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Dear parents and carers,

It has been another very busy week at Torridon with lots of lovely learning taking place. We had our first tour for parents and carers who are considering Torridon for their children starting Reception next year, and I was so proud to show them all of the fantastic things that were happening in the classrooms and around the school. If you know of any parents or carers who have children starting Reception next year, they are very welcome to come and visit. We run tours every Wednesday morning, and they can book a place by emailing us:

admin@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk

I had my first meeting with our new school councillors this week, and we thought about ways in which they can help me and the senior leadership team to shape our school development plan. They were very enthusiastic and had some really creative ideas. I can't wait for our next meeting when we will be thinking about how we can be excellent role models and leaders.

Next week, we will be holding our first coffee morning with the Mental Health Schools Team. I hope you will be able to come along so the team members can introduce themselves to you and tell you a little about what they do and ways in which they can offer support. Next week's session will be focussing on morning routines and transitions and will be particularly helpful for any families who have children with anxiety or worries about separating from parents or carers at the start of the school day.

The PTA are also hoping to see you on Friday for their Annual General Meeting. Come along and hear about their fabulous fundraising and ways in which you may be able to offer some support this year.

To accompany our newsletter this week, we are also publishing our annual calendar of events. It will give you an overview of planned events throughout the academic year. We will add any new events and update the calendar half termly. I hope you will find it helpful.

It was great to see the sunshine this afternoon. Here's hoping it stays with us over the weekend!

Warm wishes to you all

Manda George
Headteacher



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 [here](#).

Questions or suggestions? Email friendsoftorridonpta@gmail.com.

OPAL Play – Cardboard City Donations

As we enter into the colder and wetter months, please can we ask that donations to our CARDBOARD CITY are on the smaller size!
No large boxes please until the spring!



We are looking for small boxes, cardboard tubes and cardboard yogurt pots.
Thank you for your continued support as we continue to develop our OPAL PLAY opportunities for the children.

Meet Jamie – our new ELSA

I am pleased to introduce myself as Torridon's new ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant). This is a new role at our school, where I will be working with children to support their emotional wellbeing in a calm and safe environment. If you would like to know more about this role or how it might support your child, please don't hesitate to speak to me on the gate or email: admin@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk



INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS

We currently have lesson spaces for piano, guitar, violin, recorder, drum fun, drum kit, saxophone and clarinet.

If you are interested in your child starting lessons on any of these instruments, please complete the form on the link below, or follow the QR code.



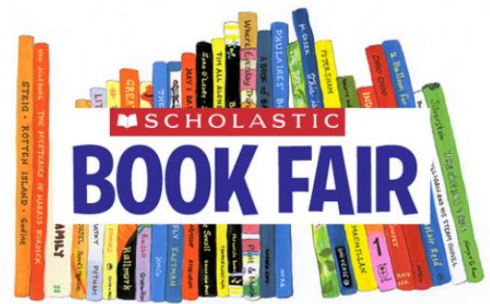
<https://www.torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk/curriculum/creative-curriculum/music/>

Book Fair

Thank you for supporting our Scholastic book fair!

A huge thank you to all the parents, carers, and families who came along to our Scholastic Book Fair! It was lovely to see the children browsing the books and getting excited about their choices. We hope they're enjoying their new reads both at home and in school.

Thanks to your support, we'll be using the rewards from the fair to buy even more fantastic books for our reading room — ready for the children to enjoy during the school day



Spoon Carving Workshop



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.)



amyas.varcoe@gmail.com



@VarcoeWoodcraft

Coffee morning for parents and carers



Supporting morning routines

with the school's Mental Health Support Team (MHST)

Thursday 25th September, 9am – 10am

The MHST work with schools in Lewisham focusing on the emotional health and wellbeing of children, young people and families.

Please come along to find out more about how they can support your child and your family.

We will also discuss how you can support your child with transitions during their morning routine and other transitions they may encounter.

We look forward to seeing you there.



Welly Boots



As you will be aware, the school has a stock of boots for the children to use for forest school. We are looking to extend our stock to accommodate messy, wet OPAL PLAY.



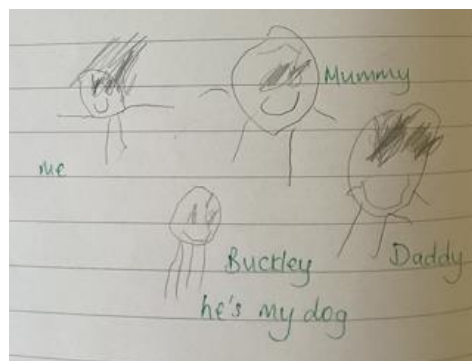
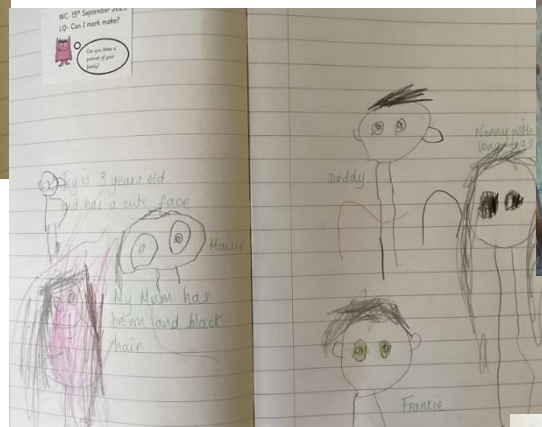
We are looking for bigger sizes, in particular adult size 2-8.

If you have any wellies that you are happy to donate, please hand them to Kelley on the reception gate or the school office FAO: Kelley.



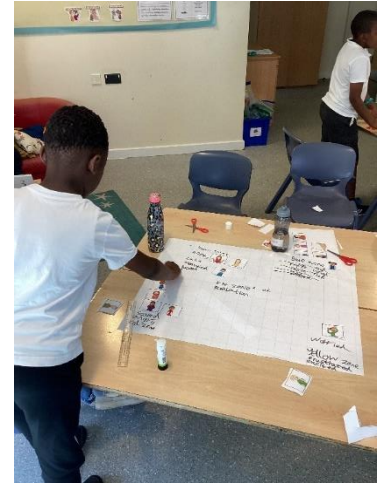
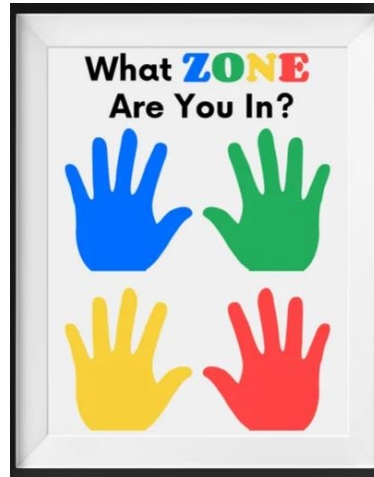
Reception – All About Me

As part of our new topic 'All about Me', reception have been talking about who is special to them, drawing pictures of their families and who lives at home. We have also explored our feelings and emotions with the help of our friend the Colour Monster. Take a look at some of our fantastic learning!



Resource Base – Zones of Regulation

This week, the Resource Base have been using the Zones of Regulation, a helpful framework to recognise and share their feelings. Using colours to represent different emotional states supports the children to understand their emotions and develop strategies to regulate themselves. We are proud of their growing confidence in expressing how they feel throughout the day.



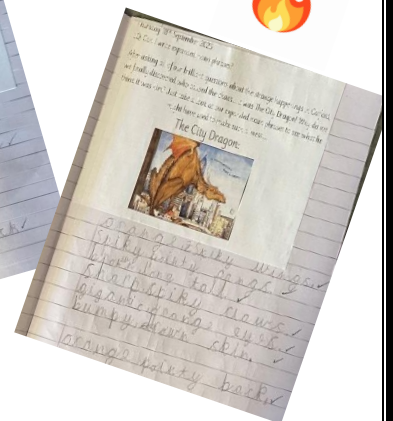
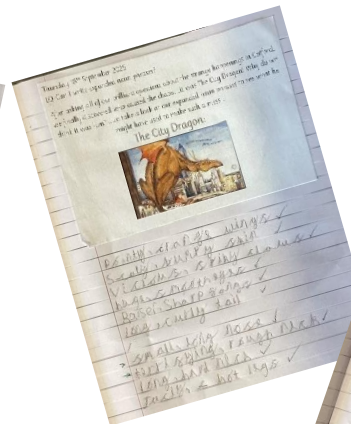
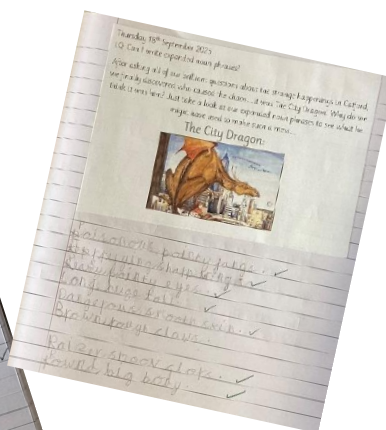
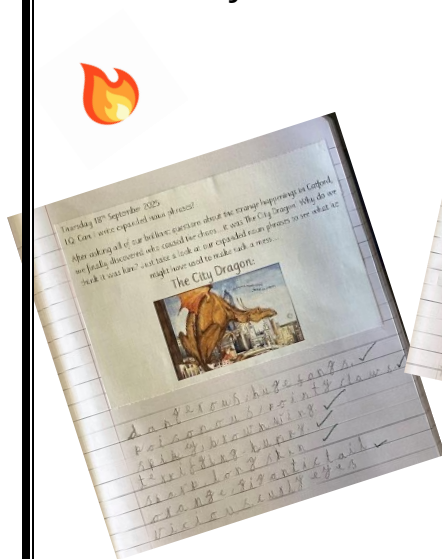
Year 1 – RE

This week, we studied objects found in the natural world and thought about whether they were dead, alive or had ever been alive. We shared our ideas about who made the objects and compared our different beliefs. We learned that different religions have different ideas about how the universe was created and that some people don't have a religion at all. We spent time using natural objects to create pictures. We also thought about how we should treat our planet and the animals that live on it.



Year 2 – Writing

This week in year 2, we heard that some mysterious things were happening around Catford—trees were burnt, bins melted, and huge scratch marks were left on fences and walls! After asking lots of brilliant questions, we discovered the culprit... it was the City Dragons! This fiery troublemaker has even left glossy, glistening eggs in people's gardens. Now take a look at our expanded noun phrases to see exactly what this dragon might look like—you'll want to know what to watch out for!



Year 3 – Maths

In year 3, we used dienes to partition 3-digit numbers. This hands-on method helped everyone understand place value. We could see and touch the value of each digit and physically build each number. We were then able to compare two numbers and discuss which was greater.



Year 4 – Maths

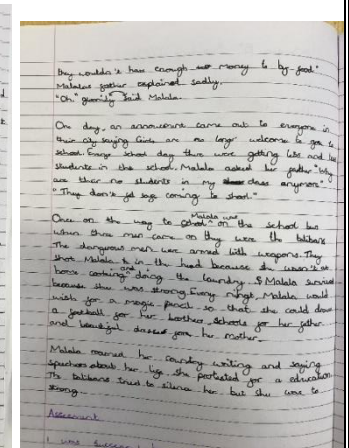
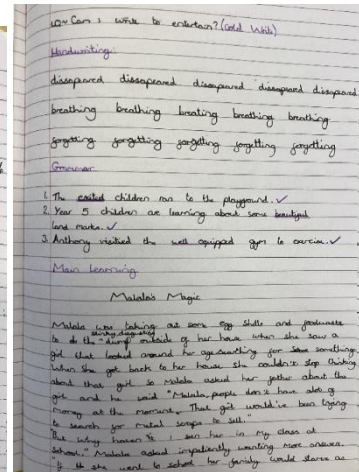
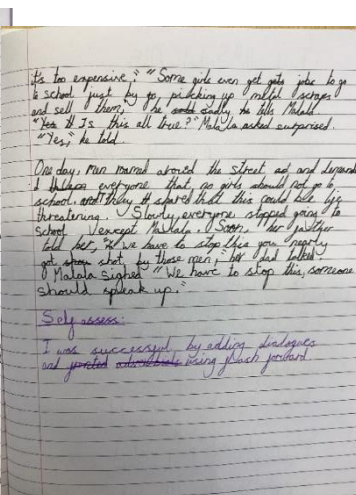
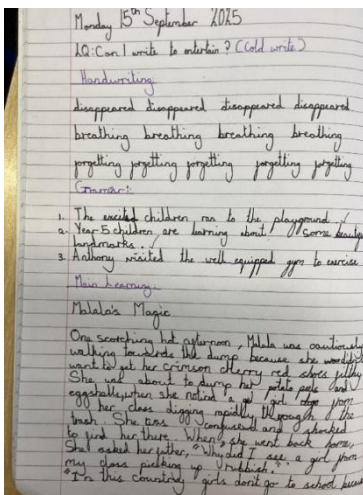


In year 4, our mathematicians have been diving deep into the world of place value. We've been revisiting key concepts and learning how to partition and represent numbers up to 10,000.

The classroom was buzzing with excitement as pupils became number detectives, using dienes and place value counters to build and explore 3- and 4-digit numbers. We developed a stronger understanding of how numbers are structured and how each digit holds its own unique value on a place value chart

Year 5 – Writing

This week in year 5, we began to read our class text 'The London Eye Mystery' by Siobham Dowd. As the first chapter began we a highly captivating flashforward, we decided to write our own flashforward based on the story 'Malala's Magic Pencil' written by Malala Yousafzai.



Year 6 – Drama

This term, year 6 are diving into our core text: Safiyyah's War, using drama to explore key moments from the story and bring the characters' emotions to life. Through role play and performance, pupils develop their emotive vocabulary and deepen their understanding of character motivation and historical context. These drama sessions support key writing features such as tone, perspective and informal language.



PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, we are looking for new parent governors this year. Several parent governors have now reached the end of their term so we now have three vacancies – this is your opportunity to be part of the team helping Torridon deliver the best possible outcomes for our students.

Being a governor is a fascinating and rewarding role, and if you think it might be for you, we really encourage you to take a look at the all information below and consider sending in an application.

The governing board is a friendly and welcoming group, who strive to get a diverse set of views to help ensure we make the best possible decisions for the school.

For more information about the role of aschool governors and information about how to apply, please click on the link below:

[Parent Governor Vacancy](#)

Visual Literacy Research Project



In last week's newsletter, we told you that we were taking part in a research project being led by Oxford University. We have emailed you with some additional detail about the project.

If you DO NOT want your child to take part, please email admin@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk and we will send you an opt out form to complete.

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.

Weekly Attendance

Class	Attendance		Class	Attendance		Class	Attendance	
1M	89%		3A	98%		5A	98%	
1N	95%		3G	98%		5C	92%	
1W	97%		3S	87%		5V	100%	
2E	99%		4C	88%		6L	92%	
2S	92%		4K	100%		6LG	93%	
2SW	94%		4S	96%		6R	95%	

Well done to all the classes who won the attendance cup this week, especially our classes with 100% attendance this week!

Dates for Your Diary

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



STARS OF THE WEEK



Class	Name	Reason
Nursery FT	Sevda	For settling in beautifully and being so helpful, especially at tidy-up time!
Nursery AM	Josiah	For learning how much fun nursery is and making so many new friends!
Nursery PM	Jatush	For settling into nursery so well and being a kind friend!
Blue Class	Theophilus	For being an incredible role model at all times and following the school rules. Keep it up!
Red Class	Kallie	For being a good role model during carpet times, and she is nice and kind to her friends. Well done, Kallie! 😊
Yellow Class	Thanushikan	For being kind and helpful to others and always being a good friend. Well done!
1M	Bodhi	For his positive attitude and love for learning. He has shown enthusiasm towards our learning this week and always tries his best. Well done, Bodhi! 😊
1N	Max	For his positive attitude towards his learning and for always trying his best. Well done, Max! 😊
1W	Dishan	For being a positive role model in class. He always listens carefully to instructions and tries his best to learn, and follow, the classroom routines. Great job!
2E	Samara	For always ensuring that she is focused and on task. She takes pride in her learning and has been producing lovely pieces of learning. Keep up the great work 😊. Well done Samara!
2S	Kyro	For his amazing attitude towards his learning and for his impressive presentation! Well done Kyro, keep it up! 😊
2SW	Sarvan	For trying his very best and for all of the hard work that he has put into his learning! Well done Sarvan, keep it up! 😊
3A	Rowan	For being an outstanding role model for both learning and behaviour. Well done Rowan!
3G	Shanaya	For using her alphabetical knowledge to independently find new vocabulary in the dictionary.
3S	Samrawit	For developing confidence in her own ability and becoming more independent. Well done, Samrawit, keep it up 😊
4C	Aeirren	For showing great enthusiasm towards his learning. Well done!! 😊
4K	Innaya	For settling nicely in year 4 and actively engaging in all areas of her learning. Well done for being a positive role model for your peers. 😊
4S	Patryk	For showing a considerate and conscientious attitude towards his learning and his peers. Thank you, Patryk 😊
5A	Eunice	For her quiet enthusiasm in all areas of her learning. Always positive and unassuming but takes pride in her learning. Keep it up!
5C	Dee-Dee	For settling nicely into year 5 and contributing her ideas in lesson discussion when the topic interests her. Well done!
5V	Ottillie	For being focused and dedicated to her learning which allowed her to catch-up and produce a quality piece of learning, even though she had less time than her peers. Great work! 😊
6L	Whole class	For your hard work and dedication throughout your first assessment week. Keep up the great work !
6LG	Ariana	For applying test strategies during assessment week. You underlined key information to ensure your answers were accurate. Well done 😊
6R	Michael	For making superb improvements in the presentation of his learning and consistently demonstrating a conscientious attitude across the curriculum. Well done.
Resource Base	Royalty	For always being ready to learn and participate in class discussions. She is a great role model to others. Keep it up Royalty

Tri Golf Triumph!

On Tuesday, 10 children from year 4 took part in the Lewisham School games tri-golf tournament at St. Dunstan's Jubilee Ground in Catford. Following in the footsteps of our gold medal winning year 6 team, this group of children faced the same 8 games of golf in the lower KS2 event. For some, this was their first ever tournament so it was wonderful to see them representing our school with passion.

Our Torridon team were amazing! They worked incredibly well together, cheering each other on throughout and earning an incredible 723 points, finishing in 3rd place and earning themselves bronze medals! This is a fantastic achievement considering how nervous they were at the start of the event. Well done to all 10 children for being amazing ambassadors for our school - your bronze medals are well deserved.

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

'I was really happy that I was picked for the tournament. When we got there, it felt surreal. My favourite part of the day was playing the game where we chose where we shot the ball from as I tried my best and got the 10-point shot!' Thomas, 4K.

'It was really fun! I liked the whole thing. My favourite game was the big chipper one. I didn't know I would get a medal but I was so happy to get bronze.' Rina, 4C.





Torridon Primary School



AUTUMN TERM 2025

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

SPRING TERM 2026

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

SUMMER TERM 2026

First Day of Summer Term	Monday 13 th April 2026
BANK HOLIDAY	Monday 4 th May 2026
HALF TERM HOLIDAY	Monday 25 th May – Friday 29 th May 2026
INSET DAY	Monday 20 th July 2026
Last Day of Summer Term	Friday 17 th July 2026

Children do not come to school on INSET Days



Family Hubs Parent and Carer Advisory Group



Who is the Parent and Carer Advisory Group for?
Any parent, carer
(or expectant parent or carer)
living in Lewisham with a child
aged 19 or below
(or 25 for young people with
Special Educational Needs and
Disabilities – SEND)

When: every eight weeks
across Lewisham's Family
Hubs - contact Lou for more
information

**Would you like to help shape
how services are delivered to
families within Lewisham's
Family Hubs?**

**Would you like to meet others
from the community and have
your voices heard?**

**Then join our Family Hubs
Parent and Carer Advisory
Group!**

What's in it for me?

- A warm welcome
- Help shape services
- Vouchers for your time
- Have your say!
- Refreshments
- Meet other community members
- TFL travel expenses
- Guest speakers and training

**Call Lou on
0790 900 1310 to find out more**
Sign up here: bit.ly/3CJD0hr

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video here:
bit.ly/3pbH0o5

Read more here:
bit.ly/3qN08ZJ






TRINITY



Join us for our
Junior Orchestral Day
 Sunday 12th October 10:00 - 17:00

£30 (£20 for siblings) - Free for pupils on Pupil Premium
 Funding - Grade 2+ standard - For children aged 8-12

Book now at: trinity-school.org/events or scan code




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AUTUMN 2025

TICKETS ON SALE



BRICK FESTIVAL

28TH SEPT 2025
 ROYAL NATIONAL HOTEL

LONDON BRICK FESTIVAL

MORE LEGO THAN YOU CAN DREAM OF

[CLICK HERE FOR LINK](#)

St Andrew's Church Christmas Tree Festival

24th-29th November 2025

We warmly invite you to take part in St Andrew's 3rd annual Christmas Tree Festival, providing and decorating your own tree, which reflects **you, your family, business, school or group** (some are clubbing together with neighbours on their street) – **it's an opportunity to be creative!**

The tree you provide will need to be:

- Artificial and no taller than 5ft
- Self-supporting, with a safe and secure stand
- Lights must be LED/battery operated

Set-up: afternoon of Sun 23rd Nov or morning of Mon 24th Nov.

Take-down: afternoon of Sun 30th Nov or morning of Mon 1st Dec.

On the main festival day – **Saturday, 29th November** – mulled wine, mince pies, festive activities and stalls will be on offer in the church Hall, in collaboration with the Corbett Library Christmas Market.

To book a tree space, please contact Christine by the 31st October:
07944 017491
cmaggs@hotmail.com



Sign up for your space today!

BIG FISH LITTLE FISH OUTDOOR FAMILY RAVE LEWISHAM

Fox & Firkin
316 Lewisham High Street SE13
Sunday 21st Sept 2-4pm
DJ: Alex Paterson (The Orb)

Reliably excellent' - Guardian
'Magical... credible music' - Time Out
Best Family Music - Festival Kidz
6 x Winner Best Family Event, National Family Arts Festival Awards
For families with 0-8 year olds: dance, craft laugh and be daft!
Adults £12, Children £10, pre-walkers free.
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**Big Fish
Little Fish**
2-4 HOUR PARTY PEOPLE