

# 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:

**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

What a fantastic and inspiring week we have had! The team from VW have inspired and motivated learning through real life, meaningful experiences. We have sold cars, test driven them, fixed and designed them and we are confident we know what the future is for motor vehicles. A huge thank to all those involved, it has been a big success.

After half term we will be having a 'Challenge Partners' inspection. Challenge Partners is a group of outstanding schools who work collaboratively to find the best ways to learn. Brooklands Farm is part of this group and we have invited a team of inspectors, one of whom will be Ofsted trained, to conduct an inspection of our learning. They will be looking at the quality of learning and leading us in discussions about how to move forward. We are really looking forward to this process so we can continue to grow.

We hope you have a restful and safe half term. **We return to school on Tuesday 4th November.**

Kind regards,

Maxine Low, Katie Higginbottom and Elisabeth Morrison

## Tell Me Tuesday

**This week's Tell Me Tuesday question is:**

**On the scale of 1 to 5, how safe does your child feel at school?**

**Last week's results:**

**90% of parents scored us 4 or 5 for developing children's talents.**

## 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. Alternatively, you may report an absence via the website: <http://brooklandsfarm.milton-keynes.sch.uk/reporting-absence/#>

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

## Latest News

**Inset Day:** Monday 3rd November is a teacher training day. Children return to on Tuesday 4th November.

**Bag2School:** Brooklands Farm Friends (PTA) have sent home a Bag2School collection bag for you to fill over half term break with unwanted clothing that can be re-used. This is a great way to raise funds for our school as all proceeds go to the PTA. Extra bags are welcome but please return any unused bags. Our collection day is Tuesday 18th November. Bags must be outside the school by 9am that day.

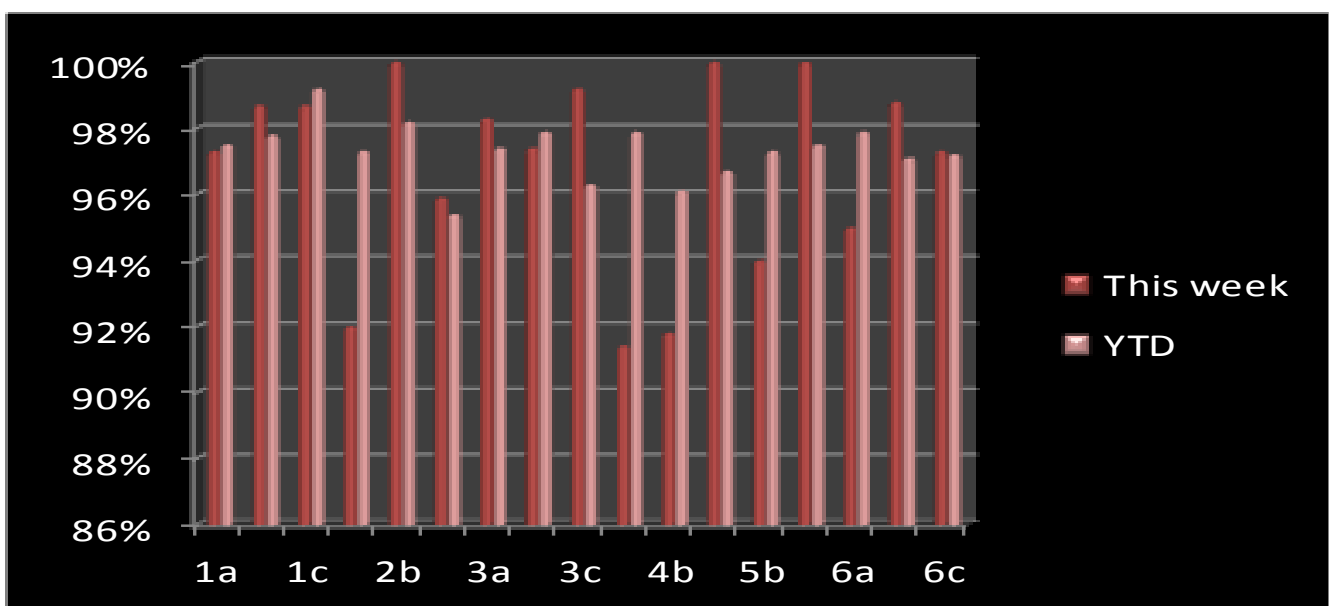
**Restorative Practice Parents Workshops:** Workshops are being held on Monday 10th November at 5pm and Friday 14th November at 11am. Please book at Reception or via this address: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/18Lskk5anhBYW7Z4500c4GS4Gs\\_TrvuMLAFM2VScDU9w/viewform?usp=send\\_form](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/18Lskk5anhBYW7Z4500c4GS4Gs_TrvuMLAFM2VScDU9w/viewform?usp=send_form)

**Hot Dinner Order Forms:** Hot dinner order forms must be returned by 4pm the Wednesday prior to the week you are ordering for and no later. This is to allow orders to be keyed and payments processed ready for Cygnet to place their food order for the following week. This includes all orders whether they are paid for or received under the Universal Free School Meals scheme.

**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 4th November are:

**Thursday 6th Nov @ 8:40: Year 5: (Gold pin)** Anya E, Carla D



### ***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](mailto:mkcommunityministry@gmail.com)



### ***Brooklands Farm Friends (PTA)***

The Bag2School collection day is Tuesday 18th November. All proceeds go to Brooklands Farm Friends. The more bags we weigh the more they pay!

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](mailto: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 learning about features of cars and talking about their experiences of cars. We have been learning about mechanics and what they might do to fix cars when they break down. We had great fun painting and making a red car out of our learning loft!

Next term we will be reading Elmer and learning about patterns. Suggested activities have been sent home for you to help your child's learning at home too.

Have a restful half term break!

### **Foundation 2**

We have had an interesting week finishing our Elmer project. All of the children looked fabulous in their bright colours and patterns for Elmer Day.

It was exciting to look at the cars from Volkswagen and The AA vans this week. We were really inspired to create our own car to go on a safari - of course we needed a TV and a bed in it!

Please note that after half term we are starting PE and the children will be going outside so they will need plimsolls and outdoor clothes.

## *Infant School*

**Year 2** have had a fantastic week with lots of exciting learning opportunities! We enjoyed visiting different car garages and picking up sales techniques for our very own show room in school. Thank you for all your support over the first half term, we look forward to carrying on with our VW project when we get back.

## *Lower Junior*

**Year 3** have had an amazing last week of term filled with some incredible opportunities! We were able to visit the VW Training Centre where children had the chance to look around at some of the jaw-dropping cars inside, such as the Hulk car from Toyko Drift, the E-Up, an Audi R8 and the XL1...wow! VW were impressed by their outstanding knowledge and behaviour, well done year 3!

**Year 4** children have been inspired this week by seeing, sitting in and listening to information about the cars and the VW breakdown assistance. They have met some amazing people with amazing jobs and can't wait to get their control centre set up.

## *Upper Junior*

**Year 6** have had an amazing week designing the 'Brooklands car of the future' this week and could not wait to pitch their ideas to VW again! Thank you to all the parents who kindly answered our questionnaires this week before school, it's been a great help. As well as VW week, Year 6 have also been on a 'Real Science' trip to the Discovery Centre, thank you to everyone who supported the Year 6 team to get the children there and back safely. Please check the website for this week's pictures and updates!