

Brooklands Bulletin

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Brooklands Farm
Primary School
Weaving a learning journey

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Term Dates:

Autumn (1) term ends 24th October

Half-term break 27th-31st October

Inset Day Monday 3rd November

Autumn (2) term begins 4th November

Autumn (2) term ends 19th December

Dates for your diary:

Curriculum Tea: 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th October, 5-6pm. See back page for details.

Scholastic Book Fair: Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th October from 8:30-9:00 and 3:30-4pm.

Tell Me Tuesday

This week's Tell Me Tuesday question is:

On a scale of 1 to 5, how good are we at teamwork?

Last week's results:

79% of parents think we do enough to support charities.

We are very much looking forward to seeing everyone for Curriculum Tea next week. The children will be preparing some delicious treats for you! Please remember all children with the exception of Foundation 2 will be staying in school from 3:30 until 5pm on their class's assigned day. Curriculum tea for all new families to Brooklands Farm will be held on Thursday.

Please be aware the top gate will be locked after home time for your children's safety. Collection from after school activities and Care Club will be through the front of the building only (Care Club entrance and front gate, both on Fen Street side) which is accessible from Newport Road via the newly paved redway.

Miss Rose and her husband Andy have a new addition to their family, Isla Rose Wooldridge arrived on Friday 26th at 6:23am weighing 7lbs 3oz. She is gorgeous and is keeping them very busy.

Prospective parents information sessions for September 2015 have been planned for the following dates:

Foundation 2

Tuesday 11th November, 5pm

Wednesday 12th November, 10am

Tuesday 2nd December, 5pm

Wednesday 3rd December, 10am

Foundation 1 (Nursery)

Tuesday 13th January, 5pm

Wednesday 14th January, 10am

Kind regards,

Maxine Low, Katie Higginbottom and Elisabeth Morrison

Community groups that meet at Brooklands Farm

Mondays: Mums & Tots 8:45-11:15

Tuesdays: Child minders & Tots 8:45-11:15

Thursdays: Mums & Tots 8:45-11:15

Fridays: Me Time 9:00-11:00. A fun group just for you! Try something different, make friends and find your creativity. Childcare is available but should be booked in advance as places are limited.

To report an absence please phone the absence line on 01908 760081 (option 1) by 9am.

Care Club contact number (available during the hours of 4-6pm): 07756 564509

Reminders

Please use the correct entrances and exits at drop off and pick up times. Buggies are not allowed in the carpeted areas of the school for health and safety reasons.

All children in years 1-6 must have a water bottle, filled only with water.

Please continue to tie back long hair and please continue to regularly check for head lice.

Please could parents stop children from riding scooters and bikes across the playgrounds and through the school, especially the cross corridor. Bike parks have been provided so that they can be secured before entering the playground for safety purposes. Please adhere to these rules for everyone’s safety.

All PE kits for every year group must be returned to school on Mondays and remain in school all week as PE sessions may change.

Please be aware of your speed in the school car park. We appreciate it is very busy at drop off and pick up times, therefore we must be sure that rules are adhered to for safety.

Pin Assemblies

Pin assemblies will now be held in your child’s classroom for a more personalised experience as we continue to grow. Parents/carers are invited to attend but please sign in at Reception and then accompany your child to their classroom.

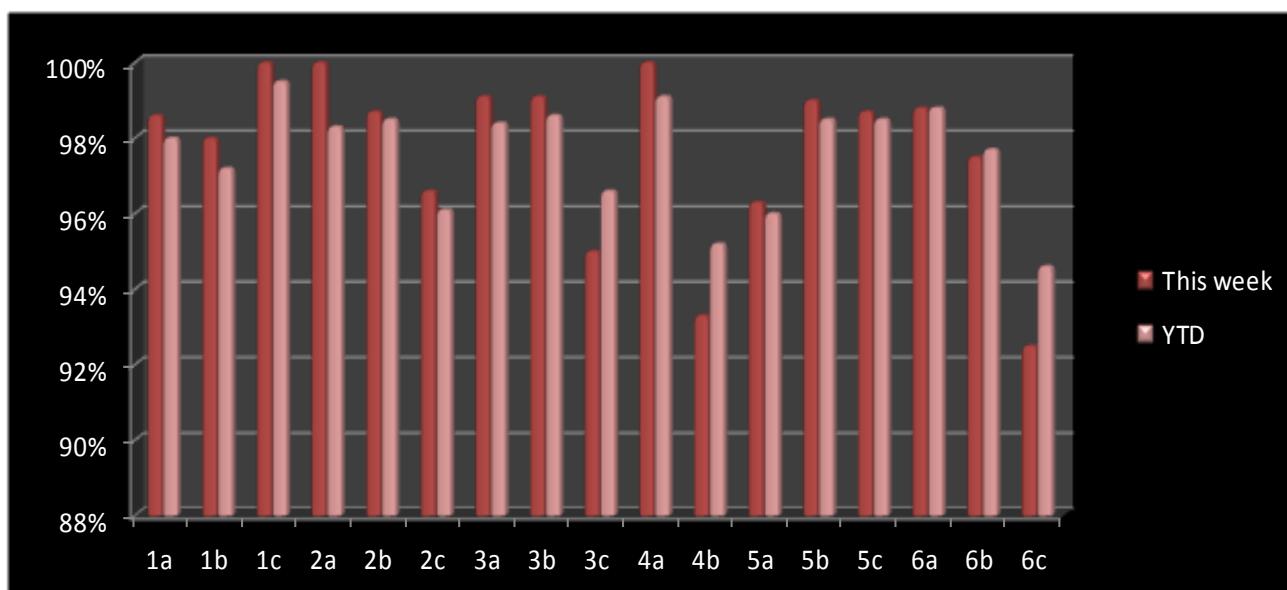
Children that have achieved their pins for week commencing 6th October are:

Thursday 9th Oct @ 8:40: Year 6: (Red pin) Evie J

Friday 10th Oct @ 8:40: Year 1: (Gold pin) Zion L, Disha H, Asher R

Attendance

The national expected level of attendance is 96.5%. We take attendance very seriously at Brooklands Farm and expect to achieve this level with your partnership. This week’s attendance is:





Early Years

Foundation 1 children are making full use of the nursery environment and resources and are settling in very well. Next week our focus book is 'Goat Goes to Playgroup' by Julia Donaldson and Nick Sharratt. We have sent home some suggested activities you could do at home to compliment the children's learning at school. You only need to pick a few and most importantly have fun whatever you choose together!

Polite request - we have noticed that children are bringing in toys and personal items from home. Please encourage your child to leave their personal property at home as we cannot guarantee they will stay clean, dry or paint free!

Foundation 2

We have enjoyed our first week of full time learning in Foundation 2. Everyone has been very engaged with learning about our core book, *Funny Bones*. It was very exciting to meet a paramedic to ignite learning about bodies.

Next week we are learning to retell the story, *Funny Bones* and exploring 2D shapes.

We have a pile of unnamed cardigans and jumpers. Please can we remind you to clearly name them so we can then return them to their rightful owners.

We look forward to seeing you at curriculum teas next week, remember **Foundation children will not be staying after school for their curriculum teas. Please pick them up as normal at 3:30pm and then return with them for their tea at 5pm on their class day.**

Infant School

Year 1 have started learning about We're Going on a Bear Hunt. We have really enjoyed retelling the story as a class. Next week we will be continuing this learning and we will start to change the story to make a new story.

Year 2 have had a super week of project related learning. It started off with a visit from the RNLI on Monday and then we went on to learn about the dramatic rescue by Grace Darling in History on Wednesday. As we move into next week we will be learning more about Grace and linking our science topic (materials) to how we could have helped her with her rescue!

Please could you ensure all children have a water bottle in school every day and that all school clothing are named. We have had a lot of lost clothing and missing water bottles this week.

Lower Junior

Year 3 have been hard at work this week writing their very own Greek Myths. In Science we have been learning about food and which foods are good for us. We have been looking at vitamins, fats and carbohydrates and how they affect our bodies.

Year 4 have continued their project work on ancient Egypt looking at gods and goddesses in detail and preparing items for their living tomb.

Upper Junior

Years 5 and 6

We have all been working hard to finish our projects and our end products which are documentaries. Years 5 and 6 have represented Brooklands Farm in a badminton competition. They were terrific and showed great resilience and positive attitudes throughout.

Curriculum Tea

Thank you for your patience in waiting a little longer for your Curriculum Tea this year. We have now adjusted the format so it is in line with the new government expectations.

99% of parents attend curriculum tea. Feedback tells us that parents enjoy this annual tradition as it allows them to:

Build a stronger bond with the class teacher, ensuring a tighter partnership.

Share expectations of their children over the year.

Meet other parents and build a close community.

Stacy West, our Parent Partner will remind all new parents to the school of our expectations to attend.

This year your children will be baking cakes, breads and biscuits for you. As always, we keep your child until 5pm so that you don't have to come backwards and forwards to school.

Three year group dates have been given to provide flexibility for parents. Attendance is strongly recommended due to the large number of changes to both the curriculum expectation and the removal of levels (e.g. 2a, 2b, 2c).

Monday 6th October 5-6pm	F2a Miss Jasper F2b Mrs Gardner	1a Miss Tate 2a Mrs O'Dell	3a Mrs Humphris 4a Mr Mortimer	5a Mr Peters 6a Miss Snowdon	Children stay in school until 5pm (except F2)
Tuesday 7th October 5-6pm	F2c Mrs Jenkins F2d Mrs King	1b Mrs Notridge 2b Miss Marriott	3b Mr Gray 4b Miss Roberts	5b Miss Courtney 6b Miss Jeffs	Children stay in school until 5pm (expect F2)
Wednesday 8th October 5-6pm	F2e Miss Ormshaw F2f Miss McNearney	1c Mrs Hover 2c Mrs Taylor	3c Miss Kynaston	5c Miss Holloway 6c Mrs Hern	Children stay in school until 5pm (except F2)
Thursday 9th October 5-6pm	New parents to Brooklands Farm in F2	New parents to Brooklands Farm in years 1 & 2	New parents to Brooklands Farm in years 3 & 4	New parents to Brooklands Farm in years 5 & 6	Children stay in school until 5pm (except F2)

The format of the evening:

5:00pm—Arrive in your child's class, enjoy the tea your child's class has have prepared.

5:15pm—Sharing of end of year standard

5:30pm—How will you/we know how well your child is doing?

5:30-6pm—How can I support my child at home each week/across the year.