

Brooklands Bulletin



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One Localised Plan for Success

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Term Dates:

Autumn (2) term ends 18th December

Christmas Break 21st December–1st January

Inset Day Monday 4th January

Spring (1) term begins 5th January

Spring (1) term ends 12th February

Half Term Break 15th-19th February

Spring (2) begins 22nd February

Spring (2) ends 24th March (23rd March for Nursery)

Easter Break 25th March-8th April

Inset Day 11th April

Summer (1) term begins 12th April

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)

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wow, what a first term it has been! We have successfully grown into two campuses becoming the largest primary school in Milton Keynes, we have also grown our family to double the size, we have embarked upon action research projects, had a high percentage of parents attending curriculum teas, pulled off our most spectacular Lantern Festival yet, participated in a number of sports festivals and most recently our choir brilliantly represented Brooklands Farm at the community carol service. As this term comes to an end we say a fond farewell to Miss Kikta, Miss Rose and Mrs Greenwood who are moving on to new challenges as they continue on their learning journeys. We also give our best wishes to Miss Dawe who has begun her maternity leave.

Please also join us in congratulating Miss Anderson on the birth of her baby boy Theo James who arrived on Tuesday.

Just one note to leave you with—over the past few weeks, we have been restoring justice with groups of children who have fallen out over text messages, whatsapp or other social media sites. These fall-outs have been affecting children's friendships and well being in school, which is also having an impact on their learning. As a result, we will be holding e-safety sessions in school in the new year for upper key stage 2. In order to work in partnership with us, please could you take the time over the holiday to have a conversation with your children at home about acceptable and safe use of social media?

Don't forget Monday 4th January is an inset day. We look forward to seeing all back at school on Tuesday 5th January.

Have a safe and restful holiday.

The cut-off for ordering school dinners for week commencing 11th January is:

2pm, Monday 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

The PTA would like to say a HUGE thank you to all those who helped at the End of Term Parties and End of Term Disco.

Year 5 and Year 6 Residentials: We have had a much more positive response to both the Year 5 and Year 6 Residentials. A final decision will be made in early January. If your son/daughter would like to attend the residential but you have not yet submitted a consent form and deposit please let us know the first week back.

Sex & Relationship Education Parents Information Meetings:

Year 3 Tuesday 5th January 5-6pm, Fen Street

Year 4 Wednesday 6th January 4-5pm, Fen Street

Year 5 Wednesday 6th January 5-6pm, Fen Street

Year 6 Thursday 7th January 5-6pm, Fen Street

These information sessions are parents only please.

School Dinners: We have been in touch with Chartwells regarding those who have paid for hot dinners for the date of our inset day 4th January and they've assured us that you will be refunded.

Dates for Your Diary

Upcoming Sports Festivals: 14th Jan—Year 3 & 4 Badminton @ Walton High

20th Jan—5&6 Indoor Athletics @ Ousedale.

Football Fixtures: 18th Nov, 9th Dec and 27th Jan all held at Tattenhoe.

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

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

Tell Me Tuesday

Mrs Langford, Mrs Thelwell and Miss McShane would like to say thank you for all your feedback you provide every Tuesday and look forward to seeing you again in the New Year.

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 5th January are:

Tuesday 5th January: Foundation 2: (Gold Pin) Kieran A, Sherbano H, Veer G, Evie L, Harvey T, Zaccai B, Charlotte S, Dylan B, Lewis D, Yousif T, Alfie Wheeler **Year 3: (Green Pin)**

Thursday 7th January: Year 3: (Green Pin) Sophia C **Year 4: (Yellow Pin)** Heidi B, Shiraz K, Ayaan U **Year 6: (Red Pin)** Keeley A

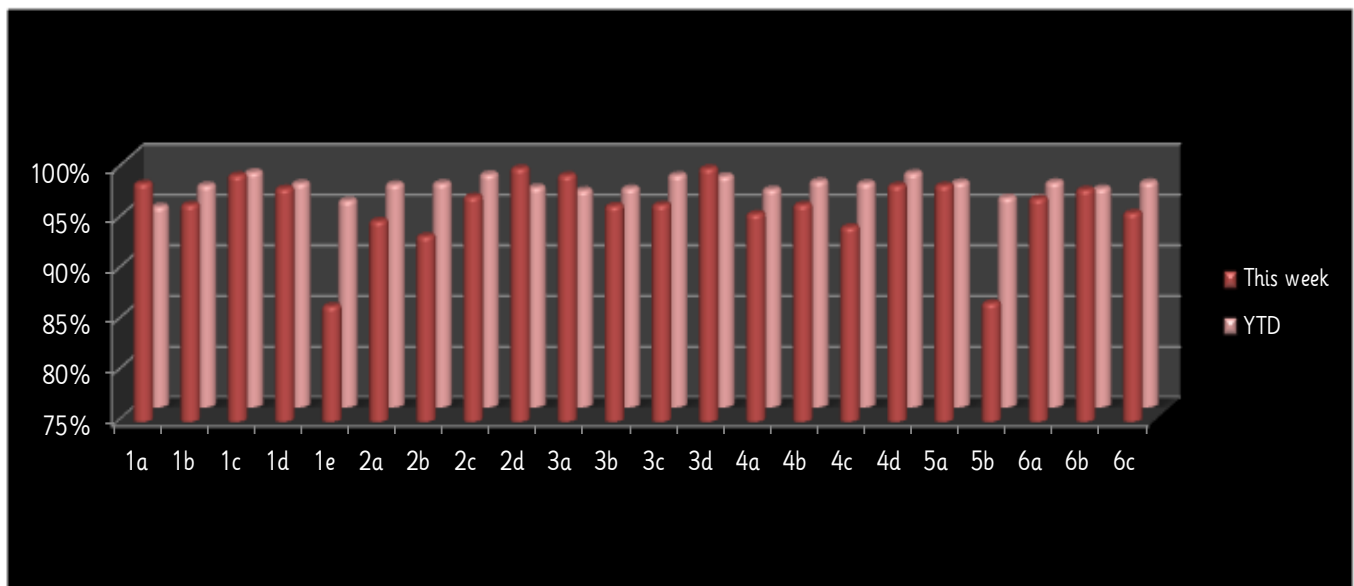
Friday 8th January: Year 1: (Gold Pin) Kajus B **(Orange Pin)** Miami J, Ellie K, Wiktorja O, Harry M-S,

Year 2: (Gold Pin) (Blue Pin) Charanpreet B, Samuel K, Nathan W, Adriana G, Harley B, Aimee N, Maddox H, Aya M, Tristan L, Zahraa C, Sam K

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:





Year Group Roundup



Foundation 1

Wow, didn't this term go quickly? This week the children at Countess Way have enjoyed learning the Christmas story, singing at the Christmas performance and had lots of fun at the Christmas party. When we come back please bring an item or picture from the holiday to talk about in group time on the first week back. Our book in January will be The Train Ride.

This week at Fen Street we have been busy making Christmas cards and calendars to take home. The children have had great fun getting their feet and hands painted! We finished the term with a little party. The wonderful ladies of the PTA and lovely mummies all joined together to come in for the day to put on a mini dance and a craft table to make Christmas decorations.

Thank you so much to all that helped, the children had a great day!

We hope you Have a wonderful Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

Year 2 have really enjoyed the final week of the term. It was great to see so many parents coming in to help make decorations! We all really enjoyed decorating our tree with you. We have also come to the end of the Baobab tree project and some of our work will soon be displayed around the school. We hope you have a lovely break!

Year 3/4 (Countess Way) have been continuing the fantastic work in closing the gaps in our understanding through our tree week project. We've looked at shape in maths and using detailed descriptions for 2d and 3d shapes. In literacy, we have focussed particularly on dialogue to create some fantastic story openings and setting descriptions. Have a fantastic Christmas break, you deserve it!

Year 5 have worked really hard on our tree project. We have been writing diaries from the perspective of a tree, creating information texts and experimenting with different artistic skills. It was a pleasure to see some children's parents come in and help with their final pieces, sharing in the childrens' learning. They have produced some stunning final pieces of work. Some of which will be displayed in the tree project stairwell.

Year 6 have enjoyed learning about Buddhism and the Bodhi tree in tree week. We have finished our display work today and it was lovely to have parents in to join in with our tree week art!