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Message from Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

With only two weeks left until the end of term the festive season has well and truly begun, and we are loving all the songs and festive activities happening around the school. Thank you to everyone who attended the very informative meeting about screen addiction. I am now looking for some volunteers to form a working party of parents and carers to help us decide what we can do next as a school to support families at home, such as potentially creating a “playdate pledge” that parents can sign up to. Please find attached to the newsletter the slides from the meeting.

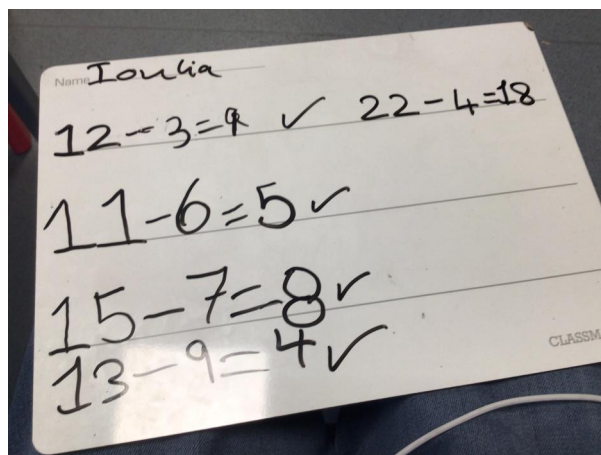
Brenda McCafferty

Headteacher

Be Kind, Grow Together, Learn Forever

This Week in Photos

Please have a look at the week in photos.





28.11.25 English LO: To use conjunctions in my writing.

The animals had a party and they
~~at~~ brought a grey skate board for
the tortoise while the lonely python
was on a beach. The long python
thought of visiting the yellow lion
and asking him to make the other
animals stop eating the manages. So
he went (so he went) but the lion
said no because the other animals
had no food or water and they were
starving. So he went to tree and tried
to stop by himself but the monkey
went to the lion and it stopped the
rude python and scolded him for doing
something he wasn't supposed to do
but the animals told the lion
to forgive him. ☺ super






Lions

Appearance:
Lions have yellow mane and a long tail. They have sharp black claws. ~~Lions~~ Lions have an orange body.

Diet:
They are carnivores which means they ~~animal~~ eat animals and they don't eat plants.

Fun facts:
Lions have cubs ~~and~~ which live with them in dens. They eat lots of animals like elephants because they are carnivores. ~~Lions~~ Lions also eat grasses. Lions are land animals and they can't go in water. yes they can swim!



Habitat:
Lions live in dens in the jungle because there ~~is~~ meat there. They can be found in... the savanna
Africa and India.

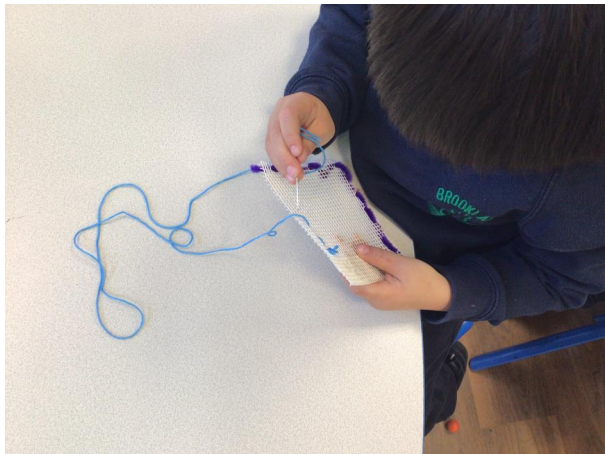
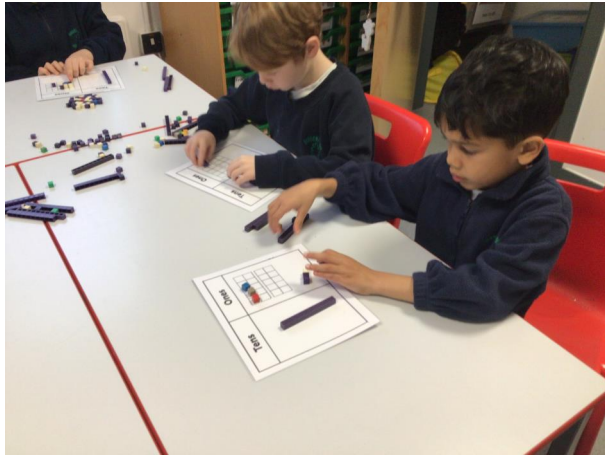


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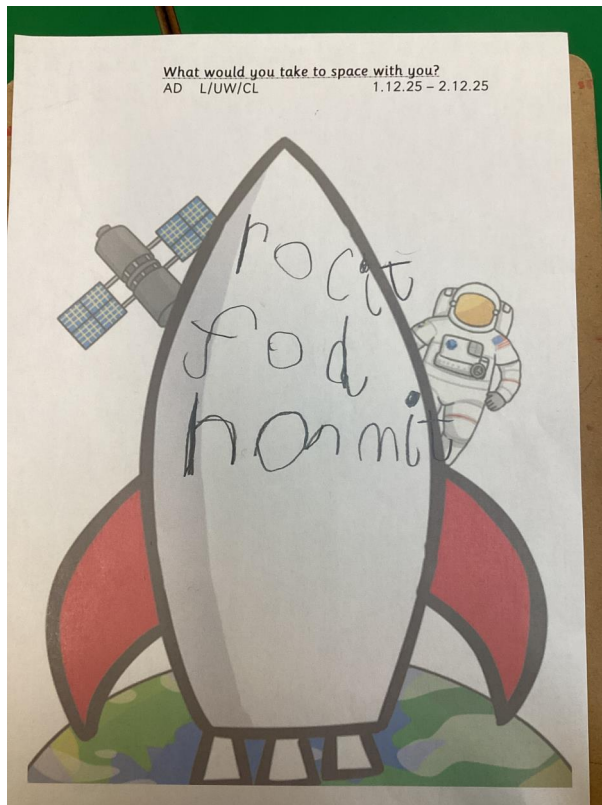
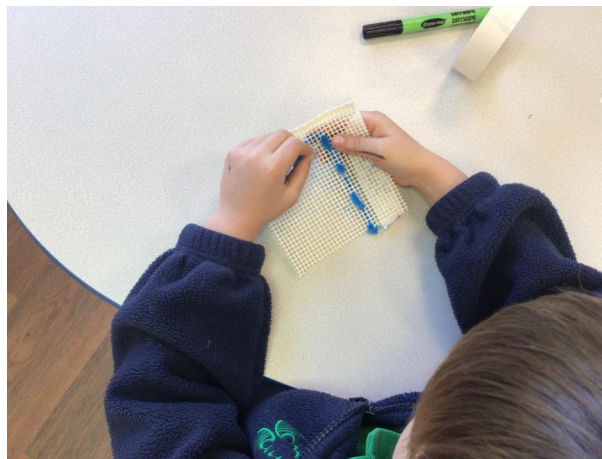
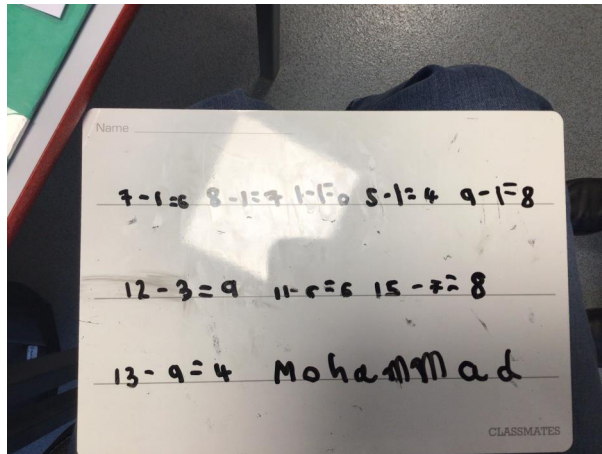
02.12.2025 L.O: To add 2 three digit numbers.

$12 + 14 = 26$ ✓	$17 + 12 = 29$ ✓	$10 + 10 = 20$ ✓
$15 + 13 = 28$ ✓	$16 + 11 = 27$ ✓	$18 + 11 = 29$ ✓

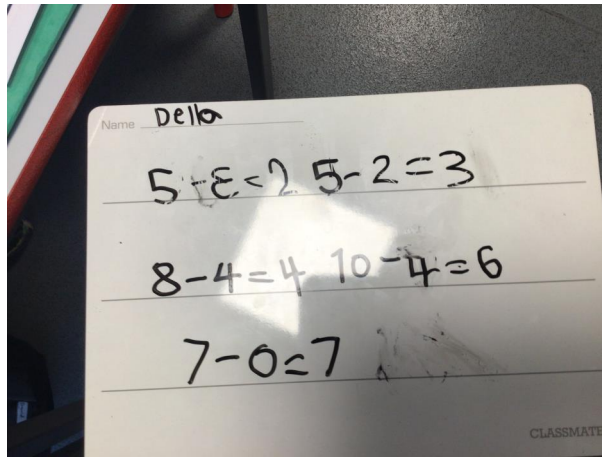
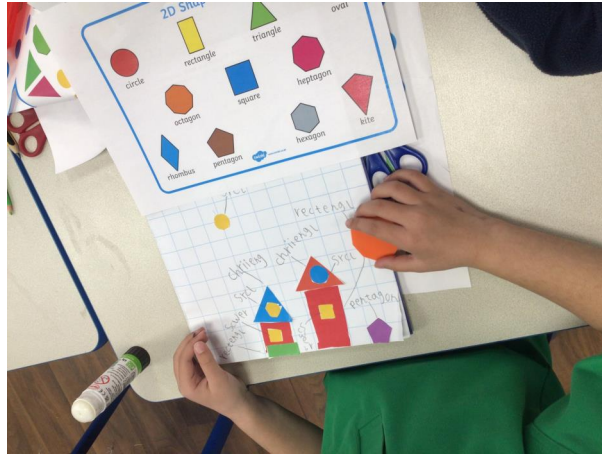
Nasser used numicon and counted on!

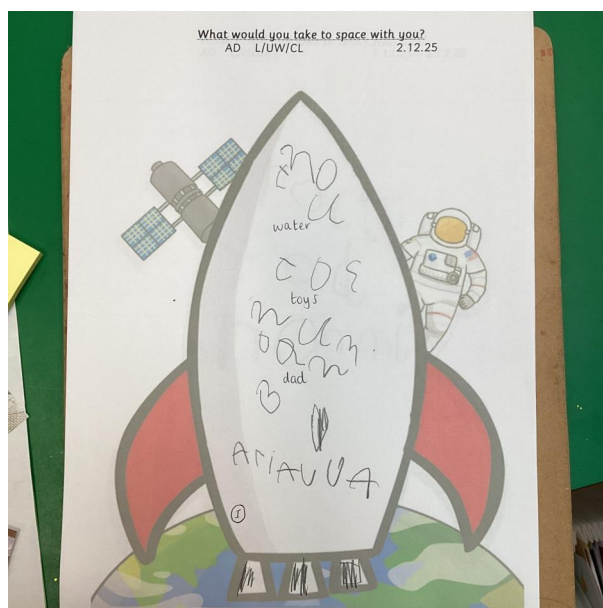












Makaton Monday



Each week, the children are introduced to a new Makaton sign. Makaton is used alongside spoken language to support communication.

This week's signs are **"Happy Christmas"** and **"Happy Chanukkah."**

You can find video demonstrations of these signs on our website under '*Makaton Monday*'.

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.



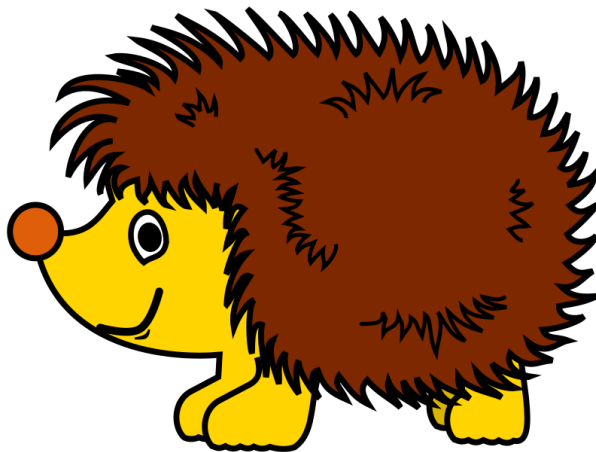
1. Arlo for great work in English, he followed instructions well and used imperative verbs to write his own instructions.
 2. Maya for fantastic work in DT, creating a flag and using a running stitch to add lovely detail.
- Play Expert: Robi for always playing nicely with his friends.



1. Noah for working so hard on his reading and using his phonics to write lots of words by himself.
 2. Betsie for wonderful teamwork skills with her friend and always trying her best in class.
- Play Expert: Isla for always looking after her friends and being caring and inclusive in welcoming others to join in when she is playing.



1. Nylah for lovely singing and hard work during the singing lessons and rehearsals.
 2. Yasreen for her effort and patience when making her sandwich and writing instructions about it.
- Play Expert: Andrew for playing nice games with his friends and following the playground rules.



1. Dylan for always showing empathy towards his classmates and being respectful of adults.
 2. Mili for being a great role model in the Christmas show and leading her friends.
- Play Expert: Enuar for always playing nicely with his friends and sharing equipment.



1. Ezra for working so hard on his spelling and handwriting.
 2. Sofia for using her problem solving skills when adding and subtracting in maths.
- Play Expert: Della for playing lovely games with her friends and always being respectful in the playground.



1. Rojan for great work in English. she researched facts about an animal and wrote her own fact file.
 2. William for his great work in maths. He has been using his Growth Mindset to add 2 two-digit numbers together.
- Play Expert: Kaya for playing nicely and following the playground rules.

Y2 Christmas Performance

Year 2 have been practising tirelessly and are very excited about their performances next week. Please can children with speaking parts take some time over the weekend to rehearse

their lines. Year 2 will be performing to the whole school and their Junior siblings on Monday. The two performances for parents and carers will be on **Tuesday 9th December at 2pm** and **Thursday 11th December at 9.30am**. We kindly ask that families attend **only one** of the performances to ensure the hall does not become overcrowded. Thank you for your support.

Christmas singing

The children in Reception and Year 1 are working hard to learn their songs for their special performances for parents and carers. Year 1 will be singing in the hall on **Monday 15th December**, and Reception will perform on **Tuesday 16th December**, both at **2.30 p.m.** We warmly welcome all parents and carers to come along and enjoy the performances.

Next week will be Dinner Menu 2!

Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Jumper Day is Save the Children's yearly event, raising vital funds to support children both in the UK and around the world. Each December, millions of people join in by wearing a festive jumper at school, work, or with friends and making a donation to help give children the bright futures they deserve.

We will be taking part on **Thursday 18th December**. Children are invited to wear a festive jumper (no school uniform needed underneath) and bring in **£1** to support the charity. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

New Chef

Meet

JIMMY

Jimmy joins us with an incredible culinary background and a true passion for great food. Born and raised in Northern Italy, he began his bakery and cooking education at just 15 years old.

He moved to England in 2002 and has built a **wealth of experience** across hotels, restaurants and now school catering, bringing a blend of professionalism, creativity and warmth to the kitchen.

Jimmy's favourite cuisine is Japanese, though Italian food will always have his heart - especially when he's cooking it himself! He says the **children particularly love his beef lasagne** and are always excited when it appears on the menu. Jimmy is also delighted that **every child is entitled to a delicious free school meal each day** and is proud to be part of making that happen.

Olive
T.H.E.
food with passion

Juice Sale

Thank you to all the children who contributed to the School Council's fundraising initiative to purchase a new friendship bench for the KS1 playground by bringing in money to buy a juice box. In total, the School Council raised **£207.11**.

A special thank you goes to Theodore from Hedgehogs, who generously donated **£14.11** of his own money that he found at home. His kindness and thoughtfulness are truly appreciated.

Maths Workshop for Parents and Carers

Thank you to all the parents and carers who made it along to the Maths meeting on Wednesday 3rd December. If you were unable to attend, please find the power-point attached for your information.

White Rose Maths are now producing free booklets for parents to print at home if they would like to which directly links to our learning in school. These can be found at: <https://whiteroseeducation.com/parent-pupil-resources/maths/free-downloads>

Another great free resource provided by White Rose is the app '1-Minute Maths.' More information can be found here: <https://whiteroseeducation.com/1-minute-maths#download>

Thank you and happy counting!

Mrs Leigh

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 1st December 2025

Overall attendance for the school was 91.29%

Reception Attendance

Turtle class: 89.33%

Dolphin class: 96.74%

Panda class: 77.68%

Key Stage 1 Attendance

Bear class: 95.19%

Elephant class: 79.3%

Penguin class: 96.55%

Giraffe class: 94.8%

Hedgehog class: 96.3%

Owl class: 95.79%

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

Well done to the **Penguin 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

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	Staff singing Christmas Carols to the children	
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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