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12th September 2025

Dear parents and carers,

It was lovely to see so many of you attending our welcome meetings this week. I hope you found them helpful. We will share the slides for anyone who was not able to attend. As I mentioned in the meeting, we are always keen to hear from you so if you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please get in touch via email

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We are advertising for new parent governors to come and join our board this year. If you would like to know more about the role, our chair of governors Levin Wheller and I will be very happy to meet with you. Speak to a senior member of staff on the gate if you think you might be interested and would like some more information.

I hope you had a chance to pop into our exhibition this evening to see some of the learning from our Rights Respecting theme week 'Our Rights, Our Voices'. The children really enjoyed learning about their rights, thinking about why children's rights are so important and reflecting on how our core values of Aspiration, Community, Diversity, Excellenc e and Respect are mirrored in the UN Convention on the Rights of The Child. A big thank you to Suraiya and

Shanae for organising everything.

Congratulations to our superstar golfers who came home with our first sports trophy of the season today. They really did Torridon proud!

I hope you have a wonderful weekend,

Best wishes

Manda George

Headteacher



#### **OPAL Play**

We are pleased to share that the **Gladiator Noodle Battle** has been a huge hit with the children! The laughter, teamwork, and imaginative role play have brought so much joy to the playground. It's wonderful to see the children fully immersed in creative play, building confidence and friendships along the way.





#### Donations!

We are always looking for ways to make our playground more exciting and inclusive and you can help!



If you have any unwanted scooters or tricycles at

home that are no longer being used, we would love to give them a second life through our **OPAL Play** initiative. These items will help enrich outdoor play and give children even more opportunities to explore, move, and have fun.

Donations can be dropped off at the school office.

#### **School Street**

Please remember that we have a school street in action at the beginning and end of the day. This means that vehicles are not permitted in the school street zone between the hours of 8.15-9.15am and 2.45-3.45pm. This is to ensure better air quality and safer streets for our children and families.



If you have an exemption and have to drive to and from school, please make sure you drive carefully, being

mindful of children who may be walking, scooting or cycling. Please ensure you park considerately, away from the school gates, avoiding resident's driveways and always make sure to turn your engine off.

For more information about the school streets programme, including how to apply for an exemption permit, please visit the Lewisham website:

School Streets Programme

### SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

This week, the children held elections for their new school council representatives. I am very excited to meet them at our first official meeting next week. Welcome to our new school councillors and their deputies:





### Friends of Torridon PTA - AGM Friday 26th September



Please join us for our Annual General Meeting on Friday, 26th September, 9-11am, at school. All are welcome! Come along and enjoy free refreshments, meet other parents and carers, learn about the PTA's activities over the last year, and help shape our plans for the year ahead. Our pre-loved uniforms will be available for an optional donation by cash or card.

Not able to stay for the full meeting? Looking after young children? No problem! Children are welcome, and all are free to drop in and out as needed. We'll circulate presentation slides and notes after the meeting.

Thinking of joining the PTA Committee? Find out what's involved <u>here</u>.

Questions or suggestions? Email friendsoftorridonpta@gmail.com.

### Fundrasing for the School

Congratulations to the Torridon runners who completed the Big Half last Sunday.









There is still time to donate on their gofundme page to raise money for Friends of Torridon PTA.

https://www.gofundme.com/f/running-the-big-half-for-torridon

### Forest School Autumn 1 Timetable – Years 2 and 4

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		2E	2SW	25
	4S		4C	4K

Your child should bring the following to school in a bag on their

Forest School day:

Welly boots

Waterproof trousers (if they have some)

Waterproof coat

Spare pair of socks

The kit list is to keep your child's uniform clean as we do get wet and muddy!

### Lewisham Foodbank Support





Torridon plan to support Lewisham Food Bank with their Harvest appeal this year.

We are asking for the following donations which can be handed to your child's class teacher or Kelley on the Reception gate.

Year group	Suggested items	
Resource Base	Tinned meat or sweet treats	
Nursery	Tinned fish or savoury treats	
Reception	Tinned veg or jams/spreads	
Year 1	Tinned tomatoes or toothbrushes	
Year 2	Rice or deodorant	
Year 3	Pasta or shower gel	
Year 4	Baked beans or shampoo	
Year 5	Cereal or toilet roll	
Year 6	Tinned fruit or sanitary towels	

Torridon Primary School are proud to support the Lewisham Foodbank and have worked closely with them since COVID to support many families in need within our community.

We hope to help as many families as we can this autumn so every single donation will make a difference.



#### Reception - Names and Numbers

This week in Reception the children drew a picture of themselves and wrote their names. They have also explored numbers and ordered numbers 0-5.









#### Resource Base - Food Tasting



We are delighted to share that our weekly food tasting sessions have started again! These sessions give children the chance to build their confidence in trying new foods and encourage them to enjoy mealtimes in the dinner hall alongside their peers. This week, the children explored the differences between salty and sweet foods, sparking lots of interesting conversations and curious taste buds. Food tasting not only helps pupils become more adventurous eaters, but also supports them in making positive, healthy choices. We look forward to continuing these sessions and

introducing a variety of exciting new flavours each week.







#### Year 1 - Community

This week we have been creating masterpieces, inspired by helpful people in our community. We chose our favourite community helpers and drew ourselves in their uniforms and settings then we thought about the things they might say to us all and used our best handwriting to write in role as our chosen character.



#### Year 2 - Diversity Posters

As part of the 'Our Rights, Our Voices' theme, we made diversity posters to share what makes our cultures special. We included foods we love, traditional clothing, and celebrations that are important to us. It was a fun way to learn more about each other and celebrate what makes us unique. We're proud of our posters and loved seeing how different and amazing everyone's lives are.











#### Year 3 - Aspiration



Year 3 have been thinking about aspiration. We thought about how we could improve our reading and writing skills, mastering multiplication and division and joining in with class discussions. Everyone thought about their goals and ambitions for the future. Our vison boards helped us to focus on what we needed to do to achieve our goals





#### Year 4 persuasive writing

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In year 4, the children have been exploring the inspiring work of Sir David Attenborough and writing persuasive speeches about protecting our planet. Using powerful language and emotive arguments, the children spoke passionately about issues such as climate change, deforestation and pollution. The speeches link to the creative learning about David Attenborough which we have been learning about over the last two weeks. The children have developed their writing skills while learning how we can all help care for the planet.

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#### Year 5 - Zones of Regulation



In class, the children created personalized name tags to use on our Zones of Regulation display. Each name tag helps them identify and communicate which zone they are in—blue, green, yellow, or red—based on how they're feeling. This activity followed a thoughtful discussion about emotions and self-regulation strategies. The children also explored and recorded helpful techniques they can use to move back into the green zone, such as deep breathing, taking a short break, talking to a trusted adult, or using calming tools. This display now serves as a daily visual reminder to support emotional awareness and regulation in our classroom.

#### Scholastic Book Fair

The book fair will be continuing next week. We are hoping to sell as many books as possible, so that we can earn back FREE books for our reading room. Here are the dates and times you can visit our book fair:

Thursday 11th September – Wednesday 17th September – Year 3 and 4 hall – 3:15pm-3:45pm



### Year 6 — Hope Has No Borders

As part of our theme "Our Rights, Our Voices", Year 6 have been exploring the powerful idea that hope transcends boundaries. Their campaign, "Hope Has No Borders", has sparked deep reflection and meaningful discussion around human rights, empathy, and global citizenship.

In PSHE this week, the children were asked to imagine what it might feel like to leave their home suddenly, and to consider what **six items** they would take with them. This activity encouraged them to think not only about practical needs, but also emotional connections and personal identity. From cherished family photos to warm clothing, books, and symbolic keepsakes, the choices revealed a thoughtful understanding of what truly matters in times of uncertainty. The children showed great maturity and compassion as they shared their reasons and listened to each other's stories.

This learning experience has helped Year 6 develop a deeper awareness of the challenges faced by displaced people around the world, and has empowered them to use their voices to advocate for kindness, inclusion, and hope. We are incredibly proud of their empathy, creativity, and commitment to making a difference.



#### Golfing Glory

On Friday, 10 children from year 6 took part in the Lewisham School games tri-golf tournament at St. Dunstan's Jubilee Ground in Catford. Tri-golf is an inclusive team game where players take turns in hitting the ball towards cones or targets to earn points for their team. We were given the opportunity to play 8 mini games, each with their own unique challenges, to earn as many points as possible. The team with the highest overall score would be the champions. Our Torridon team were outstanding! They worked incredibly well together, cheering each other on throughout and earning an incredible 1147 points, finishing as this year's champions! Well done to all 10 children for being amazing ambassadors for our school - your gold medals are well deserved.

Here's what some of our team players said after the event:

I think the team worked well together and I'm really happy with the result. This was my first ever tri-golf tournament, and we came first! My favourite part of the day was when we started playing the first game as I went from being nervous to being extremely excited for the rest of the games' Max, 6R.

'My favourite games were the chipping ones as we got to hit the ball really hard. I'm really proud of myself and the team for winning the event. I loved being outside and getting to take part in the tournament. I hope I can do more in the future!' Lola, 6L



Dates j	for Yo	ur D	iary

Monday 15th-Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	Book Fair — Y3/4 Hall		
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	Yr 3 and 4 Tri-golf tournament		
Wednesday17 <sup>th</sup> September	First weekly tour for prospective families		
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	School council meeting		
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Year 3 and 4 girls' football tournament		
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	Coffee morning - mental health schools team		
Friday 26th Sontombor	9am Friends of Torridon PTA AGM		
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 5 and 6 girls' football team trials		
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 5 and 6 mixed netball tournament		
October	Black History Month		
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Year 5 and 6 boys' football team trials		
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	4K trip to Museum of London Docklands		
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	4S and 4C trip to Museum of London Docklands		
	Year 5 trip to Catford Broadway Theatre		
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 3 and 4 boys' football tournament		
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Reception to Year 6 flu immunisations		
Tuesday 14 October	Year 5 and 6 boys' football tournament		
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Open evenings for parents and carers		
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	HALF TERM HOLIDAY		
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 and 6 girls' football tournament		
w/b Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Week		
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 1 boys' football tournament		
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need		
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Individual and class photographs		
Friday 21st November	INSET DAY		
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Reception cinema visit		
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Reception to Year 6 height and weight screening		
w/b 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Whole school assessment week		
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Music concert		
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	PTA School Disco		
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 and Year 2 festive assembly		
	performances		
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5 and Year 6 festive assembly		
	performances		
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception nativity performance		
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch		
Thursday 18th December	Year 3 and 4 festive assembly performances		
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term		
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December – Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY		
January			
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	First day of spring term		

#### Weekly Attendance

Class	Atten	dance	Class	Atten	dance	Class	Atten	dance
1M	96%		3A	98%		5A	96%	
1N	98%		3G	94%		5C	96%	
1W	97%		3S	90%		5V	97%	,
2E	98%		4C	93%		6L	92%	
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Well done to all the classes who won the attendance cup this week! It's been a great start to the first full week back

#### Visual Literacy Research Project

We are very excited to announce that we will be contributing to a research project being led by Oxford University. The project is focussed on





teaching visual literacy and the potential benefits it may have to the development of young people. This exciting opportunity to be part of future improvements in education will take place during key stage two art lessons later this ter





#### STARS OF THE WEEK

Class	Name	Reason
Nursery FT	Everyone	You have all settled into nursery amazingly , we are so proud!
Nursery AM	Everyone	You have all settled into nursery amazingly , we are so proud!
Nursery PM	Everyone	You have all settled into nursery amazingly , we are so proud!
Blue Class	Ava	For working so hard to manage her emotions this week by coming into class with a
		smile on her face. Keep it up, Ava!
Red Class	Fousseni	For being very helpful during tidy up time and for using his voice when he needs
Yellow Class	EL. J.	help. Well done, Fousseni!
rellow Class	Elodie	For always being a role model. She has been so kind and helpful to everyone. Well done!
1M	Zainab	For being a brilliant role model to the class and for always trying her best. Well
		done, Zainab! 🚱
1N	Cairo	He has been coming to school with a big smile, a positive attitude and a love for
		learning. He even did independent writing! Keep up the great work. 🔞
1W	Lyra	She has had such a positive attitude to school and she created an imaginative art
		piece with helpful advice in role as a librarian. Well done!
2E	Mubashir	For being more independent with his learning, making sure he is focused and taking
25		care with his presentation this week. Well done. Keep it up!
2S	Sebastian	For settling into Torridon Primary School so well. We are so happy to have you in
2SW	Lauranca	2SW! (3)
2577	Laurence	For his positive attitude towards his learning. I have been very impressed with all of his hard work during lessons! Well done Laurie, keep it up! (©)
3A	Max	For your excellent attitude to learning.
3G	Hannah	
35	Kylan	For her creation of a very cool homemade robot. Keep up the amazing work! For being a fantastic role model to everyone in the class. Well done for always trying
33	Ryturi	your best in your learning (3)
4C	Cassia	For always putting in her best effort during lessons and showing great independence
		in her work 🕄
4K	Seth	For showing amazing enthusiasm and participation in class this week during our
		theme discussion. His contributions really stood out! Keep it up Seth 🔞
45	Sheanna	for demonstrating excellent focus, independence and pride in her learning. Well done
		Sheanna 😉
5A	Jah'shwany	For his excellent engagement and enthusiasm during maths lessons; always looking
5.0		for avenues to challenge himself.
5C	Max	For settling nicely in year 5 and producing some great pieces of learning that he should be proud of. Well done!
5V	Sophie	For using adventurous vocabulary in her writing. Well done 🕄
6L	Amy	For actively engaging in all areas of learning, demonstrating excellence and being a
	,9	great role model for your peers. Well done!
6LG	Junior	For having great dedication to his presentation of his learning. Your handwriting is
		consistently neat and clear! Well done! 😉
6R	Ashton	For demonstrating superb focus across the curriculum and providing an assured
		explanation of his reasoning when solving problems.
Resource Base	Lotanna	For being a positive member of the Resource Base by sharing and trying to include
		everyone in what he is doing.



Use simple techniques and tools to make something beautiful. All abilities welcome - from beginners to experienced carvers.

#### Torridon School, Sunday 28th September, 10am-3pm.

£50 per person (18+ only. Discounts available.)



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## Torridon Primary School



AUTUMN TERM 2025			
INSET DAYS	Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd September 2025		
First Day of Autumn Term	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2025		
HALF TERM HOLIDAY	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> — Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2025		
INSET DAY	Friday 21st November 2025		
Last Day of Autumn Term	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2025		
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2025 — Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2026		

SPRING TERM 2026			
First Day of Spring Term	Monday 5th January 2026		
INSET DAY	Friday 16th January 2026		
HALF TERM HOLIDAY	Monday 16th — Friday 20th February 2026		
Last Day of Spring Term	Friday 27th March 2026		
EASTER HOLIDAY	Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April 2026		

SUMMER TERM 2026		
First Day of Summer Term	Monday 13th April 2026	
BANK HOLIDAY	Monday 4th May 2026	
HALF TERM HOLIDAY	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May — Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	
INSET DAY	Monday 20th July 2026	
Last Day of Summer Term	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	
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Children do not come to school on INSET Days

# Keep on reading...

Congratulations and thanks to all of the children and families who have taken part in the Summer Reading Challenge at Lewisham Libraries this year.

If you haven't completed your challenge yet – don't panic! The Challenge doesn't end until Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September – so there is still time to tell us about your books and earn your medal.

If you *have* completed your challenge – keep on reading! Come and see us soon at Lewisham Libraries.



#### Secondary School Open Days





#### OPEN DAY SATURDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2025

#### SOUTH LONDON'S AWARD-WINNING SCHOOL

. \$1 Dunstan's College has been recognised nationally as - Con-educational School of the Year (2020 - independent School in London (2023 and 2024 - Most Progressive Independent School in London (2023 and 2024 - Best Diversity and Inclusion in Sport (2024 - Best Diversity and Inclusion in Sport (2025 - Best Diversity and Inclusion in Sport (2025

Record-breaking A Level Results
This summer, St Dunstan's
celebrated record-breaking
A Level results, with 89% of

#### OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

Sixth Form Open Evening Thursday 2 October 2025

Football Open Day (11+ and 16+) Wednesday 8 October 2025

www.stdunstans.org.ul









#### **Being a Parent**

Parenting programme for parents of children aged 2-11



A FREE 9 week course to help arents learn practical skills for everyday life such as:

- Looking after yourself as a parent
- Recognising and managing your child's emotions
- Learning positive parenting strategies

Ladywell Family Hub 30 Rushey Mead, SE4 1JJ Wednesdays 10.00-12.00 1st October-3rd December 2025

(no session 29th Oct-half term)

To sign up-Click HERE or scan the QR code. Or contact 07860 371868



absolutely loved this course. I would recommend it to anyone. It has helped me out so

The leaders were amazing, made me feel so much more confident and feel like people









#### Free Children Piano/Keyboard

- Taster Available Now Weekly 1 hour lessons available Monday to Sunday for children aged 5-13
- · Children learn to read, write and play music in every lesson. we also provide keyboard at every lesson
- Termly Exams and certificate along with opportunities to sit at internationally recognised exams and perform at live events



Contacts us Now by Email, Phone, Whats App or via our Website/QR Code to Book Your "FREE

TASTER SESSION"







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# Help Shape the Future of Children's Mental Health



We want to hear from parents and carers and younger children aged 8-15.

- What helps your child feel safe, happy, and supported?
- What challenges are you facing when it comes to their mental health and emotional wellbeing?

Take the survey to help shape better support and services for children and their families in Lewisham

It takes 5 mins

It's anonymous T You can enter a prize draw to

win a £50 gift voucher Open until 5th October

Survey for you and little ones





