

Brooklands Bulletin

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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:

Lantern Festival 21st November on the school playground.

Christmas Fayre 30th November 1pm - 4pm in the school hall.

Tree Festival weeks w/c 8th & 15th December

Tell Me Tuesday

This week's Tell Me Tuesday question is:

On the scale of 1 to 5, how much opportunity are children given to develop their talents?

Last week's results:

98% of parents scored us 4 or 5 for valuing children's wellbeing.



We are very excited to welcome Volkswagen into school next week as we begin our new project. They will be visiting all week bringing sports cars, promotional equipment, breakdown vans and many more exciting experiences. The project will be launching on Monday with the arrival of a transporter full of cars! Please be aware that the car park will be used at times for this project but we will aim to minimise the disruption to drop off and pick up. All the children will have opportunities to be outside looking at the cars on Monday even if it rains so please be sure that children have rain coats.

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

Latest News

Important safeguarding message to all parents: Staff have noticed that a few children are being dropped off at school and being left by parents in the playground, sometimes as early as 8am. Children are therefore being left unsupervised at this time. If you need to drop your children to school early they must be booked into the breakfast club or alternative childcare arrangements should be made. Only children who are in years 5 and 6 may walk to school by themselves and should not be arriving before 8:30. Parents are required to write in to school to confirm they have authorised their child to do this. Thank you for your cooperation to help keep all of our children safe.

Car Park: Please be considerate and do not park in the disabled bays unless you are a blue badge holder. There are a number of people who need to use these spaces for reasons other than convenience.

Also, do make sure you park within the lines. We appreciate these are sometimes difficult to make out especially when the ground is wet, however we only have a limited number of spaces.

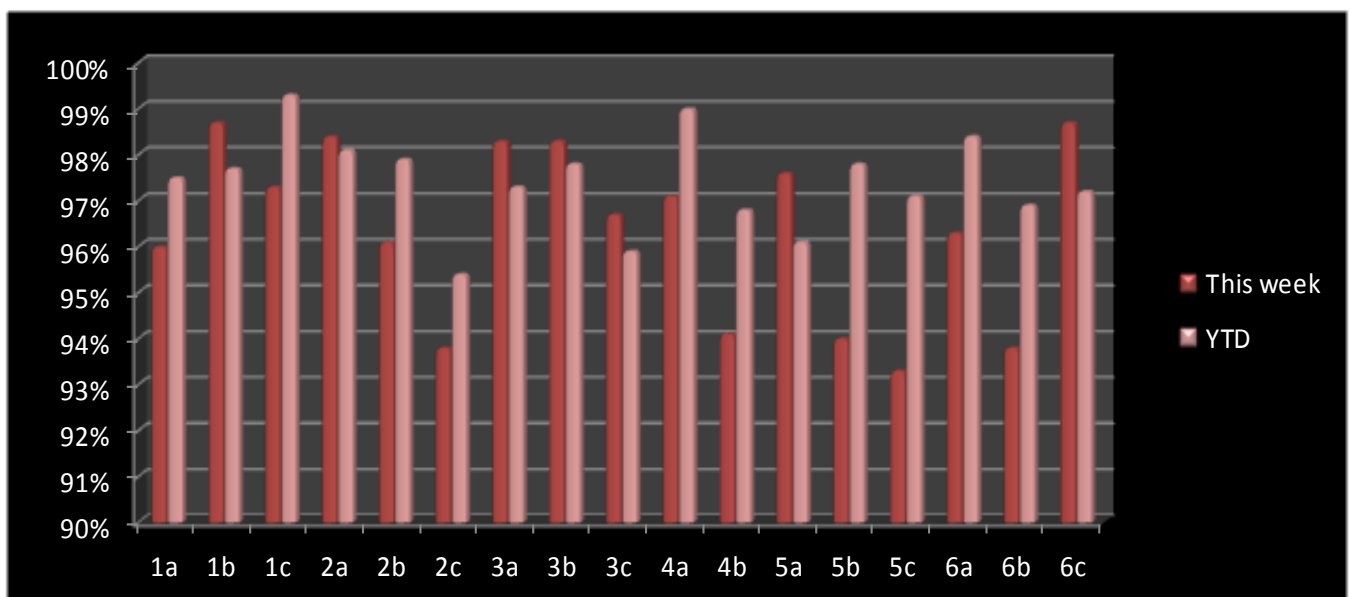
Newport Road Crossing: It has been brought to our attention that some children are crossing Newport Road at unsafe locations. Please remind children that the crossing at the lights, near our top gate is the safest place to cross.

Care Club and After School Activities: New forms for the next half term have been sent via Parent-Mail and are also available on the website. Remember you must rebook every half term and it is a first come first serve basis, so please do get those forms completed and handed into Reception as soon as possible.

World War Memorial Archive: As a school we will be creating an archive of pictures and stories from our community of our relatives who were touched by the first and second world war with a view to creating a wall of photos and stories. If anyone has photographs of their grandmas, granddads, great grandmas and great granddads for the two war periods, please may the school have a copy with details of that relative's name and war occupation (or what they did at home) on the back so we can create our own memorial archive. Please don't give us photos that are original and precious.

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:





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 20th October are:

Thursday 23rd Oct @ 8:40: Year 6: (Red pin) Alfie B, Frederik L, Cameron H, Joe R, Zainab H

Friday 24th Oct @ 8:40: Year 1: (Gold pin) Lenny O, Hibo M



In Our Community

Upcoming events:

Family Fun Wednesday 29th October 10-12pm at Broughton Pavilion

Supper 4 Syria Saturday 15th November 5-7pm at Broughton Pavilion

For more details email mkcommunityministry@gmail.com



Brooklands Farm Friends (PTA)

The PTA are in need of volunteers for these upcoming events:

Lantern Festival, Friday 21st November

Christmas Fayre, Sunday 30th November 1-4pm

Christmas Disco, Thursday 18th December

For more details, please contact Sam Vernon at samantha.vernon@sky.com

If you are interested in joining Brooklands Farm Friends to help raise money for our school please pass your contact details to Jill in Reception.

New items have been added to the second hand uniform rail in Reception, they may be outgrown but not outworn.



Small School News

Early Years

Foundation 1 have been practising sharing and taking turns with their peers this week. We have also begun daily phonics and children have enjoyed their listening walks through school.

Next week we will be reading Elmer. A suggested activity sheet has been sent home for you to share with your children.

Foundation 2

This week we have been getting very colourful looking at Elmer and making our own patterns.

Thank you to all of the children that have been reading at home, they have been very enthusiastic about reading at school with us. Please can you remember to bring their books in with them in their book bags all week.

Infant School

Year 1 are going to have an open gallery of our project learning this term in the unit. Parents and carers are welcome to come and view the journey with their children from 3:30-4:00 on Thursday 22nd and 8:30-9:00 on Friday 23rd.

Year 2

Thank you for responding so quickly to the VW trip letter that went out this week. We are extremely excited to start the project next week! This week in year 2 the children have loved carrying out a science experiment and writing diaries as Grace Darling! Photos to follow on your class page.

Lower Junior

Year 3

Thank you for the marvellous support Year 3 had for their version of the Olympic Games! We had a wonderful afternoon competing as Greek city states. We are now looking forward to our next exciting project with Volkswagen which will happen over next week and the first week back after half term.

Year 4 children created a living tomb to talk about all the knowledge they have developed over the last 5 weeks and were very proud to present this to their parents, particularly to persuade their parents to enter the cursed tomb! We are looking forward to Volkswagen week next week.

Upper Junior

Year 5 have had a great week preparing and creating their frozen planet documentaries. The children have worked incredibly hard this half term towards these and the end product is great!

Year 6 had an internet safety visit on Monday - we learnt about the risks involved with using the internet, how to spot these risks and how to protect ourselves from them.