



Brookland Infant and Nursery School

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[Message from Headteacher](#)

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been such a joy to see so many new faces joining our Brookland community. Most of our new Reception children have begun their journey with us this week, and it has been wonderful to watch how beautifully they have settled in. Our new Nursery children have also had a fantastic start, and we are very excited to be welcoming even more little ones into Nursery next week.

A heartfelt thank you goes to our incredible staff in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, as well as to our supportive parents and carers. Your hard work, encouragement and care are what make such a positive start possible.

As I walk around the school, it fills me with joy to see our children's smiles, their eagerness to learn, and the excitement in their classrooms. The atmosphere is already so positive and full of energy, and I have no doubt this will be a truly wonderful year ahead for us all.

Brenda McCafferty

Headteacher

Be Kind, Grow Together, Learn Forever

This Week in Photos

Please have a look at the week in photos.







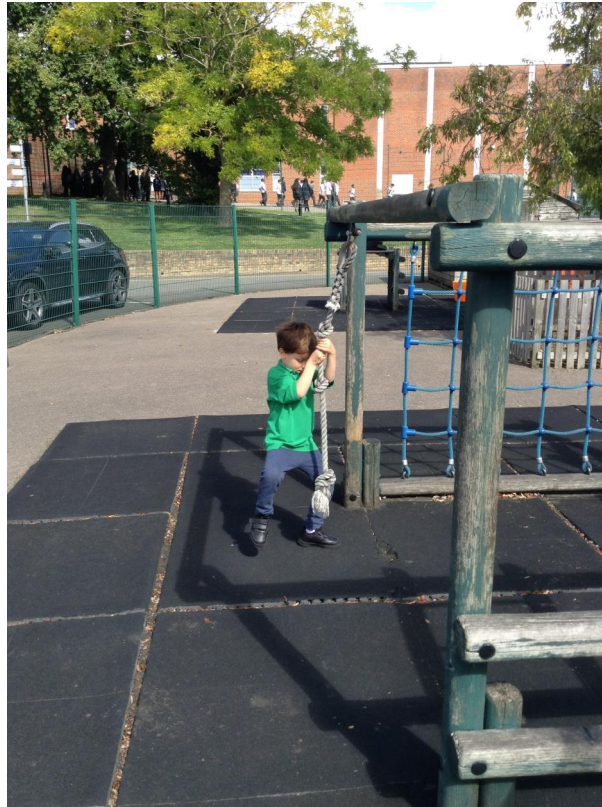












New Website

We are delighted to share our brand-new website with you! Designed with a fresh, modern look, it's easier than ever to explore while still providing all the helpful information you're used to. We feel it truly reflects what makes Brookland Infant and Nursery School such a special place – a welcoming, nurturing community where children thrive. We hope you enjoy browsing and find it both useful and inspiring. You can visit us at www.brooklandinfant.co.uk.

Arbor - Emergency Contacts

Please could we ask all parents and carers to log into Arbor and check their emergency contact details. We require at least two additional emergency contacts (other than yourself) to be listed, in case we are unable to reach you.

We also kindly ask that you ensure all phone numbers are up to date and correct. Thank you for your support.

Please could we ask all parents and carers to log into Arbor and check their emergency contact details. We require at least two additional emergency contacts (other than yourself) to be listed, in case we are unable to reach you. In line with the updated Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) statutory framework, children in Nursery and Reception must have **more than two emergency contacts**, so we kindly ask parents of these year groups to check carefully that they have provided the required number.

We also kindly ask that you ensure all phone numbers are up to date and correct. Thank you for your support.

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 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.

Arbor - Consent Section

Please can we ask all parents and carers to log into Arbor and check that all consent sections are completed. At the moment, not all consents have been filled in, which means we are unsure whether we have permission to include photos of some children in the school newsletter amongst other things.

To avoid any confusion, please ensure that all consents are updated as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation.

Contacting the School

Please can we ask if you contact the school, either by phone and leave a message on the answer machine or by email you always include your child's full name and class. We have several children with the same first name which makes it very difficult for the office staff to ensure messages are passed to the right class or reasons for absence are completed correctly on Arbor. Thank you.

BICS Information Meeting for Parents and Carers

Come along and find out about the Barnet Integrated Clinical Services (BICS).

We are delighted to invite you to a joint Coffee Morning on Wednesday 18th September at 8:45-10:00 a.m. at the Junior School.

This will be a great opportunity to meet other parents, enjoy some tea, coffee, and cake, and learn more about the Barnet Integrated Clinical Services (BICS). BICS will share with you information about the mental health interventions they offer and how they can support the school community and families.

Young Carers

At Brookland Infant and School we are committed to ensuring that all children get the support they need to have a positive school experience and can achieve their full potential. We know that for some children factors outside of school can have a big impact on this particularly if they are a young carer. Do you think your child may be considered to be a young carer - if so please speak to Ms Gross or Jenny (who is the Young Carer's champion) for further information and support. At school we provide a club for children who have been identified as carer can choose to go to once a week during school time.

Young carers are children who are under the age of 18 who provide regular care for a family member or are affected by the needs of a relative they are living with. These may include:

- long term illness or life limiting illness
- mental health issues
- substance or alcohol misuse
- physical disability
- sudden death of parent or sibling
- learning disability e.g. autism, ADHD, down syndrome etc

Young carers may take on practical and/or emotional caring responsibilities that would normally be expected of an adult. At times, this may include missing out on social events such as play dates, birthday parties or other social activities that are normal for children their age. Young carers are a vulnerable group who may experience difficulties in their education as a result of their caring role.

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. Dino for trying very hard with his writing and taking care with his letter formation
 2. Savannah for following the Golden Rules so well and working hard in maths and phonics.
- Play Expert: Elizabeth for playing nice games with her friends and being kind to others.



Bear class:

1. Rafi for improved focus and concentration during lessons and excellent counting objects in maths.
 2. Parva for listening carefully in class and counting object carefully.
- Play Expert: Evie for being a good friend and playing well with others.



Elephant Class:

1. Robi for fantastic effort in PE. He demonstrated great focus, balancing and jumping skills.
 2. Nino for superb effort and hard work in all lessons. He has been participating well and showing a positive attitude towards his learning.
- Play Expert: Ellie for being a kind and caring friend, always following the Golden Rules and setting an excellent example to others.



Owl class:

1. Maya for her great work in English. She has been working on identifying nouns in sentences.
 2. Muhammad for his great work in maths. He has been working on counting forwards and backwards within 20.
- Play Expert: Rojan for always following the Golden Rules.



Giraffe class:

1. Anna for always following the classroom rules and being such a super role model.
 2. Avyan for his fantastic focus and facts about the United Kingdom during geography.
- Play Expert: Kiki for always being kind to others in the playground.



Hedgehog class:

1. Lara for always following the Golden Rules e.g. putting her hand up and being a great role model to others.
 2. Charlie for settling into Y2 so well and coming into class so sensibly in the morning.
- Play Expert: Sonny for always being kind and playing nicely outside.

Next week will be Dinner Menu 3!

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 "CLASSED 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 8th September 2025

Overall attendance for the school was 95.88%

Reception Attendance

Turtle class: 95.59% Dolphin class: 96.92% Panda class: 100%

Key Stage 1 Attendance

Bear class: 98.89% Elephant class: 92.94% Penguin class: 98.83%

Giraffe class: 98.02% Hedgehog class: 98.88% Owl class: 83.11%

Well done to the **Panda Class** for the highest attendance this week in EYFS.

Well done to the **Bear Class** for the highest attendance this week in KS1.

Brookland Values





Guidelines for Class reps

Our class rep system has been running very successfully across the school, and we are so grateful to the parents and carers who give their time to support this important role. Class reps play a vital part in helping to strengthen the sense of community between families and the school, and their contribution makes a real difference to the children's experience.

Following some requests from parents and carers for more clarity, we have put together a set of guidelines that outline what the role involves. These are designed to provide support, ensure consistency, and answer any questions you may have.

We truly appreciate the time and energy our class reps bring, and we hope the attached guidelines are helpful to anyone currently in the role or considering volunteering in the future.

Please find the guidelines attached to the newsletter.

Reception Admissions 2026-2027

Children born between **1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022** (all current Nursery pupils) are due to start Reception in **September 2026**.

Parents and carers must submit **one online application** through their **home local authority** for all state-funded school places (excluding private schools), regardless of whether the

schools are located within or outside Barnet. Applications should be made at www.eadmissions.org.uk.

Before beginning your application, we strongly recommend downloading “**A Guide to Primary Education in Barnet**” from www.barnet.gov.uk/schooladmissions. This guide provides essential information about the admissions process, including the **admissions criteria** used to allocate school places. Please also check the relevant local authority website if you wish to apply for schools outside Barnet, as admissions criteria may vary.

- **Application deadline:** 15 January 2026
- **National Offer Day:** 16 April 2026

Y2 to Y3 transfer process for 2026-2027

If your child is currently in **Year 2** (Hedgehogs, Owls, or Giraffes), it is time to apply for their **Junior School transfer**.

- Applications must be submitted **online** via www.eadmissions.org.uk.
- You may list schools both **inside and outside Barnet** (excluding private schools).
- Please check individual schools’ **admissions criteria** before applying.
- **Application deadline:** 15 January 2026
- **Offer day:** 16 April 2026

PA AGM

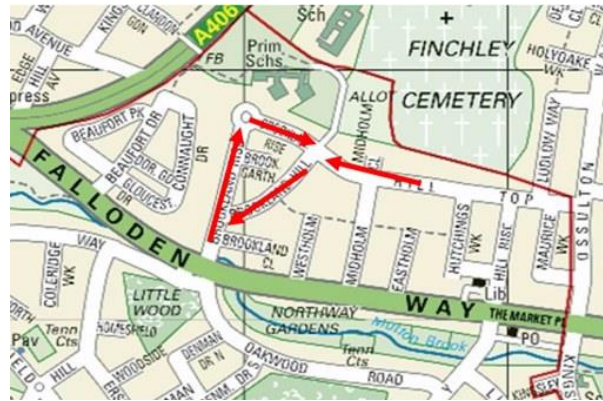
We warmly invite all parents and carers to join us on **Thursday, 18th September at 6.15 p.m.** for our **Annual Parent Association (PA) AGM**.

This is an important evening where we will be electing new members to our PA team.

The PA plays a vital role in supporting our school and enriching the experience of all our children—but we can only do this with the help of parent and carer volunteers. Your time, ideas, and involvement, no matter how big or small, make a real difference.

We would love to see as many parents and carers as possible on the evening, and we hope you will consider putting your name forward to join the team. Together, we can achieve so much more for our children and school community.

Voluntary One-Way System



Please can we remind everyone there is a voluntary one-way system in place to help ease the congestion at drop off and pick up times. Please see the image which shows you exactly how the voluntary one-way system works.

Help Needed



We are looking for wooden pallets. If anyone has any that can donate for us to use we would be very grateful. Thank you

Books for Everyone!



Take a book, Leave a book or Both

We have an “Outdoor Library” which is placed outside by the Bear class. This is open for everyone before and after school to choose books. If you have books at home that have been read so many times and you would like some lovely new books please come and help yourself. If you feel you don’t have enough books at home and would like some new books please come and help yourself. This initiative is because we want **everyone** to love reading as much as much we do!

Dates for Your Diary

September

- 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

Clubs - Autumn Term

We have a variety of clubs and wraparound care available at Brookland Infants!

Please follow this link to our Before and After School club providers: [Wraparound Care](#)

Contact Us

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