



Stillness Junior School Newsletter May 2026



Our Best at all times

Article 4: (Implementation of the Convention)

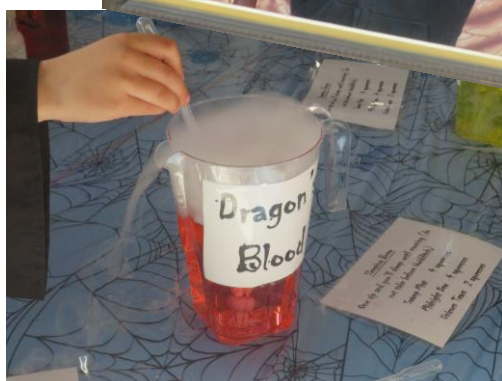
Governments must do all they can to make sure every child can enjoy their rights by creating systems and passing laws that promote and protect children's rights.

Harry Potter Night



A big thank you to everyone who supported our recent Harry Potter themed night. The Y5 block was turned into a magical, mystical, spellbinding, whimsical and fantastical atmosphere!

A special mention to our Claire, Jen B, and Jen H for all their hard work and bringing everyone together for a thoroughly enjoyable event.



More photographs are available to view on our school website:
www.stillnessjs.lewisham.sch.uk

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.

Cycling Shorts

There has been an increase in the number of children coming into school wearing cycling shorts. We completely understand that these can offer modesty, comfort and the freedom of movement – particularly for girls. However, we kindly ask that cycling shorts are worn underneath school dresses or regular shorts on PE days. Thank you for your support.

Summer Uniform (Article 8)



We are now in summer term and as the weather warms up we all want to wear light clothing to keep us cool.

Can parents/carers please ensure that the children's skirts are **knee** length. Children should **not** be wearing knee high "pop" socks and no open toed sandals. Children can wear the school summer dress, available in blue or yellow and grey shorts.

It is important that your child continues to bring a bottle of water to school (not metal) and as the weather continues to improve, they are wearing a sun hat and sun cream/sun block.

Uniform can be purchased via Gooddies (gooddies.co.uk/product-category/schools/stillness-junior-school/)

Thank you.



The London Mini Marathon



On Saturday 25th April, it was the TCS London Mini Marathon. We were lucky to secure a place for 13 of our budding athletes to compete in the 2.6mile run. Our goal, is to keep children active but also to help the children grow physically and mentally. The message we want to give all the children is that keeping fit it not just about sports, it helps them thrive mentally, socially and gives them fundamental building blocks for their development. We want all the children to leave our school with a rich variety of activities and memories and taking part in this inspiring event was one of those ways.

It was a fantastic morning and a wonderful opportunity for the children to be inspired and encourage them to keep active.



*The mini marathon was one of the best things I could do in Y6. It was amazing and to do it with my friends was the best. Alongside me was Addy, and it was great to have a companion by my side. I finished in 14 minutes and 13 seconds, a time I was proud of. **Gabriel***



*The mini marathon was a really enjoyable experience. I would recommend it. Everyone around you was supportive and it didn't even matter if you were a slow runner. It was nice to hear the sound of the parents cheering you on and all the staff were very supportive. Even if you don't like running, I think you would still like it as much as I did. I would definitely go again. **Connie***

*The mini-London Marathon was an AMAZING experience, exhausting but outstanding. 13 children from Y6 (including us) ran 2.6k on Saturday the 25th of April 2026. Almost 20,000 children and young people ran. There were sooo many celebrities such as Nitro and Fury from Gladiators (we are BIG fans) and Joe Wicks who visited our school only last year. After this special experience we were proud, tired and mostly so grateful for this magnificent opportunity. **Iliana and Darcey***



I didn't really want to go at first, and I found the atmosphere very overwhelming at the beginning, but I went to the Sensory Tent and I wore some noise-cancelling headphones and they let me borrow a fidget for the run. It was actually better than I thought it would be, because running with people I don't normally interact with was fun. I would recommend it even if you don't want to do it at first, because it is great fun and you will almost





Headteacher Awards



Noah (*Salehurst*) for showing excellent manners during lunch

Ayla (*Montague*) for showing a wonderful attitude not only during assessment week but during each and every day!

Gabriel (*Montague*) for smashing assessment week by demonstrating a great attitude and achieving excellent attainment!

Ray (*Montague*) for smashing assessment week by demonstrating a great attitude and achieving excellent attainment!

Benji (*Bexhill*) for fantastic results in assessment week and believing in himself!

Mark (*Bexhill*) for fantastic focus and results during assessment week!

Mrs Chisholm (*Science Lead*) for all her efforts in organising our annual Science Week

Miss Curtis (*Y3 Lead*) for bringing such energy and enthusiasm in support of St. Christopher's Hospice and their annual "Bunny Hop"

Mrs McCartney (*Music Specialist*) for her care in arranging a music recital for parents and carers to enjoy

Alice (*Oxford*) for being so helpful in the Library on Thursday. You went along and introduced yourself to the parent librarians and asked very politely how you could help - well done!

Vita (*Oxford*) for being so helpful in the Library on Thursday. You went along and introduced yourself to the parent librarians and asked very politely how you could help - well done!

Nelson (*Montague*) for writing a descriptive character description about his character Ray.

Edie (*Montague*) for showing enthusiasm and engagement in all lessons.

Noah (*Montague*) for smashing the Spring Term!

Stanley (*Montague*) for showing enthusiasm and constant engagement which has led to wonderful progress.

Sacha and Hank (*Oxford*), Ava and Teddy (*Iona*), Noah and Sebastian (*Salehurst*), Zoe and Rosa (*Ivy*), Henry and Lucas (*Parbury*), Etta and Leonard (*Sevenoaks*), Frankie, Phoebe and Helena (*Gabriel*), Rose and Anna (*Grierson*), Emily and Iliana (*Bexhill*), Ray and Clara (*Montague*), Nickole Peterkin, Jacob Kat and Gabriella Cantillan-Serrano for helping to take care of our local community with their litter picking

Max (*Bexhill*) for working so hard this week, great concentration!

Iliana (*Bexhill*) for some fantastic writing this week and great resilience

Isaac and Victor (*Montague*) Leo, Darcey and Amiya (*Bexhill*) in recognition of your outstanding leadership and initiative in organising and delivering a high-quality athletics carousel for Y6

Bella (*Montague*) for being a kind and dedicated student who consistently challenges herself and puts 100% effort into everything she does

Noah (*Iona*) for helping a local community by litter picking in Ladywell Fields at the Ravensbourne River and for completing a mini-triathlon at The Alex Ye Arena! Excellent hard work!

Mrs Renner-Thomas for coming back after the break fully charged and ready to go. You have been a real asset to the team and we appreciate all your hard work.

Penelope (*Ivy*) for being so brave after hurting your eye – you stayed calm and did really well. We are very proud of you.

Simba for being the best cat on set – our very own tiny superstar!

Fatima (*Montague*) for showing resilience and focus during the MOCKS.

Ray (*Montague*) for showing resilience and focus during the MOCKS.

Jamel (*Montague*) for showing resilience and focus during the MOCKS.

Leo (*Bexhill*) for a fantastic positive attitude to Mock SATs week

Kerem (*Bexhill*) for a fantastic positive attitude to Mock SATs week

Haru (*Bexhill*) for some outstanding results in Mock SATs week and always trying his hardest.

Lyndsey (& Bump!), Ben, Rosee and Abigail for supporting the staff and children at this year's Mini Marathon. Thank you.

Leila (*Oxford*) for giving Mrs Nichol a flower on the gate this week - a lovely gesture that made her day

Theodore (*Salehurst*) for successfully completing the Mini Marathon. Well done!

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Keep Safe Online (Article 3)



Easter Eggs

A massive thank you to team "SCA" for once again making the last day of term egg-stra special!

The children all received a chocolate Easter egg to take home, and there may have been some discreet chocolate quality control happening in the staffroom!

Thank you for the lovely gesture.





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St. Christopher's Bunny Hop! (Article 31)

Last year, we worked in partnership with St Christopher's Hospice, taking part in their "Bunny Hop" initiative. This event encouraged children to be physically active while also raising funds for a highly valued charity. St Christopher's Hospice relies heavily on donations to continue providing essential care and support to individuals and families within the community.

The Bunny Hop provided an excellent opportunity to promote health and wellbeing, while supporting a meaningful cause. During the final week of term, each year group participated on the daily mile track, wearing bunny ears to show their support. Pupils took part by running, hopping, skipping, or dancing around the track as part of the fundraising effort.

We were also pleased to welcome representatives from St Christopher's Hospice on the morning. They visited to take photographs of our Y4 pupils participating in the event, which will be used across their social media platforms and website to raise the profile of the Bunny Hop and encourage other schools to take part in the future.



"I enjoyed the bunny hop and loved the ears! I especially liked how everyone was included and involved in a fun way. I really hope we have raised enough for St Christopher's Hospice." **Ariana**

"I think it was a fantastic experience and I'm really happy I can make a change to help others. My favourite part was jumping around the daily mile circuit with the bunny ears. All in all, I think it was really nice that the people took the time to do this with us. I hope St Christopher's Hospice find us a big help." **Leonard**

Hot off the Press: <https://london-post.co.uk/local-south-east-london-school-support-st-christophers-hospice-in-community-bunny-hop-fundraiser/>

STREET CRICKET

No Fees
No fuss
100% FREE!!

LADYWELL STREET CRICKET CLUB
8-15 YEARS OLD
EVERY MONDAY FROM MARCH 23 5:00PM - 6:00PM
VENUE: HILLY FIELDS CRICKET PITCH, 6 HILLY FIELDS CRESCENT, LONDON SE4 1QA

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CHANCE TO SHINE STREET

SCAN HERE FOR MORE INFO

OUR CLUB LOCATIONS

LEWISHAM

LADYWELL
EVERY MONDAY 5:00PM-6:00PM VENUE: HILLY FIELDS CRICKET PITCH, 6 HILLY FIELDS CRESCENT, LONDON SE4 1QA

DEPTFORD
EVERY TUESDAY 5:00PM- 6:00PM DEPTFORD PARK, SCAWEN ROAD, SE8 5AE

HITHER GREEN
EVERY THURSDAY 5:00PM-6:00PM CATFORD WANDERERS SPORTS CLUB, BECKENHAM HILL ROAD, SE6 9NU

GREENWICH

KIDBROOKE
EVERY MONDAY, 6:00PM-7:00PM HERVEY ROAD SPORTS FIELDS, SE38BU

WOOLWICH
EVERY WEDNESDAY, 5:00PM-6:00PM THE ACADEMY GROUND, WOOLWICH COMMON, SE18 4AS

THAMESMEAD
EVERY WEDNESDAY, 6:00PM- 7:00PM HAWKSMOOR YOUTH HUB, BENTHAM ROAD, SE28 8AS

BEXLEY

ERITH
EVERY TUESDAY, 5:00PM- 6:00PM ERITH LEISURE CENTRE, AVENUE RD, ERITH, DA8 3AT

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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.



Community Litter Pick

On the 14th April 2026 our Eco Warriors walked along Brockley Rise and picked up all of the litter in that area. Organised fully by us, the House Captains, posters were put up and letters were sent out to all parents and carers of the Eco Warriors.

The children had a wonderful 30 mins picking up litter for the community. As this Community Litter Pick has gone extremely well, we are hoping to do all the roads our school has a class named after.

**Izzy, Connie, Isiah and Leon
House Captains**



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A Message from Ela, Stillness Parent:

I'm excited to introduce a new initiative at our school that supports both our families and the environment: our Clothes Sharing & Recycling Project.

This project is designed to make it easier for families to pass on good-quality children's shoes and clothing, while helping others and the environment. If you have clean, gently used clothes, you're warmly encouraged to donate them. All donations will be carefully sorted to ensure they are in good condition and ready for a new home. Once sorted, these clothes will be made available to anyone in the school community who would like them - free of charge. Whether you need a few extra items, have had a sudden growth spurt at home, or simply want to make more sustainable choices, this project is here to help.

Donations can be left at the school office at any time, or at the gate during drop off and pick up. Items will be sorted on Friday mornings and presented in the playground on Fridays after school.

By taking part, we can reduce waste, support one another, and promote a culture of sharing and sustainability within our school. It's a simple way to make a meaningful difference.

*If you have any questions or would like to get involved, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me on 07403 572 135. Thank you for your support.
Ela*

SOUTH LONDON GIRLS FOOTBALL LEAGUE

FREE Girls FOOTBALL FESTIVAL

CURRENT RECEPTION, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2

PLAY. MAKE FRIENDS. LOVE FOOTBALL.

NO COST JUST OPPORTUNITY

SUNDAY 7TH JUNE | COLFE'S LEISURE CENTRE, HORN PARK LANE, SE12 8AW | UNDER 7 & 8 11AM - 12PM

SCAN TO SIGN UP

REGISTER AS AN INDIVIDUAL, GROUP OF FRIENDS OR A TEAM

PLAY GAMES BUILD SKILLS | MAKE FRIENDS HAVE FUN | ALL ABILITIES WELCOME

SOUTH LONDON GIRLS FOOTBALL LEAGUE | POWERED BY SOUTH LONDON GIRLS FOOTBALL ACADEMY & NXT LEVEL SPORTS ED



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St. George's Day

On Thursday 23rd April, the children enjoyed a lovely St. George's Day themed lunch together. The hall looked fantastic, filled with red and white decorations, creating a warm and cheerful atmosphere.

Everyone sat down to a comforting meal of Shepherd's Pie, followed by a delicious Jam and Coconut Sponge, which was a big hit!

A big thank you to Chef Angela for such a tasty lunch – it was really appreciated by all.



Rugby Tournament

On Tuesday 21st April, 24 children from Sevenoaks and Ivy enjoyed a fantastic day at the Blackheath Rugby tournament. After working so hard on their rugby skills throughout the Spring term, it was a great opportunity to put everything into practice.

There was a real sense of excitement when we arrived, shared by the children and our parent helpers, Mr Porter and Mr Fortnum. We were reminded of rugby's core values – teamwork, respect, effort, discipline and sportsmanship – and it was wonderful to see the children demonstrating these throughout the day.

As the warm up exercises drew to a close, our message was clear: GO STILLNESS! The children played brilliantly against 5 competing schools: working well within their teams, cheering each other on and using the great values of Stillness throughout the day.

Oh yes! Did I mention that Stillness won the Y4 cup? GO STILLNESS!!! It was a really enjoyable day for everyone involved and we hope to take part in more events like this in the future. **Miss A Curtis – PE Lead**

Dora: "It was really fun because I really liked the sport and I was able to compete with my friends. I really hope that we get to go again."

Zach: "It was amazing because our team actually won the Year 4 cup! I think we also showed really good sportsmanship."

Marlowe: "It was super-fun - loved it! We got to miss a whole day of school playing rugby which is one of my favourite sports. I loved playing defence and tagging people."

Zoe: "I enjoyed playing against other schools and using my rugby skills in an actual tournament."





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.

May Diary Dates

- 1.5.26 – Y6 Residential Meeting (3.45pm in the main hall)
- 4.5.26 – May Bank Holiday
- 5.5.26 - Gabriel trip to Deptford Creek
- 5.5.26 – Grierson Class Swimming
- 6.5.26 – Grierson trip to Deptford Creek
- 7.5.26 – Y4 Mock Multiplication Tables Check
- 8.5.26 – Iona Mitcham Zoo Workshop
- 11.6.26 - Y6 SATs Week
- 15.5.26 – Salehurst Mitcham Zoo Workshop
- 17.5.26 – Steps for Stillness
- 18.5.26 – Y3/Y4 Sports Day (9.15am start)
- 19.5.26 – Y5/Y6 Sports Day (9.15am start)
- 21.5.26 – Y6 trip to Natural History Museum
- 22.5.26 – Otford Mitcham Zoo Workshop
- 22.5.26 – Last day of term
- 1.6.26 – Children return to School

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