



Brookland Infant and Nursery School

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Friday 10th October

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Message from Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our commitment to providing a broad and enriching curriculum, along with exciting learning experiences, remains steadfast. I am writing to ask for your support with this and help ensure our curriculum remains of the highest quality going forward. To continue offering a broad and balanced curriculum, enriched with engaging learning opportunities, we depend on both government funding and the generous support of our school community.

Despite huge efforts by the governors and leadership team to cut costs and increase income along with the amazing work of the PA to raise funds, for the last few years the school's

expenditure has been significantly higher than its income and we have had to rely on our dwindling reserves to meet this shortfall. We have now cut and made savings in every area of our budget and continue to prioritise high quality staffing above all else, knowing this has the biggest impact on our children. We are fortunate to have a highly capable and experienced staff team whose expertise, commitment and skills enable our school to be the happy, thriving and successful school we know and love.

Therefore, we are asking for those families who can to make a termly contribution of £25 please, more if you would like to, through Arbor. We have to set it up as a suggested donation of £25 per term, but you can increase this to any amount you want on Arbor. We know that some of our families will be unable to commit to regular payments therefore you will be able to make a one-off donation if you choose to. If you would prefer to set up a standing order monthly, quarterly, or annually you can contact our School Office Team, who will be able to share the school bank details with you.

We understand that financial circumstances vary from family to family, and we want to emphasize that this is a *voluntary donation*. Your decision to contribute is deeply appreciated, and any amount, no matter how small, will be gratefully received and put towards benefiting our children's educational experiences.

Please be assured that there is no obligation for any parent/carer to make a contribution and children at the school will not be treated differently according to whether or not their parents/carers have made a donation. Only the office staff and myself will have access to information about contributions to the bank account - no other member of staff will be aware of which families have contributed or how much. Any amount you are able to make will be very much appreciated. Please be assured that many schools are in a similar position and have had to adopt the approach of directly appealing for parental support.

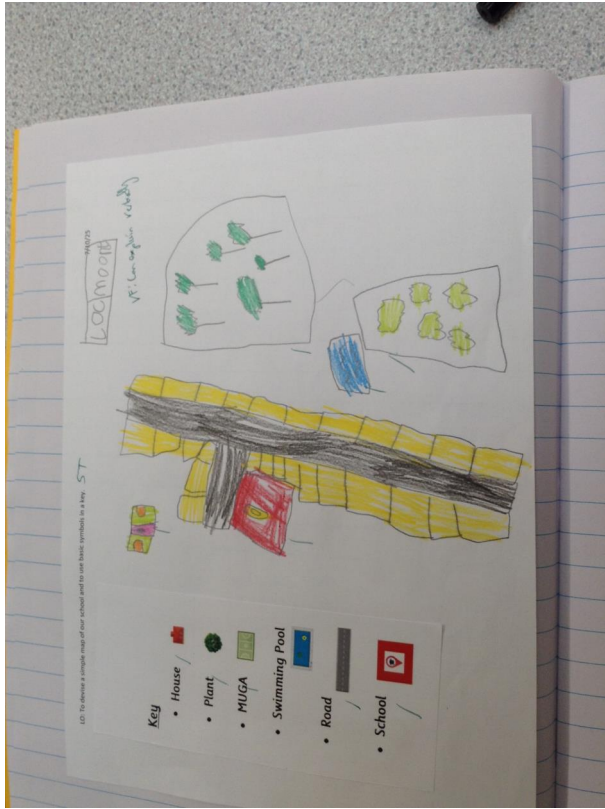
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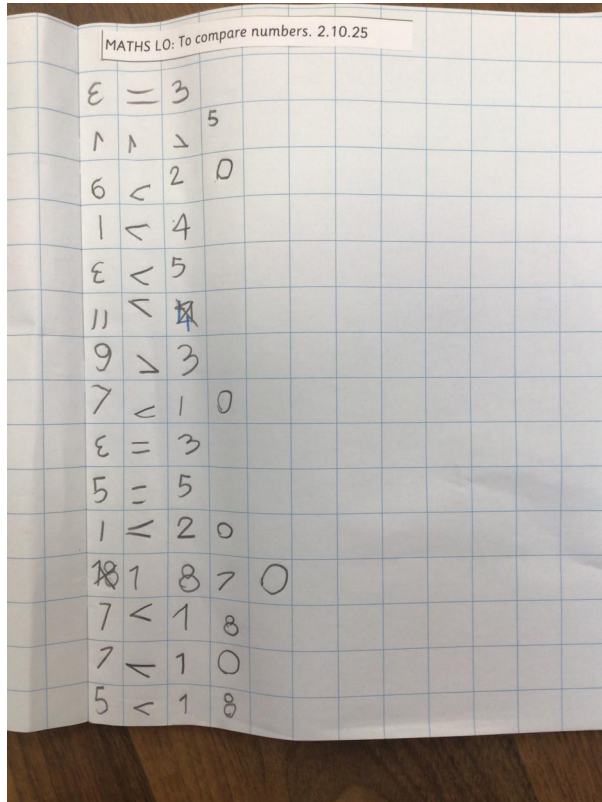
Headteacher

Be Kind, Grow Together, Learn Forever

This Week in Photos

Please have a look at the week in photos.











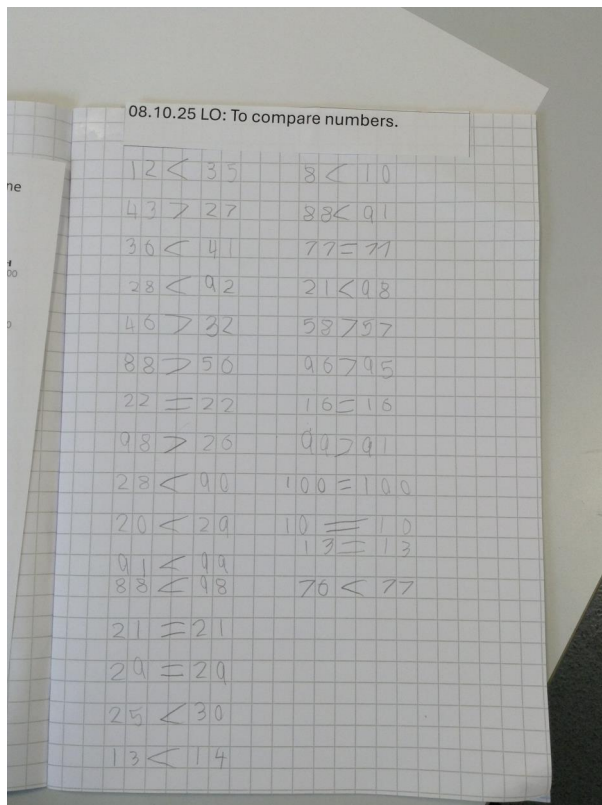
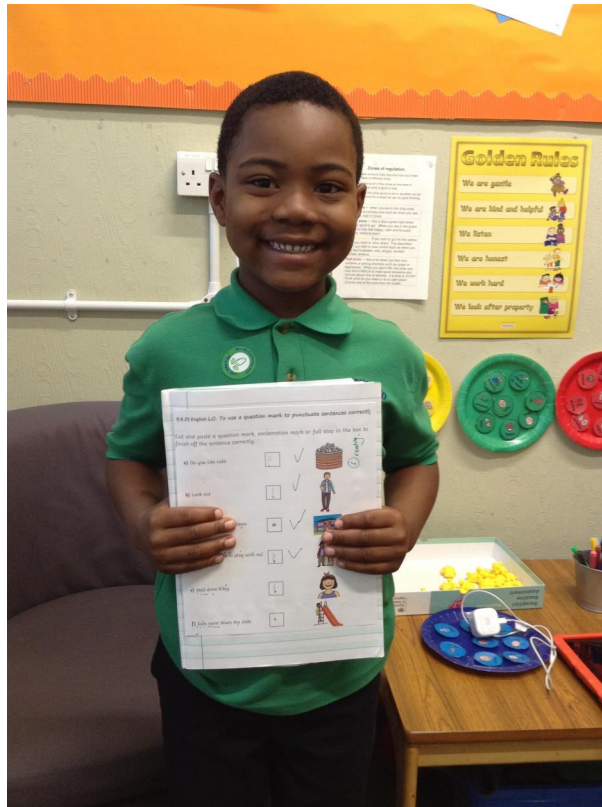


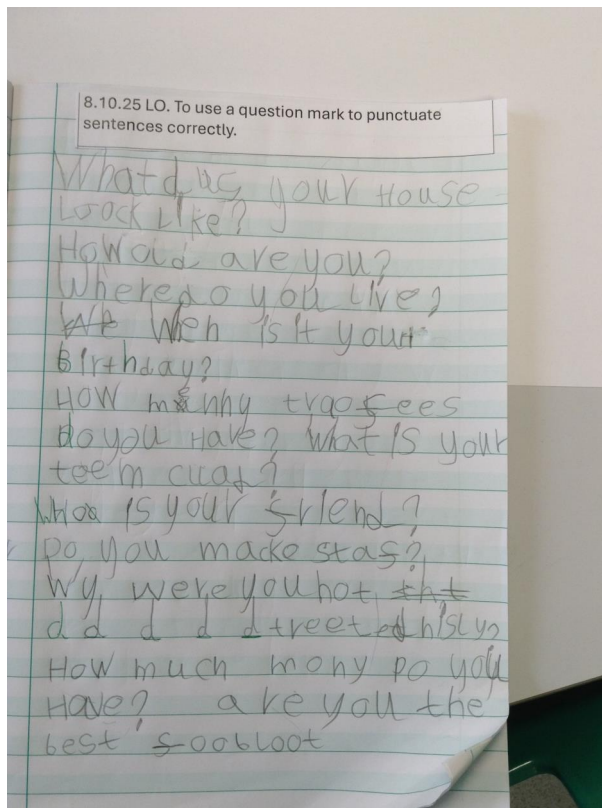
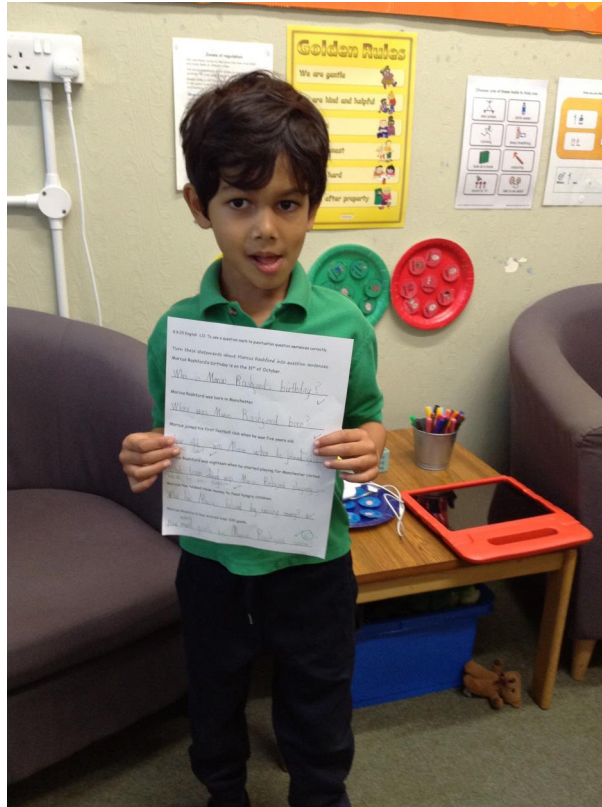


8.10.25 LO. To use a question mark to punctuate sentences correctly.



What number is on your
teashirt? Why do you have
black skin? What is your
teashirt got riped?
Which football team are
you on? How many
troseys do you have?
Whose your best
friend? Do you like
icecream? When dos
your football machis
start? Where do
you live?







Y2 Performance Assembly

We'd like to apologise for any confusion around what the Year 2 Performance Assembly entails. This special Assembly gives children the chance to showcase their talents or hobbies and perform in front of the whole school — hopefully inspiring others to celebrate their own unique skills and interests and show what a Growth Mindset can achieve.

Each time, two children (or two groups of children) from each class put themselves forward to take part. If they are not performing on this occasion, they'll have the chance to perform in a future assembly, so everyone who's interested will eventually get an opportunity to shine. We have had musicians, children showing off their skipping skills, gymnasts, singers and magicians to name a few, perform in the past.

Today we had some wonderful performances from our talented Year 2 children. Well done to Zoe, Carlota and Dua from the Giraffe class, Aysu, Lily and Deniz from the Owl class, Zaynab, Alma, Ethan, Eleni, Lara and Sophia from the Hedgehogs! You all did an amazing job and showed just how important it is to be proud of the things that make each of us special and unique.

Suburb Residents Association Grant



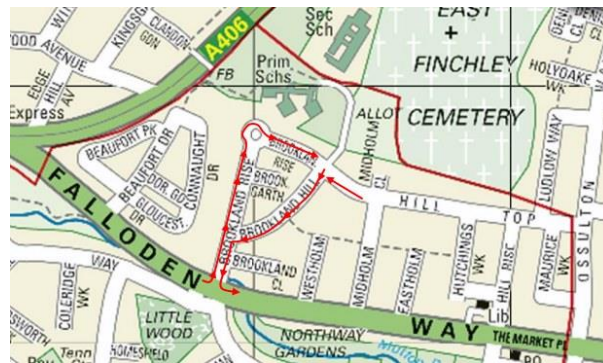
A big thank you to the Suburb Residents Association for their generous grant. Thanks to your support, we've been able to purchase a new shed for the top playground, providing a safe and tidy space to store all our playground equipment. The remaining funds will go towards

replacing more of the wooden fencing. We're so grateful for your ongoing support of our community!

Birthday Books

We enjoy celebrating children's birthdays at school and recognise how special these days are for the children. To mark the occasion, children are welcome to bring in a book to donate to the class library, this is also an excellent way to share the joy of reading with their classmates. Each class also has their own special birthday routine as to how they acknowledge the birthday in class. In consideration of children with allergies and to promote healthy habits, we do not distribute food treats at school. Additionally, we ask that party invitations be shared outside of the classroom.

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. If you have other people helping with drop off or pick up please could you inform them of the one-way system as well please. Thank you

School Council

This week, all our Year 1 and Year 2 classes took held School Council elections. Children who wanted to join the School Council put themselves forward as candidates and shared why they thought they would be good school councillors. Each class then had the chance to vote for the children they felt would do a great job representing them.

Before the elections, they talked about the important qualities a good school councillor should have — such as being kind, helpful, responsible, and a good listener.

Our new school councillors will meet regularly to share ideas and talk about ways to make our school an even better place for everyone.

Please meet our new school council members for 2025-2026:

Bear class: Rachel and Huxley

Elephant class: Rex and Maya

Penguin class: Guy and Palwasha

Hedgehog class: Sammy and Stephanie

Owl class: William and Aysu

Giraffe class: Toby and Mishka

Next week will be Dinner Menu 1!

When is Sick too Sick for School?

WHEN IS SICK TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?

Send me to school if...

- I have a runny nose or just a little cough, but no other symptoms.
- I haven't taken any fever reducing medicine for 24 hours, and I haven't had a fever during that time.
- I haven't thrown up or had any diarrhea for 24 hours.

Keep me at home if...

- I have a temperature higher than 100 degrees even after taking medicine.
- I'm throwing up or have diarrhea.
- My eyes are pink and crusty.

Call the doctor if...

- I have a temperature higher than 100 degrees for more than two days.
- I've been throwing up or have diarrhea for more than two days.
- I've had the sniffles for more than a week, and they aren't getting better.
- I still have asthma symptoms after using my asthma medicine (and call 911 if I'm having trouble breathing after using an inhaler).

Flu Immunisations



FLU IMMUNISATION FOR PUPILS IN SCHOOL YEARS RECEPTION - YEAR 11

Prevent your child from being seriously ill this winter!
Vaccinating is crucial in protecting them and vulnerable friends and family from flu.

NASAL VACCINE

No needles - just quick, painless, effective flu protection (contains gelatine)

OR

THE INJECTION

We offer a PORK-FREE, GELATINE-FREE injection considered a faith-friendly alternative.

Complete this form, even if you do not want the vaccine.

<https://ncl.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/barnet>

Secondary School students only: Young people under the age of 16 can give or refuse consent themselves if considered competent to do so by nursing staff.

CONTACT THE TEAM

barnet@v-uk.co.uk
 0208 150 7505

Need more information?
Please see our FAQs sheet attached with this letter.

Or visit our website:

We endeavour to come to your child's school twice. If your child is absent or unable to be vaccinated at school, they can still receive this important vaccine by attending one of our community clinics for the vaccine.

Your consent will remain in place for the entire flu season. If your child misses a first visit, you do not need to complete a second form.

Details of these can be found on our website or you can contact the team above.

LEARN MORE
<https://www.schoolvaccination.uk/flu>
www.youtube.com/@vaccinationuk

PRIVACY POLICY
Our 2024/25 policy can be viewed here: www.schoolvaccination.uk/privacy-policy
For data protection queries, please contact: dpo@vaccinationuk.co.uk



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q WHY ARE CHILDREN BEING OFFERED THE FLU VACCINE?

Flu can make children feel very unwell and can sometimes lead to serious complications like pneumonia or ear infections. Some may even need hospital treatment. It's especially important for children with long-term conditions like asthma or diabetes, as flu can be more dangerous for them.

Q HOW DOES THE FLU VACCINE FOR CHILDREN WORK?

The nasal spray contains weakened flu viruses that help your child build protection without causing illness. Because flu strains change each year, the vaccine needs to be given annually. Most children only need one dose.

Q IS THE FLU VACCINE SAFE FOR CHILDREN?

Yes, it has a very good safety record and has been used for over 10 years in countries like the US without any major concerns. All vaccines available in United Kingdom must pass strict safety testing before being approved for use. The Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) only approve vaccines that have gone through rigorous safety testing measures. The regulators continually monitor them all the time.

Q SHOULD ANYONE NOT HAVE THE VACCINE?

Let us know if your child:

- Has a severe allergy to eggs, gelatine, or certain antibiotics
- Has recently had severe asthma symptoms or is wheezy on the day
- Has a seriously weakened immune system

Also, after vaccination, children should avoid close contact with people who have very weak immune systems for about two weeks—everyone else is fine to be around.

Q ARE THERE ANY SIDE EFFECTS?

Side effects from the nasal spray are usually mild and short-lived. These may include a runny or blocked nose, headache, reduced appetite, or a slight temperature. Paracetamol or ibuprofen can help if needed.

Q WE DO NOT EAT PORK PRODUCTS. CAN MY CHILD HAVE A DIFFERENT FLU VACCINE?

Yes. There is an injectable flu vaccine is available that contains no pork (porcine gelatine).

While the nasal spray is generally more effective and painless, we respect your preferences. Just complete the consent form for the injection—no need to fill out both.

CONSENT INFORMATION

The consent form needs to be signed by a person with parental responsibility which includes:

- Mother: automatic
- Father: if married to the mother either when baby is born or marries subsequently
- Unmarried father: if name appears on birth certificate (since 1/12/03) or legally acquired
- Others: if parental responsibility is legally acquired
- Parental Responsibility Agreement: signed, properly witnessed and sent for registration to Principle Registry or the Family Division (High Court)
- Residence Order: granted by the Court

Please note that young people under the age of 16 can give or refuse consent if considered competent to do so by nursing staff.

Q NATURAL IMMUNITY

While natural immunity from the flu can occur, it's not generally considered better than vaccine-induced immunity. Natural infection carries the risk of severe illness and complications, whereas the flu vaccine offers protection with significantly less risk. Natural immunity can be long-lasting against specific strains, but we know that the flu virus changes (mutates) overtime so natural immunity to one strain might not protect against a different strain that emerges later. Vaccines are a safer and more reliable way to protect against a wider range of flu viruses.

Flu vaccines are updated for each winter to give protection against the strains of flu that are most likely to be going around. For this reason, we strongly recommend that even if your child was vaccinated last year, they should be vaccinated again this year.

Q MY CHILD NEEDS A DIFFERENT VACCINE

If your child needs another vaccine you can speak to our team or attend one of our community clinics, all information can be found on our website: www.schoolvaccination.uk/catch-up-clinics

Q I HAVE MORE QUESTIONS

We run Q&A webinars which address frequently asked questions and gives parents an opportunity to ask their questions. You can find information and how to join on our website.



Vaccination UK

Lettings

School Hall Available for Hire

Looking for the perfect venue for your next event? Our versatile school hall is available to hire for community events, fitness classes, performances, meetings, private functions and more.

Featuring ample space, lots of natural light and on-site parking, it's an ideal setting for gatherings.

Enquire today to check availability and secure your date!

To Book:

- Email schooladmin@brooklandinf.barnet.sch.uk for a booking form and letting guidelines
- Check your requested date is available and wait for us to confirm if it is free to book.
- Complete the forms once a date has been selected as soon as possible so you do not miss out. You will be sent an invoice with the costs and what is to be paid.
- Costs: £50 deposit to secure the date, £148 to be paid 3 weeks before your event.
Total Cost: £198
- ***Please note: The hall booking times for the weekend are 10:30am-1:30pm only.***

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 "CLASSSED 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 6th October 2025

Overall attendance for the school was 90.8%

Reception Attendance

Turtle class: 94.17%

Dolphin class: 99.17%

Panda class: 91.09%

Key Stage 1 Attendance

Bear class: 96.92%

Elephant class: 94.10%

Penguin class: 95.33%

Giraffe class: 98.57%

Hedgehog class: 99%

Owl class: 90.42%

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

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

Brookland Values





Important Safeguarding Notice: Children's "Spy" Books

We want to make you aware of a recent issue affecting some popular children's books by Andrew Cope, including the *Spy Dogs*, *Spy Cats*, and *Spy Pups* series. Some editions of these books include a printed web address at the back. This link used to go to the author's website, but the domain is no longer under his control. It has since been taken over by another party and now leads to inappropriate adult content. The publisher, Puffin, has paused sales and distribution of the books and is working with schools, libraries, and retailers to remove copies from circulation. They have stressed that the website has no connection to the author or publisher. **What this means for you:**

- If your child has any *Spy Dog*, *Spy Cat* or *Spy Pups* books at home, please check the back for website links and make sure they do not try to visit the site.
- It is safe for children to continue reading the stories themselves — the concern is only with the outdated link.
- We recommend talking with your child about the importance of not following web addresses in books without checking with an adult first.

I can confirm we have removed the books from our library until further notice.

Nut-Free School (this also includes after school clubs)



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 pesto, 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.

Notice Regarding School Gates



FOR SAFETY REASONS
PLEASE DO NOT PROP THE GATE
OPEN!

Infant Main Gate Opening Times:

- **Nursery: Opens from 2:55pm** for 3:00pm collection
(by **buzzer only**)
- **Reception, Year 1 and 2: Gate is open from 3:00pm**

Reminder: Between 9:00am -3:00pm, there is no access for Nursery or Infant parents to walk across the Juniors Playground.

Dates for Your Diary

October

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)
Thursday 23rd 9.00 a.m. BICS workshop - Supporting your child with anxiety and/or separation anxiety
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

November

Thursday 6th 9.00 a.m. Zones of regulation workshop for parents and carers
Thursday 6th 11.30 a.m. Child's Voice meeting (information only) Saturday 8th

PA EVENT: FIREWORKS NIGHT

Monday 10th Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 10th Odd Sock Day
Wednesday 12th 9.00 a.m. Maths workshop for parents/carers
Friday 14th Children in Need
Friday 14th Height & Weight measurement for Reception
Tuesday 18th Inclusion Day (It's good to be me) (information only)
Monday 17th 4.00-7.00 p.m. Parent/Teacher Consultations
Tuesday 18th Governing Body meeting (information only)
Thursday 20th 4.00-7.00 p.m. Parent/Teacher Consultations
Friday 21st 9.00 a.m. SEND coffee and chat
Monday 24th 9.15 a.m. Y2 Performance Assembly
Tuesday 25th 9.00 a.m. Chatty children workshop for parents and carers
Friday 28th 3.15 p.m. PA Cake Sale

Contact Us

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