



# Brookland Infant and Nursery School

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## Message from Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year at Brookland Infant and Nursery School. I hope you all enjoyed a restful summer and are returning refreshed and ready for the year ahead. It has been lovely seeing our Year 1 and Year 2 children returning to school this week. The children have been amazing and arrived at school with big smiles and clearly delighted to see their friends and the staff again. I think it has been a good first week back for everyone!

I wanted to say a special welcome to all the new families who have joined us in Year 1 and Year 2. We know you will love being part of the Brookland community. We are now looking forward to our Reception and Nursery children starting over the next few weeks.

**Brenda McCafferty**

**Headteacher**

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*Be Kind, Grow Together, Learn Forever*

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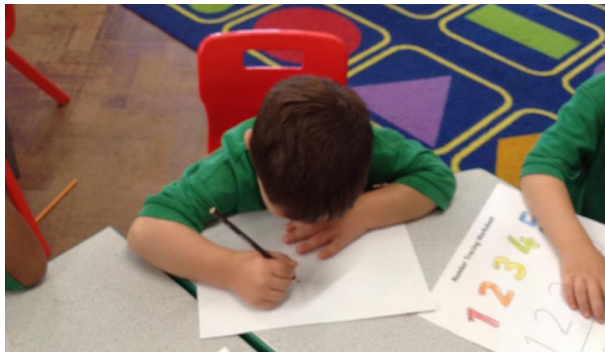
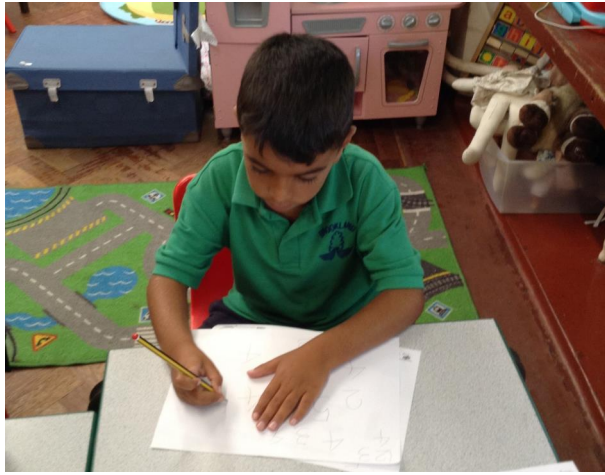
## This Week in Photos

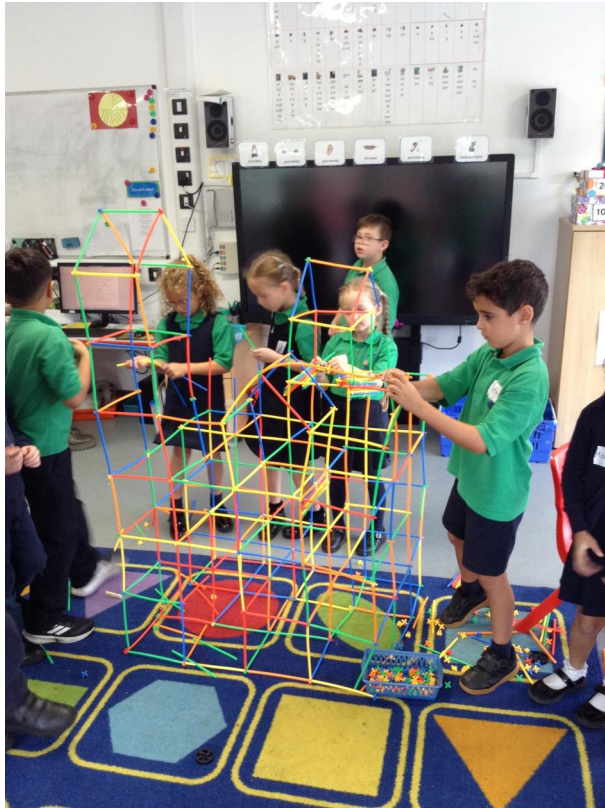
The children have only been back 3 days but have already been very busy. Please have a look at the week in photos.

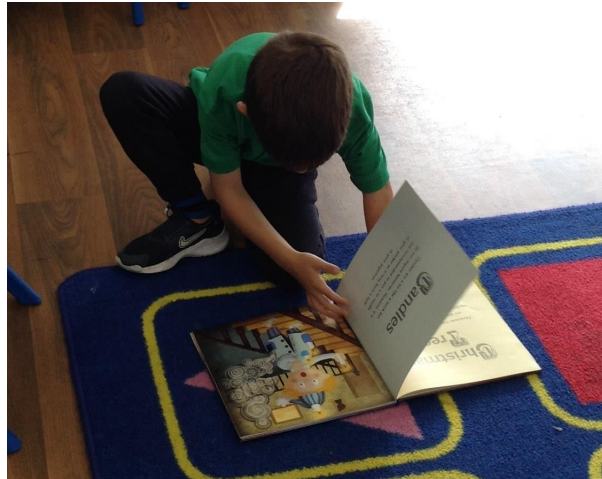












## Job Vacancy - MTS

We are looking to appoint a Mealtime Supervisor to join our staff team. They would be working 11.45-12.45 every week day (term time only) and support the Nursery children over lunchtime. If you are interested, please come and pick up an application pack from the office.

## Religious Holidays

We know there are several religious holidays coming up. If your child is going to be absent for a religious holiday please email [schooladmin@brooklandinf.barnet.sch.uk](mailto:schooladmin@brooklandinf.barnet.sch.uk) so we can authorise the absence. If we are not informed about the absence you might receive a phone call during the day to check why your child is not in school or it might go down as an unauthorised absence as no reason was given for the absence. Thank you.

## Bookbags



Bookbags for Year 1 and 2 will need to come back to school next week as bookbags will start to go home from week beginning 15th September. Please ensure your child's bookbag is returned on the correct day each week. If returned late we can't guarantee that they will be changed on time and you might miss a week as changing 30 bookbags each week takes a considerable amount of time for the staff.

## Meet the Teacher

On **Tuesday, 9th September at 6:30pm**, we warmly invite Nursery and Reception parents and carers to visit their child's classroom and meet the class teacher(s). During the session, teachers will share important information about the curriculum and what to expect over the coming year, helping to ensure a positive and successful start for you and your child.

On **Wednesday, 10th September at 6:30pm**, Year 1 and Year 2 parents and carers will have the same opportunity to meet their child's teacher(s) in the classroom setting.

Please note that both evenings are intended for adults only. We look forward to welcoming you all and sharing an exciting year ahead.

## Swimming Year 2

Swimming for Year 2 children will start again on Tuesday 9th September for the Autumn term.

- **Giraffe class will swim from 9.00-10.00**
- **Owl class will swim from 10.00-11.00**
- **Hedgehog class will swim from 11.00-12.00**

We will need 4 parent volunteers per class for the swimming sessions. If you would like to volunteer please speak to your child's class teacher. Please note that all volunteers will need to be DBS checked before they can help. If you got a DBS done last year, this will still be valid. Please speak to the office if you have any questions regarding the DBS. Please see attached the swimming guidelines for anyone volunteering.

You can now also pay your swimming contributions on Arbor. Swimming contributions are £60. If your child is eligible for pupil premium then the swimming contributions are £40.

## Coffee Mornings for new Reception and new Nursery Parents and Carers

We would like to invite the parents and carers of our new reception and nursery classes to a coffee morning. We do this so you have a chance to meet the other parents and carers n

your class and exchange contact details if you want. It is also useful if you have any questions regarding the school. I look forward meeting you there.

- **Turtle class: Monday 15th September at 9am**
- **Panda class: Tuesday 16th September at 9am**
- **Dolphin class: Wednesday 17th September at 9am**
- **Nursery (Cheetahs, Lions and Tigers): Friday 26th September at 9am**

## Gold Book

The children have all worked very hard this week, but the following children's work has been celebrated this week in Gold Book Assembly. Well done to all these children.



Penguin class:

1. Yahav for working super hard on his writing and being determined to write a lot
  2. Palwasha for working really hard and showing polite manners.
- Play Expert: Diego for following the Golden Rules in the playground.



Bear class:

1. Yuval for writing his numbers 1-5 and trying his best to make the numbers neat. He has also settled very lovely into Brooklands already.
  2. Rachel for always paying attention on the carpet and following instructions. she wrote her numbers 1-5 beautifully.
- Play Expert: Kende for playing really nice games outside in the playground.



Elephant Class:

1. Caden for his excellent work in art. He listened carefully and created a beautiful self-portrait.
2. Alma for showing great listening and for working hard, especially during maths and forming numbers.

- Play Expert: Maya for following the Golden Rules and being a lovely friend on the playground.



Owl class:

1. Ayaan for his fantastic work in maths. he has been practising making 1 and 2 digit numbers using cubes and dienes.
  2. Trixie for her amazing creativity in art. she used her Growth Mindset and made a wonderful Owl.
- Play Expert: Ava for following the Golden Rules and being a good friend.



Giraffe class:

1. Nasser for settling in to his new class so quickly and working so hard to follow the Golden Rules.
2. Silia for following the class rules so well and modelling super behaviour to others.

- Play Expert: David for already showing us his understanding of our Brookland Value of friendship in the playground



Hedgehog class:

1. Max for his excellent contributions to class discussions, especially when learning about the class mascot: Hedgehogs.
  2. Samuel for always following the Golden Rules, helping without being asked to do so and always with a smile.
- Play Expert: Stephanie for being a wonderful role model in the playground.

Next week will be Dinner Menu 2!

### Attendance Data

0 DAYS OFF 190 DAYS ATTENDED	100%	★ PERFECTION ★ "EXCELLENT ACHIEVEMENT"
4 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	98%	IMPRESSIVE
7 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	96%	NEARLY THERE
9 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	95%	CAN BE IMPROVED "INCREASE YOUR CHANCES OF BETTER GRADES"
11 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	94%	NEEDS TO IMPROVE
20 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	90%	SERIOUS CONCERNS "CLASSIFIED AS A PERSISTENT ABSENTEE" referred to Education Welfare Service
30 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	85%	RISK OF PROSECUTION "can be damaging to a student's social, emotional and mental wellbeing"
38 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	80%	

## Attendance for week beginning 1st September 2025

Overall attendance for the school was 92.77%

### Reception Attendance

Turtle class: N/A      Dolphin class: N/A      Panda class: N/A

### Key Stage 1 Attendance

Bear class: 88.89%      Elephant class: 96.11%      Penguin class: 97.7%

Giraffe class: 92.86%      Hedgehog class: 98.89%      Owl class: 80.77%

Well done to the **HEDGEHOG CLASS** (in KS1) for the highest attendance this week.

## Brookland Values





## Medication

If your child is on any medication please speak to a member of staff (all our TA's are First Aid trained) so that we can help you to complete a medical permission form. Unfortunately without this we will not be able to administer any medication to your child.

We would also like to remind you that we will need all inhalers and EpiPens back in school. Please check that they are in date and clearly labelled with your child's name. Thank you.

## School Calendar

You can link your phone to our school calendar so you know exactly when things are happening at school. Please go to the parent tab on our website and then press calendar and then click on subscribe to this calendar.

[School Calendar](#)

## Dates for Your Diary

### September

Tuesday 9th 6.30 p.m. Nursery and Reception Meet the Teacher

Wednesday 10th 6.30 p.m. Year 1 and Year 2 Meet the Teacher

Monday 15th 9.00 a.m. Coffee morning for Turtle Class parents and carers  
Tuesday 16th 9.00 a.m. Coffee morning for Panda Class parents and carers  
Wednesday 17th 9.00 a.m. Coffee morning for Dolphin Class parents and carers  
Thursday 18th 9.00 a.m. BICS Info meeting for parents and carers (more info to follow)  
Thursday 18th 6.15 p.m. PA AGM in hall  
Friday 19th Peace Day: children in Y1 and Y2 to wear white clothes  
Friday 19th 9.00 a.m. SEND coffee and chat  
Monday 22nd Perform in for YR, Y1 and Y2 (information only)  
Tuesday 23rd Perform in for YR, Y1 and Y2 (information only)  
Thursday 25th Governing Body Meeting (information only)  
Friday 26th 9.00 a.m. Coffee morning for Nursery Class parents and carers  
Friday 26th 3.15 p.m. PA Cake Sale  
Monday 29th Bring in Harvest donations  
Monday 29th 9.00 a.m. SLT coffee morning for parents and carers

## **October**

Wednesday 1st start of Black History Month  
Wednesday 1st 8.00 a.m. Sibling photos taken in the hall and Individual photos during school time  
Friday 3rd 9.15 a.m. Giraffe Class Assembly: Harvest  
Friday 10th 9.15 a.m. Y2 Performance Assembly  
Wednesday 15th 9.00 a.m. English workshop for parents/carers  
Thursday 16th 11.00 a.m. Reading buddies (information only)  
Friday 17th 9.15 a.m. Elephant Class Assembly: Diwali  
Friday 17th 2.00 p.m. SEND coffee and chat  
Monday 20th 9.00 a.m. Y2 Let Your Child Explain (in class)  
Tuesday 21st 9.00 a.m. Y1 Let Your Child Explain (in class)  
Friday 24th Nasal flu vaccinations for Reception, Y1 and Y2

Friday 24th 3.15 p.m. PA Cake Sale

**HALF TERM Monday 27th – Friday 31st**

## Contact Us

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