

Brooklands Bulletin



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One Community

One Primary School

One Localised Plan for Success

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Term Dates:

2015/2016

Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May

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

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you've had a restful break.

With a new term comes a new road layout. We have an ever changing landscape in our growing community so please do prepare yourselves for further changes and remain cautious of new roads opening.

We've had a busy week of exciting ignite visits, including trips to The Natural History Museum, Harry Potter Studios and an in-house workshop Greek Portal to the Past. We would like to say a very big thank you to all the parents that helped make these visits happen this week.

Now that we have started our summer term, summer uniform may be worn. However, do keep in mind that the weather is very changeable this time of year; it could be sunny and warm and cold and rainy all in the same week so please continue to send your child in with jumpers/ cardigans and coats as they spend a considerable time outdoors during playtime and learning.

Over the Easter break we ran our Year 6 Easter school which was a success! Well done and thank you to all the children who joined us, your attitude was excellent! Year 6 are into the final push before SATs and are all working very hard and we would like to thank the parents and carers for their continued support.

Enjoy your weekend.

The cut-off for ordering school dinners for week commencing 25th April is:

9am, Thursday 21st April

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

Start of the School Day: Just a reminder about the start of the school day...

Countess Way

Gates open at 8:20 and close again at 8:30. Learning starts promptly at 8:30.

Fen Street

Gates open at 8:30 and close again at 8:40. Learning starts promptly at 8:40.

Please ensure your child in the classroom and you have exited before the gates close to allow them time to settle for the start of their day.

Also, whilst it is very tempting for them, please do not allow younger siblings to touch the resources in Foundation and Nursery as they will have been set up for the day's learning.

Year 1 Trip Reminder: Just a reminder that Year 1 will be visiting the Sea Life Centre next week. Countess Way children will go Monday and Fen Street children on Tuesday and Wednesday. Miss Pinder's class has been split across Tuesday and Wednesday, the children's names are displayed under the correct day by the classroom door. Please remember that all children must be wearing full school uniform including jumpers/cardigans so that they easily recognisable as well as bring a packed lunch in a named disposable carrier bag.

Year 3 and 4 Achievements: We would like children to bring in any certificates or achievements they have been awarded outside of school so that we can celebrate with them in our assembly on Thursdays, including their Athletics certificates.

Fen Street Lost Property: As the weather has been quite nice earlier this week, we've had lots of lovely unnamed coats left on the playground. Please come to Reception to claim them from the lost property trolley.

Fen Street Foundation 2 Donations: The Foundation 2 team on Fen Street are looking for donations of any old fabrics, cushions and netting to help towards creating a new reading area environment as well as unwanted dressing up clothes. In addition, they are always in need of cereal boxes, egg cartons, bottle tops, newspapers, toilet roll tubes, shoe boxes, seeds, plant pots and soil.

Fen Street Car Park: We can appreciate that the lines in the car park are quite difficult to see, especially when the ground is wet but please take care not to take up more than one space.

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

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, how important is it to learn about the past?

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 18th April are:

Monday 18th April: Foundation 2: (Gold Pin) Oliver M **(Pink Pin)** Dylan S, Anaya, Eve, David

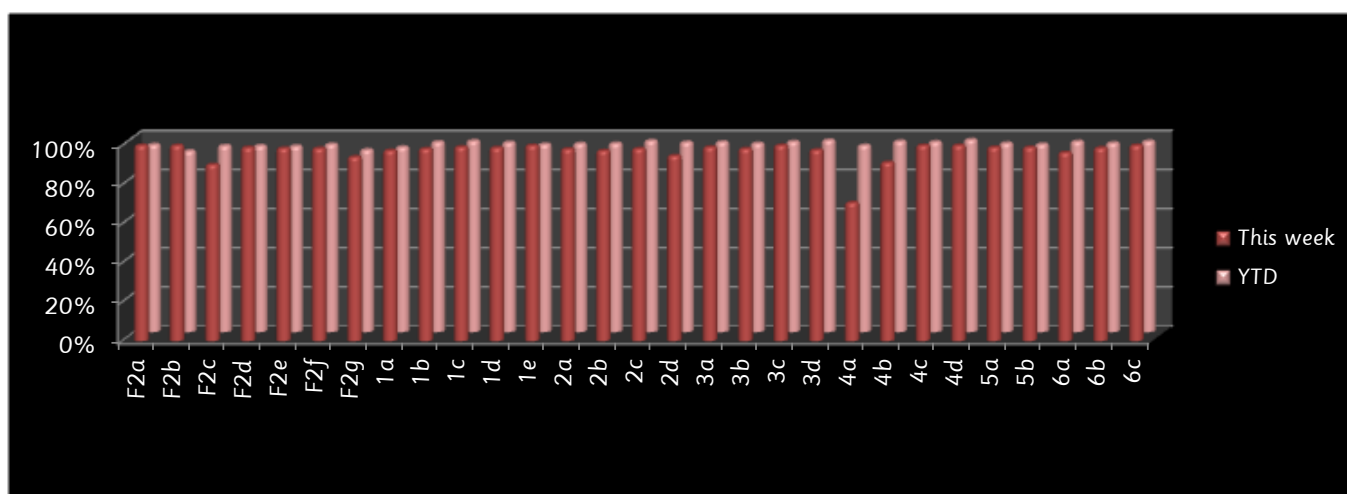
Thursday 21st April: Year 3: (Green Pin) Berat, Taylor, Chloe, Mohamed

Year 6: (Red Pin) Carla **(Red Ribbon)** Emily

Friday 22nd April: Year 2: (Gold Pin) Mina **(Blue Ribbon)** Tillie K, Simran

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 are F2a, F2b, 1d, 1e, 3c, 4c, 4d and 6c all with 100% attendance this week ! Congratulations!!!