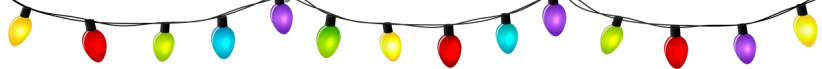


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HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

At the end of a very busy term, I want to thank the wonderful Brookdale community for another fantastic year. I have enjoyed the opportunity to visit classes regularly and our Brookdale children have continued to be engaged, enthusiastic and caring learners who work hard to live out our school values of **respect, determination, teamwork, friendship, responsibility** and **compassion**.



It has been my pleasure to work with our dedicated team of staff who go the extra mile to ensure the safety and happiness of our children as well as helping them to learn, develop and grow as individuals. Finally, I have been so grateful for the support of our wonderful Brookdale families and look forward to continuing our partnership in 2025 and beyond.

On behalf of myself, the staff and the Governors, I wish you a joyful and restful Christmas break and a healthy and happy new year.

We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Monday 6th January 2025**.

Kate Ball (Headteacher)

Online Safety

As a school, we are receiving increasingly frequent requests for support with children's anxiety, low mood, use of inappropriate language / behaviour, poor sleep and anger at home. There are many reasons why children may experience the above symptoms and we work hard to continue to provide support in the best way we can. However, we have noticed there is often a correlation between these symptoms and children's access to tech and social media.

This is a really interesting watch - even for those of us adults who think we know it all about tech! It includes information from medical professionals and scientists about the positive aspects of tech as well as how it could be negatively impacting our children's brains and bodies.

['Swiped: The School That Banned Smartphones'](#)



ATTENDANCE

Good attendance at school is very important. If you are not here, you can't learn! We always aim to have an attendance percentage of 100%!

The table below shows you the attendance percentage this week:

F2	91.3
Year 1	92.8
Year 2	94.6
Year 3	95.1
Year 4	88.7
Year 5	88.7
Year 6	91.0
Whole School	91.7

Next School Week

Monday 6th January 2025

School re-opens to all staff and pupils

Tuesday 7th January

- KS2 Indoor Games Club - 3.15pm - 4.15pm

Wednesday 8th January

- Panathlon Ten Pin Bowling - Cheshire Oaks - 8.00am - 12.00pm

Friday 10th January

- 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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The Festive Spirit at Brookdale

The festive fun has continued this week at Brookdale:

On Wednesday, we held our Santa's Breakfast event for the whole school during which the man himself even found the time to visit every class with his favourite elf. With a tasty breakfast of croissants, ice-cream and hot chocolate, this was a lovely start to the day!



This morning, children from F2 to Year 6, along with all the staff and some willing parent volunteers, walked to St John's Church to take part in a whole-school Christmas assembly, led by the staff and governors. It was a lovely way to get us into the festive spirit and remember the true meaning of Christmas.



Our school are proud to have thought of others as well as ourselves this Christmas; we collected lots of donations to the Charles Thompson Mission which were collected on Thursday. The Charles Thompson Mission has been serving the people of Wirral since 1892. The Mission helps people who are homeless, poor and needy, to get out of poverty. They provide hot food, clothing, toiletries, other basic essentials, along with much love, care and compassion. The mission have thanked us for our donations and sent us the photo below of where it all went. They have given out 300 hampers so far and our contributions will go towards creating more before Christmas Day.



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KS2 Carol Service

On Thursday afternoon, our Year 3,4,5 and 6 children led us in a fantastic Carol Service at St John's Church. The children spoke and sang clearly and beautifully and also looked wonderful in their Christmas costumes. Well done and thank you to all the children and staff who put together such a lovely service.



PTAs January Pre-Loved Collection

The PTA are looking at new ways to help reduce, reuse and recycle in 2025, and are hoping that we can offer our school community ways of doing so too! We all know that during the festive period we can receive gifts that unfortunately lie redundant and unused, so we will have a gift amnesty donation table for the first week of January term in the main reception area. Next year we will be holding our usual fairs and shops, and any donations we receive will be used at these events.

Next Christmas we would also like to help reduce the cost of Christmas purchases by holding a preloved Christmas Jumper sale (for a small donation fee to be decided). We therefore will also be accepting donations in January of Christmas jumpers that you may no longer require. As always, we are so grateful for any donations you may have, and for your ongoing support. We wish you all a very merry Christmas, and a happy New Year.

With love, Friends of Brookdale PTA xx



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Tidy Up Brookdale!

On Tuesday lunchtime, a team of willing Year 6 children took it upon themselves to help Mr Casey with keeping the site neat and tidy. They requested a wheelbarrow, brooms and gloves and set to work clearing leaves - they worked so hard and did a fantastic job, showing wonderful community spirit, #Respect, #Responsibility and #Teamwork. Thank you, Year 6!



Y1 Welcome Afternoon

Year 1 spent Wednesday afternoon hosting a welcome afternoon for members of their families. They used the time to welcome them into our school with refreshments, singing and dancing as part of the 'How can we make others feel welcome?' big question.

They also spent time talking to their grown ups about their childhoods, finding out about their school days, toys and favourite games as part of their History work.



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Reading Ambassadors

Our team had their second meeting with Mr Darbyshire last week. The group have come up with a reading questionnaire which they have made into a Google Form and has been completed by all children across the school from F2 to Y6. The team will analyse the results and put a plan of action to further promote reading in the new year.

If you are looking for something to spend Christmas money on this month, recommendations from our Reading Ambassador team this month include:

F2



The Cupcake Fairy

Y4



Who Let the Gods Out? – Maz Evans

Bunny vs Monkey - Jamie Smart

Y1



Babbity's Big Mad Mood

Y5



Twisted Tales – Liz Braswell

Y2



Zoe's Rescue Zoo

Y6



Diary of a Wimpy Kid – Jeff Kinney

Stormbreaker – Anthony Horowitz

Y3



World's Worst Children – David Walliams



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Lunchtime Menu for Week Beginning Monday 6th January

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p><i>Pizza</i></p> <p>Choice of either cheese and tomato or pepperoni pizza served with potato wedges and cucumber sticks</p> 	 <p><i>Creamy Chicken Curry</i></p> <p>Chicken cooked in mild spices and coconut milk served with rice, naan and roasted vegetables. Or Creamy Quorn Curry Both served with green beans, rice and naan bread</p>	<p><i>Burger</i></p> <p>Fresh Butchers Beef or Veggie Burger Served in a bun with sweetcorn and diced potatoes</p> 	 <p><i>Roast Turkey or Quorn Dinner</i></p> <p>Served with roast potatoes, gravy peas and carrots</p>	<p><i>Breaded Cod Fillet or Vegetable Nuggets</i></p> <p>Served with chips, peas, curry sauce or baked beans</p> 
<i>Jacket Potatoes and our Deli Bar are available daily</i>				
<i>Dessert</i>				
<i>Iced Buns</i>	<i>Ginger Biscuits</i>	<i>Paris Sandwich</i>	<i>Chocolate Brownie</i>	<i>Ice Cream</i>
<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](#)