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Dear parents and carers,

It is hard to believe that we have reached half term already – and what a wonderful half term it has been. This week has been particularly exciting with Viking workshops, minibeast visitors, brilliant music performances, family film fun, bowling, art exhibitions and a tadpole release! Torridon is certainly an exciting place to be.

Our year 6 children have had a great week on their residential trip where they got to experience fencing, shelter building, archery, ziplining and discoing. They had a wonderful time and looked thoroughly exhausted when they arrived back at school this afternoon.

Our eco-leaders attended this term's network climate meeting and have come back to school with lots of ideas for ways in which we can reduce our carbon footprint.

Year 1 were blown away by the David Hockney exhibition at the LightBox this week. It was such a great experience for them to see the works they had been learning about in their art lessons being brought to life in such a magical way.

After half term, we will be getting ready for the PTA Family Fun Run on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June. Look out for the sponsorship form which was sent home in book bags today. We hope that lots of you will be able to join us on the day.

Thank you for all of your support this term. Have a wonderful half term and we look forward to seeing you after the holiday on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Best wishes

Manda George

Headteacher



## Rights Respecting School

This week in our Rights Respecting assemblies, we have been busy discussing articles 1, 4 and 41. During this time, we thought about how every child has rights and the importance of how adults and governments should help protect them. We shared ideas on how we can all help to make sure that everyone's rights are respected at school and beyond.





# Year 6 PGL Journey





# Torridon Primary School Fun Run 2025

Torridon's Fun Run is back for 2025



Look out for a sponsorship form in children's bags.

Unfortunately, we didn't receive our usual business sponsor this year, so anything you can spare will be hugely appreciated to cover the cost of the T-shirts. You can also donate online: <https://gofund.me/f80d8e7e>

If you can volunteer an hour on the day, please sign up here:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe7GybVxEZVc724AAqU03IDXoGf\\_a7mFvx8DYVfFYZNLLAZ\\_g/viewform?usp=dialog](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe7GybVxEZVc724AAqU03IDXoGf_a7mFvx8DYVfFYZNLLAZ_g/viewform?usp=dialog)

Don't forget to register!

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSccE2OnhhX8xT4mdkSnT1DXYljBKyC9yKpMXSlvjH81zUx3bw/viewform?usp=dialog>

## Woodwind Performance

On Monday, it was our talented woodwind players' turn to wow the audience. Children with experience ranging from just three lessons to over three years—and from Reception to year 6—performed confidently on the recorder, clarinet and saxophone.

The children excelled, impressing a delighted audience of parents, carers, and the entire year 4 cohort.

The year 2 children also performed to their classmates in their music lessons later in the day.

We are incredibly proud of all our amazing musicians at Torridon. A big thank you to Samuel for his expert tuition and continued dedication.



## Oracy Family Film Nights – A Blockbuster Success!

Over the past couple of weeks, families gathered in our school hall to enjoy a series of fun, family-friendly movies. It was heart-warming to see students, parents and carers and staff come together to enjoy these special evenings. These events not only brought joy but also strengthened our school spirit and sense of community. We'd like to say a huge thank you to our wonderful volunteers, staff and PTA members who helped make each night run smoothly. Your support made all the difference!

We're already looking forward to planning more events like this in the future. If you have suggestions for films or activities, we'd love to hear from you!



## Resource Base Learning

Over the past few weeks, we've had the joy of watching our tadpoles grow and change – first sprouting two tiny legs, then becoming froglets with all four! It's been such a magical experience, and we've felt so lucky to witness this transformation up close.

This week, we said a bittersweet goodbye as we released them into the Forest School pond. They were getting far too big for their tank and were ready to explore their new home in the wild. We'll really miss looking after them each day and seeing how much they changed, but we're so proud to have helped them along their journey.





## Nursery – Spiders

This week in Nursery, we have finished our learning about spiders. The children went on a spider hunt, and they found a stag beetle. They also created their own spiders.



## Reception – Minibeasts

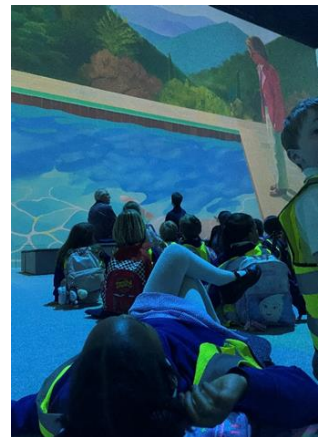
The children in reception had an amazing time learning about minibeasts! We are so proud of how well-behaved and brave they all were!



## Year 1 – Trip to the Lightroom



On Thursday Year 1 had a fantastic trip to the Lightroom to see the David Hockney show. We had learnt all about David Hockney in art lessons, so it was really exciting to see so many of his pieces that we already knew. We have been learning about timelines and chronology, so it was interesting to see work from all through his life and listen to him speaking about it. We went on four trains, did lots of walking, played “Corners” on the grass, saw the show and most importantly .....ate our packed lunches!



## Year 2 Art– The Great Fire of London

This week, year 2 have been diving into the story of the Great Fire of London. We had a great time creating our own fiery scenes using watercolours to paint dramatic skies full of flames. Then, we cut out black paper buildings to show the houses on fire, just like in 1666. We worked really carefully on the details and thought about how the fire would have spread through the city. We loved seeing our artwork come to life and learning more about this exciting part of history!





## Year 3 – Romans

In year 3, we have continued finding out all about the Romans.

"I loved learning about the Romans because they built fantastic buildings that are still standing today."

"My favourite thing about the Romans is the colosseum – because the gladiators used to fight there."

"My favourite thing was the aqueduct because it carried water from one place to another. It was a very smart idea!"

Take a look at our hot write based on the story of Romulus and Remus – the boys who found Rome.

### Romulus and Remus

A scary terrifying she-wolf found two young babies and she opened her mouth ~~and~~ like they were going to get eaten by her. But no she picked up the babies were the babies were in and took Romulus and Remus to her scary, terrifying lair. The cute, little boys were put down and the she-wolf fed them like her own children. When the children two ferocious boys were out a shepherd found them and took them into his home in the dark forest.

Five days later, they had an argument. And Romulus screamed "You are like a snail slow and weak!" Then Remus teased "You look like a big human potato!" They started making two cities Rome and Rome. Then Remus said "Hated Romulus's wall then jumped over it twice. Then the wall fell and Romulus screamed "Let's have a penalty shootout!"

It was 7-6 to Remus if Romulus missed Remus would win. And he... missed!

Remus Remus decided to work together ~~and~~ with Romulus and called the city Remulus. Then Remus whispered "Great job on building the city with me and thank you!" Then Romulus told Remus "You are welcome and we ~~so so so~~ can work together more often!" shouted Romulus.

## Year 4 – Viking Day

This week, Thursday was not a normal Thursday. It was Viking Day! We had tremendous fun handling Viking objects, playing Viking board games, re-enacting Viking battle moves and axe throwing! The children looked the part in their Viking outfits. Thank you for all the effort that was put into making their costumes and props. We had a fantastic day!



## Year 5 – DT

This week in our DT lesson, year 5 looked at the connection between food and health. For example, did you that ginger improves digestion and can help with an upset stomach? We also learnt about how some of the well-known British dishes actually originate from other cultures. For example, fish and chips is probably the best-known British dish, but it was introduced by Scandinavian fishermen, over 500 years ago. This week, we made Vietnamese summer rolls. They were very easy to make, highly nutritious and a definite hit with every single child.



## Year 6 – Home School Journey

Year 6 children have had a fantastic and well-deserved time this week. The majority of the children have been away on school journey, and the rest of them have been engaged in lots of activities in and outside of school. They started by visiting The Vue cinema in Bromley to see a film and also spent some time at a nearby park where they enjoyed some physical activities. The fun didn't end there! The children were also involved in creative activities in school. They visited Forster park and finished the week by going bowling!





## Eco Leaders Trip



On Monday, six eco leaders, represented Torridon pupils at the Pupils' Climate Network Meeting. This is a biannual meeting where eco councils from across the Lewisham borough meet to discuss eco topics that affect our schools. In this meeting, we learned about the changes that the host school (Dalmain Primary) has undertaken to help them

achieve their goal to be carbon neutral. We were inspired to see that their school uses heat pumps instead of a traditional gas boiler. We got to use a thermo imaging camera to see where heat is lost in the building and discussed the importance of insulation. We concluded the meeting by making our very own draft excluders.



## Forest School Summer Camp

We are very excited to announce that Kelley, our qualified Forest School Leader, plans to run a 2-week summer camp in our woodland this summer!

Places will be limited to 30 and can be booked daily or weekly. Places are available for children, Reception-Year 6.

Camp will run from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August-Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025 at 10am-3pm.

Our daily rate will be £40 per child (£30 for children eligible for pupil premium funding). Childcare vouchers are accepted.

Children should bring a packed lunch.



Children will spend their day outside in our woodland embracing nature. Each day there will be free play, den building, tree climbing, team games, stories and songs, craft activities, tool work, campfire snacks.

Booking is NOW available on your child's PARENT PAY account.

## Football League Result 2025



The Torridon boys' and girls' football teams played their final matches of the year, at Blackheath, over the last two weekends. The boys came second in their group, and the girls came third which is a great achievement for both.

Huge thanks to Mike for giving up his Fridays and Saturdays to train and nurture both teams. His dedication and support means that the children have opportunities to take part in a wide range of sporting activities and events such as this.

## Share a Story: Parent and Carer reading Sessions in Nursery

As some of you may know, we have been involved in a whole school oracy project this year. We have been working together with a range of professionals to support the development of children's speaking, listening and communication skills.

We are excited to announce that, from **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June**, nursery parents and carers will be invited in every Friday to share a story with their child or a small group of children. This will help to develop children's oracy skills through reading.



There are two possible session that you could attend every Friday:

**Session 1: 8.55 am – 9.10 am**

**Session 2: 3.00 pm– 3.15 pm**





## Dates for Your Diary

<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b>
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 to Docklands Museum
	Year 6 to Beckenham Place Park
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Family Fun Run (Forster Park)
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 and year 6 hockey tournament
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 bake sale
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>INSET Day</b>
	PTA Trip to Legoland
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	OPAL playdate 3.15 – 4.15pm
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Year 6 secondary transition day
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	PTA – Litter Pick
	5pm Year 5 secondary transfer meeting
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	PTA - Summer Fair
Week beginning Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Whole School Assessment Week
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Music Concert
	Year 6 Royal Opera House Create Day
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Nursery Teddy bear's picnic
	Year 6 multigenerational project celebration
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Nursery and Reception Sports Day
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 1 and Year 2 Sports Day
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	5.00pm Year 6 performance
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	9.00am Year 6 performance
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Sports Day
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	<b>Last Day of Summer Term (2pm finish)</b>






## Smartwatches

Please remember that children are not permitted to wear smartwatches to school. These are often valuable and also can distract children from their learning.

Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring your child does not wear a smartwatch.

## Weekly Attendance

Class	Attendance_		Class	Attendance		Class	Attendance	
1M	95.6%		3A	99%		5C	89%	
1N	94%		3G	97%		5L	98%	
1W	96.4%		3S	95%		5V	95%	
2S	95%		4K	95%		6A	94%	
2SW	96%		4L	92%		6L	96%	
2E	94%		4S	93%		6R	96%	

Well done 1W and 3A for winning the attendance cup the second week in a row! Well done to the winning classes nearly reaching to 100%!

## Moon Lane Books – Creative Writing For Mums



Moon Lane are delighted to host this incredible creative writing course for mums. This friendly course will gently guide you through the creation of a keepsake collection of writing, inspired by your experience of motherhood. So, if you identify as a mother and would love to document the reality of becoming a parent, but aren't sure where to begin, this is for you!

Don't worry if you haven't written since school, or if you've lost your creative spark in the haze of motherhood. As an experienced teacher and writing specialist, Sarah Parrott aka Write Sparks will help you to develop your collection to preserve your thoughts and emotions at this wonderful, turbulent, exhausting time!



## DIY SOS Casting Call

DIY SOS are currently casting for a brand-new series and looking for deserving homeowners in the area who desperately need some help to transform their homes and lives.

If you are interested in taking part, follow the link below to find out more



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/showsandtours/take-part/diy-sos>

## Saxon Crown Swimming Club – New Starfish Squad

Saxon Crown is still looking to recruit 5–9-year-old swimmers for their new Starfish Squad.

The minimum requirement for swimming ability is equivalent to Swim England Stage 5, ie the swimmer must be able to comfortably and confidently swim 10 meters front crawl, back stroke and breaststroke and be able to kick in all four strokes.

Starfish squad will swim one 45-minute session per week while they progress under qualified coaches towards competitive swimming.



**SAXON CROWN**  
Swimming Club

Established in 1975 Saxon Crown is Lewisham's competitive swimming club for swimmers aged 7 +

We have squads for swimmers of all abilities from our entry level squad, Starfish squad, up to our Performance A squad where swimmers compete at regional and national level.

To join our entry level squad, the minimum requirement for swimming is equivalent to Swim England's Stage 5. Swimmers should be able to confidently swim 10 metres front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke and be able to kick in all four strokes.

To book a trial or to find out more contact:

[saxon.crown@swimclubmanager.co.uk](mailto:saxon.crown@swimclubmanager.co.uk)

Join our  
Club &  
Swim to  
Win



# STARS OF THE WEEK

Class	Name	Reason
Nursery FT	Seja	For being so creative in his play. He has created so many different forms of transport. Well done, Seja! 😊
Nursery AM	Suwethaa	For her fantastic counting skills and for being so helpful during tidy up time. Well done, Suwethaa! 😊
Nursery PM	Eva	For being kind and caring to her friends and sharing her ideas during carpet time. Well done, Eva! 😊
Blue Class	Aahil	For growing in confidence to make new friends and for working so hard in his writing. Well done, Aahil!
Red Class	Amoya	For her positive attitude to learning and trying her best to blend in phonics.
Yellow Class	Musa	He always tries his best with his learning, and he is always kind and helpful to others.
1M	The Whole Class!	For being super responsible on our trip to the Light Room. We had such a great time. Well done 1M!
1N	Cameron	For his fantastic reading, spelling and great ideas!
1W	The Whole Class!	For being super responsible on our trip to the Light Room. We had such a great time. Well done 1W!
2E	Taran	For always trying his hardest in all he does and for being an excellent role model in 2E. Taran is always focused and following the expectations in class and around the school. Great job and keep it up!!! 😊
2S	Rowan	For being such a positive and friendly member of 2S! It is so lovely to see you always trying your best and challenging yourself to go
2SW	Daisy	For being so kind and supportive towards her peers. You are such a good team player. Well done Daisy, keep it up! 💎💎
3A	Tommy	For showing determination to improve his writing! Keep up the good work Tommy!
3G	Drew	For having a positive attitude towards his learning. Well done for always trying your best 😊
3S	Sheanna	For using a fronted adverbial in her independent writing. Well done – keep up the good work 😊
4K	Keliah	For her engagement and enthusiasm in class. Keliah volunteered to read the class text aloud this week. Well done and keep it up 😊
4L	Aleena	For settling in so quickly and proving yourself to be such a helpful member of the class and dedicated learner!
4S	Liam	For showing amazing dedication to learning, working hard to improve in his times tables and spellings. Also, for being such a helpful and considerate person in keeping our school environment a lovely place to be. Thank you, Liam! 😊
5C	Kyzah	For having a positive attitude towards his learning and participating in lessons.
5L	Selina	For her outstanding diary entry written in role as Persephone. Her writing was rich in detail and beautifully descriptive. Well done!
5V	Aathesh	For the amazing progress he has made in his writing this academic year. Well done Aathesh, you should be proud of yourself.
6A	Thashyini	For her fantastic behaviour whilst out on home school journeys, displaying our core values of respect and community.
6L	Zohal	For being a great role model for our Torridon community; showing respect and excellence towards everyone.
6R	Mujtaba	For displaying the core values of respect towards his peers and the public during our visit to The Vue cinema
RB Blue	Knox	For his amazing effort he put into his hot write which he also achieved independently. Well done, Knox!!
RB Green	Arafa	For sharing with her friends in Resource base. Keep it up Arafa!!



# Measles



The poster features a red background with white and orange circular patterns. At the top left is the 'European Immunization Week' logo. At the top right is the 'NHS' logo. The word 'MEASLES' is written in large, white, pixelated letters. Below it, a red banner contains the text 'Don't let your child catch it' in white, followed by '- get them vaccinated with the MMR vaccine' in white text on a red background. To the right, a text box states: 'The number of young people catching measles has risen. It's never too late to be vaccinated. You need two doses of MMR one month apart to be fully protected against measles, mumps and rubella. It's time to make measles a disease of the past. If you have symptoms of measles, stay at home and phone your GP or NHS 111 for advice. STAY AWAY from GP surgeries and A&E departments – you could spread the illness to others.' At the bottom left, a text box lists 'Measles symptoms include: high fever; sore, red, watery eyes; coughing; aching and feeling generally unwell; a blotchy red brown rash, which usually appears after the initial symptoms.' At the bottom, a red banner contains the 'i mmunisation' logo and the text 'the safest way to protect your child'. To the right of this banner, it says 'For more information contact your local GP surgery or visit: [www.nhs.uk/mmr](http://www.nhs.uk/mmr)'.

European Immunization Week  
Protect. Protect. Protect.

**NHS**

**MEASLES**

**Don't let your child catch it**  
– get them vaccinated with the MMR vaccine

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**i mmunisation**  
the safest way to protect your child

For more information contact your local GP surgery or visit: [www.nhs.uk/mmr](http://www.nhs.uk/mmr)

## May Half Term Holiday Activities



The leisure centres across the Lewisham partnership will be offering a range of activities to keep children of all ages entertained during the May Half Term holiday.

Across the Lewisham partnership we will be offering intensive swimming crash courses, junior classes, additional junior gym sessions, soft play, holiday camps and additional family swimming sessions.

The Alex Yee Ladywell Arena will also be hosting in partnership with British Triathlon a Swim Bike Run Mini. This event is open to 6 to 14 year olds and will feature a 1km run, 5km bike ride and finishing with another 1km run. To book this can be done [online](#)

Activities will be running at Bellingham Leisure and Lifestyle Centre, Forest Hill Pools, Glass Mill Leisure Centre, Alex Yee Ladywell Arena and Wavelengths Leisure Centre.

# Fun Things To Do

## 4 SPORTS FUN 4 ALL FOOTBALL COACHING



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## Wildcats FS

### FREE GOALKEEPER SESSIONS THROUGHOUT JUNE AND JULY (YEAR 2 AND 3)

Catford Wildcats are currently offering free Goalkeeper Sessions throughout June and July at our Saturday morning training camps - 11:30am on select Saturdays at Mountsfield Park, Catford, SE6



If you know of players aspiring to be the next Jordan Pickford and are currently in Y2 or Y3, feel free to get in touch and register interest

Please contact Marco for further details or to register interest at

wildcatsfootballschool@gmail.com

www.wildcatsfootball.co.uk

www.facebook.com/catfordwildcats



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## Beckenham Place Park

Free activities

### Community Day

Saturday 31 May 11am-4pm

A fun day with FREE activities for all!

Explore the park in new ways and come together to love our park and nature.

Free taster sessions, including

- Eddie's Dog Show Ring
- Craft activities and storytelling for children
- Themed nature walks
- Learn about nature and climate change
- Learn about our River Ravensbourne
- Community stalls and much more...

Visit the website for details: [beckenhamplacepark.com](http://beckenhamplacepark.com)

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