

# Brooklands Bulletin

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**Brooklands Farm**  
Primary School  
Weaving a learning journey

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## Term Dates:

Autumn (2) term ends 19th December  
(18th December for Nursery)

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:

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

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

**Foundation 1 & 2 Songs Around  
the Christmas Tree** 17th Dec,  
2pm and 18th Dec, 9am

**Christmas School Disco** Thursday  
18th December

## Tell Me Tuesday

This week's Tell Me Tuesday  
question is:

On a scale of 1 to 5, how im-  
portant is tree week?

Last week's results:

96% scored us 4 or 5 for encour-  
aging children to express them-  
selves?

Dear Parents/Carers,

May we thank you for yet another successful Lantern Festi-  
val - it was fabulous to see the whole community come to-  
gether.

Our basketball team took part in the finals on Friday and have  
represented our school with pride.

This week is assessment week in school, we will working in  
partnership with your child to look at the progress they have  
already made this term and to discuss with them how to take  
their next steps.

We are looking forward to seeing you all at Parents Evening  
and can't wait to share all the positive learning that we've  
been involved with this term.

The cold weather is well and truly here - please make sure  
your child has a winter coat with gloves and a hat and also is  
prepaid for PE to be outside too!

Hope you had a lovely weekend

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/#](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.

**Parents Evenings/Learning Clubs:** Parents Evening will be held on Tuesday 2nd December 3:40-5pm and Thursday 4th December 4:30-7:30pm, therefore after school learning clubs will not run on those days.

**Maths Resources:** We now have a number of Maths resources available for you to purchase to help children with home learning. Resources available include: bead strings, number lines, hundred squares, times table posters, number crunchers and Numicon.

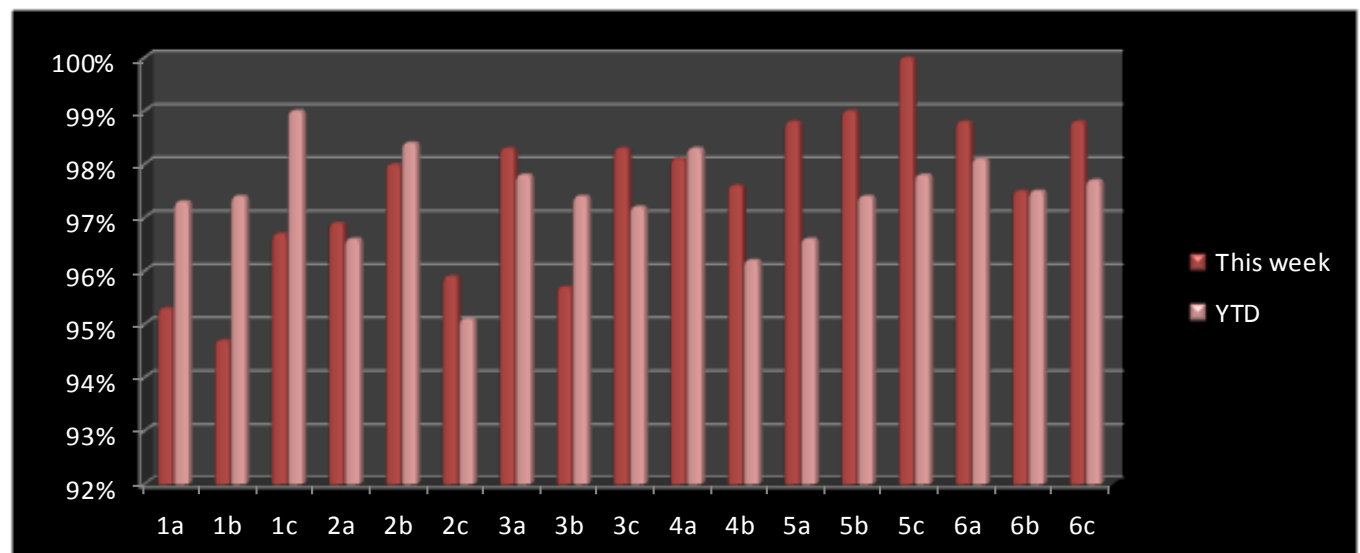
**Foundation 1 End of Term:** The last day of term for Foundation 1 (Nursery) is Thursday 18th December 2014.

**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.

**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.

## 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 1st December are:

**Wednesday 3rd Dec @ 8:40: Year 3: (Gold pin)** Angad J **(Green pin)** Aydan P, Lola G

**Thursday 4th Dec @ 8:40: Year 6: (Red pin)** Katie C, Isha P, Josh P

**Friday 5th Dec @ 8:40: Year 1: (Gold pin)** Tyson J **Year 2: (Gold pin)** Shahyan G

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

#### **Upcoming events:**

**community action: mk Drop-In Christmas Event** Wednesday 10th December 3:15-4:15pm at Brooklands Farm Primary School. Cupcake decorating and free hot chocolate. For more details call Josan on 07738 405 371.

**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)***

The PTA are in need of volunteers the school 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 1** children have been enjoying the *Owl Babies* story and have been acting out the story and making various owl and woodland creature themed models, paintings and drawings these past two weeks. Next week we will be moving on to learning *Whatever Next* by Jill Murphy.

Please ensure your children have wellies and waterproof coats as winter has truly arrived!

### **Foundation 2**

We had amazing trips this week to Rushmere County Park to chop down the school Christmas trees. It was cold but we managed to dodge any bad weather! The children have been very engaged with writing this week and are making huge steps in their learning!

Please make sure that children are not bringing loom bands into school. These are dangerous and could cause injury.

## *Infant School*

### **Year 1**

As the temperature is decreasing please could children have both jogging bottoms and a jumper to wear for PE sessions as these will continue to be outside. Many thanks!

**Year 2** have produced some fantastic writing on Mr Willy Wonka in literacy this week. In maths, we have been working hard on recognising and understanding fractions, especially halves and quarters. We have also learnt many fascinating facts about how chocolate gets from a bean to a bar.

## *Lower Junior*

**Year 3** have been using their geography skills to investigate the climate of rainforests and locating them using maps, atlases and the internet.

## *Upper Junior*

**Year 5** would like to say a massive thank you to all the parents for supporting us at the Lantern Festival! We are now focused on our Plague project, making props and writing scripts for our Horrible Histories episode!

**Year 6** children had their first go at planning their project this week. They have planned their timetable and have been booking into workshops. They've been excited about planning their own project homework too!