



Brookland Infant and Nursery School

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Message from Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week I held a very productive meeting with the Screen Use Working Party. I listened carefully to the concerns raised and am now working on a screentime policy that will clearly set out the school's updated approach, so that staff and parents know what they can expect regarding screen use in the Infant School. This policy will be reviewed by governors and then the working party before being introduced to all parents and carers. We also spoke about introducing a *Playdate Pledge* (regarding screen use during playdates) that parents can choose to sign up to — more details on this will follow shortly. This work comes at the same time as schools have received a letter from Bridget Phillipson, the Secretary of State for Education reinforcing the national expectation that schools are phone-free environments, supporting clear and consistent boundaries around mobile phone use. These important conversations will continue next week with our Parental Online Safety Morning, where parents and carers from both the Infant and Junior School will hear from an Online Safety Consultant about current online risks, practical ways to keep children safe, and what to do if concerns arise, helping to support safe and responsible technology use at home. This will be on Friday 6th February at 9am in the Junior school hall.

Brenda McCafferty

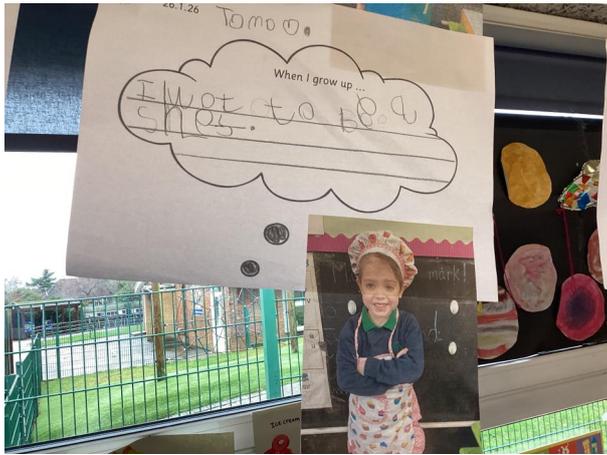
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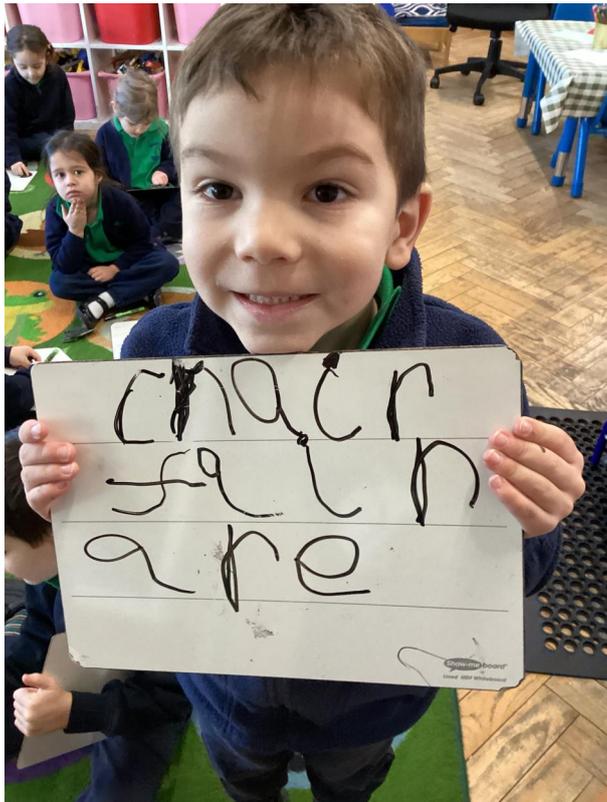
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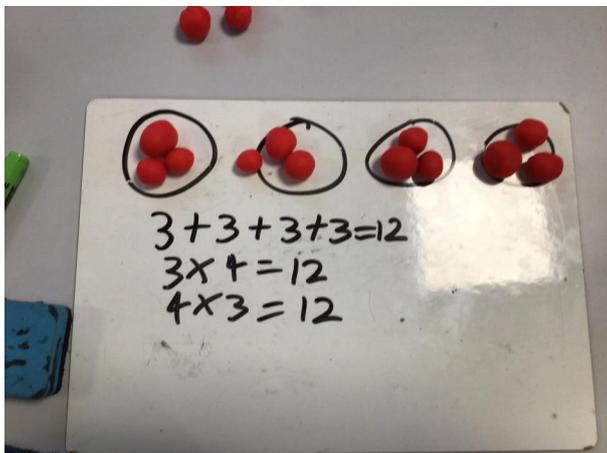
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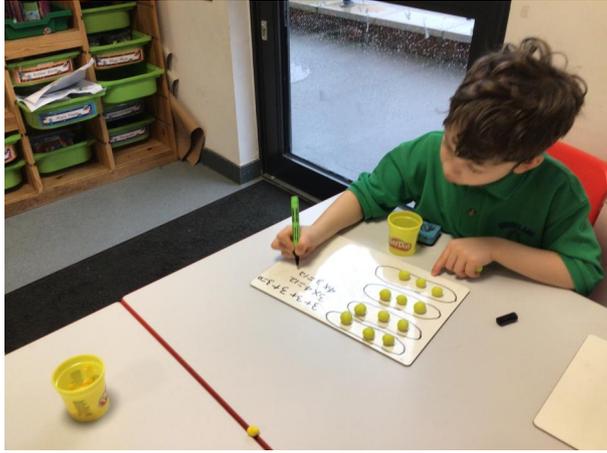
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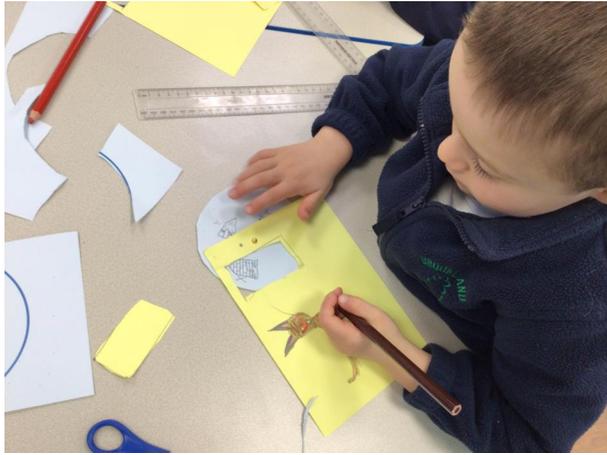


















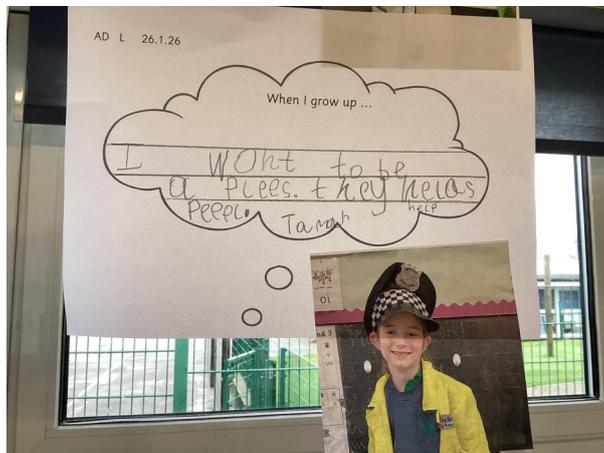
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Y2 Performance Assembly

The Y2 performance this morning was a brilliant chance for the children to shine and show off a talent or something they feel proud of. We were treated to an exciting mix of performances this week, from piano playing, hoola hooping and drawing to dancing, gymnastics and awesome tennis tricks tricks! It was a joyful celebration of a growth mindset, reminding us that trying your best, practising lots and never giving up can help your dreams

grow. The children showed real bravery and confidence, and we hope everyone watching felt inspired to have a go at something new and believe in themselves. Well done to Rafa, Maya and Mishka from the Giraffes, Azlan, Gil, Nivin, Stephanie, Annabel and Ira from the Hedgehogs and Jude, Kaya and Kristina from the Owls.

Roblox

We have noticed that some children are engaging in play fighting and shouting in the playground, which appears to be linked to games they are playing or watching online. In particular, we have been made aware of a game called 'Rainbow Friends', which is played within Roblox. *Rainbow Friends* is described as a horror-style game and includes elements from games such as *Five Nights at Freddy's*, *Poppy Playtime*, and *99 Nights in the Forest*. These games are all rated **10+** and are therefore not appropriate for children in our school.

We are also aware that video compilations of these games are available on YouTube, and that some younger children in Year 1 and Year 2 may be accessing this content, as they are re-enacting aspects of the games during playtimes.

We would like to make parents and carers aware of this so that you can ensure your child is not accessing this content at home. We have noticed that exposure to these games is having a negative impact on behaviour in the playground. Thank you.

Thank you









A huge thank you to our PA for funding the new tables and chairs in all of our Reception classes (Panda class is just waiting for their new colour matching green chairs)! The Pandas, Turtles, and Dolphins have loved using them, and they've already made the classrooms even

more welcoming and fun. We really appreciate your support in helping create such lovely learning spaces for the children.

Visitors in Nursery

Thank you to Ralph's dad for visiting the Nursery to talk to the children about his job as a dentist. We were also delighted to welcome Ezra's mum, who spoke to the children about her role as a nurse in a hospital and showed them her bag of medical equipment. It was a wonderful way to bring our "People Who Help Us" curriculum to life, and the children really enjoyed learning about these important jobs.

We'd like to say a huge thank you to Dentist Michael (Ralph's Dad) and Nurse Andrea (Ezra's Mum) who came and spoke to the children about their jobs.

Dentist Michael the children enjoyed learning about how to keep our teeth clean, the foods that are 'kind' for our teeth and those that 'hurt' our teeth. Michael has kindly shared a link for to a toothbrushing song that may be useful.

<https://youtu.be/oStaJTHgHMU?feature=shared>

Nurse Andrea spoke to the children about what a role as a nurse included, how she made people feel better and showed the children some real medical equipment which they found very exciting.

The children absolutely loved these visits and really brought to life our topic so thank you. It was a wonderful way to bring our "People Who Help Us" curriculum to life, and the children really enjoyed learning about these important jobs.

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 "book", "story" and "it's storytime". You can find a video demonstration of these signs on our website under

'Makaton Monday'. This week's Makaton Monday helpers are Amalia (Turtles), Navy Rose (Pandas) and Evelina (Dolphins).

Next week back will be Dinner Menu 2!

Parental Online Safety Meeting

In today's digital world, our children have incredible opportunities to learn, communicate, and explore through technology. At the same time, it's important that we are aware of the risks and know how to help our children navigate them safely.

We are excited to invite parents and carers from both the Infant and Junior School to a Parental Online Safety Morning. This session will help raise awareness of current online safety risks, show practical ways to protect your child, and provide guidance on what to do if you have any concerns. The meeting will be held on Friday 6th February at 9am in the Junior school hall. The talk will be led by an Online Safety Consultant from Education Child Protection and will last approximately one hour, with time for questions. To make the morning even more enjoyable, we will be serving coffee, tea, cake, and biscuits for parents and carers.

We hope you can join us for this important and informative session!

Mental Health Day

Parent Mental Health Day 2026 is on **Friday 30th January 2026**, in the UK, aimed at raising awareness for the mental well-being of parents and carers. It focuses on the vital link between parent and child wellbeing, addressing the pressures, guilt and exhaustion many parents experience. Consider what you can do to support your own mental wellbeing. If you have any concerns or worried you can get support from the NHS website, [YoungMinds](#), [Family Lives](#), and [MindEd for families](#).

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

Juice Sale - School Council

Well done to the school council who raising a further £97, they now have raised a total of £310 and will be able to purchase a friendship bench for the Year 1 and Year 2 playground. Watch this space!

Governor Spotlight

This week, governors and subject leaders from both the Infant and Junior schools came together for the annual Curriculum Tea. During this event, subject leaders met with their link governors to discuss their subjects in action, celebrate what is working well and strengthen links across the schools. These professional conversations help governors gain a deeper understanding of the curriculum and support them in holding leaders to account in a constructive and supportive way. Following this, the Governing Body held its half-termly meeting, where governors considered the Headteacher's report, the School Development Plan and the School Self-Evaluation Form. Together, these provide an overview of key areas and acting as critical friends, governors asked thoughtful and challenging questions to support continued school improvement.

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 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
HRM & 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) Y1				Top Sports Academy Y6, Y1 & Y2 – changing colour – Class in A.H.G.E. after school 08.03.26 – 18.03.26	
DOLPHINS (Reception) Y1	Yoga Y6, Y1 & Y2 12.01.26 – 23.03.26				
PANDAS (Reception) Y1			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 02.03.26 – 27.03.26			
PENGUINS (Year 1) Y1		Art Club with Vera Y6, Y1 & Y2 06.03.26 – 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 - Y6 06.03.26 – 10.03.26			
Giraffe (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
Hedgehog (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	
NAACP 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 – 24.03.26	
			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)	06/01/2026	24/03/2026		
	Wednesdays (Y3-Y6)	07/01/2026	25/03/2026		
Art Club with Vera	Tuesdays (YR, 1, 2)	06/01/2026	24/03/2026	17/03/2026	
	Thursdays (YR, 1, 2)	08/01/2026	26/03/2026	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)	12/01/2026	23/03/2026		
	Tuesdays (YR, 1, 2)	06/01/2026	24/03/2026	17/03/2026	
Games Design (Assistant)	Tuesdays (Y3-Y6)	06/01/2026	24/03/2026	17/03/2026	
	Wednesdays (Y1-Y2)	07/01/2026	25/03/2026		
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	
	Tuesdays (Y2-Y)	13/01/2026	24/03/2026	17/03/2026	
Spanish	Wednesdays (YR, 1)	07/01/2026	25/03/2026		
Top Sports Academy	Thursdays (YR, 1, 2)	08/01/2026	26/03/2026	19/03/2026	
Yoga Zone	Mondays (YR, 1, 2)	12/01/2026	23/03/2026		
Cheerleading (Lunchtime Club)	Tuesdays (YR, 1, 2)	06/01/2026	24/03/2026	24/03/2026	
Girls Football (Lunchtime Club)	Mondays (YR, 1, 2)	12/01/2026	23/03/2026		
	Thursdays (YR, 1, 2)	15/01/2026	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		
No Club Dates					
February Half Term (19 th Feb – 20 th February 2026)			Parent Consultation Evenings (17 th March and 19 th 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 26th January 2026

Overall attendance for the school was 93.91%

Reception Attendance

Turtle class: 95.98%

Dolphin class: 96.67%

Panda class: 96.69%

Key Stage 1 Attendance

Bear class: 95.52%

Elephant class: 84.48%

Penguin class: 94.59%

Giraffe class: 95%

Hedgehog class: 97.96%

Owl class: 96.50%

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

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

Attendance and Lateness to School

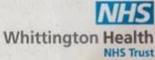
Absences:

- If your child is absent from school, parents/carers are expected to contact the school on the first day of absence by email (schooladmin@brooklandinf.barnet.sch.uk), leaving a clear voicemail or calling before 9:00am. *Please make sure you leave your child's full name, class and the reason for the absence.*
- For every subsequent day your child is absent, you must contact the school (unless directed otherwise by the Attendance Officer). ***If you do not report your child's absence, it will be an unauthorised absence.***
- Please ensure you give a short explanation for the absence reason e.g. if your child has a cold, temperature, flu, sickness bug, chickenpox etc. This helps us monitor illness/infection trends in classes/classrooms.
- If your child is absent for more than 5 school days, proof must be provided to further authorise the absence (e.g. Doctors note, proof of prescription) as well as staying in regular contact with the school.

Lateness:

- If your child arrives after 9:00am, you must come to the school office to sign them in. If you do not sign them in with the office, it will go down as an unauthorised absence and you may receive a notification that your child is not in school.

Barnet Children's Integrated Therapies

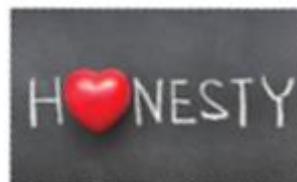


Barnet Children's Integrated Therapies
Telephone Advice Sessions

-  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

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

February

Monday 2nd		National Story telling week
Tuesday 3rd		NSPCC Number Day
Wednesday 4th	9.00am	Coffee morning for parents of Young Carers
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
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

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