



Together We Inspire, Challenge, Achieve

Friday 25 September 2026

Dear Brookmead Families

We have been so lucky to have the September sunshine with us for these last few weeks - long may it last. The children have loved playing outside in the warm sunshine and exploring our OPAL activities.

GOOD NEWS – BRINGING LEARNING TO LIFE

Meet the Teacher events have taken place over the last few weeks. Thank you so much to all who came and had the opportunity to meet your child's classteacher and learn more about the daily routines. It was a pleasure to meet with so many of you in those meetings. Last Friday, curriculum information was shared with all parents - please do take a look at the emails you received to find out more.

Year 5 and Reception Buddies have been having an absolute whale of a time during our OPAL lunchtimes. The Year 5 children have been so caring towards our youngest Brookmeaders and ensured they feel safe and happy with our lunchtime play.

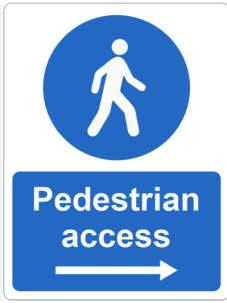
PE Curriculum - our PE Curriculum has undergone some change this academic year. Mr Tompkins - our PE lead, has spent a lot of time looking at PE curriculums in schools where sport is a strength. We now use 'Get Set for PE' for our PE delivery which ensures children have the opportunity for competitive sports alongside skills development. 'Get Set for PE' uses a values based approach with a focus on participation, teamwork and respect.

See our Instagram page [@brookmeadschool](https://www.instagram.com/brookmeadschool) for more news about science learning in year 5 and 6, Forest School in year 2 and PE in year 4.



Shout out to our **wonderful early years Reception staff team** for such incredible work settling in our youngest Brilliant Brookmeaders. The start to a new school year is busy for everyone, but so important in setting expectations and ensuring children feel safe and happy. Well done to Miss Randell, Miss Fernandez-Lewis, Mrs C Taylor, Miss Bates and Mrs Baughan for all of their hard work and dedication to start off the school year so beautifully in reception.

Shout out to our **Reception parents** for your unfailing support for the staff team and the school to ensure your child settles, and thank you also for your understanding of the new entry and exit route for your children from next week. We know that changes like this can be tricky, but your understanding goes such a long way to enabling us to focus on the children.

	HEALTH AND SAFETY - EARLY YEARS DROP OFF AND COLLECTION Following a site visit from the Bucks Health and Safety team, advice was given to remove any pedestrianised access to the car park by children wherever possible. The site team at Brookmead has carefully considered the safest and most practical alternative route for our reception children to enter and leave school. <u>From Monday 28 September, Reception children will enter school via the same route as the rest of the school.</u> Please come through the small playground, continue onto the first big playground, and follow the path around the building. You will then arrive at the Library door, where the class teachers will be waiting to welcome your child. At the end of the school day, please follow the same route to collect your child from the Library door.
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YOU SAID	WE DID
I would like to know what my child is learning in French.	This was sent to parents via email on the curriculum information sheets on Friday 19th September, please do let us know if you did not receive the email and we can resend it.
Why can't the children go out to play when it rains at lunchtime?	We warmly encourage outside play at all times, even in light rain and drizzle. Please do send your child into school with a rain coat (a pac a mac is fine) and wellington boots when the weather looks particularly inclement. There are times when the rain is torrential, and we have to make the assessment that children playing outside would not be sensible. At these times we do have to bring the children inside. Wherever possible children are in their classrooms at these times doing activities, however, if supervision levels do not allow that, we have to group the children for alternative events for safety purposes.

SAFEGUARDING

What is a designated safeguarding lead?

A designated safeguarding lead has had specific extensive training in safeguarding and how to manage this and support families. We abbreviate this to 'DSL'. A DSL works with families where a little extra support may be needed. We sometimes make referrals to family support services to help families with additional needs or support required within the family. If you feel you need some support - do let us know - we can work with you, signpost you to services, refer you or your child to our well being staff member or to external services.

Who are Brookmead's Designated Safeguarding Leads?

Mrs Taylor (Headteacher), Mrs Clarke (Deputy Headteacher), Mrs Brooks (SENDCo), Miss Singer (Nurture and Safety Lead), Mrs Price (Office Manager), Mrs Baker (Assistant Office Manager)

PE AND LIBRARY DAYS

Year Group	PE Days	Library Day
EYFS	Monday (starting after half term - Monday 2 November)	Friday
1	Thursday & Friday	Thursday
2	Wednesday & Thursday	Wednesday
3	Tuesday & Thursday	Tuesday
4	Monday & Friday	Monday
5	Tuesday & Thursday	Tuesday
6	Wednesday & Friday	Friday

TRIPS AND EVENTS - Autumn Term 2026

[Click here to see the School Diary on our website](#)

AT BROOKMEAD, WE LOVE TO ENHANCE OUR LEARNING WITH EXPERIENCES

October

28 Sept - 2 October
Monday 5 October
Tuesday 6 October
Wednesday 7 October
Thursday 8 October
Monday 12 October
Tuesday 13 October
Thursday 13 October
Thursday 15 October
Thursday 15 October
Thursday 22 October
Thursday 22 October
Thursday 22 October

HALF TERM

Tuesday 3 November
Thursday 5 November
Tuesday 10 November
Thursday 12 November
Friday 13 November
Monday 16 November
Tuesday 17 November
Thursday 19 November
Monday 23 November
Wednesday 25 November
Friday 27 November

December

Thursday 3 December
Tuesday 8 December

Year 6 Residential Week - Whitemoor Lakes
Year 3 Fabulous Finish - 9:15am
School Photographs - Individual & Sibling Photos
Year 2 Fabulous Finish - 9:15am
Year 5 Trip to Bletchley Park
Phonics Workshop - 9:15am
Year 4 Harvest Festival Assembly - details to follow
Year 5 Fabulous Finish - 9:15am
Year 1 Trip to Bekonscot Model Village
FAB Halloween Disco - details to follow
Year 3 Stone Age Workshop
Year 1 Fabulous Finish - 9:15am
Author Visit for Years 4-6 - details to follow
HALF TERM
SATs Information Evening for Y6 Parents - 4pm
EYFS Walk to the Windmill - details to follow
Year 4 Trip to Verulamium - details to follow
Year 6 Fabulous Finish - 9:15am
Bucks School Nurse Team - Flu Vaccinations for whole school - details to follow
Year 5 Swimming - Week 1 - details to follow
Parent's Evening - details to follow
Parent's Evening - details to follow
Year 5 Swimming - Week 2 - details to follow
Year 2 Great Fire of London Workshop - details to follow
EYFS Fabulous Finish - 9:15am

Year 6 Trip to Cadbury World - details to follow
Christmas Tree Light Switch On - details to follow

END OF YEAR CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES - Times tbc	
Monday 14 December Year 1 & 2 Nativity - PM	Tuesday 15 December Year 1 & 2 Nativity - AM EYFS Nativity - PM
Wednesday 16 December Year 3 & 4 Nativity - AM Year 5 & 6 Carol Concert - PM	Thursday 17 December Year 5 & 6 Carol Concert - AM Year 3 & 4 Nativity - PM

<u>TERM DATES 2026 - 2027</u> Click here to see Term Dates on our website	
<u>AUTUMN TERM 2026</u> Friday 23rd October 2026 Monday 2 November 2026 Friday 18 December 2026 <u>SPRING TERM 2027</u> Monday 4th January 2027 Tuesday 5th January 2027 Friday 12th February 2027 Monday 22th February 2027 Thursday 25th March 2027 <u>SUMMER TERM 2027</u> Monday 12th April 2027 Monday 3 May 2027 Friday 28th May 2027 Monday 7th June 2027 Tuesday 8th June 2027 Tuesday 20th July 2027 Wednesday 21st July 2027	School closes for Half Term - 3.20pm finish School opens for Second Half Term School closes for Christmas Holiday - 3.20pm finish School closed for pupils - staff training day School opens for Spring Term School closes for Half Term - 3.20pm finish School opens for Second Half Term School closes for Easter Holiday - 3.20pm finish School opens for Summer Term School closed for May Bank Holiday School closes for Half Term - 3.20pm finish School closed for pupils - staff training day School opens for Second Half Term School closes - 3.20pm finish School closed for pupils - staff training day

Wishing you a wonderful weekend - enjoy the sunshine whilst it lasts!

Warm regards



Mrs Esther Taylor
Headteacher