Brindishe Manor

Newsletter

Friday 6th November 2026

What has been happening this week....

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term! We do hope that you all had a lovley half term break and enjoyed the time spent with friends and/or family.

The children have returned with great enthusiasm this week and many have started new learning topics in different subject areas across the curriculum. We have lots of exciting learning, activities and visitors/trips planned for this half term. With this in mind, I have included some of the key dates at the bottom of the newsletter for you.

We will be sending information to you about our end of term performances next week. Please note that our open classroom date is Tuesday 1st December 2026 at 8:35am and we look forward to seeing lots of you then!





We are delighted to announce that Rocksteady is coming to Brindishe Manor in the new year!

Rocksteady is an exciting, fun and inclusive music programme where children learn to play in a band, using instruments such as drums, keyboards, guitars and vocals.

To introduce this fantastic opportunity, the Rocksteady team will be joining us on 17th November for a special introductory assembly and workshop for all the children. Pupils will have the chance to experience the excitement of making music together, discover the instruments and find out more about how they can get involved.

We are really looking forward to bringing the joy of music and the experience of playing in a band to our school and will send further information over the coming weeks.

Book Swap Mini Sheds



As you will remember from before half term, Billie and Greg, (our premises team) have put up our two new book swap mini sheds outside the year 3 and year 2 classrooms.

Parents, Carers and children are free to come and take a book before or after school and return it when they have finished, or indeed leave a book they are finished with for others to share.

Chapter books and picture books are available and we hope this provides families with a really great place for you to grab more and different reading material.

If you would like to add donations to the Book Swap Mini Sheds then please go ahead and start filling them up!



Opal Play

This half term, we are begining our journey with ***Opal Play*** at Brindishe Manor. We already offer lots of resources and equipment for children at lunchtimes so feel that this is the next natural step for us.

Mr Hickford (Year 5) will be leading our Opal Play journey, as he has led it in a previous school and has a background in outdoor learning. We will be updating you throughout.

Opal Play is where children can use a wide range of resources and equipment to enhance their play outside, whatever the weather!

Opal Play say...*"Play is the process through which children learn everything that they need to know that cannot be taught. Play wires the brain, builds capable bodies, and is the foundation of building relationships.*
OPAL's programme enables schools to provide every child with rich opportunities to be creative, collaborative and active in their outdoor play, in environments that are safe enough for 'health and safety' but challenging enough for children's ongoing development."

Key Dates



10th Nov - Y6 Turing class to IWM
13th Nov - Y6 Escher class to IWM
16th - 26th Nov - Year 4 swimming daily
16th Nov - 20th Nov - Diversity Week
16th Nov - NSPCC virtual assembly
17th November - Rocksteady asemblies and workshops
19th Nov - Open day for Sep 2027
23rd Nov - NSPCC 'Speak up stay safe' workshops
30th Nov - Y5 to Natural History Museum

1st Dec - Open classroom 8:35am
4th Dec - Winter Fair
8th Dec - Y2 Winter performance PM
9th Dec - Y2 Winter performacne AM
11th Dec - Reception Winter perfomance AM
14th Dec - Y1 Winter performance AM
15th Dec - Y3 Winter performance AM
16th Dec - Y4 Winter performance AM
17th Dec - Y5 Winter performance AM
18th Dec - Y6 Winter performance AM
18th Dec - End of term