



# Brookland Infant and Nursery School

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## **Message from Headteacher**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school and Happy New Year to all our families. I hope you were able to enjoy a restful and happy break together. It has been a real pleasure to welcome the

children back this week and to see them return so enthusiastically, full of energy and ready to begin the new term.

In assembly this week, we spent some time learning about New Year traditions from around the world, exploring how different countries and religions celebrate the start of a new year at different times. We also talked about New Year's resolutions and how setting small, positive goals can help us grow and learn throughout the year.

Our new curriculum topics for this term are already creating lots of excitement in classrooms. Nursery and Reception will be learning about *People Who Help Us*, an engaging topic that helps children understand the important roles others play in our community. Year 1 will be exploring *Once Upon a Time*, a wonderful topic that brings traditional stories and imagination to life, while Year 2 will be working on *Maybe It's Because I'm a Londoner*, which supports children in learning more about the Great Fire of London. These topics are always hugely popular, and I am confident the children will thoroughly enjoy their learning this term.

We look forward to another busy and successful term ahead and thank you, as always, for your continued support.

**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.

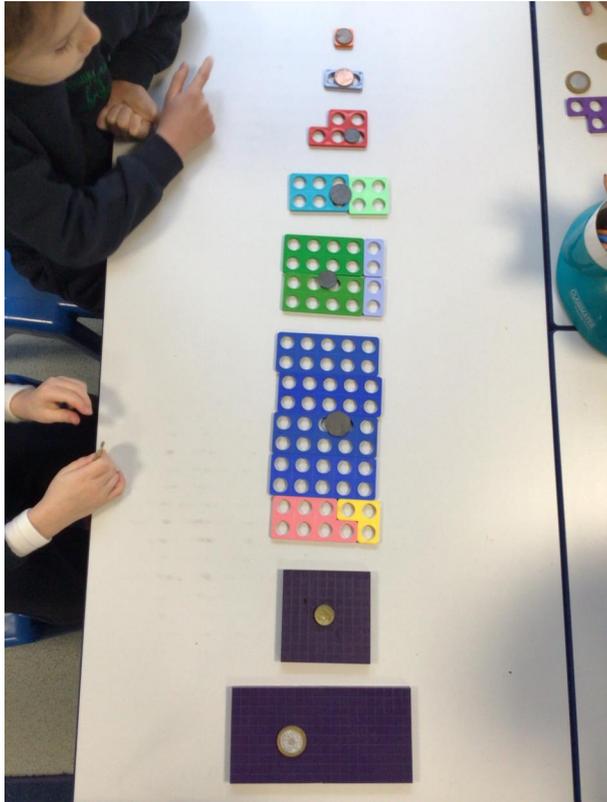














## Gold Book

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.



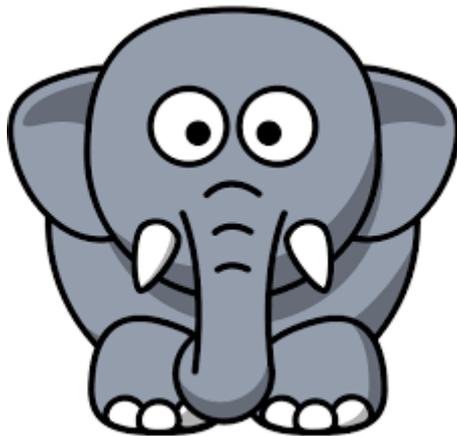
1. Elizabeth for working really hard on her writing, carefully sounding out and using her phonics.
2. Guy for his positive attitude towards learning and actively participating in taught sessions.

Play Expert: Ayaka for always playing nice games with her friends.



1. Miran for coming back with an amazing attitude towards his learning and for going out of his way to be helpful and thoughtful to adults in class.
2. Lucy for challenging herself to give her work a go independently and showing lovely listening and engagement in class.

Play Expert: Arad for always doing the right thing and being such a lovely friend.



1. Evie for her excellent work in maths. she demonstrated a sound understanding of 10 and represented this in different ways.
2. Zach for great discussion and work in History, comparing toys from the past and present

Play Expert: Arlo for making sensible decisions during playtime.



1. Eleni for showing an amazing focus and always contributing to class discussions.
2. Theodore for taking great care with his handwriting and presentation in all lessons.

Play Expert: Max for being a kind friend.



1. Ethan for his great work in maths. He has been working on identifying different coins.
2. Jude for his great attitude towards learning and completing all his tasks.

Play Expert: Emma for being a good friend and following the Golden Rules.



1. Matteo for using his counting on skills to add coins and explain his understanding.
2. Gil for using his addition skills to add coins and notes.

Play Expert: Dua for being a good friend and always following the playground rules.

## 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 "hat" and "gloves." You can find video demonstrations of these signs on our website under 'Makaton Monday'.

## Named Items

Please ensure all hats, scarves and gloves are named so we can return them to the correct owner when we find them lying in the corridor. Can we also ask that all water bottles are

named. After lunchtime we find so many unnamed bottles and can't return them to the right owner, which means the child is without a water bottle in class. Thank you.

## Healthy Schools Award



We are delighted to tell you that we have achieved the Bronze Healthy Schools Award! we received the following message when we found out: *We are delighted to confirm your Healthy Schools London Bronze Award for Brookland Infant and Nursery School has been approved! Congratulations on creating a health promoting environment and supporting the health and wellbeing of your children, families and staff.*

The Healthy Schools Award is a recognition of how we contribute to the health and wellbeing of everyone in our school. There are 4 themes:

- Emotional Health and Wellbeing
- Active Lifestyles
- PSHE - Personal, Social and Health Education
- Food in Schools

We are now working hard to gain the Silver Award. Watch this space!

## Junior Duke Award

If your child is taking part in the Junior Duke Award, please ensure you bring their book to school on the below dates so I can look through to see how they are getting on and sign off any completed challenges already. Please don't be worried if your child has not completed lots of challenges yet, remember that the challenges do not need to be all completed until the end of the academic year. We will return the books as soon as I have signed off the challenges in them.

**Bear class, Hedgehog class and Panda class: Wednesday 14th January**

**Elephant class, Giraffe class and Dolphin class: Thursday 15th January**

**Penguin class, Owl class and Turtle class: Friday 16th January**

## **Next week back will be Dinner Menu 2!**

### **Olive Dining Newsletter**

Please find attached to the newsletter email, the Spring term newsletter from our catering company 'Olive Dining'.

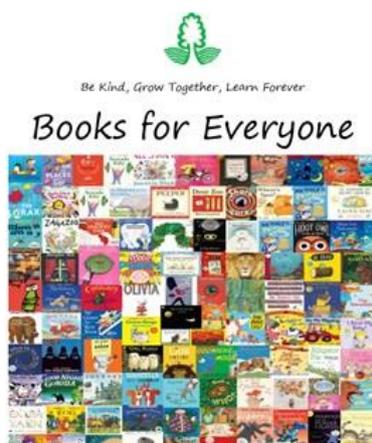
### **Working party**

We are looking for parent volunteers to join a small working party focused on the use of technology at home. This group will build on the workshops we held last academic year on mobile phone-free schools and last term on screen addiction. We already have two volunteers from Year 2, but we would really value input from parents across other year groups as well. We are not anticipating lots of meetings; the aim is to work together to develop a simple pledge that families can choose to sign up to, which could be particularly helpful when navigating playdates and shared expectations around screen use. If you would like to be involved, please email the school office.

### **Y1 Swimming**

Year 1 swimming is an important and valued part of our PE curriculum, and we encourage all children to take part. Our swimming sessions are designed to be positive, gentle and confidence-building, helping children develop an essential life skill at their own pace. If your child is feeling a little unsure or anxious about swimming, please do have a look at the social story and speak with your child's class teacher, who will be very happy to offer reassurance and support. We also ask families to note that if a child is well enough to attend school, they are usually well enough to take part in swimming. Thank you for working with us to help make this a calm, enjoyable and successful experience for all children.

## Books for Everyone!



*Take a book, Leave a book or Both*

We are very fortunate to have our outdoor library, "Books for Everyone", located outside the Bear Class, which is open to all families before and after school. Children are welcome to browse, borrow, and enjoy books at their own pace.

If you have books at home that have been well loved and are ready for a new home, please feel free to bring them along. Equally, if you feel you would like to add some new stories to your home library, you are very welcome to help yourself. This initiative is rooted in our belief that every child should have easy access to books and develop a lifelong love of reading.

We are incredibly grateful to the parents who generously donate books to the outdoor library. When donating, we kindly ask that all books are suitable for the age range of our children. Recently, a small number of books were placed in the library that were not appropriate, such as Year 6 SATs practice materials.

We would like to thank Mrs Davies, our Reading Leader, who has replenished the outdoor library this week, and it is now once again full of a wonderful selection of books for everyone to enjoy.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us nurture a love of reading in our school community.

## Half Termly Learning Overviews for Y1 and Y2

Please find attached to the newsletter the half termly overview for Y1 and Y2. They are also uploaded to our website.

Year 1: <https://www.brooklandinfant.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=308&type=pdf>

Year 2: <https://www.brooklandinfant.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=309&type=pdf>

## 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.***

# Spring After School Clubs Timetable

SPRING Term 2026 Club Location	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
HRH & Dining Area	Breakfast Club 8.45-9am Jelly Beans After School Club 3:15pm to 5pm	Breakfast Club 8.45-9am Jelly Beans After School Club 3:15pm to 5pm	Breakfast Club 8.45-9am Jelly Beans After School Club 3:15pm to 5pm	Breakfast Club 8.45-9am Jelly Beans After School Club 3:15pm to 5pm	Breakfast Club 8.45-9am Jelly Beans After School Club 3:15pm to 5pm
Nursery	Open Y6, Y1 & Y2 12.01.26 – 23.03.26			Relax with Mona Y6, Y1 & Y2 15.03.26 – 26.03.26	
TURTLES (Reception) Y6				Top Sports Academy Y6, Y1 & Y2 – Changing clothes – Class in A.H.G.I. after school 08.03.26 – 18.03.26	
DOLPHINS (Reception) Y6	Yoga Y6, Y1 & Y2 12.01.26 – 23.03.26				
PANDAS (Reception) Y6			Assistant Games Design Y1 & Y2 07.03.26 – 26.03.26	Assistant Robotics Y1 – Y6 08.03.26 – 26.03.26	
BEARS (Year 1) Y1					
ELEPHANTS (Year 1) Y1		Games Design Y1-6 07.03.26 – 26.03.26			
PENGUINS (Year 1) Y1		Art Club with Vera Y6, Y1 & Y2 08.03.26 – 26.03.26		Art Club with Vera Y6, Y1, Y2 08.03.26 – 26.03.26	
Owl (Year 2) Y2	Forest School Y6, Y1, Y2 (9am session) 12.01.26 – 23.03.26	Let The Children Sing - Choir Y1, Y4 06.03.26 – 10.03.26			
Graffiti (Year 2) Y2		Spanish Y2 13.03.26 – 26.03.26	Spanish Y6 & Y1 07.03.26 – 26.03.26		Mother Nature Science Club Y6, Y1, Y2 18.03.26 – 26.03.26
Hedgehogs (Year 2) Y2	Get Crafty Y6, Y1, Y2 18.03.26 – 23.03.26	Forest School Y6, Y1, Y2 (10am session) 13.03.26 – 24.03.26			
Hall LUNCH TIME CLUB		Cheerleading Club Y6, Y1, Y2 12:15-1:15 (after break session) 08.03.26 – 24.03.26			
NASA LUNCH TIME CLUBS	Girls Football Y6, Y1 & Y2 12.01.26 – 23.03.26			Girls Football Y6, Y1 & Y2 15.03.26 – 26.03.26	
TALES AFTERNOONS		Jelly Beans Football – Y1 & Y2	Jelly Beans Junior Football	Top Sports Academy – Y6, Y1 & Y2	Baller Babes Y6, Y1 & Y2 TBD
Junior School (Meet in infant)	Gymnastics Junior School Y6, Y1 & Y2 12.01.26 – 23.03.26		Drama Junior School for Y6, Y1 & Y2 07.03.26 – 18.03.26	Chess Junior School for Y6, Y1 & Y2 08.03.26 – 26.03.26	
			Pantha Karate Y6 14.03.26 – 25.03.26		

SPRING TERM CLUB DATES 2026					
Club Name	Days – Year Groups	Start	End	No Club on:	
Jelly Beans – After School Club	Monday – Friday (YR-Y6)	06/01/2026	26/03/2026	05/01/2026, 26/03/2026	
Jelly Beans – Football Club	Tuesdays (YR-Y6) Wednesdays (Y3-Y6)	06/01/2026 07/01/2026	24/03/2026 25/03/2026		
Art Club with Vera	Tuesdays (YR, 1, 2) Thursdays (YR, 1, 2)	06/01/2026 08/01/2026	24/03/2026 26/03/2026	17/03/2026	19/03/2026
Baller Babes	Fridays (YR, 1, 2)	TBC	TBC		
Ballet with Mona	Thursdays (YR-Y3)	15/01/2026	26/03/2026	19/03/2026	
Dance	Mondays (YR-Y3)	12/01/2026	23/03/2026		
Forest School	Mondays (YR, 1, 2) Tuesdays (YR, 1, 2)	12/01/2026 06/01/2026	23/03/2026 24/03/2026		17/03/2026
Games Design (Assistant)	Tuesdays (Y3-Y6) Wednesdays (Y1-Y2)	06/01/2026 07/01/2026	24/03/2026 25/03/2026		17/03/2026
Get Crafty	Mondays (YR, 1, 2)	19/01/2026	23/03/2026		
Let The Children Sing – Choir	Tuesdays (Y1, Y2)	06/01/2026	10/03/2026	17/03/2026	
Mother Nature Science Club	Fridays (YR, 1, 2)	16/01/2026	20/03/2026	13/03/2026	
Robotics (Assistant)	Thursdays (Y1-Y6)	08/01/2026	26/03/2026	19/03/2026	
Spanish	Tuesdays (Y2-Y)	13/01/2026	24/03/2026	17/03/2026	
Top Sports Academy	Wednesdays (YR, 1)	07/01/2026	25/03/2026		
Yoga Zone	Thursdays (Y6, 1, 2) Mondays (YR, 1, 2)	08/01/2026 12/01/2026	26/03/2026 23/03/2026	19/03/2026	
Cheerleading (Lunchtime Club)	Tuesdays (YR, 1, 2)	06/01/2026	24/03/2026	24/03/2026	
Girls Football (Lunchtime Club)	Mondays (YR, 1, 2) Thursdays (YR, 1, 2)	12/01/2026 15/01/2026	23/03/2026 26/03/2026		
Drama (In Juniors)	Wednesdays (Y1, 2)	07/01/2026	18/03/2026		
Pantha Karate (In Juniors)	Wednesdays (Y2-Y)	14/01/2026	25/03/2026		
Chess (In Juniors)	Thursdays (YR-Y6)	08/01/2026	26/03/2026		
Gymnastics (In Juniors)	Mondays (YR-Y6)	12/01/2026	23/03/2026		
<b>No Club Dates</b>					
February Half Term (19 <sup>th</sup> Feb – 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2026)			Parent Consultation Evenings (17 <sup>th</sup> March and 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2026)		
			*Junior Run Clubs Unaffected		

# 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 5th January 2026

Overall attendance for the school was 94.81%

## Reception Attendance

Turtle class: 91.85%

Dolphin class: 98.86%

Panda class: 86.27%

## Key Stage 1 Attendance

Bear class: 99.55%%

Elephant class: 95.69%

Penguin class: 96.25%

Giraffe class: 92.41%

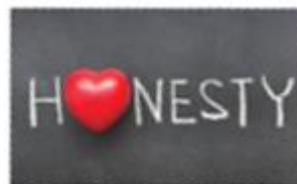
Hedgehog class: 98.31%

Owl class: 95.24%

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

Well done to the **Bear 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 weekend!**

## **Dates for Your Diary**

### ***January***

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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