

Brooklands Bulletin



Brooklands Farm
Primary School
Weaving a learning journey

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One Primary School

One Localised Plan for Success

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Term Dates:

Autumn (1) term ends 23rd October

Autumn Half Term Break 23th-30th October

Autumn (2) term begins 2nd November

Autumn (2) term ends 18th December (17th December for Nursery)

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,

Maxine Low was involved in a car accident two weeks ago. She is currently recovering at home. At the present time it is expected that she will return to school around Christmas time. Our Heads of School Elisabeth Morrison and Katie Higginbottom will continue to lead Brooklands Farm in Maxine's absence.

Thank you to all of the Foundation 2 parents who attended Curriculum Tea this week and thank you once again to those who attended in previous weeks. At the end of the Years 1-6 Curriculum Tea events, parents were asked to provide feedback on their understanding of 'the standard' their child needs to reach by the end of the year. Parents were provided with a counter when entering the hall and were asked to vote when leaving. Those of you who felt you fully understood the end of year standard put your counter in the green box, the orange box if you were starting to understand but needed some more support and the red if you didn't understand the end of year standard.

The results were:

Red	Orange	Green
23 counters	134 counters	173 counters
7%	41%	52%

Thank you very much for your feedback, it has been valuable to us.

Over the half term break please take the opportunity to speak with your children about internet safety and if they should happen to find something they shouldn't see on the internet to tell an adult immediately. Something as innocent as searching for a pop song on YouTube could return some very unwanted results.

When we return, we have a busy few weeks including parents evenings, residential meetings, prospective parents meetings and of course the Lantern Festival so please mark your calendars.

Have a wonderful, restful, safe half term break and we'll see you back at school on Monday 2nd November.

The cut-off for ordering school dinners for week commencing 9th November is:

Midnight, Sunday 1st November

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 numbers (available during the hours of 4-6pm): Fen Street—07756 564509, Countess Way—07902 112973

Latest News

Restorative Practice Sessions for Parents: We will be hosting two workshops to introduce parents to the restorative practices that we use at school on Thursday 3rd and Thursday 10th December at 5pm (Countess Way Campus). You may sign up for the sessions at:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/12hjMi65SP2HpZtljSxvPM9-dEDeVpHbTq|VI8tej59I/viewform?usp=send_form

Parents Evening will be held on Tuesday 10th November 3:50-5:30pm and Thursday 12th November 3:50-7:30pm. Please go to <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk> and enter the code **4ZNZQ** to book your session if you haven't already done so.

Secondary School Applications: A reminder that the deadline for secondary school applications is 31st October.

Cross Country: Last Saturday, our cross country team competed at Stantonbury. This was the first time we've had a full team. The children showed great determination, resilience and sportsmanship. Well done!

Head Lice: Please remember to regularly check your child for head lice and keep long hair tied back. We've had more head lice appear this week.

Lost Property: We have come across quite a few items of lost property that is unnamed, including some lovely winter coats. Please make sure all items worn into school are clearly labelled so that they can be returned when mislaid.

Local Business Contacts: We are asking parents if they have any contacts with local businesses that would be interested in donating either fireworks or money towards the purchase of fireworks for our Lantern Festival to please notify the front desk.

School Photographs: A photographer will be in on Thursday 12th November at both Countess Way and Fen Street. If you would like your children photographed together with younger siblings not yet of school age, please come in for 8:30 am. Those families with children on both campuses, you may have them photographed together during this time as well—please speak to a member of staff at Reception to coordinate this.

Year 6 Oakgrove Sessions: On Tuesday 3rd November Year 6's will be walking to Oakgrove to take part in a Maths activity session. Please remember to send them in with a packed lunch in a named carrier bag on that day.

School Dinners: It appears Chartwells may have changed the menu for the next half term. You may want to login to confirm your choices are correct if you have ordered through till Christmas.

Dates for Your Diary

Deadline for Secondary School Applications: Saturday 31st October

Residential Meetings for Years 5 & 6: Thursday 5th November 5-6pm

Parents Evening: Tuesday 10th November 3:50-5:30pm and Thursday 12th November 3:50-7:30pm

School Photographs: Thursday 12th November

Lantern Festival: Friday 20th November 5-6pm @ Fen Street

Year 6 Residential: 20th-24th June

Year 5 Residential: 6th-8th July

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.

This week's Tell Me Tuesday question is:

On a scale of 1 to 5, how safe does your child feel at school?

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.

Those children who have achieved their pin for assembly week commencing 2nd November are:

Year 6—Please confirm which day of the week you can attend with your child's class teacher:

(Gold Pin) Keeley A **(Red Pin)** Valisha S, Keisha B, Keaton C, Tomas K, Jack P, Bailey S, Millie B, Maheen R, Tega, R-T, Manahil M

Monday 2nd November: F2: (Gold Pin) Sophie P

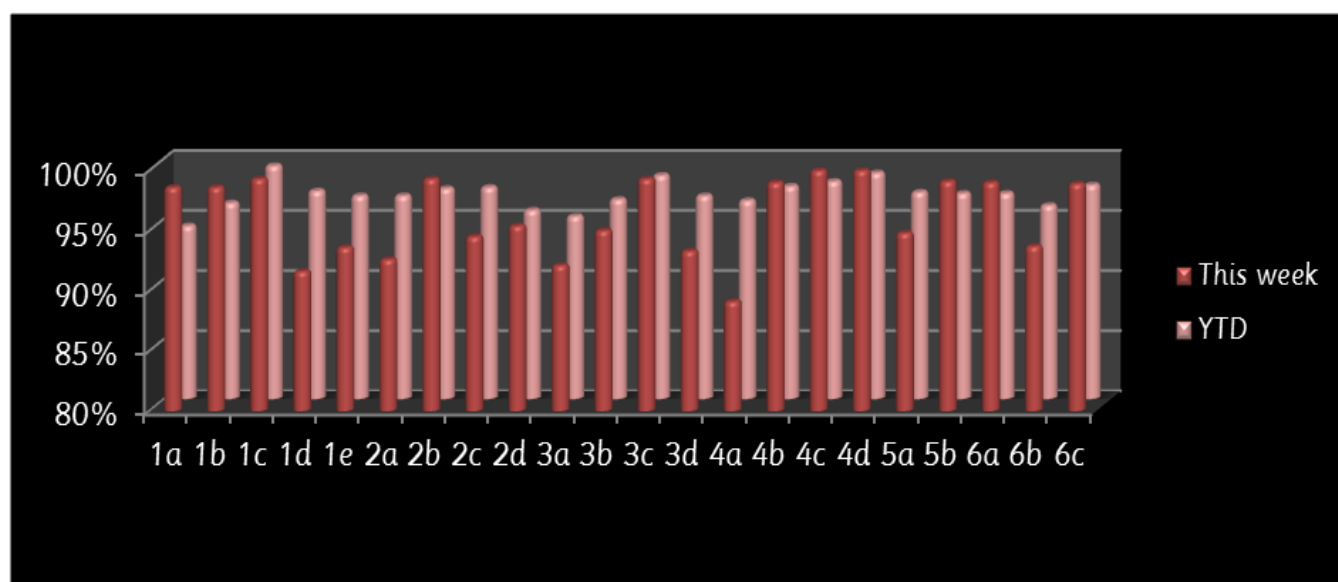
Wednesday 4th November: Year 3: (Gold Pin) Noor T **(Green Pin)** Naomi L

Friday 6th November: Year 2: (Gold Pin) Julia H **(Blue Pin)** Elsie L, Sadie E, Theo S, Lucas M, Isabella P-C

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:





Small School News



Early Years

Foundation 1 have been continuing our project 'You and Me' and have been learning about people who help us. The children have been exploring the hospital role play area and learning about all the different instruments and items that doctors use. The children have also had great fun in our role play fire engine. The children have decided to make hoses to put out fire in our junk modelling area by selecting the bottles and paper to create a water effect.

Please can we remind you to bring in wellies for the children as they love playing outside and do get rather wet!

Foundation 2 had a great week continuing the Funnybones story at Countess Way. We have looked at labelling in literacy and the children were beginning to label in sentences (The big skeleton, The little skeleton and I am...sentences) We spoke to the children about finger spaces and full stops! Keep up the great writing!

Children at Fen Street have really enjoyed learning about our projects on Emergency Services. Thank you very much to Mr and Mrs French for coming in to talk to us about what it is like to be in the police. We really enjoyed trying on the different uniforms and seeing all your equipment. We will begin our project 'Bright sparks' after half term, kicking off with Fireworks. If you see any fireworks over half term then please draw a picture or take some photographs and bring them in to share after half term.

Thank you very much to all the parents that attended the curriculum tea. It was lovely to see so many of you and begin the journey in working together with you. We will give more information out about the end of year standard soon. Any questions please come and see a member of staff. Have a wonderful break, making lots of lovely memories.

Infant School

Year 1 have enjoyed creating their 'All About Me' books this week, they have shown great determination! Thank you to all of the parents who came in to share their child's learning. We are looking forward to starting our exciting new project after half-term. Please could you bring in any size empty boxes for our project art day?

Just a reminder that children in Year 1 are provided with fruit for a snack so not to worry about providing one for them

Lastly, we would like to express how well Year 1 have settled in this half term. We hope you all have a lovely half term break and get a well needed rest.

Year 2 have been looking at instruction texts which included writing instructions to perform a magic trick or making zombie soup for Halloween! In maths we have begun our learning journey in multiplication by using arrays and number lines. This was our final week of the lighthouse project so we have finished our lighthouse art pieces and found different ways to apply our new knowledge of materials. We are very much looking forward to learning about chocolate next half term and hopefully we'll get the chance to try some too. Well done to all of Year 2 for working hard and being very calm this half term! We hope you all have a lovely half term.

Lower Junior

Year 3 have been enjoying the last week of our rainforest project and preparing to teach the Year 2 children. We will be showing them leaflets, posters and videos we have made. We are all very excited to showcase our learning.

Year 3/4 have been getting stuck into all aspects of our learning. Whether it be proper nouns in grammar or big maths beat that, the children have been showing high learning zones and resilient attitudes. They've also finished their Milton Keynes board games!

Year 4

What a busy half term! We have explored the Romans, played drums, learnt badminton and a dance ready for the Lantern Festival as just a snippet of the half term so far! Next half term we will begin our Pirate project where we will be exploring sound in science and making instruments through design and technology. If you have small boxes/cereal boxes or cans please could you bring them in?

The children have worked hard in their maths lessons, they are trying hard to learn their multiplication tables too!

We hope you all have a restful break, lots of sleep ready for the next half term!

Upper Junior

Year 5 have grown their learning this week in project creating graphs on data discovered from the Titanic. We have also started to grow our learning of multiplication in Maths and made some fantastic first, second and third class rooms from the Titanic in our art lessons with all the shoe boxes brought into school.

Year 6 have started completing their strong and powerful target cards and are really looking forward to getting their pins after half term! They've also loved their Nelson Mandela project and have enjoyed bringing it to a close this week.



Community groups that meet at Brooklands Farm

Countess Way:

Tuesdays: Mums & Tots 8:30-11:00

Fen Street:

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

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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. Please book your place by visiting their Facebook page "Brooklands Farm Me Time" or email Hannah at hannahtigue@yahoo.co.uk. Me Time is open to everyone in the community. There is also a crèche available but should be booked in advance as places are limited.

Brooklands Farm Friends (PTA)

>>>>>>>>>>Volunteers needed for the Lantern Festival, Friday 20th November <<<<<<<<<<<<<

Brooklands Farm Friends will be holding their next meeting at 7:30pm on 24th November at Fen Street in the community room next to the hall.

All are welcome from both Countess Way and Fen Street campuses.

For more information please contact Sam Vernon at samantha.vernon@sky.com or visit their Facebook page by searching Brooklands Farm Friends (PTA)

Upcoming Local Events In Our Community

**Spooky Halloween Dance Camp, Wednesday 28th & Thursday 29th October 9am—3pm
@ Monkston Community Centre**

A spooky 2 day specialist dance camp for ages 5-12

For more information please contact Lauren Carpenter 07983 877403

lcarpenter@premier-education.com

Star Wars Family Fun Day, Wednesday 28th October 10 to 12 noon.

For more information contact Ruth Maxey at

ruth@mk-communityministry.org.uk

MK Dons Family Fun Day, Saturday 31st October, kick-off 3pm @ Stadium MK

MK Dons vs Hull City. Tickets will be priced at just £12 Adults and £1 Under 18s. This fun will start outside the ground from 12 noon and will include live music, entertainers, bouncy castle, climbing wall, fairground rides and much, much more.

Residents Christmas Party, Friday 3rd December 7:30pm @ The Broughton Pub

A great opportunity to come and meet your neighbours in a social and relaxed environment. Enjoy a 3 course meal at the amazing price of £13.99! This is an 18+ only event and there are a limited amount of tickets. Book online at

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/residents-group-christmas-party-tickets-19099481062>