



Stillness Junior School

Newsletter

September 2026

Article 1: (definition of the child)

Everyone under the age of 18 has all the rights in the Convention.

Dear Stillness Families

Welcome back!

I hope you all had a wonderful summer break and, together with the staff, would like to extend the warmest of welcomes as we start a new academic year.

I would also like to welcome our new Y3 children and their parents/carers and look forward to getting to know you all over the coming weeks.

This time of year, always brings a renewed sense of energy and a fresh start. Our curriculum is creative, inclusive and exciting. It provides children with a broad range of learning experiences which seek to nurture talents and acquire new skills in a hands-on and engaging way.

We have a very experienced teaching staff, including part time, and all the adults are committed to ensuring the children receive the best outcomes possible in their learning and personal development.

We believe that parental partnership is invaluable. Your involvement and support play a crucial role in the success and wellbeing of our children. Together, we can create a strong and collaborative community that fosters a love of learning and encourages our children to reach their full potential.

I look forward to working with you all over this new academic year. We welcome your feedback, questions, and ideas. Let us continue to work together to make this year a memorable and rewarding experience for everyone.

Best wishes.

Mrs M Nichol
Headteacher

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.



Walking Home Alone (Y5/Y6)

We realise that when children reach Y5 and Y6, you may wish to encourage their independence and allow your child to walk home alone, with friends or with older siblings. If this is the case for your child, please complete [this form](#) and submit as soon as possible so we are aware of after school arrangements for the academic year 2026-27.



Administering Medication

Our School's 'Administering Medications' policy permits us to administer certain non-prescription medications - specifically paracetamol (Calpol brand) and antihistamine (Piriton brand), both in liquid form with parental consent. **If you wish to change your consent options for your child in relation to ad-hoc medication ((Calpol and/or antihistamine), please do so in writing to admin@stillnessjs.lewisham.sch.uk.**

Thank you

Our Best at all times



School Uniform (Article 8)

As we are at the start of the academic year, we would like to remind everyone that children are expected to be in full school uniform in line with our school uniform policy.

Our school uniform consists of:

- grey skirts, culottes, trousers or shorts.
- royal blue or yellow polo shirt, sweatshirt or fleece with or without the school logo.
- children may wear blue or yellow check summer dresses.
- all pupils must wear black shoes or all black trainers.

We now have new PE tops available with “house colour” badges on them, a school blazer, coat and hat; these new items are completely optional and just an extension of the current uniform available to purchase.

Tracksuits and PE bags can be purchased through the school. All other uniform can be purchased via Gooddies Ltd <https://www.gooddies.co.uk/product-category/schools/stillness-junior-school/>

PE Kit

Navy blue or black shorts, white T-shirt, trainers or plimsolls and a navy blue/black tracksuit for outdoors PE.

On the days that children have P.E they may wear a **navy-blue** tracksuit (with or without logo) with their school polo shirt (yellow or royal blue) and change into their white one for the lesson. Please note that children should wear non marking plimsoles for PE when using the sports hall otherwise they may go bare foot.

Cycling Shorts

We understand that these can offer modesty, comfort and the freedom of movement – particularly for girls. However, we ask that cycling shorts are worn underneath school dresses or regular shorts on PE days.

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.

Headteacher Awards

Jack and Oren (Otford) for organising a bake sale for the Buckthorne Cutting Nature Reserve and raised an impressive £120.00. Well done!

Felix (Otford) for always being so polite to the office staff in the mornings by wishing them a good morning

Myles (Parbury) for being a shining example to others with your lovely manners and kindness

Mr and Mrs Gerlach: for all your help and support at our Football Presentation Evening.
It was very much appreciated!

Florence (Bexhill) for fantastic engagement and leadership during our trip to the Tate Modern

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Lorelei (Bexhill) for a fantastic growth mindset and always producing her best work

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Lucas (Parbury) for your outstanding effort and the excellent achievements you have made in Maths this year

Leo (Bexhill) for being such a good helper at our Mini Sports Day!

Francis (Bexhill) for exceptional effort and engagement in our Graduation rehearsal

Iliana (Bexhill) for exceptional effort and engagement in our Graduation rehearsal

Daniel (Bexhill) for exceptional effort and engagement in our Graduation rehearsal

Martha (Montague) for exceptional effort and engagement in our Graduation rehearsal

Jamel (Montague) for exceptional effort and engagement in our Graduation rehearsal

Edie (Montague) for exceptional effort and engagement in our Graduation rehearsal

Connie (Montague) for exceptional effort and engagement in our Graduation rehearsal

Connie, Fatima, Holly, Isaac and Leon (Montague) for absolutely smashing Y6 with endless energy, hard work and brilliant achievements!

Nigel, Miles and Josh (Lewisham Project Charity) for your incredible work on the garden steps and planters. They are going to make such a positive impact for the children and we are all so grateful!

Ursula Pancucci, Jen Hacking, Jen Bishop, Claire Moran, Sue Couch and Coach Ben for all their support this year. We really appreciate everything they do.

Emily (Bexhill) for working super hard, making awesome progress, and having an absolutely amazing year!

Eloise (Bexhill) for giving it your all, making huge steps forward, and having a brilliant year!

Freya (Bexhill) for your hard work, amazing progress, and a brilliant Y6!

Mark (Bexhill) for being my absolute right-hand man for all things computing and the tech hero of Y6!

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Communication

You can email your child's class teacher direct via their year group email regarding anything class related; this will include homework, school trips, class assemblies and parents evenings. Teachers will then be able to respond to you directly.

You can email the teachers on:

Y3: y3@stillnessjs.lewisham.sch.uk
Mrs M Chisholm (Year Group Lead)
Miss S Fatania
Mrs Z Renner-Thomas

Y4: y4@stillnessjs.lewisham.sch.uk
Miss M Rooney (Year Group Lead)
Mr T Baxter
Miss I Zelve

Y5: y5@stillnessjs.lewisham.sch.uk
Miss A Curtis (Year Group Lead)
Mr C Sloan
Miss M Bourdillon (ECT)

Y6: y6@stillnessjs.lewisham.sch.uk
Mrs L Threadgold (Year Group Lead)
Ms S Beeke

If you have a music query please email
music@stillnessjs.lewisham.sch.uk

Parents are still encouraged to email the school office for urgent messages or general enquiries on:
admin@stillnessjs.lewisham.sch.uk

If you have a concern or wish to email the headteacher/leadership team or have a safeguarding concern, please email the school's PA, Kim Kennedy on
kim@stillnessjs.lewisham.sch.uk

Thank you.

After School Club - Teachsport

Our breakfast and after school clubs are run by Teachsport. Teachsport run a variety of activity clubs along with a general club until 4.30pm. Parents then have the option of extending the day until 6pm which includes the serving of a small, healthy snack. They provide a range of activities to suit children who want to burn off some energy and for those who prefer some quiet downtime.

To book a place for your child, please go to:
<https://www.teachsport.org/TSc4k/lewisham>

Teachsport are Ofsted registered and were found to meet all standards in their recent inspection. They accept Childcare Vouchers, Tax Free Childcare Vouchers and card payments.

You will need to set up an account on Magic Booking before you make your first booking. Please email Teachsports at clubs@teachsport.org if you need any assistance at all.

Unfortunately Teachsport cannot accept children who are not booked for safeguarding reasons.



Pupils Returning to School on Crutches

Before accepting a pupil back into school on crutches, the school will require a letter from a medical professional (GP, Hospital, Clinic) outlining exactly what injury or suspected injury has been sustained.

The letter MUST provide the school with details of whether the pupil requires any reasonable adjustments to be made whilst in school and for how long they may be needed. The letter should also include information about whether the pupil is able to weight bear and any limitations.

Health & Safety: Without this clear medical information, the school is unable to assess the levels of risks involved and therefore unable to complete a suitable risk assessment. The risk assessment will cover all aspects of the pupil's day.

A risk assessment is a pre-requisite for any pupil returning to school after an injury.

A Personal Emergency Evacuation Plan will also be completed and both documents will be prepared prior to the pupil returning to school.

The pupil must have received training in the use of crutches from a medical professional.

It is unacceptable for any pupil to arrive at school with crutches that they have obtained from means other than a medical/professional establishment. These pupils pose a risk to themselves and other pupils and employees and this could potentially put the school at risk.



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Before the summer break we held a special assembly so that the candidates for House Captain could present their manifestos. All candidates were absolutely outstanding with their arguments and ideas. Voting then took place across the week in classrooms.

All children and adults were issued with ballot papers and were able to make their vote and place it in the ballot box.

The votes have all now been counted and the House Captains for 2025-2026 will be:

Grace – Emi
Nesbit – Leo
Phoenix – Zack
Ross – Orla

Congratulations!

*Please visit our website for more information on
www.stillnessjs.lewisham.sch.uk*



OPAL Play

Thank you so much for your continued support and for the generous donations we have received so far for our OPAL Play project.

Your support has helped us create a wonderful play environment where children can explore, imagine, and enjoy meaningful play together. It has been lovely to see how much they are benefiting from the new opportunities available at playtime.

How can you help?

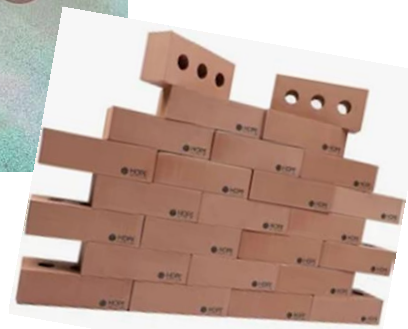
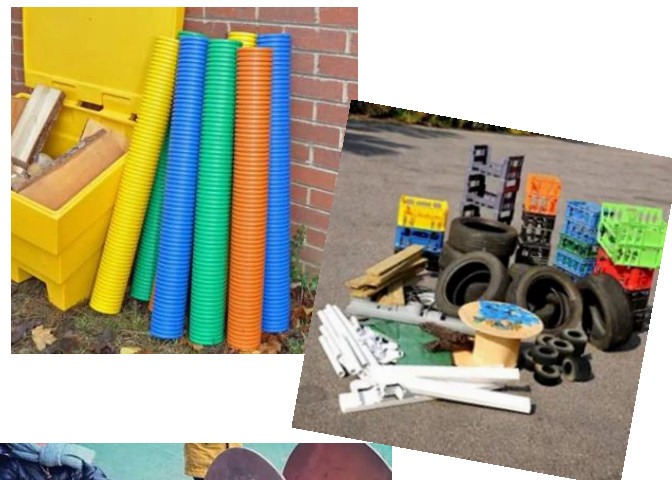
We are now looking to add some larger loose parts to our play spaces. If you have any of the items shown in the pictures below, or anything similar that you no longer need, we would be very grateful for your donation.

Every contribution, no matter how small, helps us continue to provide exciting and engaging play experiences for all of our children.

Thank you for being part of our OPAL journey and for helping us make playtimes even more enjoyable.

Miss N Peterkin
OPAL Lead

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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 Attendance Officer is Leigh Rowlands who will be monitoring our pupils’ attendance.

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

Mrs P Augustus – Inclusion Lead



Mobile Phones

Stillness Junior School is a “mobile free” zone.

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 **2026/2027**.

Cashless School

To improve the service we provide, Stillness Junior School is a cashless school and does 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.

Stillness Junior 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.

September Diary Dates

Please refer to your [Programme of Events](#) and our School Calendar that you can access on the school website.

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