

Brooklands Bulletin

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Brooklands Farm
Primary School
Weaving a learning journey

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Term Dates:

Summer (2) ends 22nd July

2015/2016

Autumn (1) term begins 7th
September

Autumn (1) term ends 23rd Sep-
tember

Autumn Half Term Break 23th-
30th

Autumn (2) term begins 2nd No-
vember

Dates for your diary:

First day of Term: Monday 7th Sept

Curriculum Teas: w/c 14th Sept

Tell Me Tuesday

We would like to thank you for all the feedback you've kindly provided us with throughout the school year.

We will have more questions ready for you in September!

What an end to an exciting year! Thank you to all of those who came to our Walking with Giants festival last Wednesday. The weather wasn't kind to us early in the week, we were unable to practise and we even contemplated cancelling but we believed in ourselves, the sun came out just in time and we pulled it off with great success. Well done to the enrichment team and thank you to those parents that helped.

We now have the keys to the Countess Way campus and furniture, books and equipment has started to be delivered. Come September we may be spread across two campuses but we are truly One school, One community, One localised plan for success!

Have a lovely, restful, safe summer holiday and we'll see you back on Monday 7th September.

Community groups that meet at Brooklands Farm—Fen Street

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

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

Wednesdays: Polish Friends of Brooklands Farm 8:40-9:40

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 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/#>

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

Latest News

Inclusion Quality Mark Success! Inclusion is about equal opportunities for all children, whatever their age, gender, ethnicity, attainment and background. At Brooklands Farm Primary School we believe that we are a truly inclusive school where the teaching and learning, achievements, attitudes and well being of every young person matters. We believe in equal opportunities for all children and work hard to ensure that every child reaches their full potential academically, emotionally and socially, in a happy, nurturing environment.

In June we underwent a rigorous assessment to validate our inclusive values. The assessor talked to parents, children, staff, governors, the local community as well as observing teaching and learning. We were delighted that the assessor validated our achievements and awarded Brooklands Farm Primary School with the prestigious Inclusion Quality Mark.

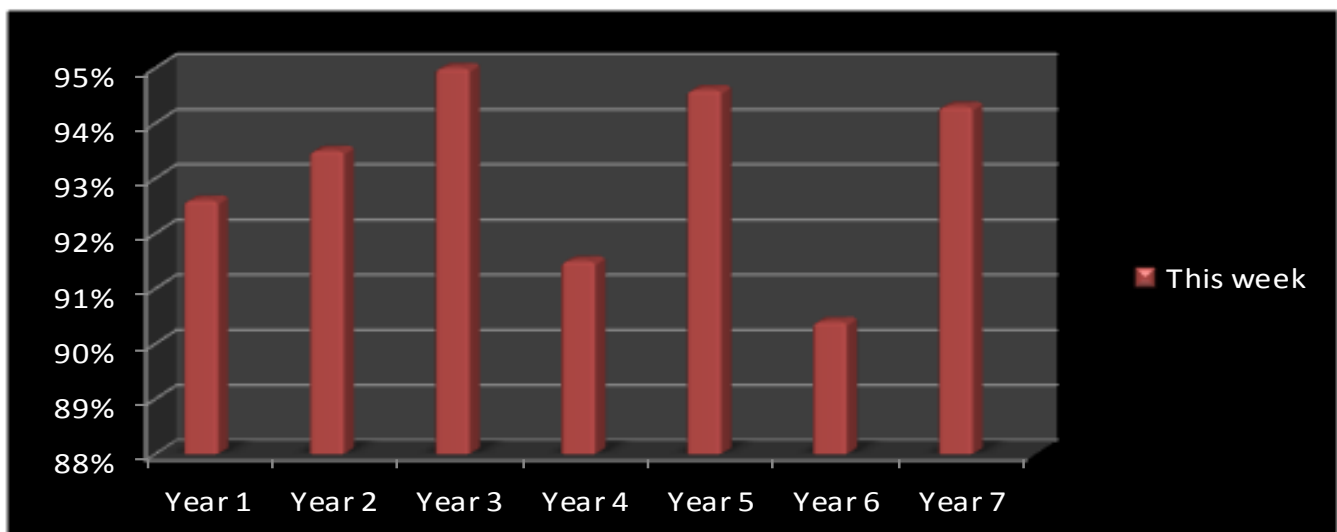
Volunteers: We would like to thank all of those who have helped us throughout the year. Whether it was a school trip, an event, organising books, sewing, creating displays or in the classrooms your help means a great deal to us and you are greatly appreciated.

The Story of Brooklands Farm Display: A special thank you to Mrs Underwood, Mrs Sanderson and Mrs Sleight for their incredible work on the Story of Brooklands Farm display outside the school hall at Fen Street. It tells the story of the changing landscape of Brooklands Farm and it looks amazing!

School Dinners: We are moving to an online ordering system for school dinners. If you have not already registered please do so at <https://mealordering.bluerunner.co.uk/> as there will no longer be a paper option for ordering meals come September. When registering, please tick the box to receive updates as you will not be able to add children, select our school and their class until 1st August. By ticking this box, it will enable you to receive an email prompt from Chartwells to then add children and their class on that date.

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:



In Our Community

Broughton Fire Station Open Day

Sunday 26th July, 1-4pm @ Broughton Fire Station

Teddy Bears Picnic

Thursday 30th July, 11:30am-2pm @ Broughton Fields School Grounds

Family Olympics & Picnic

Tuesday 4th August , 12-2pm @ Broughton Fields School Grounds

St Lawrence Open Day & Picnic

Sunday 9th August 11am-4pm @ St Lawrence Church

Family Fun Day

Tuesday 11th, Wednesday 19th & 26th August, 10am-12pm

Little Amigos Parent & Toddler Group

Every Friday, 9:30-11:30am @ Broughton Pavilion

MK Play Association

Every Friday during school holidays, 10am-12:30pm @ Broughton Fields School Grounds



Brooklands Farm Friends (PTA)

Brooklands Farm Friends would like to say a HUGE THANK YOU to all those who helped with the end of term disco. Without your help these events cannot take place.



Small School News



Early Years

Foundation 1

Wow! How quickly this year has gone. The nursery team have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know your children and supporting them in their learning this year. This past week and a half we have been talking a lot about our new teachers and who is going to be in our new classes. From the talks, it is clear your children are ready for their next step. Some children are moving to new schools and we wish all of your children lots of luck for next year from Mrs Kingsman, Miss Fuller, Miss Broome, Mrs West, Miss Redshaw, Mrs Fabian and Miss McShane.

Infant School

Year 1 enjoyed singing and dancing at the Walking with Giants festival last Wednesday and the Year 1 team would like to thank all the parents who came along to support us! Year 1 has also enjoyed meeting the farmer last week and learning about the history of Brooklands Farm. We hope you have a restful Summer break.

Year 2 have had another fantastic week! All classes seem settled and have really started to make strong relationships together as a whole.

Thank you to all the parents that came and supported Walking with Giants last week... It truly was a success! We hope you all have a restful summer and we look forward to working together in September!

Lower Junior

Year 3 have tried very hard to get the balance right in transition and get to know their new classroom environment. They are beginning to form good relationships with both peers and their class teachers. We hope everyone has a lovely, well rested summer and returns safely back to school in September! We can't wait to hear all about your summer and develop our 'balance' skills further.

Year 4 have settled well into their Year 4 classes this transition. We have designed our working walls and book corners ourselves so they are all ready for September. Have a fantastic Summer!

Upper Junior

Year 5 Wow, what a great end to the year! Year 5 have shown they are already becoming individuals by taking responsibility for their learning and belongings. We hope that everyone in Year 5 has a fantastic holiday and look forward to seeing you all in September to continue our Take One Picture Project.

Summer holiday homework is on the website. It is related to the Take One Picture Project. Please choose to either:

- Research the painter Thomas Gainsborough and create a Powerpoint presentation or poster about him.
- Have a go at creating your own version of the picture, 'Mr and Mrs Andrews' by Thomas Gainsborough - you could use sketching pencils, pastels, paint, collage, etc.
- Pretend you are Mr or Mrs Andrews and write their diary, showing how they feel and talking about their relationship.
- Write a story with Mr and Mrs Andrews as your main characters.

Choose one (or more) of these things to do over the summer and please bring it on the first day back.

If you are looking for a fun family day out which links to your learning in the holidays then we recommend going to the national Gallery in London - see if you can find the painting 'Mr and Mrs Andrews' by Thomas Gainsborough there!

Enjoy the holidays!

Year 6

Transition has gone extremely well for Year 6. We have prepared our environments and ourselves for September and are looking forward to the 'strong & powerful' journey ahead. We hope you all have a restful holiday!

Year 7

We have said an emotional goodbye to our Year 7's with a leavers assembly today. We are so proud of the journey they have taken here at Brooklands Farm and wish them all the best at secondary school. They have opened their hearts, grown their learning and believed in themselves—we hope they take this with them. Have a wonderful Summer holiday.