

BROOKDALE BULLETIN

Brookdale Primary School's Weekly Newsletter

HEADTEACHER WELCOME



A warm welcome to those of you new to the Brookdale family and welcome back to those of you who are returning after what we hope was a relaxing, enjoyable Summer break. It has been lovely to see the children settling so well into their new classes this week and new children in Early Years and Foundation 2 are already gaining in confidence and adapting well to school life. We look forward to working in partnership with you this year. It has been a fantastic start to the school year: we have all (pupils and staff alike) enjoyed the opportunity to get started on an exciting learning journey for this academic year.

Uniform

Uniform is an important part of our school and helps us to maintain a sense of pride and belonging in our school community as well as preparing children for the dress code expectations of high school and, eventually, the work place.

Please note the following:

- Children should wear plain black school shoes and not trainers. If children need to wear trainers for medical reasons, please inform Mrs Ball and also ensure these are black.
- Socks should be black, white or grey
- Long hair should be tied back every day
- Hair accessories should be blue, yellow, white or black
- No jewellery is allowed other than small stud earrings
- No smart watches are allowed in school due to safeguarding reasons
- Nail varnish and make-up should not be worn for school



Holidays and Test Dates

Holidays in school term time are only permitted under exceptional circumstances.

The following dates are set aside for national tests. **No holidays will be authorised during these periods for the children involved.**

F2 Reception Baseline Testing -
Weeks commencing 9th and 16th September 2024

Year 1 Phonics Screening -
9th - 13th June 2025

Year 4 times tables check -
2nd - 13th June 2025

Year 6 SATS -
12th - 15th May 2025

Next School Week

Monday 9th September

- F2 Boo Hoo Woo Hoo Coffee Morning
- KS1 Dance - 3.15pm - 4.15pm

Wednesday 11th September

- KS2 Basketball Club - 3.15pm - 4.15pm

Thursday 12th September

- Year 6 Curriculum Morning—9am to 10.30am

Friday 13th September

- Year 5 Curriculum Morning—9am to 10.30am
- Celebration assembly - 2:35 pm
Parents of children who have been notified that they are receiving awards are invited

BPS Vision Statement

'Inspiring, engaging and nurturing our children to achieve and flourish as citizens of today and the future.'

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Arrivals and Departures

The school gates and doors open at 8:35am each morning. The doors on the main playground will close at 8:45am. Children arriving after 8.45am must come into school via the front reception door and register with staff at the school office.

School finishes at 3.15pm Please be prompt in collecting your child.

**Arrivals****Departures →**

Contacting Us

As a school we pride ourselves on building good relationships with parents and carers. There are a number of ways in which you can contact a member of staff to have a conversation about your child.

Please see the Parent Communication Policy available via the school website.

If you need to report a child as absent, this should be done by phoning the school office by 8.45am on the first day of absence.

Behaviour



Our school behaviour policy is based around our six school values of **respect, determination, teamwork, friendship, responsibility, compassion.**

We use an online system called 'Class Dojo' to monitor and reward behaviour that reflects these values. We encourage you, if you haven't already, to download the app and connect to your child's profile.

If you are unsure about the process involved or need the login details, please see your child's class teacher. The full behaviour policy along with many other policies can be seen on the school [website](#).

Curriculum Mornings

We are delighted to invite you to school to meet your child's teacher, hear about their learning, understand the expectations and routines for this year at our Curriculum Mornings.

Y6—Thursday 12th Sept

Y5—Friday 13th Sept

Y4—Thursday 19th Sept

Y3—Wednesday 18th Sept

Y2—Friday 20th Sept

Y1—Monday 23rd Sept

F2—Tuesday 24th Sept

Pre School—Tuesday 1st Oct

Online Safety



The internet is an amazing tool and the many devices our children have access to mean they can explore worlds of gaming, learning and social connections that previous generations could only have dreamed of. However, it can also present a significant risk if adults are not vigilant about what children are able to access, what information they share and who they are communicating with.

Each week, I share useful online safety information via the Bulletin in the hope that it will help parents and carers remain up to date with the ever-changing fads the internet offers and the risks they present if not managed properly.

Please take the time to read these carefully when you can.

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FIRST WEEK BACK—GALLERY



SCHOOL POND IS SAVED!






Those of you who had seen our school pond before the summer will remember that it was in a bit of a sorry state. You'll be pleased to hear that that it no more! The pond has been completely emptied, relined, refilled and replanted so that we can continue to use it for our Science and outdoor learning for many more years to come and it's all thanks to:

- ⇒ Our wonderful PTA who donated the funds
- ⇒ The fabulous Mr Casey (Site Manager) and Mr Knapton (Acorns Manager) who provided the labour over the holidays
- ⇒ and Craig from **Maidenhead Aquatics, based at Carr Farm Garden Centre** who provided labour, the discount and his expertise



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Lunchtime Menu for Week Beginning Monday 9th September

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
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| <p><i>Hot Dogs</i></p> <p><i>Either pork or Quorn sausage served in a finger roll with potato wedges and peas.</i></p>  |  <p><i>Chicken Pie</i></p> <p><i>Freshly cooked chicken breast in a rich gravy topped with golden pastry served with sautéed potatoes and green beans</i></p> <p><i>Veggie Option available</i></p> | <p><i>Spaghetti Bolognese</i></p> <p><i>Minced beef or Quorn mince cooked with tomatoes and garlic served with spaghetti and broccoli</i></p>  |  <p><i>Roast Gammon Dinner</i></p> <p><i>Served with roast potatoes, gravy, peas and carrots</i></p> | <p><i>Fish Fingers or Vegetable Nuggets</i></p> <p><i>Served with chips, peas, or baked beans</i></p>  |
| <i>Jacket Potatoes and our Deli Bar are available daily</i> | | | | |
| <i>Dessert</i> | | | | |
| Cake and flavoured custard | Flapjack | Chocolate Crunch | Shortbread | Vanilla iced sponge |
| <i>Fresh Fruit, Yogurts or Cheese and Crackers</i> | | | | |
| <i>Drink</i> | | | | |
| <i>A selection of cordial, milk or water.</i> | | | | |

[Click here to go to our website for the full 3-week menu](#)