



Brookland Infant and Nursery School  
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Friday 7th November 2025

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## **Message from Headteacher**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term! We hope everyone enjoyed a lovely, restful break. It was wonderful to see so many happy, smiling faces returning to school on Monday.

This week, the children have been introduced to their exciting new topics:

- **Nursery:** Transport
- **Reception:** Journeys
- **Year 1:** Let's Explore
- **Year 2:** Sensational Safaris

You can find more details about the learning planned for this half term below:

- [Year 1 Half-Term Overview](#)
- [Year 2 Half-Term Overview](#)

We're looking forward to a busy and festive half term ahead, with highlights including the Year 2 Barnet Music Festival, the Year 2 Christmas Show, and Christmas singing performances from both Year 1 and Reception and lots of other exciting learning experiences..

**Brenda McCafferty**

**Headteacher**

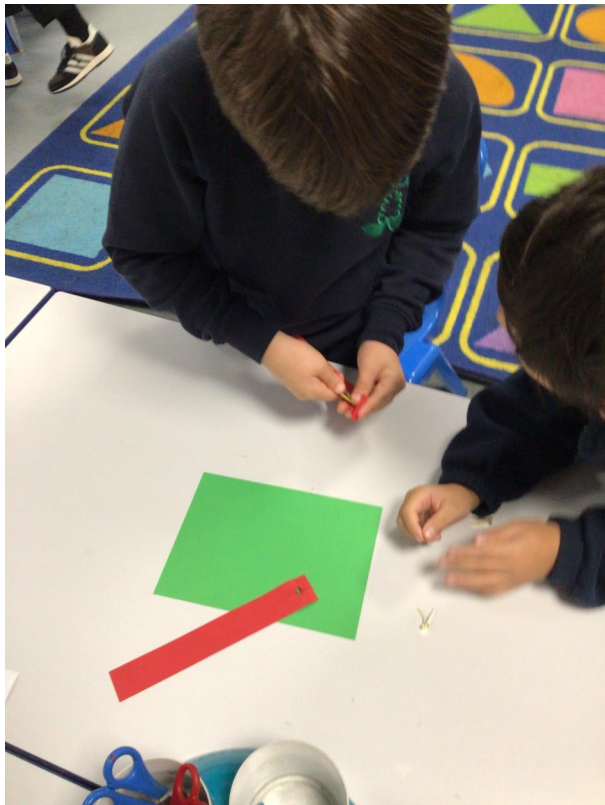
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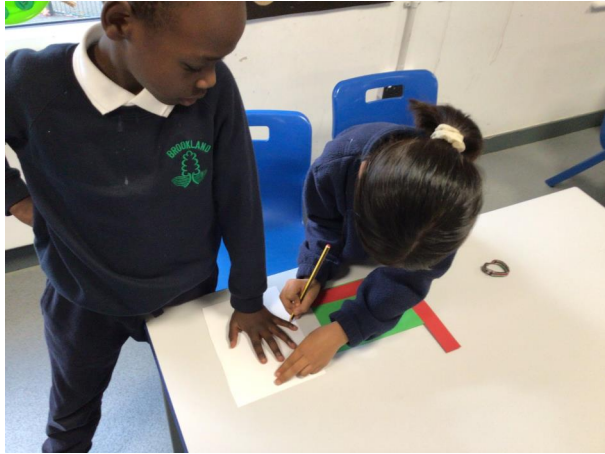
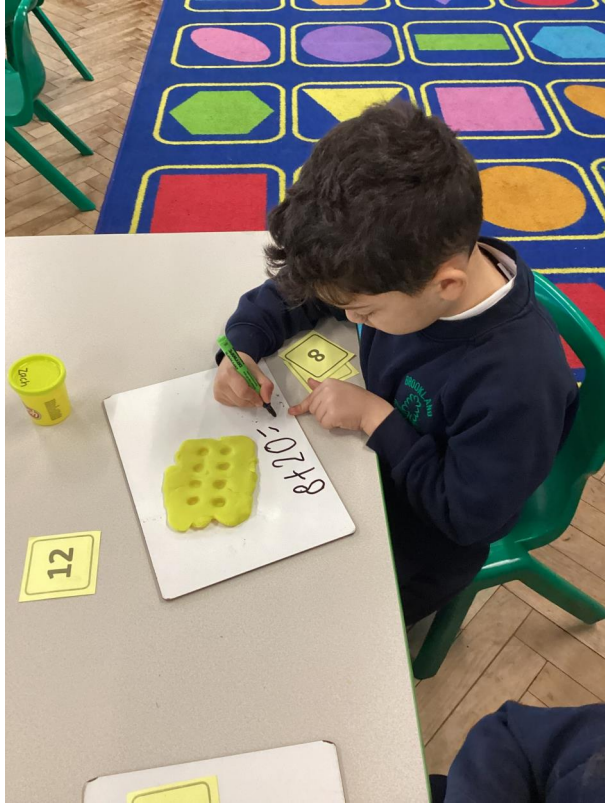
*Be Kind, Grow Together, Learn Forever*

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## **This Week in Photos**

Please have a look at the week in photos.

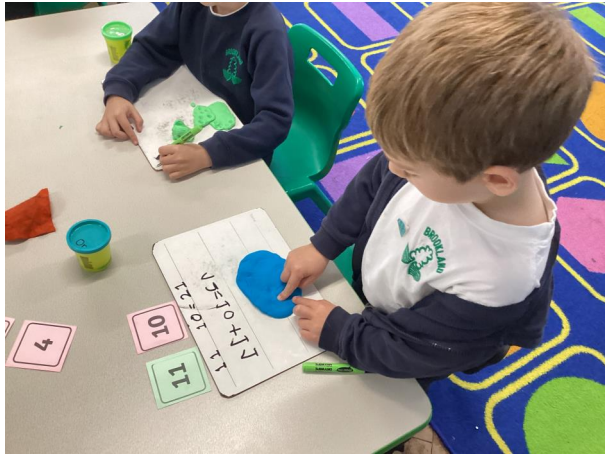


















## Gold Book

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.



1. Tomer for his contributions and ideas in English. He has used his inference skills to make great predictions.
  2. Alayna for her great discussion and thoughtful ideas during our RE lesson.
- Play Expert: Zofia for being a kind and caring friend who always treats others with respect.



1. Emily for her incredibly welcoming attitude towards Mrs Leigh and working so hard in class.
2. Arad for his amazing work attitude in class and for making Mrs Leigh feel so welcome.

- Play Expert: Romeo for following instructions so well when it is time to come in for lunch.



1. Musawir for his beautiful listening and hard work.
  2. Clara for following our Golden Rules and actively participating in the Child's Voice meeting.
- Play Expert: Arjun for always following the playground rules and playing so lovely with his friends.



1. Henry U for working so hard and really improving his focus during phonics sessions.
  2. Nivin for always showing a hardworking approach even when he is faced with a challenge. He really uses his Growth Mindset.
- Play Expert: Gil for playing so nicely with his friends and making up new games.



1. Alfonso for working so hard with his spelling and handwriting. He is becoming a super speller.
  2. Yasmin for being a wonderful role model in the gymnastic lesson. She was able to show the pike, the dish and straddle to the class.
- Play Expert: Silia for being a kind and helpful friend and being so good at helping to tidy up.



1. Lily for her amazing work in maths. She has been using her number bonds to solve addition problems.
  2. Idris Al-Habshi for his great work in English. He has been working hard with his spelling and handwriting.
- Play Expert: Kristina for always being inclusive and following the playground rules.

## Y1 and Y2 NSPCC Assembly

### **NSPCC's *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme**

I am pleased to inform you that we are participating in the **NSPCC's *Speak out. Stay safe. Programme*** this term. *Speak Out. Stay Safe.* is a programme for children aged 5-11 which aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a safe adult or Childline.

This child friendly programme is aligned with the curriculum and consists of an age-appropriate virtual assembly for Year 1 and Year 2 which will be delivered in the week beginning Monday 17th November.

Parents and carers are asked to let school know if their child may have experienced anything (in the past or happening now) which may mean they need extra support before, during or after taking part in this assembly.

### **Additional NSPCC resources for families to help keep children safe**

The NSPCC have shared some important information below on wider NSPCC resources and support to help keep children safe.

#### **Parent/Carer support**

Take a look at information, support, advice and activities from NSPCC for parent and carers.

[www.nspcc.org.uk/parents](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/parents)

#### **Activities to extend learning at home**

Take part in games and activities at home to help children learn about speaking out and staying safe.

[www.nspcc.org.uk/activities](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/activities)

#### **Online Safety Hub**

For information on a range of different online safety topics including gaming, social media, sharing images, parental controls and more.

[www.nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety)

#### **Childline – under 12's**

Childline have an accessible website with advice, support, games and activities. Children can change the language, enlarge text and also listen to the content.

[www.childline.org.uk/buddy](http://www.childline.org.uk/buddy) (5-7)

#### **Talk PANTS with your children**

Talk PANTS is a simple conversation to help keep children safe from sexual abuse. From P through to S, each letter of PANTS provides simple but important messages. Download the free resources at [www.nspcc.org.uk/pants](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/pants).

I hope you find this information about the NSPCC and the *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme helpful. If you would like to know more about the *Speak out. Stay safe.* Programme visit [www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout) or please do contact Mrs Hurst or Mrs McCafferty if you have any further questions.

## School Council

The school council met on Monday and discussed what they want to work on this term. They have said they want to fundraise for a friendship bench for the Y1 and Y2 playground. They want to do this by hosting a small carton of juice sale at playtime. Please see below the letter they have written:

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

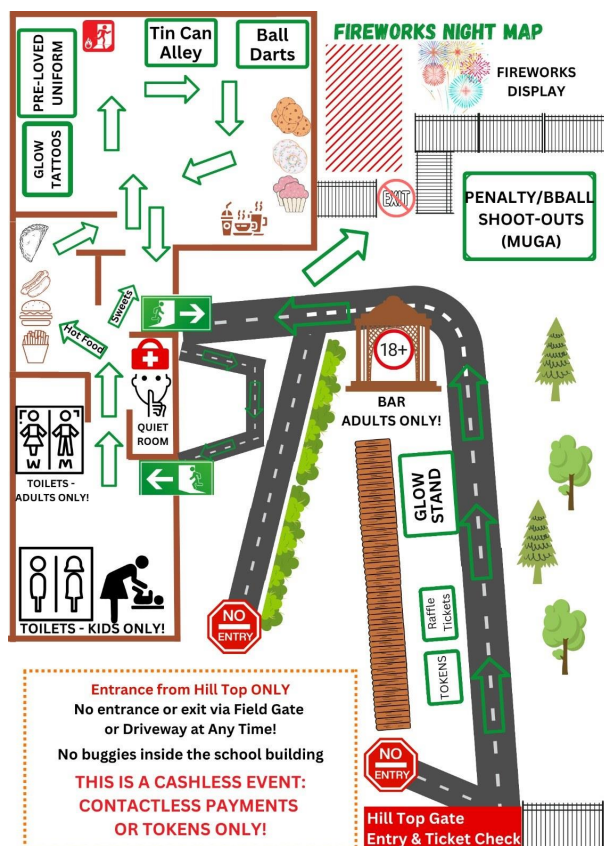
*Please could Year 1 and Year 2 bring small cartons of juice for the School Council to sell at morning playtime on Friday 21st November. We need orange juice, apple juice and pineapple juice. We will sell the cartons for £1. We want to raise money to buy a new friendship bench for the playground. Thank you.*

*From the School Council*

Juice cartons can be brought in from Monday 17th November. You can give them to your child's class teacher and the School Council will collect them from there. The children in Year 1 and Year 2 can all bring in £1 on Friday 21st November so they can buy the carton of juice during playtime. The School Council are hoping to have a few events to fundraise for the friendship bench as a bench is around £350.

Next week will be Dinner Menu 1!

## Fireworks Night



## Fireworks Night

Thank you very much for your wonderful support – **tickets to the Firework Night are now completely sold out!** We are looking forward to seeing all who secured tickets tomorrow. We will only be able to admit people who have tickets, this also goes for all volunteers.

The gates will open at 4:00PM with the Fireworks scheduled to begin at 5:30PM. **\*\*Please note that event access is THROUGH THE HILL TOP GATE ONLY.** Please DO NOT try to enter through the field gate – as this gate is locked. We ask that guests leave the premises by 6:30PM sharp or stay and help with the tidy up. This will be a cashless event. Attendees can use contactless payments or tokens for activities and food this year (but only contactless/card payments at the raffle and bar)

### NOTE ON PARKING FOR FIREWORKS NIGHT ATTENDEES

Please note that parking for Fireworks Night is limited to the streets around Brookland Infant and Nursery School. We strongly suggest that everyone attending the event use public transportation or walk to the event in order to ease congestion and reduce traffic issues significantly. Please remember, as always, that this is a residential area and the local

community, while used to the weekday school traffic, is not used to this many people on a weekend. Please be considerate of our neighbours and park safely and legally!!

## Anti-Bullying Week



Each year, we as a school take part in Anti-Bullying Week. Anti-Bullying Week shines a spotlight on bullying and encourages all children, teachers and parents to take action against bullying. Over the course of Anti-Bullying Week, we talk about it in school assemblies and each class completes a number of activities to ensure children know what bullying is and how to deal with its different forms effectively. However, as a school we believe that anti-bullying is not just one week of the school year. The theme this year is "Power for Good". On Monday the children can come to school wearing odd socks to show that it's okay to be different and to stand up against bullying and discrimination.

## Request

Do you have any Spiderman figurines (not soft toys) at home that your child no longer plays with? If so, please could you bring these in and leave for Ms Gross. Thank you.

## Addictive Technology and the Family Environment



**THE DROP IN.** 



**ADDICTIVE TECH AND YOUR FAMILY.**

Join Louisa Rose, award winning CEO of youth mental health charity Beyond and former social media professional for a casual, judgment free chat about the intersection of screens and family wellbeing.

The discussion around screen time and addictive technology can bring up feelings of guilt or shame for you and/or your family, with nuance often lacking from campaigns and headlines.

That's why we created **THE DROP IN.** A series of free events designed to support you wherever you are in the addictive technology journey .

Ask questions, share experiences and take away practical advice about how to navigate addictive technology for the whole family.

 **1<sup>st</sup> December**

 **9AM**

 **BROOKLAND  
INFANT SCHOOL HALL  
HILL TOP  
NW11 6EJ**

BRANDED TO YOU BY YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH CHARITY  
**Beyond**

Following on from the workshop we had last year from Nova Eden regarding "Smartphone Free Childhood", we are very happy to host another parent/carer drop in session led by Louisa Rose, award winning CEO of youth mental health charity Beyond. She will talk about screen addiction and the use of screens in schools. The meeting is open for parents and carers from the Infant and Junior school. We really hope to see lots of parents and carers there.

## Children in Need



Next Friday we will be supporting Children in Need, there will be an Assembly for the children where we will explain why we are supporting this charity and what some of the work is that the charity does. The children can come to school wearing spots and bring in £1.

## 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](mailto: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 "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 3rd November 2025

Overall attendance for the school was 94.21%

#### Reception Attendance

Turtle class: 90%      Dolphin class: 99.58%      Panda class: 93.08%

#### Key Stage 1 Attendance

Bear class: 96.33%      Elephant class: 94.83%      Penguin class: 90%

Giraffe class: 94.96%      Hedgehog class: 95.61%      Owl class: 98.58%

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

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

## New Chef

Anita, the Chef Manager from Olive Dining who had been preparing all our school lunches, left just before half term. We are delighted to welcome **Jimmy Tirinzoni**, who has been appointed by Olive Dining as our new Chef Manager. Jimmy starts today and brings with him a wealth of experience and qualifications.

Over the next few weeks, Olive Dining will be supporting Jimmy to become fully familiar with our kitchen and the lunch preferences of our children. Once he has settled in, Olive Dining will be organising a taster session for parents and carers to meet him and sample some of the food.

## Change of Date

The maths workshop for parents and carers on Wednesday 12th November has been postponed to Wednesday 3rd December at 9.00 a.m.

## Brookland Values



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## 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 nuts, cashew nuts, hazelnuts, pistachios, 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 children with nuts as a snack to be consumed during their afterschool club activities.

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.

**We hope everyone has a lovely weekend.**

## **Dates for Your Diary**

### **November**

**PA EVENT: FIREWORKS NIGHT 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.**

Monday 10th Anti-Bullying Week

Monday 10th Odd Sock Day

Thursday 13th Y2 African Drumming workshop

Friday 14th Children in Need - children can come to school dressed in spots and bring in £1 to support the charity

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

Tuesday 25th 4.00-7.00 p.m. Bear class Parent/Teacher Consultations

Thursday 27th 4.00-7.00 p.m. Bear class Parent/Teacher Consultations

Friday 28th 3.15 p.m. PA Cake Sale

### **December**

Monday 1st 9.00 a.m. parent workshop on addictive technology and the family environment

Tuesday 2nd Nasal flu vaccinations for Reception, Y1 and Y2 (catch up session)

Wednesday 3rd 9.00 a.m. Maths workshop for parents and carers

Friday 5th FS Special books to go home for the weekend

Tuesday 9th 9.00 a.m. SEND coffee and chat

Tuesday 9th 2.00 p.m. Y2 Christmas show

Thursday 11th 9.30 a.m. Y2 Christmas show

Friday 12th Christmas Jumper Day - Children can come to school dressed in a festive jumper

Friday 12th Festive parties in class

Monday 15th 9.00 a.m. Y1 Let Your Child Explain (in class)

Monday 15th 2.30 p.m. Y1 Christmas singing

Tuesday 16th 9.00 a.m. Y2 Let Your Child Explain (in class)

Tuesday 16th 2.30 p.m. Reception Christmas singing

Wednesday 17th Christmas lunch for all children (information only)

Thursday 18th Globe theatre in

Friday 19th Christmas singing with the Juniors

Friday 19th 1.30 p.m. **School Term ends**

## Contact Us

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