

# Brooklands Bulletin

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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

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to say thank you to everyone for attending parents evening this week. If you did not manage to make it, please arrange a time to meet with your child's class teacher.

Just a reminder that all children should be wearing full winter uniform, we are still seeing some shorts and summer dresses here and there. If you are unsure of our uniform policy it is available on our website under About Us > Policies > Uniform Policy.

Next week is anti-bullying week, this is quite important to us at Brooklands Farm therefore this will be the focus of our assemblies and PSHE lessons from now until Christmas, discussing things such as diversity, disabilities and cyber bullying.

Well done to our cross country team who competed last Saturday at Stantonbury Campus, they were brilliant!



Enjoy your weekend.

Don't forget to place your hot dinner orders for week commencing 21st November by Monday .

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/#>

## Reminders

**Children In Need:** Friday 18th November is Children In Need! Children may come to school dressed in something spotty for a suggested donation of £1. If your child doesn't already have something spotty, something colourful will do. (Please remember they do still need to dress warm for outdoor play.)

We will also be holding a bake sale on the day. We are asking for spotty cake donations (**nothing containing nuts please**) to be brought in with the children Friday morning to prepare the bake sale for the end of day so don't forget to bring your loose change for home time!

**A Taste of Music for 2016:** A Taste of Music for 2016 choir event will take place on Thursday 17th November at the Holiday Inn. Please arrive at 6pm for a 6:30-8:30pm performance. Tickets are available from the front desk at school—£5/adult, children under 12 are free, £15/family ticket (consisting of 2 adult and 2 children over 12). Cash only please.

**Unnamed Uniform:** Please clearly label all items of uniform as well as coats, shoes, bags, lunchboxes and PE kits. We have lots of identical items and if names are missing it's really difficult to get those items back to their owner.

**PTA Greeting Card Fundraiser:** The deadline to return your child's greeting card design has been extended until Monday 14th November to allow one more weekend for designing. Remember you don't need to celebrate Christmas to take part, cards can be designed any way you like.

**PTA Meeting:** Brooklands Farm Friends will be meeting on Monday 14th November at 7pm at the Broughton Pavilion, everyone is welcome!

**Start the Art Out & About Brooklands and Broughton Gate:** Join us on Monday mornings for Start the Art, a programme delivered by MK Gallery in collaboration with Brooklands Farm for parents and toddlers to explore the joys of art through a range of multi-sensory activities. Every Monday, 10am - 11am at Countess Way. £1 per person on the door, to book your place please visit [www.mkgallery.org](http://www.mkgallery.org)

## Dates for Your Diary

**PTA Meeting:** Broughton Pavilion—Monday 14th November 7pm

**A Taste of Music for 2016:** Holiday Inn—Thursday 17th November 6:30-8:30pm

**Children in Need Non-uniform Day:** Whole school—Friday 18th November

**PTA Non-uniform Day:** Whole school—Friday 2nd December. Children may come dressed in non-uniform in exchange for a donation for the Milton Keynes Food Bank (Foundation Stage—Year 2) or a box of chocolate/sweets for the tombola at the PTA Christmas Fayre (Years 3-6).

**PTA Christmas Fayre:** Fen Street school hall—Sunday 4th December 1-4pm.

**Lantern Making Sessions:** Countess Way and Fen Street—Monday 5th December, Tuesday 6th December and Wednesday 7th December. More details to follow.

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

**Foundation 2 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. More details to follow.

**'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. More details to follow.

## Tell Me Tuesday

We have now made our Tell Me Tuesday question available to answer on our website from 9am– 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, do you regularly speak to your neighbours?

## 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 are:

**Thursday Pin Assembly: Year 3: (Gold Pin)** Maliha **(Green Pin)** Adriana, Aleena, Isabella, Poppy

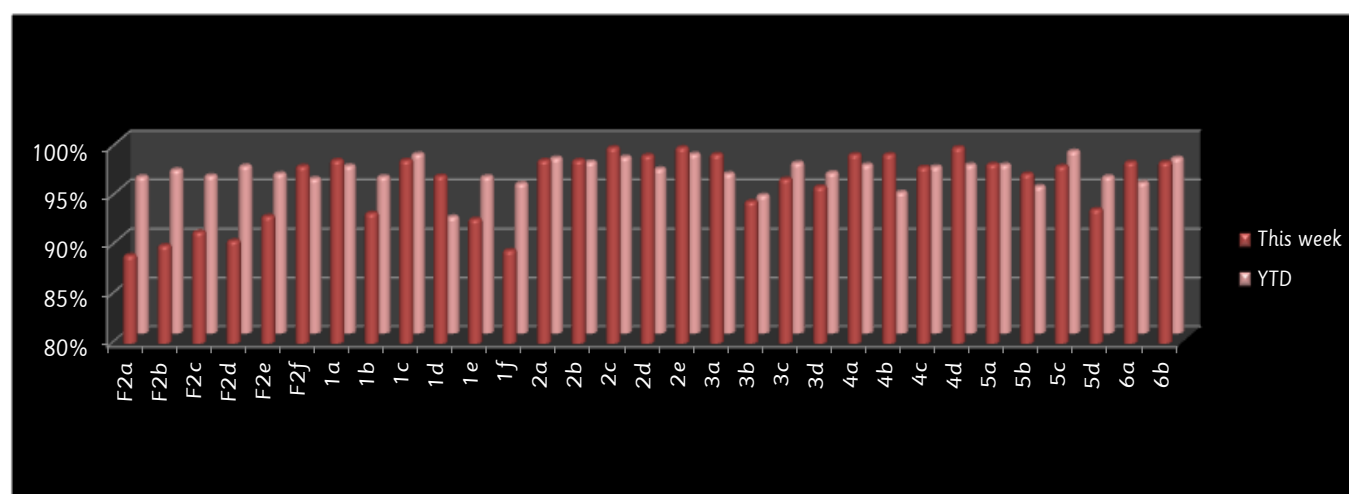
**Year 5: (Purple Pin)** Sachiel, Bradley, Riley

**Friday Pin Assembly: Year 1: (Orange Pin)** Kieran, , Ashmee, Casey, Julia, Philip, Kai

**Year 2: (Gold Pin)** Michael

## 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 2c Miss Stapleton's Class, 2e Miss Holloway's Class and 4d Mr Kerin's class, all with 100% attendance. Congratulations!