



Brookland Infant and Nursery School

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Friday 19th September

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Message from Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have almost welcomed all our new children and families to the school, the last few new faces are joining us next week. It has been lovely seeing how settled everyone is and enjoying exploring their new learning environments. There has been such a wonderful

atmosphere in school and lots of learning happening. Staff are seeing children purposefully interacting with each other about their learning and children being proud of their own and other's achievements.

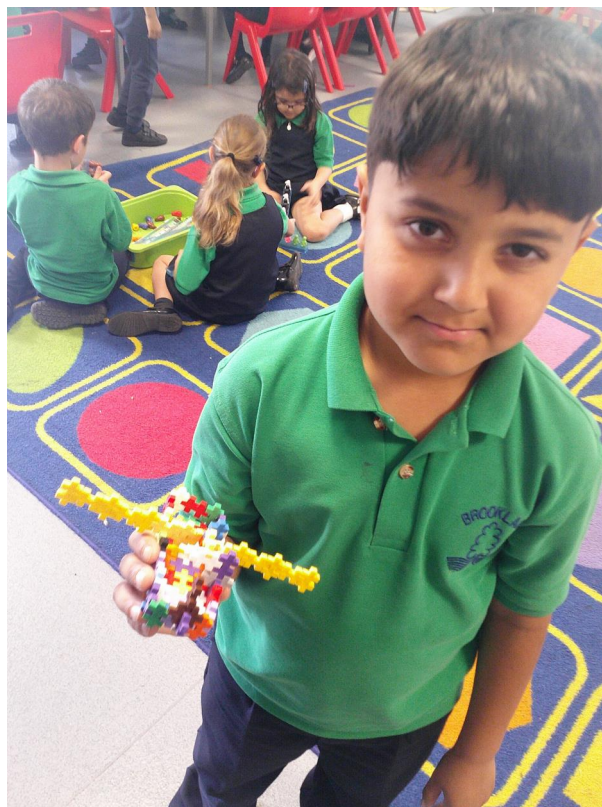
Brenda McCafferty

Headteacher

Be Kind, Grow Together, Learn Forever

This Week in Photos

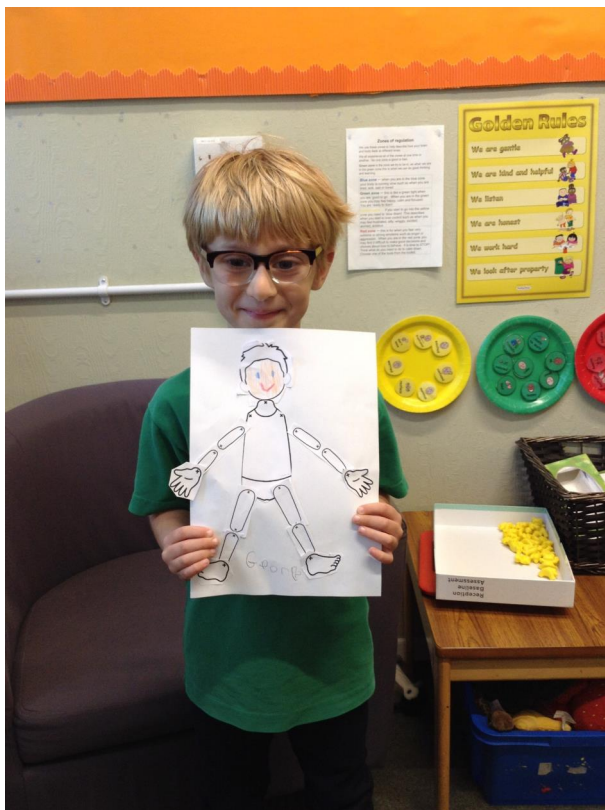
Please have a look at the week in photos.















Cheerleading Club



The first session of our brand new Cheerleading was absolutely fantastic and full of energy! From the moment the music started, the children's excitement was contagious. Everyone brought their best spirit and the atmosphere was buzzing with enthusiasm. The session was a perfect mix of fun, focus, and fabulous teamwork. Cheerleading has officially kicked off in the best way possible for the Autumn Term! 🍌

There are still some places available to book for , book via Arbor now to avoid disappointment.

Brookland Leaders



We have Brookland Leaders to help everyone remember and follow our school motto of 'Be Kind, Grow Together, Learn Forever'. Brookland Leaders also help everyone to remember our school values; Courage, Honesty, Friendship, Respect, Tolerance and Responsibility.

A Brookland Leader is....

- A good role model for all the children in our school.
- Someone who helps the children to feel happy and safe around school.
- Someone that helps make the school even better!

This term the children in the Giraffe class were invited to apply for a Brookland Leader job. All the children that applied were successful – well done!

The Brookland leaders for the Autumn Term are:

Assembly Leaders: Ezra, Ioulia, Musa, Gil, Joey, Della, Zoe and Rafa.

Play Buddy Leaders at lunchtime in the Nursery & Reception playground: Nasser, Carlota, Toby, Sofia, Matteo, Yasmin and Mohammad.

Playground Leaders in the Year 1 & 2 playground: Anna and Silia

Eco Leaders: David, Hugo and Abdullah.

Library Leaders: Mishka, Isabella, Dua, Maya, Zoe and Kiki.

Harvest Collections

We are very pleased to support the Foodbank Aid. They will deliver your donations to food banks across North London. They need our support this year more than ever. Please see the poster below which indicates what each class is collecting. Thank you so much for your support with this.












**BROOKLAND INFANT
AND NURSERY SCHOOL
IS COLLECTING FOR
FOOD BANK AID**



THIS AUTUMN, FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY WILL STRUGGLE TO PROVIDE FOR THEIR CHILDREN

Food Bank Aid helps feed over 20,000 people (inc 5,000 children) a week by supporting food banks in North London.

DONATIONS BY CLASS

OWLS:	dried pasta	
HEDGEHOGS:	any cereal or porridge oats	
GIRAFFES:	packet or tinned soup	
ELEPHANTS:	tea or coffee	
PENGUINS:	rice	
BEARS:	sugar	
DOLPHINS:	tinned tomatoes	
PANDAS:	tinned beans	
TURTLES:	tinned fruit	
LIONS, TIGERS & CHEETAHS:	long life milk, soap or toothpaste	
ALL CLASSES:	sanitary products	

Please bring your donations to school from
MONDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER - FRIDAY 10TH OCTOBER

Thank you!

Food Bank Aid registered charity no. 1194314

Peace Day



In the world we live in today, it is more important than ever to come together to celebrate *Peace Day*. We are very fortunate to belong to such a supportive and compassionate community, where kindness and care for one another are valued every day.

Today, our Year 1 and Year 2 pupils marked this special occasion by coming to school dressed in white and taking part in meaningful activities designed to help them reflect on the importance of peace. The children spoke thoughtfully about what peace means to them, sharing ideas such as being calm and relaxed, thinking of others, being kind, ensuring their friends feel happy and included, and choosing not to fight but instead to show care for one another.

The children also discussed the things that sometimes worry them and considered positive ways to let go of those worries in order to focus on happiness and wellbeing. Their reflections were both inspiring and heartening, and they remind us that even our youngest pupils can lead the way in showing us how peace can be lived out in everyday life.

Peace Day is a timely reminder that peace begins with each of us, in our classrooms, in our homes, and in our wider community. By nurturing these values together, we give our children the tools to build a more understanding and compassionate world.

PA Message

Thanks to everyone who was able to join our PA fireside chat last evening, and to all of you who have already reached out with interest in taking on some of the open roles.

Due to many requests, next week's AGM will now be held **ONLINE** instead of at the school. This is where we'll elect new officers as well as name new subcommittee leads. We'll circulate a formal invite next week.

In the meantime, if you're interested in helping the PA as and when you can, please fill out this form and we'll be in touch!

<https://forms.gle/RG3yFN6HDpBJxs9x8>

We look forward to seeing all of you throughout the year for an amazing line up of events and projects!

Brookland Infant PA

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. Emma for settling in very quickly and showing a positive attitude towards her learning.
 2. Diego for working hard in science identifying and labelling body parts.
- Play Expert: Guy for being a kind friend and following the playground rules.



Bear class:

1. Leela for knowing what a noun is and matching numerals and words together.
 2. Lucy for knowing what a noun is and using her Growth Mindset when she found it tricky. She thought so carefully and realised she could do it.
- Play Expert: Leila for her kind, friendly and cheerful nature and making playtime so much fun for all her friends.



Elephant Class:

1. Theo for excellent work and enthusiasm during maths lessons. He is confident in counting within 20 and recognising numbers as words.
2. Kaho for her hard work in identifying nouns. She has completed beautiful work when writing about her favourite place.

- Play Expert: Allegra for being a kind and caring friend, always making sure to comfort her classmates if they are upset.



Owl class:

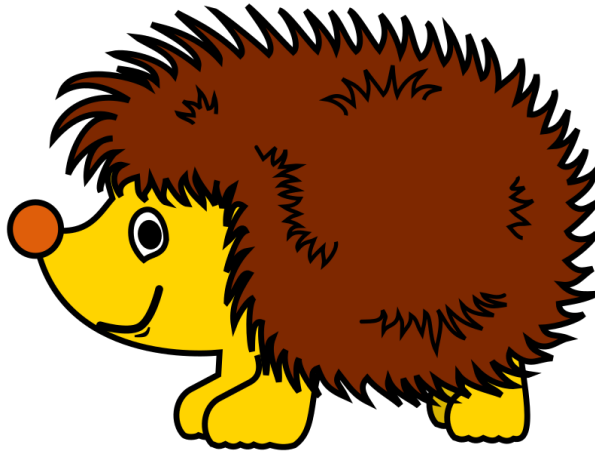
1. William for his great work in English. He has been practising using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.
 2. Kristina for her great work in maths. she has been recognising tens and ones in 2 digit numbers.
- Play Expert: Emma for always following the playground rules.



Giraffe class:

1. Joey for working so hard on his sentence writing and letter formation. Super use of his Growth Mindset!
2. Maya for her ability to solve her tens and ones maths problems using a part/part whole frame and dienes.

- Play Expert: Zoe for always being a good friend and looking after others in the playground.



Hedgehog class:

1. Azlan for always demonstrating fantastic learning behaviours, great focus and challenging himself.
 2. Leila for always showing determination to complete any task to the best of her ability and taking pride in her presentation.
- Play Expert: Samuel for always playing nicely with his friends and following the Golden Rules.

School Uniform

Please can I remind parents that children should not be wearing colourful trainers. If they are wearing trainers, they should be black like the school shoes. We are seeing lots of children with the incorrect footwear at school. We are proud of our Brookland community and want to look smart and uniform to show we are all part of the same community. Thank you.

Next week will be Dinner Menu 1!

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 15th September 2025

Overall attendance for the school was 95.62%

Reception Attendance

Turtle class: 94.80% Dolphin class: 96% Panda class: 97.98%

Key Stage 1 Attendance

Bear class: 98.31% Elephant class: 94.33% Penguin class: 94%

Giraffe class: 98.57% Hedgehog class: 95.67% Owl class: 87.93%

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

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

Pre-Loved School Uniform

The pre-loved school uniform raised over £900 yesterday. Thank you to the members of the PA and in particular Bibiana (2H) and Cristina (2G) for running it.

Brookland Values





RESPECT



TOLERANCE

Nut-Free School



We would like to remind all parents and carers that our school is strictly *nut free* in order to keep children with severe nut allergies safe. This includes items such as peanut puffs, hazelnut spread biscuits or dip pots, and other products containing nuts, including Nutella and Bamba snacks.

While nut allergies are not airborne, there is a significant risk from traces left on hands, play equipment, or classroom surfaces, which could cause a serious reaction in children with allergies.

We also kindly ask that no nuts or nut-containing items are brought onto the school site at any time, including at pick-up. We have recently noticed parents offering pistachios as a snack at the end of the day, but unfortunately these are not permitted.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding in helping us keep every child safe.

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

Y2 Tour Dates of the Junior School

The Junior school has put 3 dates in for Year 2 parents and carers to come and have a tour of the Junior School with Ms Ayles, the headteacher. If you would like to book yourself on one of the tours please call the junior office ([020 8346 6937](tel:02083466937)) to be added to the list. This is only for parents and carers in Year 2. The dates are:

- **Friday 26th September at 9.30am**
- **Friday 3rd October at 9.30am**
- **Wednesday 8th October at 9.30am**

Child Car Seat Checking Event

Barnet Council is offering free child car seat checks to help families ensure their children are travelling safely.

Wednesday 8th October 2025, 10am – 3pm

Tesco car park, Coppetts Centre, North Circular Rd, N12 0SH

A trained expert from Good Egg Safety will be on hand to check seats, fix errors and offer advice – no booking required. Experts will check your car seat even if your child isn't with you — but if they are, they can also make sure they're seated correctly and safely.

Last year, **92% of car seats checked in Barnet had errors**, most of them serious enough to put children at risk of injury or death in a collision. Unfortunately, errors on seats are very easily made, but the great news is that they tend to be easy to fix.

We encourage all families who use child car seats to attend.

Kind regards

Safe and Sustainable Travel Team

road.safety@barnet.gov.uk

<https://www.facebook.com/goodeggsafety> or <https://fb.me/e/9prgSJfEG>

Play Equipment

Please can I remind parents that if you are waiting to pick up children from after school club activities not to use the play equipment left in the outside classrooms. It is very upsetting for staff if they come to work the following day and everything is in a different place or in some cases even missing.

The children should also not go on the climbing frames or play in the MUGA before and after school.

Dates for Your Diary

September

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

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