



Stillness Junior School

Newsletter

March 2026

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Article 2: (non-discrimination)

The Convention applies to every child without discrimination, whatever their ethnicity, sex religion, language, abilities or any other status, whatever they think or say, whatever their family background.

Dear Stillness Families

We are delighted to share that the newly released figures from the Department for Education show us placed joint 5th in the Lewisham league tables for outstanding SATs results last year. This wonderful outcome reflects the consistent hard work, care and commitment shown across the school community. From the strong foundations built in Y3 through to the focus and determination of our children in Y6, everyone plays an important part.

Most of all, we are incredibly proud of our brilliant, hardworking children, whose effort, resilience and enthusiasm for learning made this achievement possible.

Mrs M Nichol
Headteacher



We are extremely proud to share that we are one of eleven schools that have successfully achieved **Asthma Friendly School** status this year.

This is a fantastic achievement and reflects our strong commitment to creating a safe, supportive environment for the children and staff with asthma.

STILLNESS NEWSLETTER

If you wish to contribute to the newsletter, the deadline to submit your articles for the next publication is the penultimate week of every month

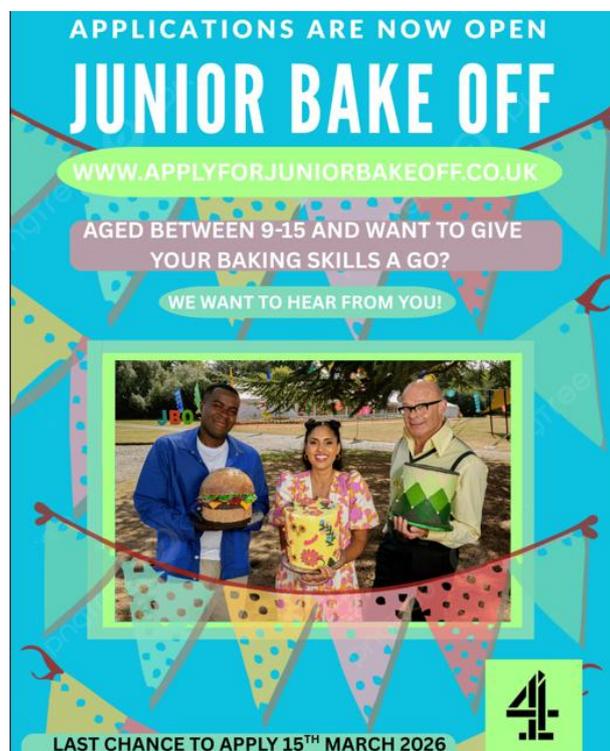
Hire our Facilities

We are delighted to offer our facilities for hire during the School holidays and outside normal school hours (5.30pm - 10pm) and facilities within the school, including the sports hall.

Our lettings are open 7 days a week with closures only during bank holidays and extended opening hours during school holidays.

If you are interested in the above, please contact

Kim Kennedy on kim@stillnessjs.lewisham.sch.uk.



Personal Property

Please note that the school cannot be held responsible for any loss or damage to any personal property that is brought into the school; this includes clothing, bicycles, scooters, games, balls, mobile phones, toys, jewellery, spectacles, money or any other item that is deemed as personal property.



Headteacher Awards



Mrs Chisholm for working so hard with the Eco Warriors and helping them to prepare their presentation for the RAFT workshop

Robin (Oxford) for standing out to the supply teacher for being beautifully behaved and respectful

Ursula (Parent Librarian) for all your support with the school library – you are truly appreciated by us all

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Isiah (Bexhill) for communicating so well with our visiting governor

Miss Curtis for being an excellent Year Group Lead and always supporting her team

Teddy (Iona) for completing a London and South East Cycle-Cross Series in the under 10 categorie! Well done!

Emily (Iona) for excellent sportsmanship and behaviour on our trip to Millwall

Archie (Iona) for excellent sportsmanship and behaviour on our trip to Millwall

Nate (Montague) for being a supportive member of Montague Class and always pushing the learning on

Romario (Montague) taking lots of effort to keep up with our guided reading book – Holes

Connie (Montague) for writing an interesting and informative piece on the events which took place at the Free Trade Hall

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Darcey (Bexhill) for some outstanding writing in her non-chronological report

Amiya (Bexhill) for trying so hard in her writing

Vera (Bexhill) for some outstanding writing in her non-chronological report

Annabel (Bexhill) for always giving everything 100%

Freya (Bexhill) for trying so hard in everything she does and producing some fantastic writing!

Kerem (Bexhill) for a fantastic positive attitude to his work

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Millwall Community Trust

On Monday 9th February, Year 3 visited Millwall Community Trust for a fun and active day focused on developing their football skills. The children took part in a variety of matches and activities, showing great enthusiasm, teamwork, and positive attitudes throughout the session.

At the end of the day, every child was rewarded with a medal, a wristband, and a certificate of their choice, recognising them for being ambitious, inspiring, connected, or fair. It was lovely to see the children celebrating one another's efforts and achievements.

A huge thank you to our parent volunteers for giving up their time and supporting the children throughout the visit.

"I liked the practicing of defending and passing. It was great to focus on different topics. I picked an inspiring certificate because I was told I was playing well" **Max**

"I liked that we got to practice dribbling and different tactics. I think I showed I was inspiring because I am good at football" **Archie**

Miss A Curtis – Y3 Lead



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Film Night

A big thank you once again to Team SCA for organising another hugely popular film night. The children enjoyed the classic *Honey, I shrunk the Kids*, and the feedback has been fantastic.

With hot dogs, hot chocolate and popcorn in hand, everyone got comfy in their onesies and pyjamas and settled in for a relaxed and fun evening.



Watches

We have noticed there are a number of children wearing smart watches to school.

While we understand that these devices can offer convenience, they also create several challenges during the school day. Smart watches can be distracting for children, drawing their attention away from learning and interrupting lessons.

Please can you therefore ensure that your child's watch does not have internet access and recording features. Thank you for your understanding and support on this.

Y5 Bikeability

From 2nd–6th February, some of our Y5 children were lucky enough to take part in the Bikeability Level 1 and 2 course. Over the course of the week, the children enjoyed spending time on their bikes while developing essential cycling skills.

Two experienced coaches delivered a fun, supportive and engaging training programme, helping the children to grow in confidence with every turn of the pedal. The sessions focused on building safe riding habits, improving control and awareness, and encouraging the children to feel more confident when cycling both on and off the road.

We would like to say a big thank you to the Bikeability instructors for their enthusiasm and expertise, and for providing our children with valuable new learning that will help them stay safe and confident when out riding.



'I have really enjoyed the coaches because they're really friendly, patient and kind with us. And it's so fun!' **Anna**

'I really enjoyed playing the game 'split and snake'. It was a fun way to improve out cycling skills!' **Zachary**

Staff Recognition Box

We have a "Staff Recognition" box on the front page of our website if you have a special message/thank you for a member of staff. Receiving a positive message from you really gives staff a boost.

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Age ratings exist to help protect your child by showing whether content is suitable for your child's age. Whether your child is viewing films, accessing apps, playing games online or using social media – make sure you check the age rating first to see if your child is old enough.

Popular apps and their age ratings

Here are the age ratings of some of the more popular apps that young people are currently accessing:



In addition to checking the age rating, the likes of PEGI (Pan European Game Information) provide further content descriptors, which will give you an indication of the type of content that your child might encounter e.g. violence or bad language within a game.

What else should I review?

It is important to note that whilst age ratings do allow you to see if something may be appropriate for your child, **it is also vital to review the content yourself.** This will allow you to make an informed decision as to whether it is suitable for your child to access and if it is necessary to apply further parental controls. For example, does it include the ability to communicate with others and are in game/app purchases available?

Further information:

You can find out more by clicking [here](#).

What else can I do?

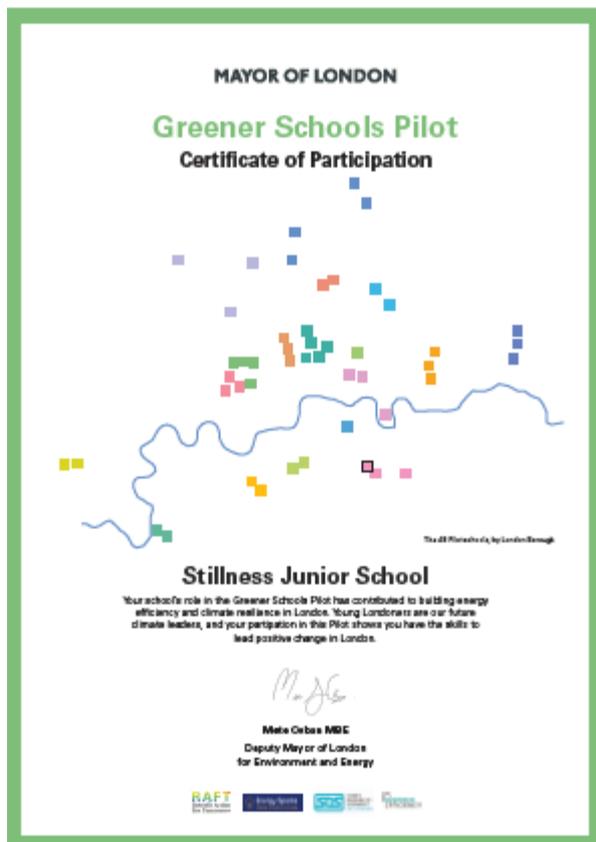
- Explain the importance of age ratings to your child and how they protect them
- Go online together to see what our child is accessing
- Set up parental controls on your broadband, devices and on any individual apps that your child is using. This will reduce the chances of them accessing or viewing anything unsuitable.
- Chat to your child regularly about what they are doing online and remind your child that if anything is worrying them then they should talk to you or another trusted adult.



Greener Schools

RAFT (Retrofit Action for Tomorrow) visited and delivered a workshop with 22 of our Eco Warriors in November 2025. On the day they explored how our buildings use energy and discussed steps we could take to help reduce energy use in our school. Through doing audits of our school's energy use and visiting the boiler room we had a better understanding of how these new installations work and the benefits it will bring to our school. We have also started our own added actions to help promote sustainability in our school with our Climate Action Pledges.

Measures Installed: Our school now has had 36 new Solar PV panels installed on our south-facing roof. Solar PV panels can generate renewable energy for our school, by capturing the sun's energy and converting it into electricity. This could reduce our energy consumption from the grid and therefore our energy bills, which we can monitor together via Energy Sparks or the data from our solar monitoring equipment. The solar panels can also reduce our carbon emissions and contribute to our school's journey to become Net Zero Carbon.



Thumbs Up!



A big thank you to Chartwells who invited our School Council to join them for a pupil engagement session for the new term menu, called Thumbs Up. This was a taster session for new dishes and ingredients on the 2026 Spring/Summer menu. The children were able to give either a "Thumbs up" or "Thumbs down" for the food they were tasting and this will have a direct impact on the dishes and ingredients they use. They want to know that the food they serve on their menus is what the children want to eat and that, it has their approval.

"On the 29th of January the school council from all year groups tasted new food for the school dinners menu in spring. We tasted different foods like burgers and desserts like banana loaf. I really enjoyed it as it felt like a very exciting thing tasting the new food for the school dinners would eat. It started when we all went into the lunch hall and sat without fellow school councils when we tasted the food. The people running the tasting were very nice and weren't offended if we didn't like the food. I cannot wait until the new school dinners menu drops as I think that everyone will love it! It was a very good experience and I would definitely do it again." **Stanley (Montague)**

"On Thursday 29th January, the school council did food tasting with Chartwells, the food company, to see what might be on the menu for the spring term 2. We sat down and got served some small tastings of their cooking freshly baked for the school council. First, we tried a burger then some katsu curry, followed by a bean wrap. For desserts, we tasted rice crispy cake and some banana bread. Overall, it was delicious." **Bella (Montague)**



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Instagram



Thank you to everyone who has visited our Instagram site.

Our Instagram continues to go from strength to strength. We have had a large number of follow requests; however, to ensure we keep the account private and only accessible by the Stillness Community, we would be grateful if you would email the main office with your request on admin@stillnessjs.lewisham.sch.uk. We are also receiving requests from children that will not be accepted as this platform is only for children over the age of 13.

Please keep popping in to have a look at what is going on in and around our wonderful school.

All “likes” welcomed!

School Streets



Reminder that Lewisham School Street Programme “School Streets” is in effect. Fines will be issued for those who enter Brockley Rise from the junction with Stillness Road, without an exemption permit from **Monday to Friday** between the set times of **8.30am to 9.30am** and **2.45pm to 3.45pm**. Please be aware that local residents are able to access during these hours so we should continue to observe road safety. Thank you.

Attendance

Our Local Authority Attendance Officer is Charmaine Holder who will be monitoring our pupils’ attendance.

Emergency Contact Information

Please make sure that we have your up to date contact details so we can contact you if your child needs you during the school day.

If you change your mobile phone, move house or want to change your child’s contact list please email the school office on admin@stillnessjs.lewisham.sch.uk

SAFEGUARDING

Working together to safeguard children.

Stillness Junior School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and parents/carers to share this commitment.

Safeguarding is a term which is broader than ‘child protection’ and relates to the action taken to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm. Safeguarding is everyone’s responsibility.

We are fully committed to ensuring that consistent, effective safeguarding procedures are in place to support families, children and staff at school.

Safeguarding Leads:

Mrs M Nichol - Headteacher

Mrs Z Renner-Thomas – Deputy Headteacher

Miss P Augustus – Inclusion Lead



Mobile Phones

We are a “mobile free” school.

Please be reminded that mobile phones cannot be brought into school for any reason whatsoever. We strongly believe that children are more at risk when they carry and use a mobile phone than it being a deterrent. Our school policy reflects this and it is a rule that we enforce vigorously.

Any mobile phone brought into school will be taken and can only be collected by a parent/carer; repeat offenders will have their mobile phone held in the school office until the end of term.

Dinner Money

Following Government Guidelines, primary school children will now receive a school dinner free of charge for the academic year 2025/2026.

Cashless School

To improve the service we provide, we are a cashless school and do not accept cheques or cash as payment.

Payment for school trips etc. can be done online using a very secure website called ParentPay. You all have your individual ID and Password to access this facility.

Please note: if you wish to change your child from packed lunch to school dinners or vice versa please inform the school office in writing together with any allergies they may have.

School Website

We work extremely hard to ensure that our website is up to date. Please take a minute to have a look and catch up with the latest news and holiday dates.

If you do not wish photographs of your child/ren to be posted on this website, on Instagram, in the school newsletter or in articles that may be published in the press, please notify the school office in writing.

March Diary Dates

- 2.3.26 – Gabriel Class Curriculum Dress Up Day
- 2.3.26 – Y4 Curriculum Dress Up Day
- 3.3.26 – Gabriel Class Swimming Starts
- 3.3.26 – Grierson Class Curriculum Dress Up Day
- 4.3.26 – Y3 Curriculum Dress Up Day
- 4.3.26 – Y6 Curriculum Dress Up Day
- 5.3.26 – World Book Day
- 9.3.26 – Parbury trip to Maritime Museum
- 10.3.26 – Gabriel Class Swimming
- 17.3.26 – Gabriel Class Swimming
- 18.3.26 – Y3 trip to St. Hilda’s Church
- 19.3.26 – Music Concert (*more information to follow*)
- 23.3.26 – Pupil Wellbeing Day
- 24.3.26 – Gabriel Class Swimming
- 24.3.26 – Parent Evening (*more information to follow*)
- 25.3.26 – Parents Evening (*more information to follow*)
- 25.3.26 – Y3 Light Workshop (*inhouse*)
- 26.3.26 – Last Day of term
- 27.3.26 – INSET DAY (*School Closed to Children*)

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