

# Brooklands Bulletin



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## Term Dates:

2015/2016

Summer (1) term ends 27th May

Half Term Break 30th May—3rd June

Summer (2) term begins 6th June

Summer (2) term ends 21st July  
(20th July for Nursery)

2016/2017

Autumn (1) term begins 5th Sept

Autumn (1) term ends 21st Oct

Half Term Break 24th—28th Oct

Inset Day Monday 31st October

Autumn (2) term begins 1st Nov

Autumn (2) term ends 16th Dec  
(15th December for Nursery)

Christmas break 19th Dec—2nd Jan

Inset Day Tuesday 3rd January

Spring (1) term begins 4th January

Spring (1) term ends 10th February

Half term break 13—17th February

Spring (2) term begins 20th Feb

Spring (2) term ends 31st March  
(30th March for Nursery)

Easter break 3rd April—17th April

Summer (1) term begins 18th April

Bank Holiday Monday 1st May

Summer (1) term ends 26th May

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are currently planning the transition project for July as the time for your child to move to their new year group will soon be upon us. This year our theme will be 'Achieving Your Aspirations'. We have booked Paralympians and a wheelchair basketball team to date and would love any contacts you have for inspirational people you know. Equally, I visited a top private school last week and they have a collection of caps that they bring out for each child when they join and the children wear the caps and are told the inspirational stories of those people's learning journeys. I thought this was an excellent idea and wonder if a team of you would like to help me contact a range of people to donate caps or objects? If you can help, please contact Jill Gowen at our Fen Street Campus and we will put a team together.

Please could I remind parents that the children at Brooklands Farm wear a uniform. School uniform plays an important part in our sense of belonging. This week I have seen different coloured jumpers and trainers in school. Please be sure to send your child in uniform in line with our policy. Can I also remind you that school shoes must be worn during the summer term. They must not be open toed and flip flops, trainers and football boots are not appropriate footwear as the children could have serious accidents, especially during playtime.

Kind regards,

Maxine Low

The cut-off for ordering school dinners for week commencing 16th May is:

9am, Thursday 12th May

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

Alternatively, you may report an absence via the website:

<http://brooklandsfarm.milton-keynes.sch.uk/reporting-absence/#>

## Latest News

**Drink Bottles:** Drink bottles should only be filled with water and not juice, squash or fizzy drinks.

**Sunhats and Sun Cream:** As the nice weather has finally made an appearance, please start sending children in with sun cream applied and named sunhats—our playgrounds offer very little shade.

**Fen Street Foundation 2:** The Foundation 2 team at Fen Street are looking for donations to help improve their outdoor environment. If you are able to help they would very much appreciate any old cd's, soil, sticks and a hose pipe with the adapter for a tap. As always, please continue to donate cardboard egg cartons, bottle tops, straws, cereal boxes, newspapers and bottles. Thank you for your continued support.

**A Taste of Music for 2016, Junior School Choirs:** The school choir will be taking part in a fund raising event for Willen Hospice at the Holiday Inn in Central Milton Keynes on Friday 20th May. Tickets are available at the front desk, £5 for adults, children under 12 are free. Please arrive at 6pm for 6:30-8:30pm performance.

**Broughton Cycling Group Sportive:** Broughton Cycling Group has become a significant and recognised part of the Broughton & Brooklands community with a lot of its members also being part of the Brooklands Farm family. They will be cycling 50 miles this Sunday 8th May in aid of Willen Hospice. If you would like to either take part in the event or volunteer to marshal the route please email [info@broughtoncyclinggroup.org](mailto:info@broughtoncyclinggroup.org)

**Celebrating Individual Talents and Successes:** Over February half term, Jozef in Year 6 was given the opportunity to work with children from other schools around Milton Keynes and film makers to make a road safety film. The films were premièred on Saturday. We would like to say a huge well done to Jozef for the fantastic work he put into the film and for going up on stage on Saturday and talking about the experience. Here is a picture of Jozef with the mayor from the premier!



## Dates for Your Diary

**Upcoming Sports Festivals:** Year 3 & 4 Tennis – 17th May

Year 5 & 6 **Rounders – 12th May, Tennis – 13th May**, Cricket – 8th June

**A Taste of Music for 2016, Junior School Choirs:** Friday 20th May, arrival 6pm for 6:30-8:30pm performance. Tickets available at the front desk.

**The Big Lunch:** Sunday 5th June on the playing fields at Broughton Fields Primary School

**Year 6 Residential:** 20th-24th June, New Barn

**Year 5 Residential:** 6th-8th July, The Caldecotte Xperience

## Tell Me Tuesday

Mrs Langford and Mrs Thelwell will be collecting your answers at drop-off on Tuesday at the school gates at Fen Street and Miss McShane at Countess Way. Results are now published on the school website.

Next week's Tell Me Tuesday question is:

On a scale of 1 to 5, do we involve families enough?

## Pin Assemblies

Pin assemblies will be held in your child's classroom. Parents/Carers are invited to attend, please sign in at Reception and then accompany your child to their classroom. **If you cannot make the date below, please make arrangements with your child's class for another day.**

Those children who have achieved their pin for assembly week commencing 9th May are:

**Friday 13th May:**

**Foundation 2: (Pink Pin)** Dylan B, Lilly-Mai, Alfie W, Alfie S, Amelie, Callan

**Year 1: (Orange Pin)** Mia S, Sarina, Emily S

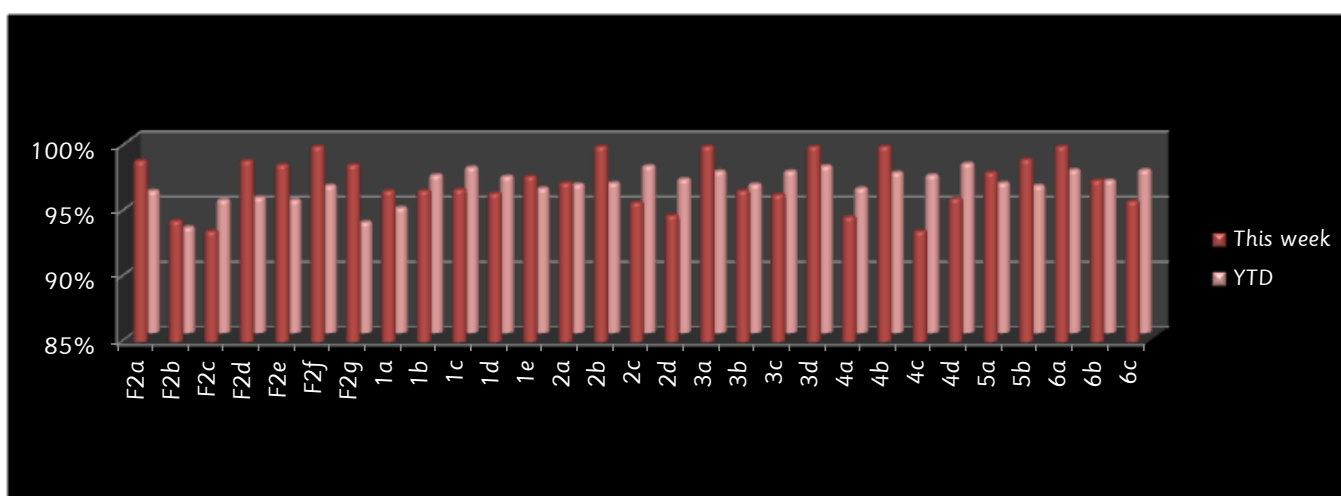
**Year 2: (Blue Ribbon)** Samuel K, Charanpreet, Agnes, Austeja

**Year 3: (Green Ribbon)** Naomi

**Year 4: (Yellow Pin)** Qasim **(Yellow Ribbon)** Ayaan U, Josie

## 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:



The winners of the attendance trophy this week at Countess Way are F2f Miss Jenkins' class and on Fen Street are 2b Miss Hearn's class, 3a Miss Fowler's class, 4b Miss Russell's class, 5b Miss Townrow's class and 6a Miss Snowdon's class all with 100% attendance! Congratulations!!!