

# Brooklands Bulletin

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## Term Dates:

Autumn (2) term ends 19th December

Christmas break 22nd December - 2nd January

Spring (1) term begins 5th January

Spring (1) term ends 13th February

Half term break 16-20th February

Inset Day 23rd February

Spring (2) term begins 24th February

## Dates for your diary:

**Christmas Fayre** 30th November  
1pm - 4pm in the school hall.

**Parents Evenings** 2nd Dec, 3:40-5pm and 4th Dec, 4:30-7:30pm

**Tree Festival weeks** w/c 8th & 15th December

**Christmas School Disco** Thursday  
18th December

## Tell Me Tuesday

This week's Tell Me Tuesday question is:

**On a scale of 1 to 5, do you feel children are encouraged to express themselves at Brooklands Farm?**

Last week's results:

**91% of parents scored us 4 or 5 for anti-bullying.**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wow! Another amazing lantern festival and the rain held off! Please join us in saying a huge thanks to everyone involved, who have enabled us to achieve such a fun experience together. This includes those who provided sandwiches, parents and Year 7's that helped make lanterns and a special thank you to the enrichment team who have once again excelled themselves in putting together a performance of art, dance and music. You've lit up our community.

Kind regards,

Maxine Low, Katie Higginbottom, Elisabeth Morrison

## Community groups that meet at Brooklands Farm

**Mondays:** Mums & Tots 8:45-11:15

**Tuesdays:** Child minders & Tots 8:45-11:15

**Thursdays:** Mums & Tots 8:45-11:15

**Fridays:** Me Time 9:00-11:00. A fun group just for you! Try something different, make friends and find your creativity. Childcare is available but should be booked in advance as places are limited.

To report an absence please phone the absence line on 01908 760081 (option 1) by 9am. Alternatively, you may report an absence via the website: <http://brooklandsfarm.milton-keynes.sch.uk/reporting-absence/#>

Care Club contact number (available during the hours of 4-6pm): 07756 564509

## Latest News

**PE kits:** PE lessons are held outdoors. Some children still do not have suitable PE kit in school to keep them warm during lessons. Please be sure their PE contains a jumper, socks, jogging bottoms, trainers or plimsolls.

**Children in Need:** We raised a total of £974.49, well done to everyone!

**Parents Evenings:** Letters have gone out for Parents Evening which will be held on Tuesday 2nd December 3:40-5pm and Thursday 4th December 4:30-7:30pm. Please return the bottom half of the letter indicating your preferred day and time as soon as possible.

**Collection From After School Learning Clubs:** Please collect children from learning clubs at 4:30 from the school hall, accessible via the door nearest the hall.

**Football:** The Year 5 & 6 football team have won their last two games 8-2 and 4-0!

**Lost Property:** Please clearly label all items of clothing, coats, shoes, PE kit, book bags and lunch boxes as our lost property is growing once again. The box is located next to the doors leading to the playground and is available for you to look through at drop off and pick up times. Unfortunately, we are no longer able to list lost items in the bulletin or email via ParentMail.

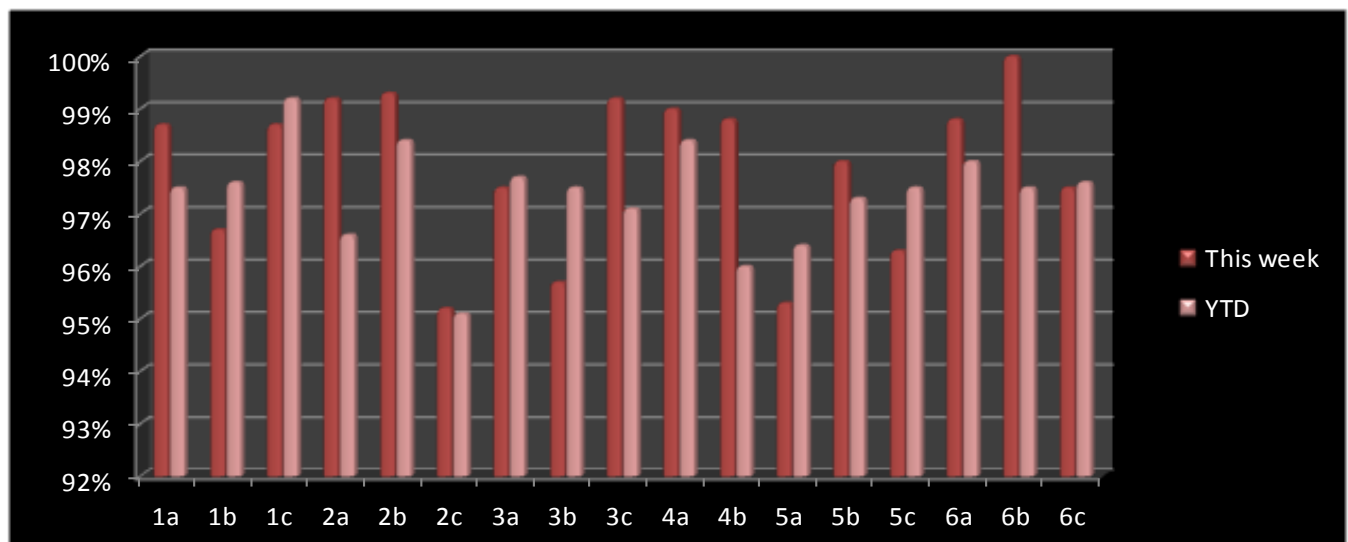
**Christmas Dinner:** If you are ordering a Christmas dinner for 10th Dec, please may we have those orders a week early, by the 26th November to allow Cygnet to plan. Please be sure to include your child's full name and class on the order form.

**Cold Weather:** Now that the colder weather is upon us, please be sure that children come to school with a warm coat as they may be outside for playtime for up to 45 minutes during the day.

**Writing Surgery with Mr. Williams:** If you have received a letter for a writing surgery with Mr. Williams, please note that the date has changed from Thursday 27th November to Friday 28th November.

## 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:





### ***Pin Assemblies***

Pin assemblies will now be held in your child's classroom for a more personalised experience as we continue to grow. Parents/Carers are invited to attend but please sign in at Reception and then accompany your child to their classroom.

Children that have achieved their pins for week commencing 24th November are:

**Wednesday 26th Nov @ 8:40: Year 4: (Gold pin)** Renee H

**Thursday 27th Nov @ 8:40: Year 6: (Red pin)** Tejay S



### ***In Our Community***

#### **Upcoming events:**

**Christmas Family Fun and Christmas Light Switch On** Sunday 30th November 4pm-7pm at the Theatre District. For more details visit [www.theatre-district.co.uk](http://www.theatre-district.co.uk)

**Community Carol Service** Friday 12th December 6:30pm on grounds behind Broughton Pavilion. Brooklands Farm and Broughton Fields choirs will be performing as well as Olney Brass Band.



### ***Brooklands Farm Friends (PTA)***

Thank you for all the kind donations of chocolate and sweets for our tombola.

**Please join us for our Christmas Fayre on Sunday, 30th November 1-4pm in the school hall. There will be lots of stalls selling some lovely gifts for the festive season. Entry is free and refreshments will be served. Don't forget to enter the raffle!**

Stalls are fully booked for our Christmas Fayre, for interest in future events please contact Sam Vernon.

The PTA are in need of volunteers for these upcoming events:

Christmas Fayre, Sunday 30th November 1-4pm

Christmas Disco, Thursday 18th December

For more details, please contact Sam Vernon at [samantha.vernon@sky.com](mailto:samantha.vernon@sky.com)

If you are interested in joining Brooklands Farm Friends to help raise money for our school please pass your contact details to Jill in Reception.

Don't forget to look through the second hand uniform rail in Reception, they may be outgrown but not outworn.



# Small School News

## *Early Years*

### **Foundation 2**

We have enjoyed learning our songs for the lantern festival this week and have been very excited about performing. We have started our new project on the core book 'Owl Babies' and can't wait for our trip on Rushmere Country Park next week. Please return your permission slips if you haven't already done so.

## *Infant School*

**Year 1** children are learning about the story of *The Little Red Hen*. We thought we'd share with you that the Stuff & Nonsense Theatre Company will be performing The Little Red Hen at The Stables in Wavendon, for more details visit:

[http://www.stables.org/Whats\\_on/Event/The\\_Little\\_Red\\_Hen](http://www.stables.org/Whats_on/Event/The_Little_Red_Hen)

**Year 2** were lucky enough to enjoy a trip to Cadbury World this week to Ignite our chocolate project! We had a tour around the factory, learnt about the journey from bean to bar and were even given a pot of delicious melted chocolate to eat on our way round! A huge thank you to our parent helpers.

We are now looking forward to learning more about chocolate and designing our very own chocolate treat.

## *Lower Junior*

**Year 3** have embarked on their Vanishing Rainforest project and have thought of some amazing questions and ideas they want to pursue. We are all very excited!

## *Upper Junior*

**Year 5** were transported back to the Stuart era this week with a fantastic ignite day for their new project, the Plague! The children were shocked when Miss Courtney started getting very ill with red ringed rashes! We had to put red crosses on the door when the doctor came and told us she had the plague! Excitement has also been building this week as we prepared for our lantern festival. We have been very busy making lanterns and practising songs.