



Brookland Infant and Nursery School

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Message from Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

This autumn term has been both extremely busy and successful. The children and staff have worked incredibly hard, and it has been a pleasure to see the excellent progress the children have made. Thank you for your continued support throughout the term. On behalf of myself and all the staff, I would like to express our sincere thanks for the very kind cards, letters,

emails , and generous gifts we received this week. They mean a lot and we are looking forward seeing everyone again in January after a well deserved break.

Brenda McCafferty

Headteacher

Be Kind, Grow Together, Learn Forever

Message from Chair of Governors

Dear Brookland Community,

From all the governors, thank you all for making this such a successful and happy term. We wish you all Happy Holidays and hope that everyone has a chance to spend time with loved ones and recharge their batteries.

We are very grateful to the staff who all work tirelessly to prepare an exciting curriculum, keep everyone safe and help to give the children very special memories. A huge thank you goes to our wonderful parents and carers who help at school, support their children at home and help to raise money for the PA. What wonderful activities we have had over the last few months! Fireworks Night and the Winter Fair were fantastic, not just for raising money but for raising spirits and fostering a deeper sense of community.

Most of all, well done to our pupils who try their best, are kind, and make our schools a very special place to learn and work. It is wonderful to see our Brookland Values and Golden Rules in action.

I wish you all a peaceful and restful break - see you in 2026.

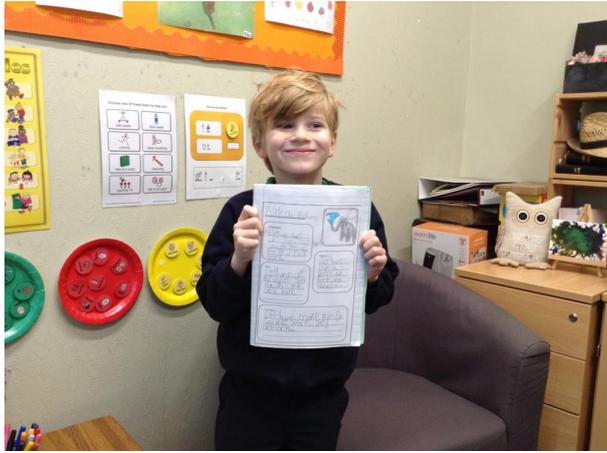
Laura Pincus

Chair of Governors

Brookland Infant and Nursery and Junior Schools

This Week in Photos

Please have a look at the week in photos.













Christmas Singing



The children in Reception and Year 1 sang beautifully during their Christmas singing. Their energy, enthusiasm, and festive spirit brought a smile to everyone's faces and filled the hall with festive cheer. It was the perfect way to get everyone into the Christmas mood!

Staff Carol Singing



On Wednesday morning, staff treated the children to a festive surprise during Assembly by singing a selection of lovely Christmas carols. Smiles filled the hall as the children listened (and joined in!), creating a wonderful seasonal atmosphere. It was hard to tell who enjoyed the moment more, the children or the staff! It's certainly beginning to look a lot like Christmas.

Singing with the Juniors

This morning Year 1 and Year 2 went over to the Juniors for our yearly tradition of singing some wonderful Christmas songs together. It was a joy to come together and begin the festive season in such a special way. The children sang beautifully and it was especially lovely to see siblings sharing extra hugs and waves during the performance.

Brookland Leaders



Thank you to the Giraffe class, who have been excellent Brookland Leaders this term. We had eco-leaders, play buddies, playground leaders, library leaders and Assembly leaders. They have all received their certificates. The Hedgehogs will be able to apply for their choice of jobs next term. Well done Brookland Leaders.

The first week back will be Dinner Menu 1!

Class Parties and Pantomime

The children loved their class parties on Thursday, I would like to thank everyone who providing the party food. A special thank you to Santa who came and delivered the class presents to all the classes. We raised £133 for the charity 'Save the Children' by wearing festive jumpers and bringing in a £1 donation. Thank you very much.

The children absolutely loved the Pantomime 'Cinderella' in the afternoon. There was the traditional shouting of: "He's behind you!" and "Oh yes he is!" and someone shouting back "Oh no he isn't!". It was a great finish to the term and a great start to the festive season.

Christmas Lunch

We would like to thank Jimmy and all the kitchen staff from Olive dining for the most delicious Christmas lunch which was enjoyed by staff and children on Wednesday.





PA Cake Sale: Giraffes

A big well done to Giraffe Class for raising an amazing **£350** from your cake sale! Thank you.



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.**

Parking

We have received a few concerns regarding a vehicle with registration GV10 FKB, including instances of parking on a parking pupil and on the corner of the school entrance, where parking is not permitted. These areas need to be kept clear to ensure everyone's safety.

As we move into the New Year, I kindly ask everyone to park safely and legally so that all children, families, and staff can access the school safely. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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 15th December 2025

Overall attendance for the school was 90.75%

Reception Attendance

Turtle class: 79.20% Dolphin class: 88.68% Panda class: 95.74%

Key Stage 1 Attendance

Bear class: 91.72% Elephant class: 92.07% Penguin class: 98.24%

Giraffe class: 88.32% Hedgehog class: 90.82% Owl class: 87.02%

Well done to the **Panda 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





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 and well deserved holiday.

Dates for Your Diary

January

Monday 5th		SCHOOL CLOSED: INSET DAY
Tuesday 6th		Children return to school
Tuesday 20th	9.00am	YR FMS workshop for parents and carers (more info to follow)
Friday 23rd	9.00am	SEND coffee and chat in the dining hall
Wednesday 28th		Governing Body meeting (info only)
Friday 30th	9.15am	Y2 Performance Assembly
Friday 30th		PA Event: Cake Sale

February

Monday 2nd		National Story telling week
Tuesday 3rd		NSPCC Number Day
Thursday 5th		Reading buddies (info only)
Friday 6th	9am-10am	Online Safety Workshop for parents and carers
Friday 6th		FS Special books home for the weekend

Monday 9th		Children's Mental Health Week
Monday 9th	9.00am	Y2 Let Your Child Explain (in class)
Tuesday 10th		Safer Internet Day
Thursday 12th	9.00am	Y1 Let Your Child Explain (in class)
Thursday 12th	9.00am	YR FMS workshop for parents and carers
Friday 13th	9.15am	Bear Class Assembly: Chinese New Year
Friday 13th		Fire brigade visit to YR
Friday 13th		PA Event: Wear what you love day
Friday 13th		Break up for half term - Normal collection time for all (3:15PM)

HALF TERM Monday 16th – Friday 20th February

Contact Us

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