



# Brookland Infant and Nursery School

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## **Message from Headteacher**

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have been celebrating our school value of **respect**, and it has been lovely to see the children showing this in their learning and towards one another. We've had a few staff absences, so not all children have been taught by their usual class teacher, but we hope everyone will be back to full strength next week. There is so much exciting learning happening in school at the moment, from visits from vets to local walks and it's been wonderful to see the children so enthusiastic and engaged.

**Brenda McCafferty**

**Headteacher**

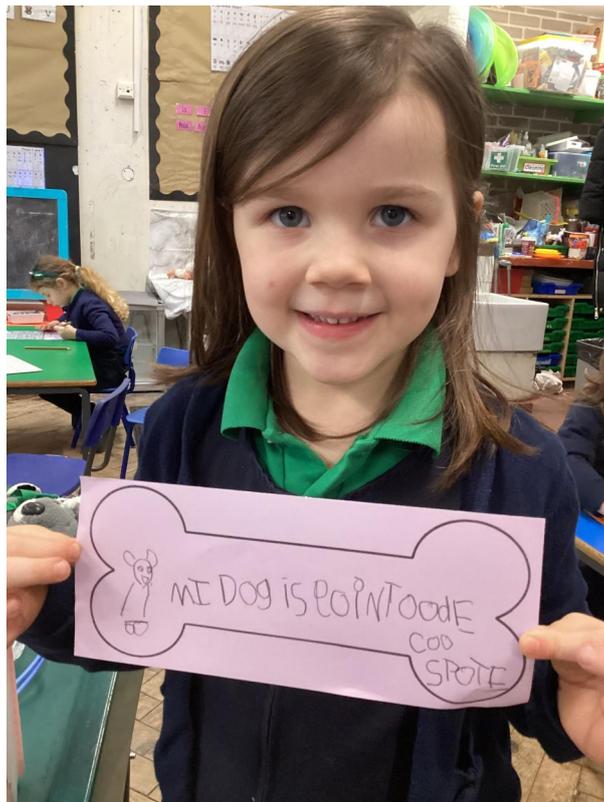
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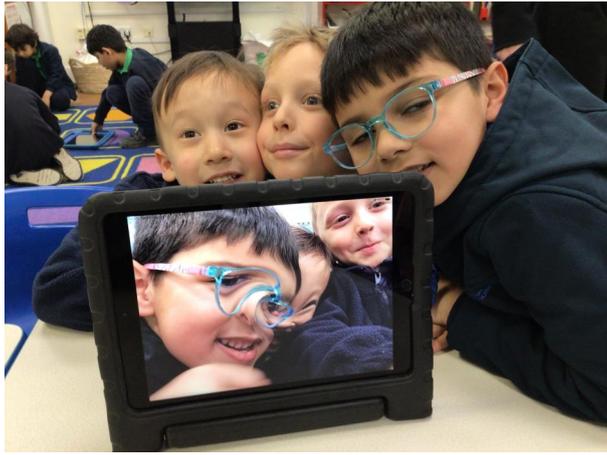
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## This Week in Photos

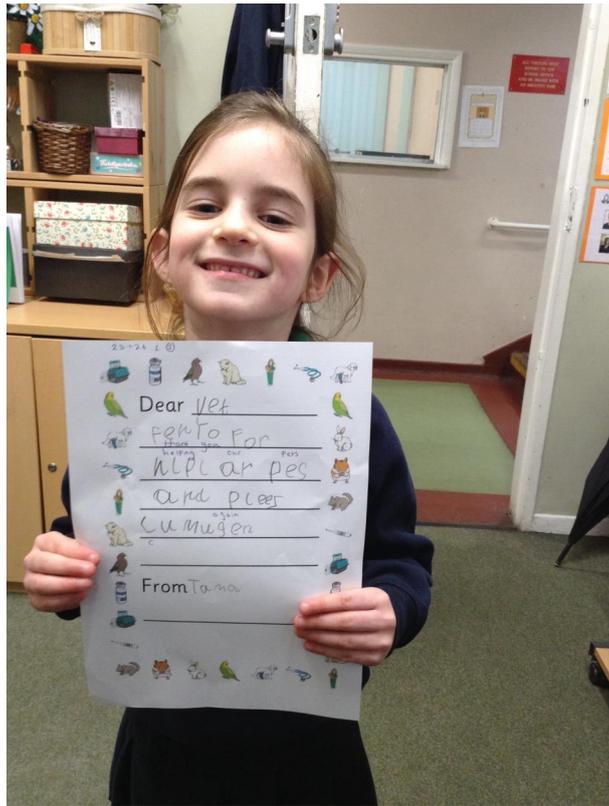
Please have a look at the week in photos.



















## 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.



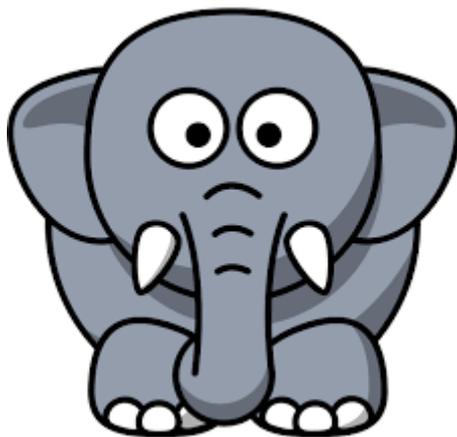
1. Guy for working super hard on his writing and for using good extended noun phrases to describe a character.
2. Nurdin for settling in well and for trying his best to follow the Golden Rules.

Play Expert: Ekansh for playing nice games with his friends and always following the playground rules.



1. Emily for working really hard in all her maths lessons this week to really consolidate her understanding of 'teen' numbers.
2. Noah who has really turned it around this week. he has been working so hard not only with phonics and reading, but also with his maths. it has been so lovely to see him so proud of his achievements.

Play Expert: Adrian for following the playground rules and playing nice games with his friends.



1. Zofia for fantastic work in English, she is using adjectives to describe characters in the story.
2. Djawed for great work in maths, ordering numbers to 20 and identifying one more and one less than.

Play Expert: Petru for always playing nicely with his friends and setting a great example of following the Golden Rules.



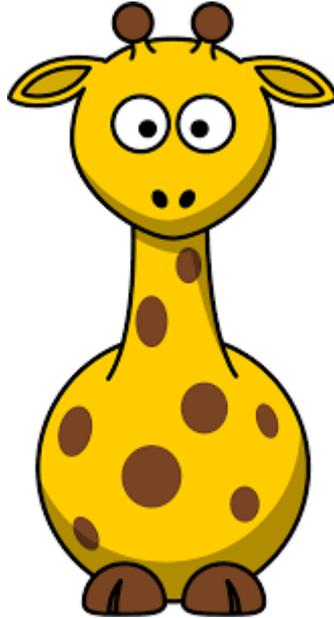
1. Purity for working hard to build her independence in writing tasks.
2. Lara for her great contributions to class discussions and working so hard on her presentation and letter formation.

Play Expert: Sophia for being an amazing playground leader and making sure equipment is looked after.



1. Idris A. for his great work in English. he has been learning to write a fact file and extend his sentences.
2. Kristina for her wonderful handwriting. She has been practising using a leading line in for her letters.

Play Expert: Ava for always playing nicely and following the playground rules.



1. Nasser for his fantastic work in English this week. He wrote a very good non-chronological report on the Tower of London with beautiful handwriting.
2. David created an amazing piece of English writing about the Tower of London, including a title, subheadings, and many factual details.

Play Expert: Carlota for always thinking of good games to play with her friends.

## Inconsiderate Parking

We have had multiple complaints from residents this week regarding parking on the residential streets during drop off and pick up times.

Not only are some parents/carers disregarding the one way system, but are also causing disruption to the residents with very inconsiderate parking and blatant disrespect for their property/driveway access. **This left one resident unable to leave their home in an emergency situation involving their child, causing them unnecessary distress and upset.**

Highway Code states that vehicles '*must not stop or park*' in a number of places, including but not limited to property entrances/driveways.

We ask that parents be much more considerate with where you are parking and **do not** park in front or across any residential driveways nor block them in. Please respect our local area and residents by parking sensibly and safely.

## School Council Juice Sale

Just a reminder that the School Council will be holding their juice sale on Monday to help raise the final funds needed to purchase the friendship bench. If you would like your child to buy a juice carton, please send in £1.

## Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to the 80 parents who have responded to our questionnaire so far. We hope that more parents will be able to take the time to complete it, as your feedback really helps us understand what we are doing well and where we can continue to improve. The questionnaire will close on **Wednesday 28th January**, and we will publish the results shortly afterwards.

You can access the questionnaire here:

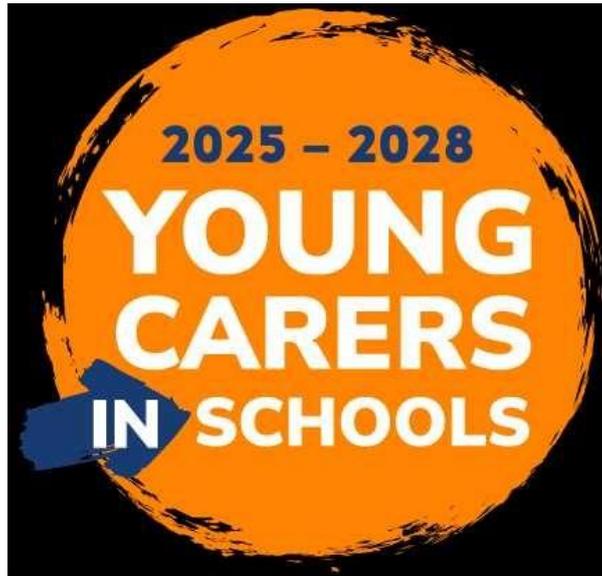
- [Parent Questionnaire](#)

## 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 sign is our Brookland Value "respect." You can find a video demonstration of this sign on our website under 'Makaton Monday'. This week's Makaton Monday helpers are Rachel (Bear Class) and Zach (Elephant Class).

## Young Carers in School Award



I am incredibly proud to share that our school has been awarded the **Young Carers in Schools Award**. This is a significant achievement, and we are delighted to be the first infant (and primary) school in the whole of Barnet to receive this award, recognising our commitment to supporting Young Carers. Young carers are children and young people who help to look after a family member or friend who may be ill, disabled, have additional needs, mental health or wellbeing challenges, or an addiction. They may take on responsibilities such as shopping, cooking, cleaning, managing medicines, providing personal or emotional care, supporting siblings or parents, and helping someone get out of the house. We would like to say a huge thank you to Jenny, who leads our Young Carers support group, *Jenny's Club*, and to Alison Gross, our Inclusion Leader, who leads on Young Carers across the school. This award reflects our dedication to ensuring all our children feel recognised, supported, and able to thrive.

Next week back will be Dinner Menu 1!

## NSPCC Number Day





On **Tuesday 3rd February** we will be celebrating **NSPCC Number Day**.

We are inviting children to dress up as or with numbers! This could be anything from DIY creative designs to football shirts.

We will be sharing some fun maths activities in class on the day and celebrating all things maths related!

Given it is such a popular trend at the moment, we know it will be tempting for the children to come in 6-7 themed clothes, but as a personal favour to the adults in school we would really appreciate it if parents and carers could ensure the children's outfits don't reflect this

trend as we suspect the children will get very over-excited if they see it everywhere on the day! Thank you for your understanding!

Please see some ideas of outfits and costumes attached.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Mrs Leigh

Maths Leader

## Y2 Local Walk

Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed their local walk, exploring the different historical landmarks connected to Henrietta Barnett. It was a wonderful opportunity to bring the curriculum to life, as the children have been learning about her and the important role she played in the development of Hampstead Garden Suburb. Seeing these landmarks first hand helped deepen their understanding and made their learning both meaningful and memorable.

## Reception Visit from the Vet





This week in reception, to bring the reception curriculum to life, we had an exciting visit from the vets. They brought along their dog, Cooper, who is a Labrador. The vets showed the children some of the tools they use in their work and demonstrated how they care for animals by using a teddy for check-ups.

They also taught the children about foods that pets should not eat and how to keep animals healthy and safe. The children had the opportunity to dress up as vets, gently stroke Cooper, and give him a treat.

This visit supported the children's understanding of people who help us, caring for living things, and developed their confidence, communication, and empathy. It was a wonderful hands-on learning experience that the children thoroughly enjoyed.

## Coffee morning for parents of Young Carers

On Wednesday 4th February at 9:00 a.m. we are hosting a coffee morning for parents of Young Carers. We have invited Sandra Langham from the Barnet Young Carers Group to come as well.

Has your child been identified as a young carer or do you think your child could be deemed to be a young carer? *(A young carer is anyone under 18 who helps look after a family member who needs support due to a health condition, disability, mental health need, addiction or providing emotional support. They often don't see themselves as carers, but as just "helping out")*

Do you know what support is available both for your child who is a young carer and for parents of young carers?

Do you know who to speak to at school if you think your child is a young carer?

**Come along to the coffee morning to find out the answer to these questions and more. There will also be time for you to ask any questions you may have about your young carer.**

## 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
<b>Hall &amp; Dining Area</b>	Breakfast Club 8-9:30am Jelly Beans After School Club 3:35pm to 5pm	Breakfast Club 8-9:30am Jelly Beans After School Club 3:35pm to 5pm	Breakfast Club 8-9:30am Jelly Beans After School Club 3:35pm to 5pm	Breakfast Club 8-9:30am Jelly Beans After School Club 3:35pm to 5pm	Breakfast Club 8-9:30am Jelly Beans After School Club 3:35pm to 5pm
<b>Nursery</b>	Dance Y6, Y1 & Y2 12.05.26 – 23.03.26			Ballet with Mona Y6, Y1 & Y2 12.05.26 – 23.03.26	
<b>TURTLES (Reception) 10</b>				Top Sports Academy Y6, Y1 & Y2 - changing room - Class in MUGA after school 08.03.26 – 26.03.26	
<b>DOUPHNS (Reception) 10</b>	Yoga Y6, Y1 & Y2 12.05.26 – 23.03.26				
<b>PARASOLS (Reception) 10</b>			eAssistant Games Design Y1 – Y6 07.03.26 – 26.03.26	eAssistant Robotics Y1 – Y6 08.03.26 – 26.03.26	
<b>EGGAS (Year 1) 11</b>					
<b>ELEPHANTS (Year 1) 11</b>		Games Design Y1-6 07.03.26 – 26.03.26			
<b>PENGUINS (Year 1) 11</b>		Art Club with Vera Y6, Y1 & Y2 06.03.26 – 26.03.26			
<b>Club (Year 2) 12</b>	Forest School Y6, Y1, Y2 (9:30am onwards) 12.05.26 – 23.03.26	Let The Children Sing - Choir Y1 - Y6 06.03.26 – 26.03.26		Art Club with Vera Y6, Y1, Y2 08.03.26 – 26.03.26	
<b>Gauffin (Year 2) 12</b>			Spanish Y6 & Y1 07.03.26 – 26.03.26	Mother Nature Science Club Y6, Y1, Y2 16.03.26 – 26.03.26	
<b>Helicopters (Year 2) 12</b>	Get Crafty Y6, Y1 & Y2 19.03.26 – 23.03.26	Forest School Y6, Y1, Y2 (9:30am onwards) 13.03.26 – 24.03.26			
<b>HALL LUNCH TIME CLUB</b>		Cheerleading Club Y6, Y1, Y2 12:15-1:15 (hall near entrance) 06.03.26 – 24.03.26			
<b>MOGA LUNCH TIME CLUBS</b>	Girls Football Y6, Y1 & Y2 12.05.26 – 23.03.26			Girls Football Y6, Y1 & Y2 15.03.26 – 26.03.26	
<b>Breakfast AFTERNOONS</b>		Jelly Beans Football – Y1 & Y2	Jelly Beans Juniors Football	Top Sports Academy – Y6, Y1 & Y2	Edwin Roberts Y6, Y1 & Y2 TED
<b>Juniors School (Meet in infant)</b>	Gymnastics Junior School Y6, Y1 & Y2 12.05.26 – 23.03.26		Drama Junior School for Y6, Y1 & Y2 07.03.26 – 26.03.26 Pantha Karate Y2 14.03.26 – 25.03.26	Cheer Junior School for Y6, Y1 & Y2 08.03.26 – 26.03.26	

SPRING TERM CLUB DATES 2026				
Club Name	Days – Year Groups	Start	End	No Club on:
Jelly Beans – After School Club	Monday – Friday (Y6-Y6)	06/01/2026	26/03/2026	05/01/2026, 26/03/2026
Jelly Beans – Football Club	Tuesdays (Y6-Y2)	06/01/2026	24/03/2026	
	Wednesdays (Y3-Y6)	07/01/2026	25/03/2026	
Art Club with Vera	Tuesdays (Y6, 1, 2)	06/01/2026	24/03/2026	17/03/2026
	Thursdays (Y6, 1, 2)	08/01/2026	26/03/2026	19/03/2026
Baller Babies	Fridays (Y6, 1, 2)	TBC	TBC	
Ballet with Mona	Thursdays (Y6-Y2)	15/01/2026	26/03/2026	19/03/2026
Dance	Mondays (Y6-Y3)	12/01/2026	23/03/2026	
Forest School	Mondays (Y6, 1, 2)	12/01/2026	23/03/2026	
	Tuesdays (Y6, 1, 2)	06/01/2026	24/03/2026	17/03/2026
Games Design (eAssistant)	Tuesdays (Y3 - Y6)	06/01/2026	24/03/2026	17/03/2026
	Wednesdays (Y1-Y2)	07/01/2026	25/03/2026	
Get Crafty	Mondays (Y6, 1, 2)	19/01/2026	23/03/2026	
Let The Children Sing – Choir	Tuesdays (Y2-6)	06/01/2026	10/03/2026	
Mother Nature Science Club	Fridays (Y6, 1, 2)	16/01/2026	20/03/2026	13/03/2026
Robotics (eAssistant)	Thursdays (Y1-Y6)	08/01/2026	26/03/2026	19/03/2026
Spanish	Tuesdays (Y2-6)	13/01/2026	24/03/2026	17/03/2026
	Wednesdays (Y6, 1)	07/01/2026	25/03/2026	
Top Sports Academy	Thursdays (Y6, 1, 2)	08/01/2026	26/03/2026	19/03/2026
Yoga Zone	Mondays (Y6, 1, 2)	12/01/2026	23/03/2026	
Cheerleading (Lunchtime Club)	Tuesdays (Y6, 1, 2)	06/01/2026	24/03/2026	24/02/2026
Girls Football (Lunchtime Club)	Mondays (Y6, 1, 2)	12/01/2026	23/03/2026	
	Thursdays (Y6, 1, 2)	15/01/2026	26/03/2026	
Drama (In Juniors)	Wednesdays (Y2, 2)	07/01/2026	18/03/2026	
Pantha Karate (In Juniors)	Wednesdays (Y2+)	14/01/2026	25/03/2026	
Cheer (In Juniors)	Thursdays (Y6-Y6)	08/01/2026	26/03/2026	
Gymnastics (In Juniors)	Mondays (Y6-Y6)	12/01/2026	23/03/2026	

No Club Dates	
February Hall Term (SP Feb – 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2026)	Parent Consultation Evenings (17 <sup>th</sup> March and 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2026)

## 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 19th January 2026

Overall attendance for the school was 96.89%

#### Reception Attendance

Turtle class: 100%      Dolphin class: 93.70%      Panda class: 97.56%

#### Key Stage 1 Attendance

Bear class: 94.48%      Elephant class: 97.97%      Penguin class: 97.33%

Giraffe class: 95.64%      Hedgehog class: 96.63%      Owl class: 100%

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.

## Barnet Children's Integrated Therapies



**Barnet Children's Integrated Therapies**  
**Telephone Advice Sessions**

-  Book a telephone or video call
-  Speak to a Speech and Language Therapist, Occupational Therapist or Physiotherapist
-  Discuss your concerns  
Get advice and strategies  
Get ideas on next steps and new targets
-  For Parents, Teachers, Teaching Assistants, Nursery staff - anyone supporting a child
-  We work with interpreters if needed

 To book please call 020 3316 8900  
or email [whh-tr.barnetcit@nhs.net](mailto:whh-tr.barnetcit@nhs.net)

## 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.



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
Thursday 12th	9:00am	BICS parent workshop (more information to follow)
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 and donate £2
Friday 13th		Break up for half term - Normal collection time for all (3:15PM)

**HALF TERM Monday 16th – Friday 20th February**

## Contact Us

General Office Enquiries: [office@brooklandinf.barnetmail.net](mailto:office@brooklandinf.barnetmail.net)

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