

# Brooklands Bulletin



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One Community

One Primary School

One Localised Plan for Success



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## Term Dates:

2016/2017

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

Half term break 29th May—2nd Jun

Summer (2) term begins 5th June

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

2017/2018

Autumn (1) term begins 4th Sept

Autumn (1) term ends 20 October

Half Term Break 23rd—27th Oct

Inset Day Monday 30th October

Autumn (2) term begins 31st Oct

Autumn (2) term ends 15th Dec  
(14th Dec for Nursery)

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to everyone who attended the lantern workshops this week. We've seen some fabulous creations! Children will also be making lanterns next week in class to take home. Don't forget to put them at the front of your home, either in your garden (if it's dry) in a window or on a balcony on the evening of Thursday 15th December as the Broughton Cycling Group will be cycling through the community with a GoPro to capture them on film.

Next week are our performances! The children have been very busy practicing this week and cannot wait to showcase all their hard work. The PTA will have refreshments on offer for the morning performances as well as a raffle so don't forget to bring some pocket change.

Nursery will finish this term on Thursday 15th December and will be having a little party to celebrate. Nursery children are invited to wear party clothes and bring in their own plate of party food with their name on it. We will not be sharing party food due to severe food allergies. Nothing containing nuts please!

The last day of term for the rest of the school, Friday 16th December is Christmas jumper day. Children may wear their Christmas jumpers or non-uniform for the suggested donation of £1. All proceeds will go to Save the Children.

The community carol service will take place tonight at 6:30pm at the Brooklands Pavilion. Our school choir will be performing. We hope to see you there.

Enjoy your weekend.

**Don't forget to place your hot dinner orders for week commencing 4th January.**

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

**Fen Street Year 6 Parents:** You are invited to stay after your child's performance for a presentation about this year's Year 6 residential. This will take place immediately following both the morning and afternoon performance in the school hall.

**Wish List:** It is that time of year for clearing out old toys to make way for new ones. We have a wish list for donations, if you have any of the following items you are clearing out, we would gratefully receive them: dinosaurs, Play-Doh/ biscuit cutters, any plastic or wooden toys, dolls, action figures, board games, cars and dressing up outfits. We are also hoping to replenish our stock of spare tights, socks and knickers/underwear (little sizes for Nursery right the way through to Year 2 sizes).

**Data Collection Sheets:** A second round of data collections sheets will be going home to those we were unsuccessful in receiving back in October. We are now required to return every child's Country of Birth and Nationality to the local authority in our census. If your child brings home a data collection sheet in their book bag, please complete these two pieces of information and return it to the front desk.

**Year 1:** The Year 1 Team would like to say thank you for using the new one way system for drop off in the morning. This has reduced the congestion in the cloakroom considerably.

**Community Café:** A new community group will be starting in January at Fen Street, every Monday from 9.30-11.00. Teas, coffees and cakes will be on offer!

## Dates for Your Diary

**Community Carol Service:** Brooklands Pavilion—Friday 9th December 6:30pm, school choir will be performing.

**Foundation Songs Around the Christmas Tree:** Countess Way—Tuesday 13th December at 9:15am and 2:30pm. Fen Street—Monday 12th December at 9:15am and 2:30pm.

**'For Every Child' Performance:** Countess Way (whole school)—Wednesday 14th December at 9:15am and 2:30pm. Fen Street Key Stage 1—Tuesday 13th December at 9:15am and 2:30pm, Fen Street Lower Key Stage 2—Wednesday 14th December at 9:15am and 2:30pm, Fen Street Upper Key Stage 2—Thursday 15th December at 9:15am and 2:30pm.

**Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day:** Whole school—Friday 16th December. Children may come to school in their Christmas jumpers (non-uniform for those not celebrating Christmas) for a suggested donation of £1.

## Tell Me Tuesday

We have now made our Tell Me Tuesday question available to answer on our website until 6pm every Tuesday. It can be found under Parents > Tell Me Tuesday.

Next week's Tell Me Tuesday question is:

On a scale on 1 to 5, how happy are you living in the local area?

## Pin Assemblies

Pin assemblies will be held in your child's classroom. Parents/Carers are invited to attend, please drop off your child as normal and then make your way to Reception to sign in where your child will come to greet you. **If you cannot make the day below, please make arrangements with your child's class for another day.**

Those children who have achieved their pin/ribbon are:

**Monday Pin Assembly: Foundation 2: (Gold Pin)** Mila, Elizabeth, Amarah, Threya

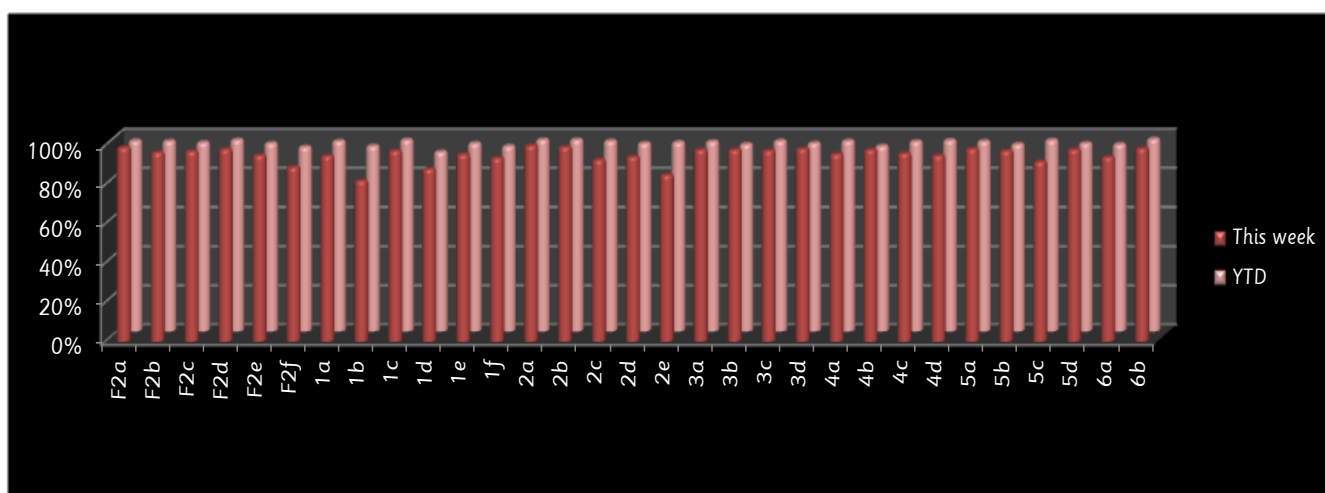
**Thursday Pin Assembly: Year 3: (Green Pin)** Maxine, Lily P, Jacob **Year 4: (Yellow Pin)** Aakriti, Pranav, Amrit

**Year 5: (Gold Pin)** Yunus **(Purple Pin)** Freya **Year 6: (Red Pin)** Maddie

**Friday Pin Assembly: Year 1: (Gold Pin)** Ellis, Alex **(Orange Pin)** Jordan, Aadi, Kieran, Alicja, Tomasz, Alfie S, Niamh, Amelie and both Joshua A's in 1f **Year 2: (Gold Pin)** **(Blue Pin)** Dylan, Daniel, Henry, Sasha, Jeffrey, Lily Z, Noah B, Jenson, Georgina

## 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:



This week's winners of the attendance trophy are 2a Mrs Odell's class, 2b Miss Hearn's class, 3d Mr Gray's class and 5d Miss Snowdon's class. Congratulations!