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Message from Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy week in school, and it's lovely to see the excitement beginning to build as we enter the festive season. This time of year brings many special events and activities, but it can also feel a little daunting for some children as routines begin to change.

Please support your child by talking with them about any upcoming adjustments to their day so they feel prepared and reassured. Together, we can help make this a positive and enjoyable time for everyone.

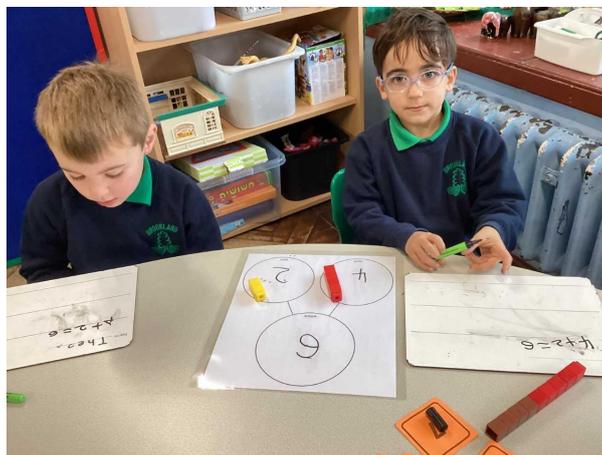
Brenda McCafferty

Headteacher

Be Kind, Grow Together, Learn Forever

This Week in Photos

Please have a look at the week in photos.









Bugs and Viruses




Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

	Until...
Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek




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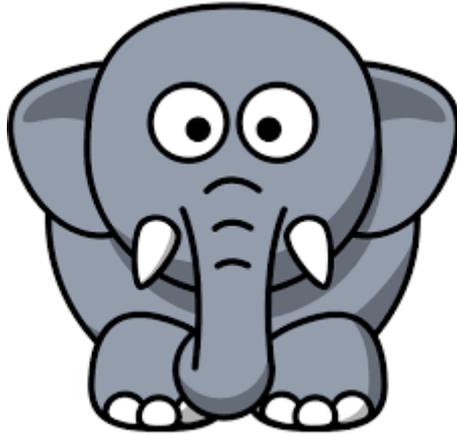
Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfoc>.

Unfortunately, there seem to be quite a few bugs and viruses circulating in school at the moment. A gentle reminder that if your child has been vomiting or had diarrhoea, they must stay at home for **48 hours after their last episode** before returning. We also kindly ask that if your child has a temperature, please don't give them Calpol and send them in, as this can mask symptoms and contribute to the spread of illness. We currently have many children and staff unwell, so your support in helping keep our school community healthy is greatly appreciated.

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. Aksanty-Angelo, for an amazing effort and hard work in all lessons, especially DT. Aksanty-Angelo was focused and neat when using a running stitch.
 2. Jonathan, for fantastic ideas and use of vocabulary when planning his own version of The Lonely Beast.
- Play Expert: Emilia, for always making sure that all of your friends are happy and to solve any problems with a smile



1. Kyan, for being so calm and sensible in class. For always getting on with his work with focus and dedication. Well done!

2. Adrian, for trying so hard this week to do the right thing. For working hard to complete his work the best he can. Keep it up!
- Play Expert: Ali, for always playing nicely and following the playground rules.



1. Ekansh, for trying his best in English and writing his own version of a familiar story.
 2. Ella, for putting a lot of effort into her work and following our golden rules.
- Play Expert: Hana S, for playing nicely with other friends taking turns on the swing.



1. Kayla, for working hard to remember her lines and always showing a 'can do' attitude.
 2. Henry P, for being helpful around the classroom and taking on responsibilities.
- Play Expert: Nivin, for showing fantastic problem solving skills and kindness by helping a friend locate their lost gloves during playtime.



1. Mohammad, for using his Growth Mindset when learning about subtraction he worked on independently, using the tens + ones frame.
 2. Carlota, for using her imagination to come up with a new ending for the Bojabi Tree story. An author in the making!
- Play Expert: Anna, for always being a good friend and following the playground rules.



1. Taleel, for his great work in Maths. He has been practising to subtract 1 digit number from 2 digits.
 2. Muhammed, for his great work in phonics. He has been sounding out his words and writing independently.
- Play Expert: Idris A., for always being a good friend and following the golden rules.

Y2 Performance Assembly

We started the week with an amazing showcase of talent from some of our Year 2 children. Well done to Sofia (2G), Kiki, Yasmin, Isabella (2G), Noah (2H), Mili (2H), Emma (2O), and Yohan (2O) for showing us what can happen when you embrace a Growth Mindset and keep practising what you love. Their dedication and enthusiasm truly shone on stage!

Parking

We are disappointed to hear that some parents/carers have been consistently parking on the double yellow lines outside the school, despite the parking pupils being present to show that this area must remain clear. We understand that parking can be difficult in the mornings, but this is not an excuse for parking dangerously or illegally. Our priority is ensuring that all children can arrive safely each day, and this relies on adults parking legally and with consideration for others. We kindly ask all families to support us by following the rules and helping keep our school community safe.

Maths Workshop for Parents and Carers



Join us on **Wednesday 3rd December at 9 am** for a special Maths Workshop led by Mrs Leigh, our KS1 Leader and Maths Lead. She will be sharing how we teach maths across the school and offering practical tips on how you can support your child's learning at home. This session will be relevant and helpful for families in all year groups, and we warmly encourage everyone to come along. We look forward to seeing you there!

Next week will be Dinner Menu 1!

School Council Juice Sale



The School Council held a very successful juice sale on Monday and raised £128 which will be put towards the purchase of a friendship bench. We have lots of juice cartons left over so the school council would like to hold another juice sale next Monday 1st December. This time the Reception children can purchase the juice as well. Anyone who would like to buy a juice carton can bring in £1.

Year 1 Swimming

We're excited to let you know that after the Spring break, it will be Year 1's turn to go swimming every Tuesday morning, starting **Tuesday 13th January 2026**. The children always enjoy these sessions, and it's a wonderful chance for them to grow in confidence in the water.

Class Swimming Times:

- **Elephants:** 9:00–10:00
- **Bears:** 10:00–11:00
- **Penguins:** 11:00–12:00

We kindly ask that you make the voluntary swimming contribution on Arbor. The cost is £60, or £40 for children in receipt of Pupil Premium. **Under the student's account there is a new tab: Swimming, top up the account with the required amount, click pay now.**

To make these sessions run smoothly, we'll need 3–4 parent volunteers each week to support the children with getting changed. All volunteers will require a Valid DBS. If you completed a DBS check when your child was in Reception, it will still be valid for this year.

Festive Season

We know the festive season can be a very exciting time for children, but it can also bring lots of changes to the usual routine. Some children may find these changes a little challenging. We have created the following social story to help support your child by reassuring them that while some things will be different, many things at school will stay the same.

The Festive Season at School:

Soon it will be the festive season at school. This is a special time, and some things will be a little different. It is okay if I feel excited, unsure, or need extra help.

Some Things Will Be Different

- We might go to the hall to practise singing.
- We might rehearse or take part in the Christmas show.
- There might be decorations, music, and people feeling excited.
- The timetable might change on some days.
- Adults will explain what is happening.

Many Things Will Stay the Same

- My teachers and classmates will still be here.
- We will still do learning activities.
- We will still have playtime and lunchtime
- There will still be routines to help me feel safe.

Trying New Things

- I might try new activities like singing, practising, or performing.
- I can join in if I want to.
- I can also watch, take things slowly, or ask for help if I feel unsure.

If Things Feel Difficult

- Sometimes new things can feel exciting, busy, or confusing.
- If I am struggling, I can talk to an adult, ask for a break, or use a calm space.
- The adults are here to help me.

I Can Enjoy the Festive Season

- There will be fun activities to look forward to.
- I can enjoy the festive season in my own way.
- I am safe, and the adults will support me.

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.

1st December

9AM

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

BROUGHT 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.

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.***

School Clubs for Spring Term 2026

Clubs are ready and available for booking for the Spring Term.

A new timetable and contact sheet has been uploaded to the school website and can be found here: <https://www.brooklandinfant.co.uk/wrap-around-care-breakfast-club-and-after-school-c>

CHEER IS BACK FOR THE SPRING!

We have been lucky to secure Cheerleading Club again for lunch time on Tuesdays during the spring term. It has been a great success, with many children expressing how much they're enjoying the club. Last week, the children began practising a short routine - pompoms included!

The club is open to Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils. **To sign up, please use sign up via Arbor.**





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 24th November 2025

Overall attendance for the school was 92.22%

Reception Attendance

Turtle class: 90.57%

Dolphin class: 89.74%

Panda class: 88.19%

Key Stage 1 Attendance

Bear class: 89.67%

Elephant class: 93.62%

Penguin class: 95.17%

Giraffe class: 94.29%

Hedgehog class: 95.97%

Owl class: 98.60%

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

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

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

December

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| 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 |
| Wednesday 3rd | 9:00 a.m. | - BICS Parent Workshop - 'How to nurture your self-care as a parent' |
| 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 |
| 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 Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day - Children can come to school dressed in a festive jumper

Thursday 18th Festive parties in class (am)

Thursday 18th Globe theatre in (pm)

Friday 19th Christmas singing with the Juniors

Friday 19th 1.30 p.m. finish for all children **School Term ends**

Friday 19th NO JELLY BEANS CLUB THIS DAY

Contact Us

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