progress and achievements of our pupils. It has been a term full of hard work, growth, and unforgettable experiences, and we are incredibly proud of how our school community has come together.

The spring term has been bursting with creative opportunities. Our students showcased their talents through art, music, and drama. Performances at the Shakespeare Schools Festival by pupils from Downham and Brockley sites received rave reviews.

Turnham site students participated in an engaging music project with the London Symphony Orchestra.

Students from all three school sites also collaborated on an art project with the Horniman Museum. Additionally, we also had our first cheerleading session thanks to Cheer London All Starz.

Our annual Career's week was another success, offering a diverse range of activities, including external agency visits and community trips that explored various job roles. The week culminated with the Life after Drumbeat Careers Fair on the Brockley site which was well attended by our families.

We hope that you have lovely break and thank you for your continued support.

Marie Neave  
Executive Headteacher

### *Dates for the Diary....*

**Friday, 4 April**

**Last day of term**

*School will close at 1pm on this day*

**Tuesday, 22 April**

**First day of term**

**Monday, 5 May**

**Early May Bank Holiday**

**Friday, 23 May**

**Last day of term**

*School will close at normal time*

**Monday, 2 June**

**First day of term**

**Friday, 4 July**

**INSET day**

*Pupils will not attend school on this day*

**Monday, 7 July**

**Brockley Sports Day**

**Tuesday, 22 July**

**Last day of term**

*School will close at 1pm on this day*



**No mobile  
phones**

We kindly remind you that using mobile phones within the school building is prohibited.

This policy is in place to ensure the safety and well-being of all our students. Using mobile devices can pose safeguarding risks and distract from the educational environment we strive to maintain.

Please be aware that you may be asked to stop using your phone or to step outside if you are found using it in the building.

We appreciate your understanding and support as we work together to create a safe and focused learning atmosphere.

**After School Club Now Available at  
Bubbly Nursery  
from 22nd April 2025  
Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays  
3:15-6:00pm.**



Bubbly Nursery is now offering After School Club for children aged between 4-9 years old from 22nd April 2025.

Summer Holiday Club - To Be Confirmed.

Mini Bus will be available to pick up children from Drumbeat and Watergate school to Bubbly. If you are interested please complete the registration form on our website or contact us on:

*[www.bubblyspecialneedsnursery.co.uk](http://www.bubblyspecialneedsnursery.co.uk)  
Phone: 07954 952406*

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

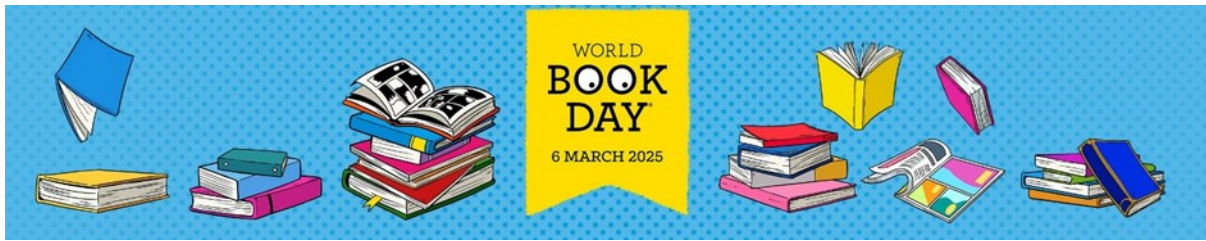


## School Hours

Start time: 8:50 am

End time: 3:00 — 3:15 pm

Doors open at 8:50am for drop off and  
2:50pm for collections.



## **World Book Day 2025**



This year, our World Book Day was full of exciting events such as sensory stories, wonderful peer reading sessions and a costume parade! Thank you to all staff, students and families for making this day so special and memorable!

Pupils from Lion and Zebra classes joined together to share one of their favourite books 'Kitchen Disco' with their friends, using props and dancing to bring the story to life.



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The therapy team performed the 'The Magic Train Ride' sensory story. The pupils experienced the different lands in the story using all of their senses.



So many staff and students looked amazing in their World Book Day costumes this year. Certificates and prizes were awarded to the judge's favourites. Well done everyone



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## Careers Week at Drumbeat Brockley

Drumbeat Brockley celebrated a successful careers week from 3rd—7th March.

Throughout the week, each class took part in careers related challenges, exploring bike maintenance, crafts, cooking and gardening.

There were also various activities, workshops and talks from professionals that were on offer. This included clay workshops, BOST gardeners, jobs around the school, Red Cross Gardeners, Millwall Community Trust, an interview workshop, the lollipop lady and autism in employment.

At the end of the week, the school hosted a careers fair, where many organisations came to visit to present various jobs, work experience opportunities and college courses. This was an incredible chance for Drumbeat pupils and parents to build connections and think about life after Drumbeat.



# Shakespeare Schools Festival



A huge congratulations to all the staff and students at our Drumbeat Brockley site for their fantastic Shakespeare Schools Festival performance of "Ronaldo and Joshua". A selected group of KS4 and 6<sup>th</sup> Form students took centre stage at The Albany Theatre, Deptford, in a modern adaptation of Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet".

Over the Autumn and Spring terms, these students explored the plot, characters and themes of the original play, and reimagined it, improvising scenes and modernising the language. Their hard work and efforts were evident in their final performance, where they performed with confidence and produced an exciting, action-packed and heart-warming performance.

The post-performance appraisal was outstanding, and the audience reviews commended the students' skills and creativity! Congratulations again to all students and staff who took part, supported this project, and made it a fantastic evening at the Theatre!

# “DID MY HEART LOVE 'TILL NOW?”



Ronaldo and Joshua  
by Drumbeat School & ASD Service  
at The Albany, 28th February 2025  
appraised by Jess Aquilina

It is my great pleasure to congratulate you, Drumbeat School & ASD Service, on your brilliant performance of Ronaldo and Joshua as part of Shakespeare Schools Festival this spring. It was a joy to watch you shine on your performance night, and I'd like to spend some time now highlighting all the aspects of your production that I loved the most.

Your reimagining of this classic story, with an entirely new script and the clever renaming of key characters, was nothing short of brilliant. I loved how you brought the narrative into the world of two rival football teams, exploring the complications and tensions that arise from such rivalries. The opening fight, sparked by both teams sharing the same pitch, was a perfect modern twist that felt so relevant to today's world, demonstrating how rivalry can manifest in any context.

The performances were really strong, with impressive use of facial expressions and physical storytelling from all of you. I was particularly struck by the clarity of your reactions during the opening fight (or penalty shootout). Your emotions, whether annoyance, frustration, or joy when the other team lost, were communicated so clearly to the audience. I also admired the control in your movements during the slow-motion fight scene in the middle of the show.

There were two moments that I found especially poignant and impactful. The first, when Ronaldo is exiled and must leave, with the ensemble helping him pack his bag, was simple yet deeply moving. The second, the final scene with Joshua left alone after Ronaldo's departure, was equally powerful. The slow, deliberate movements of the ensemble, paired with the white handkerchiefs, created a haunting and emotional moment.

What I loved most about your production was how it showcased the talents and skills of your company. The rapping and singing were such exciting additions at various points in the show. The modern songs not only anchored the story in the 21st century but also served as a celebration of your incredibly talented company.

This was a fresh and dynamic adaptation of Romeo and Juliet from a dedicated and energetic cast.

We are in awe of all your passion, hard work and creativity! What you have accomplished is something truly special, and we are already looking forward to reimagining Shakespeare with Drumbeat school again next year.

**DRUMBEAT SCHOOL & ASD SERVICE**



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## Spring term in Panda Class!



What an incredible term it's been for us all! The children have been buzzing with energy and creativity, and they have put in so much hard work across all subjects. From exciting celebrations to amazing classroom moments, every child has shown their unique strengths and talents.

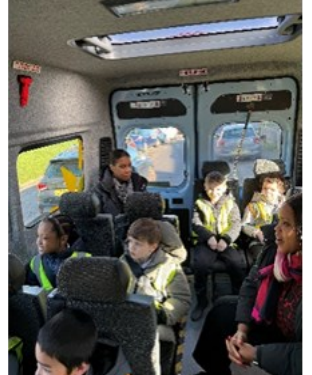
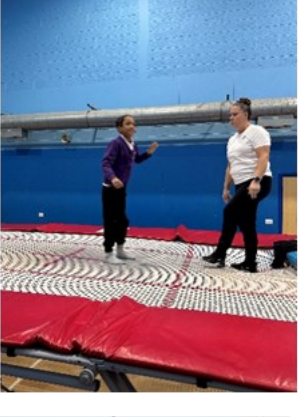
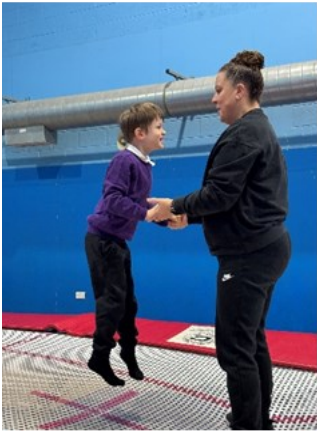


We've had lots of fun learning about Chinese New Year, different careers and even making some yummy pancakes.



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Panda Class has also been bouncing with excitement as we've gone on our weekly trampoline sessions! Each week, we saw the children grow in their confidence and exercise their listening skills and patience. Amanda, the trampoline instructor was very proud of the progress they made from their first session to the last.



**We hope you all have an amazing easter break and we'll see you in April for our final term!**



## Zebra Class

This Spring Term, Zebra Class has been very busy, enjoying a variety of new and exciting activities.

In maths, we focused on understanding the placement of objects (prepositions) and had fun responding to movement instructions after rolling a dice. We've made great progress in our mental arithmetic, solving a range of calculations and problems, and we are now starting to apply this knowledge in other subjects, such as counting scores in PE and sorting colours.

We have continued to work hard in our RWI program, with both groups completing set 2 and set 3 sounds. We're excited to move on to the next stage in the Summer Term. All pupils have improved their writing skills, including letter formation and sentence structure, and are communicating more fluently.

In PE, we've been learning to pass in pairs, play small-sided games, and participate in collaborative activities like giant Hungry Hippos, relay races, and target games. During Careers Week, we enjoyed a visit to our very own Beauty Salon, which offered foot spas, foot and hand massages, manicures, and hairdressing. We also tried our hands at being builders, creating walls using miniature bricks and mixing cement.

We've had a great time celebrating our achievements in assemblies this term and showing off our wonderful costumes for World Book Day and Red Nose Day.

We hope you all have a fantastic break, and we look forward to sharing even more of our achievements next term.

Happy Easter!



Assemblies, World Book Day, Careers Week, Children in Need, Red Nose Day and Careers Week



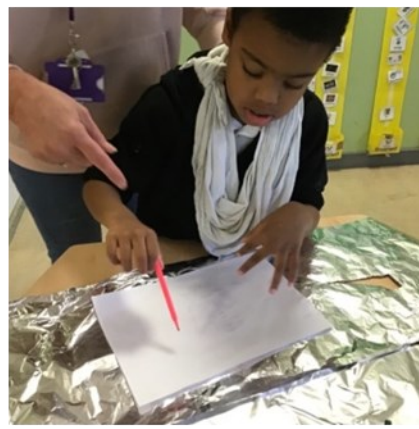
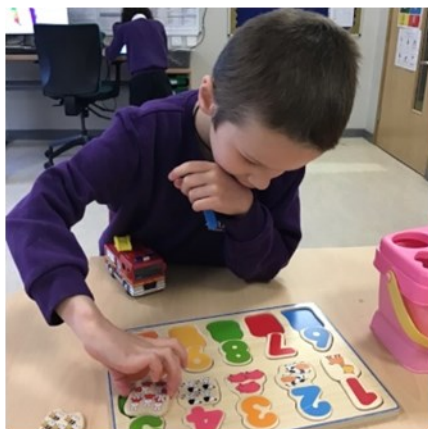
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## Tiger Class News

Wow... the end of another term already! And what a great one it has been. We have enjoyed continuing to work on our targets this term as well as exploring our topic 'On the Farm'. Careers week was a success as we studied 4 different careers, allowing the children to explore a variety of multi-sensory activities including Tuff trays and painting their own nails! We have been learning about the different seasons in science and have enjoyed engaging in sensory walks to support learning. The pupils have continued to develop strong bonds in the classroom, both with adults and peers, and we look forward to this continuing in our final term. We wish you a restful break and a Happy Easter!



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# Lions & Penguin Class

## Cheerleading

This term, Penguin and Lion class took part in an exciting Cheerleading workshop where they learned some beginner moves and stunts. The pupils had lots of fun!



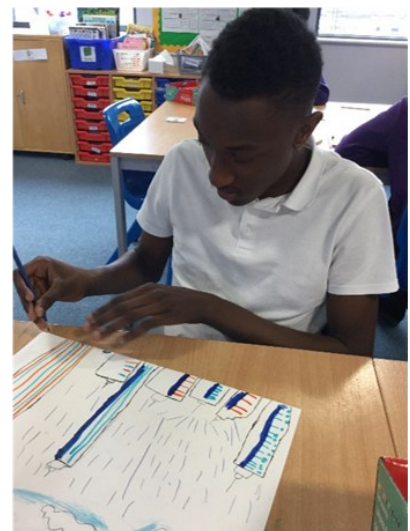


# Peckham Rye

Peckham Rye class have been developing their painting and drawing skills. The students have drawn cityscapes and learnt about the artwork of Georgia O'Keefe, Van Gogh and Matisse and also about Japanese paintings of Mount Fuji by Hokusai.



Cityscapes

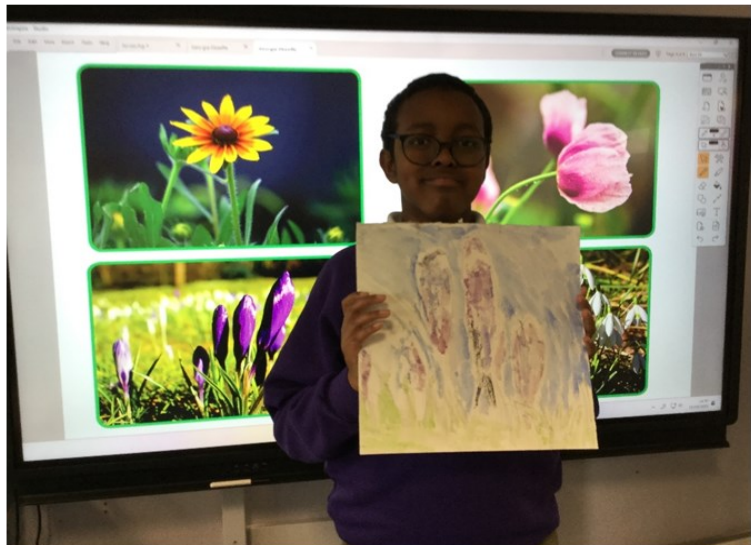


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Mount Fuji

Artwork in the style of Georgia O'Keefe



Welcome to

# Lewisham CAMHS Workshop

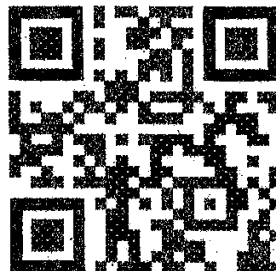
Monthly Interactive Session With Our Clinicians

**Date: Every first Tuesday of each month**

**Time: 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Location: Online**

Please follow this link or scan the QR code to register:

*Welcome To Lewisham CAMHS: Monthly Interactive Session With Our Clinicians* Note: the session is currently delivered in English only



**The session will cover:**

An introduction to mental health and structure of CAMHS

Anxiety and low mood

Coping with intense emotions

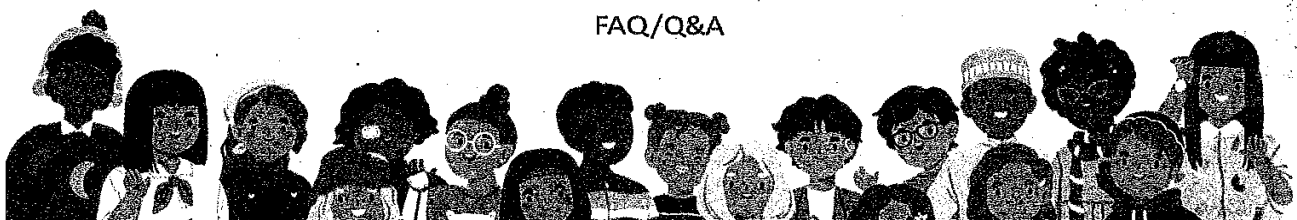
Wellbeing Tips

Parental wellbeing

Navigating your journey through CAMHS with MyHealthE

Additional resources

FAQ/Q&A





**PLEASE UPDATE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS**

**Please ensure that your contact details and address is up to date.  
If you have any changes, please let the office know.**

**NO PARKING  
DO NOT BLOCK  
DRIVEWAY**

**Please be mindful when parking outside the school –  
do not block residents' drives/ cars and keep bus lanes clear.**

## Toileting Drop-In Clinics (Downham)



**Please let your child's teacher know if you wish to attend any of these clinics.**

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025

9.15-10.45am

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025

9.15-10.45am

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025

9.15-10.45am

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

9.15-10.45am

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2025

9.15-10.45am

# SEND Easter Holidays 2025

## Free Sports and Physical Activities for d/Deaf, disabled and neurodivergent young people

- Alex Yee Ladywell Arena, Silvermere Road, SE6 4QX
- 10 - 12 pm (parent/ carers must stay)
- Ages 4 - 25 - please see registration form for more information



- Monday 7th April - tennis, dance and sensory football
- Wednesday 9th April - Taekwondo, dance and athletics
- Tuesday 15th April - adaptive cycling and Athletics
- Thursday 17th April - tennis and sensory football



You must be registered to attend:

- Register: [bit.ly/Lewisham-SEND-Easter](https://bit.ly/Lewisham-SEND-Easter)
- Or scan the QR code



For more information, please contact:  
Disability.Inclusion@AccessSport.org.uk   
020 7993 9883 

In partnership with:



Lewisham Mencap is a charity run voluntarily by and for people with learning disabilities, their families and carers. With high levels of personal commitment and the desire to make life vibrant and fun for people who have a learning disability and their support networks, Lewisham Mencap has been an integral part of many lives for the last 70 years.

**What are Lewisham Mencap up to?**

Lewisham Mencap are running three social clubs a week, a monthly drama club in partnership with Teatro Vivo, Saturday discos, trips to the coast and regular outings in the city.



**What we offer**

**Weekly Social Clubs**

We run the largest events dedicated to people with a learning disability and their support network in the Lewisham Borough.

**Days out and weekend discos**

We organise trips to the beach and visits to London hotspots throughout the year. We also run Saturday Evening Discos 6 times a year for Summer, Halloween, Christmas, New Year, St Valentine's and Easter.

**Community building and sign-posting**

We develop partnerships with local organisations such as the NHS, the local council or other charities, to ensure access to information and improved services for our members.

Spring has sprung and Lewisham Mencap is ready for a jam-packed season of activities at our centres, in London and beyond! Here is some info about local new events:

**LeeGrove Tuesday Club is 50!**

Everyone who has a connection to the club is welcome to join us on Tuesday, the 25th of March, to celebrate 50 years of LeeGrove Tuesday Club! You can join us throughout the day, starting **from 3pm** for an afternoon tea or later on, for live music with Gary, pizza and beers. A big THANK YOU goes to all our volunteers running the club, the support workers, who accompany our members and ensure they have a great time, and, of course, to everyone who has attended over the past 50 years!

**Weekend Discos in 2025**

Lewisham Mencap's Events Crew, made up entirely of volunteers and members with a learning disability run a fantastic series of Saturday discos marking special events each year. These events run at the Leemore Centre, from 7pm to 10pm. This season's dates are below. Get in touch if you'd like more information.

- Saturday, the 15th March, 7pm-10pm, Spring Tide Disco
- Saturday, the 12th of April, 7pm-10pm, Easter Disco

Please visit the Mencap website for more information and event details  
[Lewisham Mencap – Lewisham Mencap](#)

# JOIN THE DRAMA FUN CLUB

**Don't miss out!**

**Teatro Vivo and Lewisham Mencap  
at Leemore Centre in Lewisham**

**Leemore Centre**

**Bonfield Rd, SE13 5EU (access through the  
green gates / step-free)**

**Wednesday, 7pm-9pm (once a month)**

**January 8th**

**February 12th**

**March 12th**

**April 9th**

**May 14th**

**June 11th**

**July 9th**

**August 13th**

**September 10th**

**October 8th**

**November 12th**

**December 10th**

Book your spot at [hello@lewishammencap.org.uk](mailto:hello@lewishammencap.org.uk) or 07932 002317

More details at [www.lewishammencap.org.uk](http://www.lewishammencap.org.uk)



# **SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES—2024/25**

## **AUTUMN TERM 2024**

**Autumn Term 1**                    **Monday 2 September – INSET DAY**  
**Tuesday 3 September – Pupils first day of term**  
**Friday 4 October – INSET DAY**  
**Friday 25 October – Last day of term**

Half Term Holiday                Monday 28 October – Friday 1 November

**Autumn Term 2**                    **Monday 4 November – First day of term**  
**Friday 6 December – INSET DAY**  
**Friday 20 December – Last day of term\***

Christmas Holiday                Monday 23 December – Friday 3 January

## **SPRING TERM 2025**

**Spring Term 1**                    **Monday 6 January – First day of term**  
**Friday 14 February – Last day of term**

Half Term Holiday                Monday 17 February – Friday 21 February

**Spring Term 2**                    **Monday 24 February – First day of term**  
**Friday 14 March – INSET DAY**  
**Friday 4 April – Last day of term\***

Easter Holiday                    Monday 7 April to Monday 21 April  
(Easter weekend 18 – 21 April)

## **SUMMER TERM 2025**

**Summer Term 1**                    **Tuesday 22 April – First day of term**  
**Monday 5 May – Early May Bank Holiday**  
**Friday 23 May – Last day of term**

Half Term Holiday                Monday 26 May – Friday 30 May  
(Spring Bank Holiday will be taken on 26 May)

**Summer Term 2**                    **Monday 2 June – First day of term**  
**Friday 4 July – INSET DAY**  
**Tuesday 22 July – Last day of term\***

*\*School will close at 1pm on the last day of the full term.*

*INSET days = Staff Training days. Pupils do not attend school on these days.*



## 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**