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27th June 2025

Dear parents and carers,

It was wonderful to see so many of you joining our first OPAL play date this week. The children loved having some time to play with parents, carers, siblings and grandparents. Our families had a fantastic time in the sand pit, the mud kitchen, cardboard city, small world areas and across the playground. I am not sure who had the most fun - the children or the grown-ups! Look out for the next play date in the autumn term.

I am delighted to inform you that we have been awarded the Primary Science Quality Mark. This is in recognition of the work we have been doing to develop our provision for science learning across the school. Well done and a huge thank you to our science lead, Lizzie for all her hard work in helping us to achieve this award.

Torridon's summer fair is rapidly approaching. We hope you will be able to join us. We are keen to receive any donations. Please hand them into the school office.

We have had some reports of children accessing inappropriate content online this week. I would like to remind you of our commitment to the Smartphone Free Childhood movement and urge you to read the online safety article highlighted later in this week's newsletter.

We are due to have some very hot weather again next week. Please make sure children are dressed appropriately and have labelled sun hats and water bottles with them.

Don't forget our community litter pick is taking place next Wednesday. We hope lots of you will be able to join in. Please meet at 3.30pm in the main playground.

Have a lovely weekend.

Manda George

Headteacher



Celebrating Pride Month



During our Rights Respecting Assemblies this week, we've been proudly celebrating Pride Month, which takes place every June. The children took part in thoughtful discussions about fairness, equality, and the importance of learning about LGBT+ culture and history. We celebrated the progress that has been made towards a fairer world, while also recognising that there is still more to do to ensure equality for everyone. Our message is simple but powerful: Choose Love—because when we all do that, the world becomes a kinder, more inclusive place for all.



Online Safety

You may have heard your children talking about a new viral trend called 'Italian Brainrot'. It is available on TikTok and YouTube and appears to feature silly characters with funny voices. Whilst it may appear harmless, some of the language used in the videos is **offensive, violent and discriminatory**.

Please see the link below for further detail:

[What is Italian Brainrot? Why the viral trend your kids are repeating isn't as harmless as it seems.](#)

The NSPCC provides helpful and informative guidance to help you make sure your children are safe from harm when online. Please see the link below: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Torricon Primary Community Litter Pick



Torridon Tickets for the Summer Fair

Our currency at the Summer Fair is the Torridon Ticket, each worth 50p. Use tickets to purchase food and drinks, play games, and join activities throughout the fair. Save time on the day by purchasing £5 ticket bundles in advance on ParentPay. We'll send these home with your child on Friday, 4th July, or you can collect them from the Ticket Stall in the KS1 playground at the event. You can purchase additional tickets with cash or card from the Ticket Stall or Prize Central at the fair.



Active Travel Strategy

Lewisham Council are seeking your views about their planned active travel strategy. This is a long-term plan to make walking, wheeling, scooting, and cycling the first choice for everyday travel. By improving roads, travel infrastructure and public spaces, the council aim to create a healthier, safer, and more sustainable borough.

The council believe that for children, safety should encompass their entire journey to and from school, not just the designated "School Street" hours or the final crossing point at the school gates. They aim to create a permanently safer environment for pupils along these busy roads, significantly reducing daily risks and extending the benefits throughout the day.

The voice of the Torridon Primary School community, carries considerable influence and can play a significant role in securing these vital improvements for our children.

Detail on how to respond to the consultation can be found here:

[Lewisham Council - Active Travel Strategy](#)



Sports Day Timetable

We are excited to share the schedule for our upcoming sports days! These special events are a great opportunity for our students to showcase their energy, teamwork and enthusiasm through a range of fun and active challenges. Below, you will find the timetable outlining the location and date for each year group. We encourage you to join us in cheering on the children and making the day memorable for everyone involved.

| Year Group | Date / Time | Location |
|-------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| EYFS | Monday 14 th July 9:30am – 11:30am | Torridon Primary School |
| Years 1 and 2 | Tuesday 15 th July 9:30am – 12:30pm | Abbotshall |
| Years 3,4,5 and 6 | Friday 18 th July 9:30am – 3:00pm | Whitefoot Lane Playing Fields |

Congratulations! RRSA Silver: Rights Aware for Torridon Primary School

Congratulations to all the pupils and adults of Torridon Primary School.
We are now officially recognised as a UNICEF UK Silver: Rights Aware school.

UNICEF is the world's leading organisation working for children and their rights.



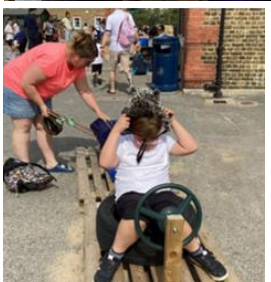
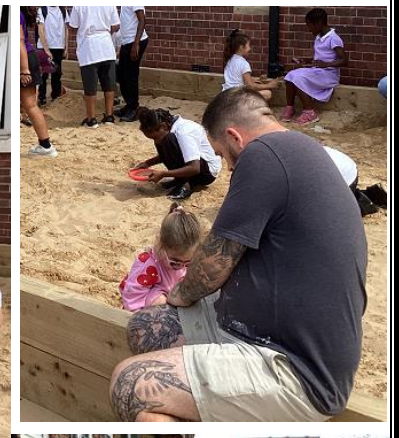
The Rights Respecting Schools Award is granted to schools that show commitment to promoting and realising children's rights and encouraging adults, children, and young people to respect the rights of others in school. Silver is given to schools that make excellent progress towards embedding the principles of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child into its ethos and curriculum. There are over 1,300 schools across England, Scotland, Northern Ireland, and Wales that have achieved Silver and over 600 schools that have been awarded Gold, the next step up and highest accolade granted by UNICEF UK.

OPAL Playdate – Wednesday 25th June 2025

We had a fantastic time celebrating our OPAL Play Date! The sun was shining, the games were in full swing, and the playground was buzzing with laughter and excitement. Children and adults enjoyed a wide range of exciting activities, from digging and building in the sandpit, to tossing beanbags in friendly games, and whipping up imaginative treats in the mud café – there was something for everyone. It was wonderful to see everyone so engaged and joyful.



Take a look at some of the lovely moments captured from the afternoon!



Resource Base – France

This week has been an exciting one in the Resource Base! We said goodbye to our friend Rocky, who has set off on his travels. We're enjoying learning about the places he's visiting through the postcards he's been sending us.

As part of our journey with Rocky, we've been exploring French culture. We tasted delicious croissants, made our own crêpes, and discovered some fun facts about France!

We also said farewell to our butterflies, who have now begun their life out in the world. It's been wonderful watching their transformation.



Nursery – Being Healthy

This term we have been learning about different ways to keep healthy. This week we have been completing different exercises. The children have completed 1-minute challenges on the carpet. They took part in a dance workshop with Reception and they played parachute games together.



Irie Dance Theatre Partner School

This week we reunited our link with Irie Dance Theatre as a partner school. Two dance artists came to work with Nursery, Reception and Year 1 children exploring Ghanian Dance.



Year 1 – Wildcat Wilderness

Year 1 had a wonderful time exploring the great outdoors on our trip to the Wildcat Wilderness! We took part in a fascinating workshop where we learned how to identify different trees by their leaves. Then, with our extensive knowledge, we set off on a tree hunt through the woods!

The fun didn't stop there...we played games beneath the leafy canopy and even had the chance to jump off a high tree house ledge, showing great courage and teamwork. It was a day full of learning, laughter, and adventure!



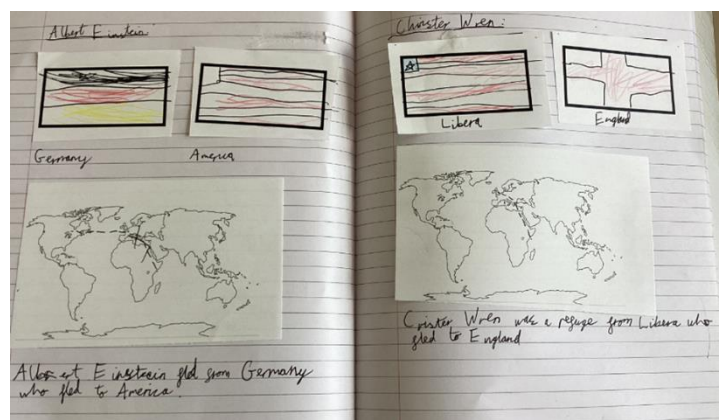
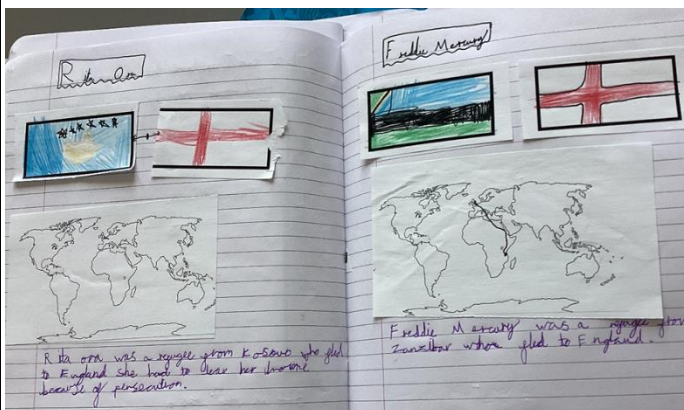
Year 2 – Martin Luther King and Peace

Year 2 have really enjoyed learning about Martin Luther King as part of our peace topic this half term. We found out how he stood up for fairness through peaceful protests, inspired by values like love and forgiveness. He gave powerful speeches, led marches, and worked hard to make sure everyone was treated equally, no matter the colour of their skin. Listening to his "I Have a Dream" speech was a powerful moment, it showed us how words can bring hope and change. Did you know he won the Nobel Peace Prize for his peaceful fight for justice and equality?



Year 3 – Geography

Last week was Refugee Week, a week that promotes an understanding of why people leave their homes, and also celebrates the contributions refugees make to our communities. As part of our geography topic 'A New Home', the children learnt about famous refugees, and why they had to flee their home country. We drew the flags of their home country and their country of asylum, as well as marking the journey they had to make on a map.



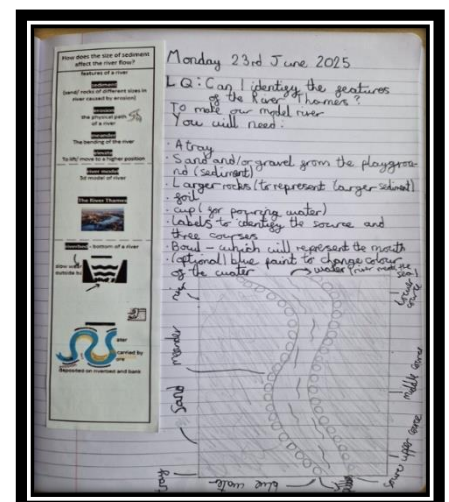
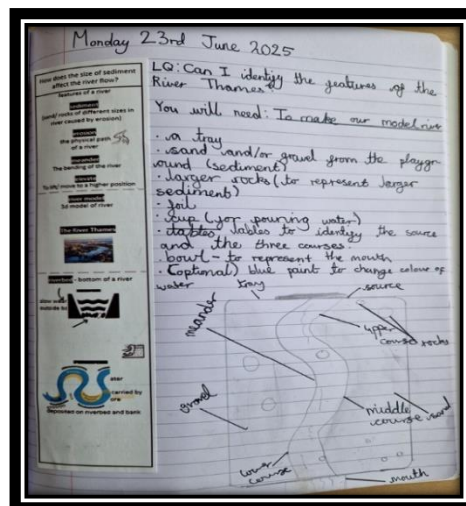
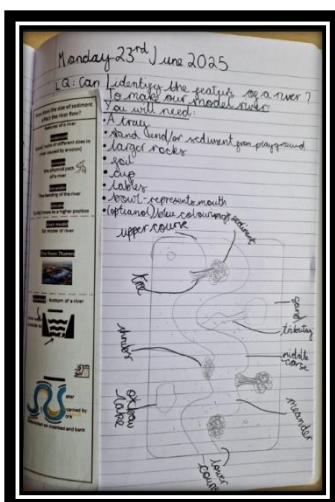
Year 4 – Melting Chocolate

As part of our 'States of Matter' unit, we have been learning about solids, liquids and gases and the processes that transform them from one state to another. To work scientifically we planned an investigation about melting chocolate. As a group, we thought of an enquiry question eg. When we change the type of chocolate, what will happen to the time it takes to melt? In the next lesson, we then carried out the enquiry and recorded our results. We then had a real treat being able to eat the melted chocolate at the end of the lesson!



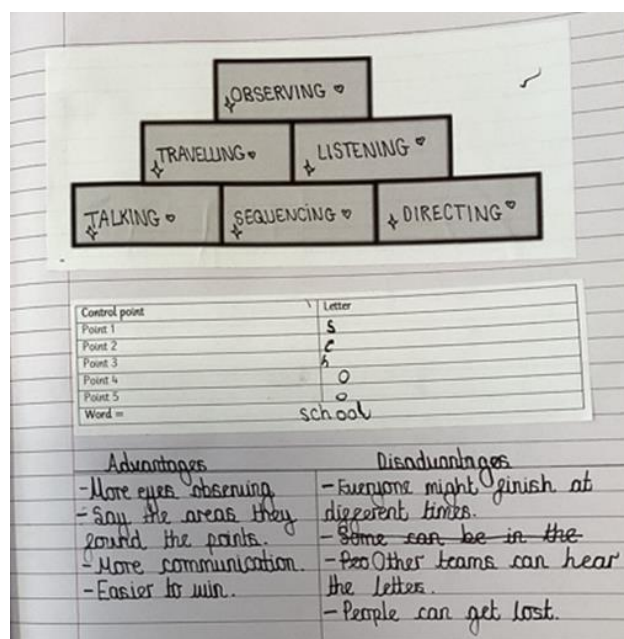
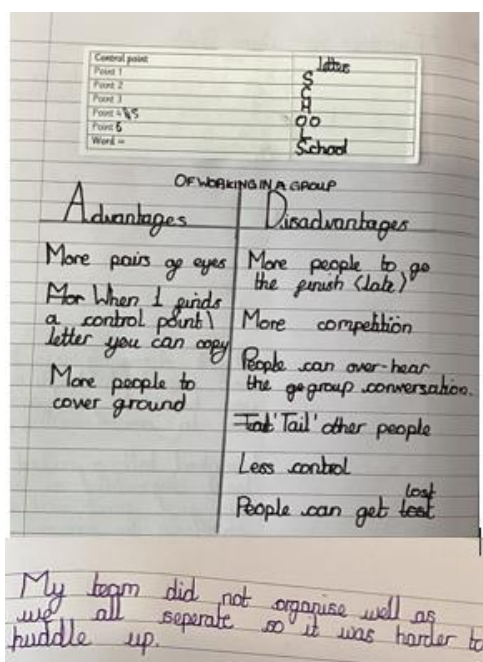
Year 5 – Geography

In Geography, the children have been learning about rivers and their features. They have explored the journey of a river from its source to its mouth, identifying key features such as meanders, tributaries, and deltas. The class has studied various rivers around the world, with a particular focus on the River Thames. They have examined its course, significance, and the role it plays in the geography and history of London. This week, the children have been busy designing their own river models, which they will soon bring to life using a range of materials. This hands-on project is helping them to visualise and better understand how rivers shape the landscape over time. The children are excited to showcase their creativity and deepen their understanding through this engaging activity.



Year 6 – Orienteering

This half term Year 6 have been learning all about orienteering, including map and fieldwork skills. They have created maps of the school grounds and were tasked with using a map of the school to locate control points, placed outdoors. We discussed the key skills required when orienteering in a group and the children were very successful collaborating with their peers to ensure they were first back after locating all six control points.



Allotment Club News

The children have been busy this week designing posters for our PRODUCE STALL at the Summer Fair! Come and visit our stall in Forest School during the Summer Fair. All monies raised from our produce stall will go straight back to our continuing development of our allotment area.



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 4th August- Friday 15th August 2025
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.



Forest School News

The Reception children have been working on a project over the last few weeks to make their own toy spinner.



The spinners were made in three parts, first the children used the bow saw to cut a tree cookie. The children decorated their tree cookie with bright patterns. Next, they used the mallet and palm drill to make a hole in the centre of their tree cookie. Finally, the children used peelers to whittle away wood to create a pointed handle for their toy to spin.



The Year 6 children used flint and steel this week to create their own mini fires. Each child showing determination and perseverance as the process was not as simple as they thought!





Dates for Your Diary

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| Monday 23 rd June | Allergy Menu's Meeting – Chartwells 9.00am |
| Thursday 26 th June | Year 1 to Wild Cat Wilderness Centre |
| Friday 27 th June | Year 6 bake sale |
| Wednesday 25 th June | OPAL playdate 3.15 – 4.15pm |
| Tuesday 1 st July | Year 6 secondary transition day |
| Thursday 3 rd July | PTA – Litter Pick |
| | 5pm Year 5 secondary transfer meeting |
| Sunday 6 th July | PTA - Summer Fair |
| Week beginning Monday 7 th July | Whole School Assessment Week |
| Tuesday 8 th July | Summer Music Concert |
| | Year 6 Royal Opera House Create Day |
| Friday 11 th July | Nursery Teddy bear's picnic |
| | Year 6 multigenerational project celebration |
| Monday 14 th July | Nursery and Reception Sports Day – 9:30-11:30 |
| Tuesday 15 th July | Year 1 and Year 2 Sports Day - 9:30-12:30 |
| Wednesday 16 th July | 5.00pm Year 6 performance |
| Thursday 17 th July | 9.00am Year 6 performance |
| Friday 18 th July | Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Sports Day – 9:30 – 15:00 |
| Monday 21 st July | Year 6 leavers' party |
| | Resource Base Forester Park picnic |
| Tuesday 22 nd July | 9.00am Year 6 leavers' assembly |
| Tuesday 22 nd July | Last Day of Summer Term (2pm finish) |
| Monday 1 st and Tuesday 2 nd September | INSET DAYS |
| Wednesday 3 rd September | First day of the autumn term |



Torridon Primary School Summer Fair

Planning for the 2025 Summer Fair is in full swing. We can't wait to welcome you and your family on Sunday, 6th July, for a day full of fun, food, and friendship.

Join the planning committee

A few of our key areas still need coordinators. Responsibilities include recruiting a volunteer team to run the stall/activity, overseeing setup and breakdown, and working with event coordinators Megan Wybrew and Teresa Dybeck to plan and source supplies. In particular, we need coordinators to run Prize Central, Ticket sales, Inflatables, and Live Entertainment. Reach out to Megan at friendsoftorridonpta@gmail.com or join our [Planning Committee WhatsApp group](#) if you'd like to get involved.



Want to run a new stall at the fair? We'd love to hear your ideas. Please note, all revenue from the fair will be retained by the PTA to benefit the school, but we will happily cover all reasonable expenses.

Volunteer

The Summer Fair is a large scale event that requires support from lots of volunteers on the day. To fully open all of our stalls, we need about 50 people helping out at any given time throughout the 4-hour event. Can you help make the fair happen? Fill in our [Volunteer Sign Up form](#).

Donate

Over the coming weeks we'll gratefully accept the following donations:

- **Games prizes:** Sweets, soft drinks, alcohol, condiments, toiletries, household products, toys, craft supplies, games, etc. - anything you or your children would be happy to win at the fair. Consumables must be unopened, non-perishable, and in date.
- **Raffle prizes:** High quality products, experiences, or vouchers. We can offer promotion to any business donors in gratitude for their support.
- **Plastic Tat Amnesty:** Leftover or gently used party bag fillers
- **Uniforms:** Any item of official Torridon uniform, branded or unbranded, in good condition, free of stains and holes, and freshly laundered
- **Books:** Any genre for children or adults in new or good used condition

On the day of the fair we'd welcome food donations to sell on our Bake Sale and World Food stalls. All contributions must be nut free and accompanied by a list of ingredients. Any non-disposable crockery should be labelled with your name and contact details for return.

- **Baked goods** - Homemade or store bought sweet treats, ideally pre-portioned (e.g., cupcakes or pre-sliced cakes)
- **Savoury dishes** ready to eat

World Food Stall



The Great Torridon Bake Off



torridon primary school

THE GREAT TORRIDON BAKE OFF!

Kids, fancy yourself as a star baker?

Enter our Summer Fair baking
competition to win prizes!

All entries will be sold at the fair to raise
funds for the school.

Catagories: EYFS, KS1, KS2

Please include your child's name and class.

Label ingredients. No nuts.

Entries to be dropped off at school by

Sunday 6th July at 12pm.

Eco Leaders Second-hand Toy Shop

Eco Leaders Second-hand Toy Shop at **Torridon Summer Fair:**

Sunday 6th July 2025



We will be running a Second-hand Toy Shop at the Torridon Fair.

Please donate good quality toys that you don't play with anymore, so that someone else can enjoy them.



By donating and buying second hand, you are saving the planet!
Reduce the plastic consumption and reduce waste.

Recycle the fun!

Deadline to donate: Wednesday 3rd July 2025

From the Eco Leaders Team

Supporting adult: Sarah in Year 4



Yard Sale Pizza Competition

To celebrate the end of the academic year and the arrival of the summer holidays, Yard Sale Pizza is offering all primary schools in Hither Green the opportunity to win free pizza for an entire class!

Entering the competition is simple, parents and carers can nominate their child's school and class via the online nomination form (linked below). The class with the highest number of nominations by midnight on Sunday 6th July will reign victorious and win a golden pizza voucher for EVERY student.

Additionally, three runner-up classes, with at least three nominations, will be picked at random and will also receive a pizza voucher!

Follow Yard Sale Pizza on [Instagram](#) or sign up to their [mailing list](#) to receive direct leaderboard updates and announcements for the winning and runner up classes. Winners will be announced w/c 7th July and vouchers will be distributed via the school and specific class teacher. So let's give our students a delicious end-of-term treat – and may the most enthusiastic class win!

[NOMINATE YOUR CLASS HERE!](#)



STARS OF THE WEEK

| Class | Name | Reason |
|--------------|-----------------|---|
| Nursery FT | Za'niyah | For joining in with all of the exercise activities especially duck, duck, goose game and for her fantastic speaking. Well done, Za'niyah! 😊 |
| Nursery AM | Tishara | For her brilliant counting and her super dancing and singing. Well done, Tishara! 😊 |
| Nursery PM | Theo | For playing nicely with his friends and joining in during carpet time. Well done, Theo! 😊 |
| Blue Class | Za'kai | For consistently following adult instructions and being a role model to his peers. Well done, Za'kai! |
| Red Class | Yazmin | For listening attentively all week and giving her best effort – especially at tidy up time! Keep it up Yazmin! 😊 |
| Yellow Class | Milan | For working so hard in her phonics learning and applying it to her reading and writing. Well done Milan! 😊 |
| 1M | The Whole Class | For showing their amazing knowledge about trees and plants on our trip, this week. You have all learnt so much! 😊 |
| 1N | The Whole Class | For showing their amazing knowledge about trees and plants on our trip, this week. You have all learnt so much! 😊 |
| 1W | Thea | For her brilliant scientific knowledge on our school trip to the Wildcat Wilderness Centre, which showed how much she had learned in science. We were so proud. Well done Thea! 😊 |
| 2E | Nathan | For his thoughtful attitude towards learning and for showing real perseverance in his writing. He listened carefully to feedback and used it to craft a beautifully described and well-structured story about the Taj Mahal. Well done! |
| 2S | Mohammad Ismail | For his wonderful effort in his learning this week! It is wonderful to see you trying so hard and settling into 2S so wonderfully-well done Mohammad Ismail 😊 |
| 2SW | Maeve | For her excellent effort in writing this week! Well done for taking your time to make sure your spellings are accurate and that you have included lots of detail 😊 Your story of the Taj Mahal was amazing! |
| 3A | Lovisa | For always putting in lots of effort to learning, and being an excellent learning partner. |
| 3G | Murat | For settling well to 3G. We are very happy to have you as part of our school community 😊 |
| 3S | Aiden | For using all that he has been taught in his independent learning. Well done Aiden, keep it up 😊 |
| 4K | Stephen | For showing wonderful focus and creativity in writing a diary entry. He has also demonstrated improved reading aloud skills when engaging with the core text. Really proud of you Stephen 😊 |
| 4L | Shanaiya | For showing wonderful dedication to her maths learning about symmetry, showing pride and putting in great effort. Great to see Shanaiya, keep it up! 😊 |
| 4S | Gracie -May | For demonstrating an outstanding attitude to learning and a delightful enthusiasm for our core text, 'The Girl Who Stole an Elephant.' |
| 5C | Ayaan T | For rewriting the story Song of the River and retelling it in his own words as well as introducing new characters to make it more exciting and engaging. |
| 5L | Sophia | For writing an excellent narrative using a range of sentence lengths for description and suspense! Well done! |
| 5V | Tommy | For his kindness and helpfulness towards others. Well done Tommy. 😊 |
| 6A | Nevaeh | For excellent performance during singing lessons. You should be proud of your efforts! |
| 6L | Nicole | For consistently working well with others and showing brilliant teamwork during our orienteering activity in geography! Well done! |
| 6R | Mahalia | For demonstrating excellent collaborative skills during our orienteering geography learning. You were able to communicate clearly and demonstrated your adaptability. Well done. |
| RB Blue | Isaac | For being a very good friend. Well done Isaac! |
| RB Green | Gabriel | For being very engaged with his learning. Well done Gabriel, keep it up! |

Lewisham Summer HAF 2025

SUMMER CAMP



FREE PLACES & LUNCH*
available for eligible families



Monday to Thursday

Week 1: 28 July - 31 July
Week 2: 4 August - 7 August
Week 3: 11 August - 14 August
Week 4: 18 - 21 August

10:00am - 2:00pm

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Enjoy healthy meals and enriching activities over the
school holidays.

*FREE for children and young people eligible to
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Paid places also available.
Please bring a nut-free packed lunch and drink.

★ £15 per day ★ £55 for all 4 days

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**SUMMER
HOLIDAYS
2025**

**HAF
MULTI-SPORTS
CAMPS**




**LEWISHAM LIONS
CENTRE**

**10AM - 2PM EACH
DAY**

**FREE FOR FSM
KIDS BUT MUST
SIGN UP VIA
HOLIDAY
ACTIVITIES
VOUCHERS**



Weekly Attendance

| Class | Attendance_ | | Class | Attendance | | Class | Attendance | |
|-------|-------------|---|-------|------------|---|-------|------------|---|
| 1M | 94% | | 3A | 97.5% | | 5C | 96% | |
| 1N | 98% |  | 3G | 97.7% |  | 5L | 92% | |
| 1W | 95% | | 3S | 96% | | 5V | 99% |  |
| 2S | 95% | | 4K | 91% | | 6A | 93% | |
| 2SW | 91% | | 4L | 95% | | 6L | 85% | |
| 2E | 95% | | 4S | 91% | | 6R | 95% | |

Well done to all the new classes keeping the attendance trophy this week! Lets keep on pushing for 100% next week!

Girls Football Clubs




**GIRLS FOOTBALL
EXCELLENCE PROGRAM
TRIALS**

SELECTED TEAMS TO TRAIN AND PLAY WITH
AND AGAINST THE BEST

UNDER 12 - UNDER 14 - UNDER 16

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EMAIL: YOUNGQUEENSFC@GMAIL.COM TO BOOK A PLACE

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TO 18TH JULY**

5.30-6.30PM (UNDER 6, 8, 10)
6.30-7.30PM (UNDER 10, 12, 14, 16)
YEAR I TO YEAR II

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St Olave's Grammar School- Year 7 Entry



St. Olave's Grammar School

Information for Pupil Premium children in Year 5

- St. Olave's is a grammar school for boys, taking girls into our sixth form, based in Orpington. Entry to the school is via a selective entrance test taken during a child's year 6. This is a two stage process whereby the top 450 applicants from our stage 1 test are invited to proceed to our stage 2 test.
- Each year we offer up to 10 places for year 7 entry to applicants in receipt of Pupil Premium who have proceeded to our stage 2 entrance test.
- If your son is in receipt of Pupil Premium (or has been at any point in the 6 years prior to our application deadline date) and he proceeds to the stage 2 test then he will be in a very good position to gain a year 7 place at St. Olave's.
- Applications for Year 7 Entry 2026 are open now and close on Monday 30 June 2025 at Midday. Documentary proof of pupil premium status must be uploaded at time of application.
- In preparation for the entrance test, we would recommend visiting the school website via this link: [Outreach Work](#) where English and Maths resources are available. The password to access some of the English resources is Sunshine1571* In addition, further free resources can be found via the following link too: [Pupil Premium applicants](#)

For further details please contact our Admissions team:
admissions@saintolaves.net | 01689 820101 | www.saintolaves.net

Help Us Save Moon Lane Books!

As many of you, our wonderful customers, will know, we are launching an exciting Crowdfunder campaign, which will give Moon Lane the freedom to fully pursue our driving purpose - supporting the children in our community to access books which allow them to feel seen, respected and valued.



We have not been able to fully deliver on our mission in recent times. The reasons are complex, but the landscape of retail has changed following Covid and the cost-of-living crisis, which leaves our bookshop in a more vulnerable position. This has reduced our ability to reinvest and engage in our community through our work as a community interest company (CIC), via schools events, as well as activities, signings and other events in Moon Lane Books itself. Donate here:

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/help-us-save-moon-lane-ink-cic>

Drama School - £40 Discount for Torridon Students

Free Trial Session and £40 discount at Perform

Popular children's drama and dance school Perform is offering a Free Trial Session and a **special introductory discount of £40 for members of Torridon Primary School** if they sign up by Monday 22nd September 2025. Parents should quote TORP220925 when they book their free session by going to perform.org.uk/try or calling 020 7255 9120.

You can find out more about the classes at perform.org.uk/try. Alternatively, pdf flyers can be downloaded from [here](#).

Click to find [your nearest classes](#) or view a list of [all areas](#).

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**"My son has adored his first term at Perform.
He has blossomed and I've seen his confidence grow every week."**

Pippa Wotton

BIG Football Day



Why not celebrate football and the EUROS in style this year by attending our Big Football day powered by The National Lottery as the Lionesses take centre stage in the UEFA Women's EUROS 2025?

The Big Football day is all about empowering and inspiring girls to take part in football.

The event is going to be held on Wednesday 27th July, running from 10am – 2pm and is a great way for the girls to get into Football and Kicks - the girls player performance pathway session.

Happy Days – Summer Camp

HAPPY DAYS
SUMMER CAMP

WEDNESDAY 23RD JULY 2025 -
FRIDAY 15TH AUGUST 2025

OPEN FROM
7:30AM-6:30PM DAILY

ELFIDA PRIMARY SCHOOL
PLAYGREEN WAY
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DROPS HOME AVAILABLE

Talk Matters

Your school is taking part in **Talk Matters** activities and support to help your child develop their talking and listening skills and improve wellbeing across the school.

Parents and carers
Tell us what you think

We are researchers who have been asked to find out what difference **Talk Matters** makes in your school.

We want to hear from you.

Please scan the QR code with your phone to go to the survey.



The survey will take around 5 minutes to complete on a phone, tablet or computer.

The survey is open until the end of the school term.

Talk Matters has been developed by the Mayor of London's Violence Reduction Unit. They have asked Ecorys to carry out this research.

Your views will help your school and others to understand how well **Talk Matters** is working and how it could improve.

Have a question about this research? Email:
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Online Safety – Nintendo Switch

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about NINTENDO SWITCH 2

Nintendo launched its Switch 2 games console in early June 2025 – its first new console in eight years. While it builds on the original's success by remaining compatible with certain existing games, it also adds powerful hardware and new features like GameChat and a USB-C camera. As more children look to upgrade, it's important to understand how this new console might affect their play and safety.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

EASIER TO ACCESS MATURE CONTENT

18
CENSORED

Despite Nintendo's reputation for family-friendly titles, mature games like *Cyberpunk 2077* and *Hillman* have been released onto the platform. With the Switch 2's improved performance, developers will be able to port even more mature-rated games. These may appeal to children due to their popularity, but they contain content that is highly unsuitable for young audiences.

IN-APP & GAME STORE PURCHASES

The Nintendo eShop enables purchases with just a few taps. If payment details are saved and PIN protection is disabled, children may unknowingly make costly purchases – including game add-ons, cosmetic items or entire new releases – without parental approval.

UNRESTRICTED ONLINE PLAY IN SOME GAMES

While GameChat is one feature, Switch 2 also connects to the broader Nintendo Switch Online service. Many free-to-play titles like *Fortnite* or *Splatoon 4* allow voice or text chat with strangers unless chat settings are adjusted, meaning children could encounter inappropriate language or unwanted contact.

GAMECHAT & REAL-TIME VOICE COMMUNICATION

GameChat enables free chatting with up to 12 people, even across different games, with optional video and screen sharing. Though children under 18 are restricted to chatting only with approved friends, the sheer interactivity could raise privacy concerns or create pressure to remain online longer.

CAMERA COMPATIBILITY & PRIVACY CONCERNS

The optional USB-C camera supports video coding and facial overlays in games; however, this also raises the risk of cyberbullying or the unwanted sharing of personal images. The camera can be disabled, removed or covered, and parental controls are essential to manage how and when it is used.

POWERFUL PULL OF FAMILIAR CHARACTERS

Nintendo's mascot, Mario – along with Pikachu, Donkey Kong and others – remains hugely appealing to younger audiences, especially after the success of the recent film, *The Super Mario Bros. Movie* (2023). These beloved icons are central to Nintendo's branding and often feature in merchandising, adverts and in-game promotions, creating strong emotional attachments in children and a sense of urgency to keep up with their peers.

Advice for Parents & Educators

CHECK RATINGS & USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Every Switch and Switch 2 game comes with a PEGI age rating. Before buying one, ensure the content matches your child's age. Use the Nintendo Parental Controls app to monitor gameplay, set screen-time limits and manage friend requests.

REMOVE OR RESTRICT PAYMENT METHODS

Avoid accidental spending by unlinking credit cards from the device. Instead, consider adding funds via prepaid eShop cards or requiring a PIN for purchases. Some banking apps can also be set to approve transactions manually.

REVIEW FRIEND LISTS AND CHAT PERMISSIONS

Child profiles are restricted to chatting with approved friends only, but it's good practice to regularly check their friend list and communication settings. Use the Parental Controls app to switch off voice or video chat if necessary.

ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATIONS

Teach children how to block, report and capture any behaviour or content that makes them uncomfortable. The console's built-in tools allow them to create screenshots and video clips, which can aid in reporting any issues. Keeping an open dialogue helps children feel supported and safe.

Meet Our Expert

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