School News | Friday 18th September 2026

BROOKLANDS BULLETIN

Weekly Reflection

Dear parents and carers,

It has been a wonderful second week of term across Brooklands this week, with fantastic learning taking place in classrooms, Forest School and our rugby sessions, despite the rain, to name but a few. The children are settling well into their new classes and teachers and staff are very impressed with their focus- well done everyone!

We would like to raise focus on attendance. Attending school every day, on time, is so important for every child. Not only does daily attendance build their knowledge, skills and academic progress, but it also supports social skill development and encourages positive relationships with their peers. If children are late to school, even by 10 minutes, they are missing important opportunities to settle, engage in relationship building conversations and get ready for their learning. Entering the classroom late is disruptive for them and the rest of the class. Obviously, odd occasions cannot be helped but should there become a pattern of issues around punctuality and/or attendance, we have a duty of care to raise this with you and put support in place. Your children's wellbeing is our joint responsibility and we will do all we can to support you.

As the weather becomes more unsettled over the coming weeks and months, please ensure children come to school with NAMED coats with a hood and suitable footwear so we can still go out to play, even there is light rain. Thank you for your support with this

Best wishes,

Mrs McGrath and Mrs Armstrong

UPCOMING DATES

Open House weekend- come and learn more about the Brooklands mural! Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th September 2pm-4pm

Umbrella Theatre workshops (Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6) Monday 21st September

Year 5 trip to Greenacres- Monday 21st September

Year 3 Chrome Book drop in- **Monday 28th September 9am-10am**

Early Years Stay and Play- Saturday 3rd October 9:30am-11:30am

Shared Stories and coffee morning (with special guest - more to be revealed) 23rd October 8:45-10am

A reminder that the only items that need to come to school are named water bottles, reading records and reading books. If you are in KS2, chrome books need to be brought in daily and charged.

Please do not send your child to school with any toys, fidgets, pencil cases etc as we cannot accept responsibility for any losses and their presence often detracts from children's attention during their learning. Thank you!

A gentle reminder that at morning drop off, teachers are focused on welcoming all children into the classroom as calmly as possible and so it is not an appropriate time to speak at length with the teacher. If you have a message to pass on, please either speak with leadership at the gate who can pass it on, or email your message to the office who will pass it on. Thank you for your support in ensuring all of our children are able to come in safely and calmly in the mornings.

What do you celebrate?

Different backgrounds Brighter together

We would love to know what you and your family celebrate at home each month!



Religious festivals



Cultural celebrations



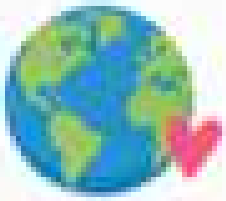
Special days



Heritage events



Traditions



Anything that is special to your family!

You could tell us:

- What the celebration is
- When it happens
- How your family celebrates
- Photos (if you're happy to share)
- Anything else you'd like us to know

We will include your celebrations in our 'This month, our Brooklands families will be celebrating...' section of our school bulletin.

We love finding out about our families and sharing our commonalities and differences as **we all belong** as our school community.

Creativity
Resilience
Empathy
Aspiration
Togetherness
Excellence



A community where everyone belongs

Many cultures ♥ Many stories ♥ One Brooklands

BROOKLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

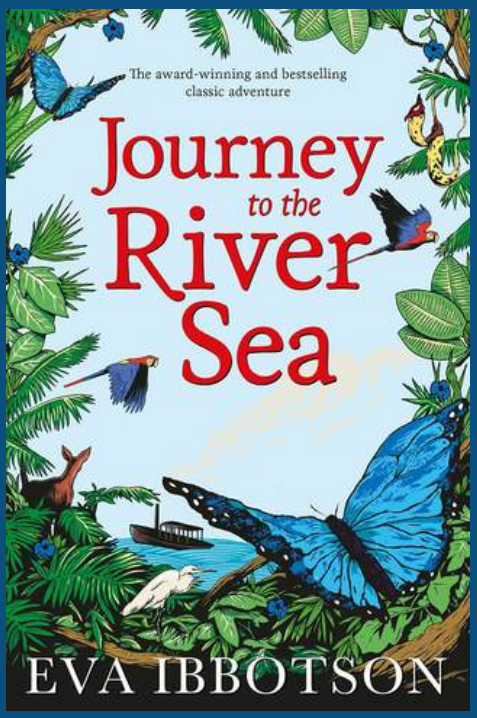
Reading at Brooklands



We have a wonderful reading culture at Brooklands and celebrate this in lots of ways!

What's your favourite book?
Let your teacher know!

We would love to hear what books and stories you enjoy at home- please email in to share your favourite books, or photos of you reading together at home!



Maia is an orphan. Both her parents have passed away. But they've left her a good inheritance and so her life is comfortable. She is in boarding school but when the holidays arrive, she doesn't have anywhere to go to. One day her family lawyer arrives and tells her that he has tracked down one of her distant relatives and they've said that they can take care of her. The only catch is that they live in Brazil. The lawyer asks Maia whether she is interested. Maia is very excited and she dreams that she is going to have adventures on the Amazon and immediately says 'Yes'. The lawyer says that a governess, Miss Minton will accompany her and will take care of her. What happens after that and what adventures Maia has form the rest of the story.

Want to know more? Ask a child in year 6, as Miss Hall is reading it to them every afternoon!

ONLINE SAFETY

For Parents and Carers – Find the Fake
How good are you and your children at spotting misinformation? Internet Matters' free Find the Fake activity is designed for families to try together. It's a simple way to start conversations about whether something online can be trusted and what children can do before believing or sharing it.
Why not try it together and see who gets the highest score?
Link: Find the Fake – Internet Matters

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one issue of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

BACK TO SCHOOL

Online Safety Tips for Children

Wow, it's September already! The month when autumn officially starts and ... oh yeah, the beginning of a new school year. Every cloud has a silver lining though! Another term means new friends to make, different stuff to learn, fresh online trends to jump on and exciting new games to play on your phone, computer or console. We've compiled a list of our top tips to ensure that – whether you're going online to chat, research things or just have fun – you can do it safely.

Be cautious with your profile

Be careful not to give out too much info on your social media or gaming profiles. Details like your full name, address or school's name could all help strangers to actually find you offline. A trusted adult can help you make your profiles private – so only your family and actual friends can contact you.

Lock your devices

Taking your phone or tablet to school? Turn password protection on. It keeps your private info safe and stops anyone accessing your device without permission. Passwords should be memorable to you – but difficult for anyone else to guess. Get a trusted adult to write it down in case you forget it!

Be smart with screen time

Too much screen time, especially just before bed, can affect your quality of sleep. Losing sleep, or not sleeping well enough, messes with your concentration and energy levels. Try muting notifications so you don't get pinged late at night: you'll feel fresher and more focused the next day.

Know how to deal with bullies

Sadly there are people online who enjoy picking on other users. If you ever feel like you're being bullied online – by anyone, not just someone from school – talk to a trusted adult about it. Together, you can discuss possible steps, such as blocking or reporting the person who's targeting you.

Manage online relationships wisely

Most people in a relationship chat to their partner online. Just be mindful that once you send a pic or message (even if it's private), you no longer control who else might see it. Messaging someone you've never actually met – and who might not be who they say – is definitely best avoided.

React well to inappropriate content

When you're researching something online, there's always a chance of finding content that makes you feel uncomfortable or upset. If this happens, you can report it as inappropriate and (hopefully) get it taken down. Tell a trusted adult what happened: they'll help you decide what to do next.

Report offensive in-game chat

If you game online with your mates, you'll know things can get competitive and heated on the in-game chat. Playing against people you don't know (especially if they're older) raises the risk of offensive comments and even threats. Our advice? Find out how to block or mute those bad losers.

Learn to spot fake news

If you're looking into a topic for homework or a project, be careful not to get taken in by fake news: content that's deliberately created to mislead people. Check the story with credible sources, like the BBC or Sky News. Trust your instincts, too – if it seems too unbelievable to be true, it's probably fake.

Keep it 'real' with online friends

Everyone enjoys adding friends and followers on social media. It's important, though, that the people you interact with online really are your friends. If they're just random people you've connected with to increase your contacts, you don't know if they could be trolls or bullies (or worse).

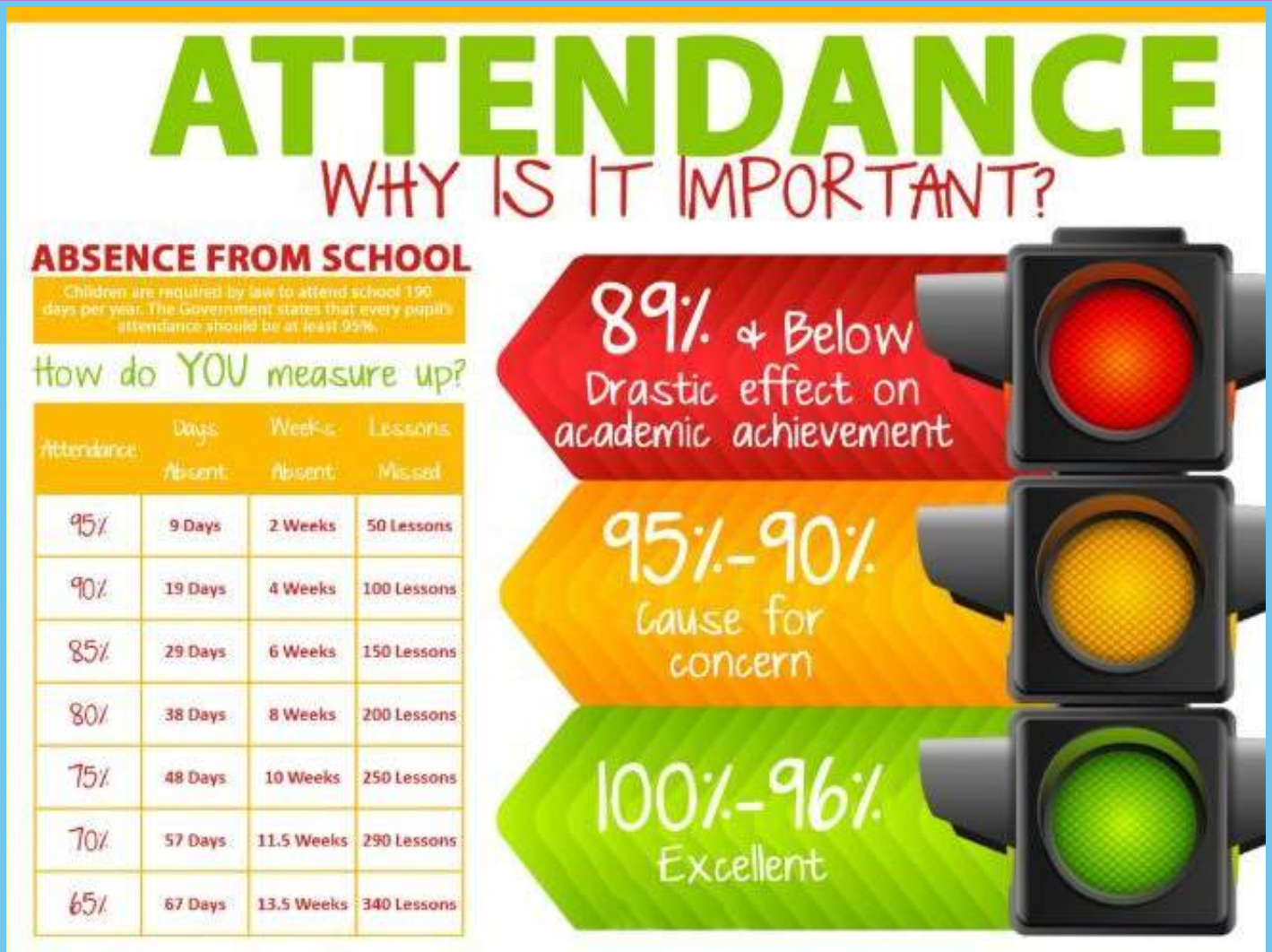
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#WakeUpWednesday

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Attendance

Reception	94%
Year 1	95.5%
Year 2	94.48%
Year 3	97.86%
Year 4	96.21%
Year 5	99.26%
Year 6	97.14%



Office Reminders



- **Absence** - Please ensure you call the office before 9am if your child will not be in school that day. Alternatively, you can report your child's absence on Studybugs.

- **Punctuality** - Should a child's punctuality be identified as persistent (more than 10%) or a pattern (e.g. late on a particular day of the week), parents will be invited in to meet with leadership and/or the local authority attendance officer to discuss how the school can support the family to improve punctuality for the child.



Please sign up to our attendance app which is how we now ask parents to inform us of absence; thank you to those who have already signed up. There is also a link to the page along the top of our home page on our website.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Nursery	Dylan for doing so well with settling in and making friends with the other children.
Reception	Ava for being a helpful and sensible member of the Brooklands family Dylan for great contributions and a positive attitude towards learning during carpet time this week.
Year 1	Santi- for his great attitude to learning and enthusiastic approach to all his challenges. Evie- for her enthusiasm for the challenges and for working hard on her learning.
Year 2	Si Si - For her amazing writing in English Amal - For her amazing contribution in class discussions
Year 3	Reuben - For always contributing to lessons and trying his best! Sebastian - For showing great enthusiasm in English lessons!
Year 4	Mahdia - For always having her hand up and being eager to share her answers and thoughts! Fox - For showing exemplary listening skills and resilience in our swimming lesson.
Year 5	Rori- For always being ready and trying her best Olivia- For displaying our school values and always giving 100% effort
Year 6	Isobel - for always showing enthusiasm towards her learning and using dialogue effectively in her story writing. Tobias - for a great start to Year 6, and working hard to complete his learning.







GENTLE REMINDERS

A reminder that the gate opens for children and families at 8:30am. This is for families and children to socialise and network as well as giving children plenty of time to be on site in time. The classroom doors and main KS2 door opens at 8:40am and children need to be on site by 8:45am.

Parents on site at the start of the day

Parents are expected to remain on site, with their children, until the classroom doors open. This is for health and safety and safeguarding reasons. If children come to school alone (Years 5 and 6), they are to remain in the Early Years playground to ensure they are in sight of the school staff.

Mobile phones and smart watches

Children who walk to and from school are allowed to bring a mobile phone to school so they are able to inform parents they have arrived safely. However, mobile phones should not be used on site and so children are to take phones and smart watches to the office so they can be kept secure until they can be collected at the end of the day. Having these devices on and accessible during the school day poses a safeguarding risk, which we take very seriously. Please support the school in reminding children to only use their phones once they are off-site. Thank you.

Appropriate clothing for school

We have had a few children coming to school recently in clothing that has not been appropriate for school e.g. costumes, restrictive clothing and loose footwear. We know that being a non-uniform school is a unique feature of Brooklands and we do not wish to prevent children from expressing their individuality. However, please ensure children are dressed in clothing that does not restrict movement and footwear that is secure. We have had a few accidents at playtime recently and this is something we are closely monitoring. We thank you for your support in this matter.

This week at Brooklands...

Nursery	We have had a wonderful week in nursery where we have continued to explore the classroom and enjoyed a range of activities. We have drawn pictures of ourselves and our families, explored the sand tray, created different patterns with paints, listened to a variety of stories and played in the mud kitchen and watched the chickens in Little Bluebells. The children have done so well settling in, saying goodbye to their grown up and playing nicely together as they settle in and build relationships with the adults and other children. Well done nursery!
Reception	It's been another exciting and rewarding week in Reception. The children have continued to settle beautifully, growing in confidence as they become familiar with their environment, routines and expectations. This week, they began more formal learning, engaging enthusiastically in daily phonics and maths sessions, with a focus on patterns and subitising. They also enjoyed a range of tactile, hands-on experiences, supporting their curiosity, sensory development and learning through exploration. They also had their first Forest School session, developing confidence and independence while learning the routines involved in preparing for this special part of their week. The children have made a fantastic start to their Reception journey and should be incredibly proud of themselves. Well done, Reception! You have been amazing!
Year 1	Year 1 have enjoyed our English core text book by Eric Carle 'From Head to Toe'. They have carried out some of the actions in the story and written their own captions for the movements. We have also continued to work in all our areas both inside and outside the classroom. We have started phonics and handwriting now and a recap sheet of what we have covered this week will be sent home tomorrow. In Maths, we have been counting accurately thinking about touching objects or moving them to ensure we are accurate when counting sets of objects. We have also identified that the last number we say is the total amount of a set. We had our first History lesson this week, looking at and discussing old toys. In Science we investigated our senses and how they help us. We enjoyed an RE lesson looking at what a Faith family is and what this means to different faiths. During the week we also squeezed in PE and Forest School. The children deserve a rest this weekend although please continue to read with your child and bring their book bag daily. Well done Year 1!
Year 2	Year 2 have had another wonderful week packed full of learning, enthusiasm, and great achievements! In English, the children have been working hard crafting their own narrative stories. They have focused on applying key writing skills, such as using expanded noun phrases to add detail and description to their characters and settings. In maths, our focus has been on place value and counting in 10s. The children have been building a strong understanding of what makes groups of 10 and how this helps us count more efficiently and recognise patterns in numbers. Science has been full of hands-on discovery this week as the children planted their own cress seeds. They were excited to get their hands dirty and learn about what seeds need to grow, and they are looking forward to observing and recording the changes over the coming weeks. In geography, we took a tour of the United Kingdom. The children explored the different countries and learned about the key features and counties that make up the UK. In music, the classroom has been filled with brilliant singing as the children practised their vocal skills, focusing on rhythm, pitch, and projection. Alongside all of this targeted learning, the children have continued to thrive in our continuous provision areas, taking charge of their own independent play and problem-solving. Finally, in PE, they had a fantastic time developing their spatial awareness and dynamic ball skills through a series of fun physical challenges. Thank you for your ongoing support at home. Have a wonderful weekend!

This week at Brooklands...in photos!

Year 3	Year 3 have enjoyed a brilliant week 2! The children have settled so quickly into key stage 2 routines and I couldn't be more proud of them! The children have been adapting to their new chromebooks and have very quickly gotten to grips with the technology. They have thrown themselves into all the new learning websites introduced to them and have already shown some brilliant progress on Reading Plus. The children have also been getting used to using chromebooks for maths lessons and have completed an assessment using IXL. In English, we are continuing to work on explanation texts and are making excellent progress ahead of our independent write, at the beginning of next week. We also began our history topic of The Stone Age this week, as we learnt about the different eras that took place within The Stone Age and how things developed over time. In RE, the children continued their work on Hinduism by learning about The Ramayana and the story of Rama and Sita. The children have also enjoyed some brilliant PE lessons and another wonderful afternoon in forest school.
Year 4	We have hit our stride in Week 2, complete with our very first swimming lesson! It was fantastic to see the children dive into the pool with such enthusiasm and confidence. By the end of our unit, they will undoubtedly be gliding through the water like Adam Ramsey-Peaty. In English, the children completed their first independent writing piece of the academic year. It was wonderful to see them engage so thoughtfully with the learning and successfully apply our success criteria directly to their work. In Maths, we built on last week's work with place value and column addition, successfully transferring these core calculation skills over to subtraction. In Science, we delved deeper into the states of matter, refining our definitions of solids, liquids, and gases while demonstrating how particles form their respective structures in each state. In Geography, the children began exploring map skills, focusing on using coordinates and grid references to pinpoint different locations.
Year 5	Year 5 have had another fantastic week of learning. In English, we have written our own playscripts based on The Chocolate Tree, thinking carefully about characterisation, dialogue and stage directions. In Maths, we have started our unit on decimals and have explored tenths in depth, using different representations and developing our problem-solving and reasoning skills. In Science, we have been learning about the phases of the Moon and considering how the Moon appears to change shape throughout the month. In History, we revised our knowledge of the Anglo-Saxons so that we are ready to compare their agricultural techniques with those used by the Mayans. In Geography, we revised the continents and oceans of the world, strengthening our knowledge of the world's geography. In PE, we have continued our rugby sessions with our coach from Blackheath Rugby Club, as well as continuing to develop our skills through our team games unit. In Reading, we have been reading about the planets and practising retrieving key information from a text. We are really looking forward to our trip to Greenacres on Monday, where we will visit the Space Dome and take a virtual journey through our Solar System. If you have not already done so, please complete the form that was emailed to you regarding the trip. We hope you all have a fantastic weekend and we look forward to seeing everyone on Monday!
Year 6	It has been another great week for Year 6. In English, the children have enjoyed writing their own stories inspired by our core text, 'Journey to the River Sea'. They have worked hard to create engaging stories, developing their characters and settings while carefully incorporating our current success criteria. We have been particularly focusing on the use of relative clauses, semicolons and dialogue, and it has been fantastic to see the children independently applying these features to their writing. In maths, we have focused on developing understanding of part-whole relationships and using bar models to represent and solve problems. The children have explored how different combinations of parts can make the same whole and have represented these relationships using mathematical expressions. In history, we have been exploring the origins and development of democracy in Britain. The children have learned about the origins of the words 'democracy' and 'parliament', exploring how their meanings have developed over time. We have also investigated the idea of Britain having an unwritten constitution, considering what this means and exploring some of the benefits and drawbacks of having a constitution that is not contained within a single written document. The children have been able to make links between what they have learned and our own school community, particularly through voting for our Pupil Parliament representatives. In R.E, we have been exploring the significance of pilgrimages across different religions and considering why people choose to undertake these important journeys. We have focused particularly on The Hajj, the pilgrimage undertaken by Muslims, exploring its significance within Islam and why it is an important act of worship

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Friends of Brooklands

(Brooklands School PTA)

Meet the team



Laura (Chair)



Jenny (Treasurer)

Aisling (Secretary)



Luba (SocialMedia)



Sally (Comms)



Rachael (Emails)



Katie (Committee)



Clive (Committee)



Emma (Committee)

Laura (Committee)

Jet (Comms)

Welcome

A big hello to new families and a warm welcome back to everyone returning.

We're **Friends of Brooklands (the PTA)**—parents and carers who help build our school community and raise funds for essentials and fun extras.

Come along to one of our Welcome Sessions for a relaxed chance to meet and chat:

Bloom & Brew (Early Years) - Wednesday 23rd September - 8:45am in the BUFA

Book & Bake Sale
Fri 2 October, 3:25pm, KS1 playground

Everyone's welcome—we'd love to meet you!

20206/27 Events

- **Wed 23rd Sept: Bloom & Brew**
- **Fri 2nd Oct: Book & Bake Sale**
- **Fri 16th Oct: Autumn Disco**
- **Fri 27th Nov: Wreath Making**
- **Fri 4th Dec: Winter Fair**
- **Fri 5th Feb: Family bingo**
- **Fri 5th March: Bake Sale**
- **Wed 24th March: AGM**
- **Fri 30th April: Spring disco**
- **Sat 26th June: Summer Fair**

More details on individual events will follow in the coming weeks.
We're always looking for volunteers so if you can spare an hour or two to help at an event, or would like to join the committee, please drop us an email, or ask your class rep. **friendsofbrooklands@gmail.com**



Brooklands Primary School

For 2-5 year-olds

Join us at our next

Stay-and-Play!

Bring your little one along to our next fun, themed session at Brooklands!

Saturday, 3rd October
9:30am-11:30am

We're off to Brooklands' Forest School! We'll be making the most of our school's beautiful grounds, exploring the wonders of nature, and having so much fun along the way!

Our sessions are aimed at 2-5 year-olds, and will be led by our wonderful Early Years team.

Please note that parents/carers must stay and be responsible for their child.





Brooklands Primary School,
Medebourne Close, Blackheath SE3 9AB



CAMP LOCATIONS

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BEXLEY

SHERWOOD PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
SHERWOOD PARK AVE, SIDCUP
DA15 9JQ

NEW ELTHAM

WYBORNE PRIMARY SCHOOL
FOOTSCRAY ROAD, NEW ELTHAM
SE9 2EH

PLUMSTEAD

BANNOCKBURN PRIMARY SCHOOL CHURCH MANOR WAY, PLUMSTEAD
SE2 0HY

GREENWICH

ST MARY MAGDALENE (PENINSULA CAMPUS)
1 HENDON STREET, GREENWICH
SE10 0NF

COST DETAILS

£22.50 PER CHILD PER DAY

£105.50 PER CHILD PER WEEK*

Full Week - 2 Children £202.50



8AM-4PM EVERYDAY

LOTS OF FUN THINGS TO DO DURING OCTOBER HALF TERM AS LITTLE AS £22.50 PER DAY PER CHILD.

TIMES

STANDARD DAY 9AM-3PM
EARLY DROP OFF 8AM-9AM
LATE PICK UP 3PM-4PM

DROP OFF £6 Early Drop off
£6 Late Pick Up

BOOK TODAY!

SPOOKY FUN AWAITS!

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT: INFO@ALLKIDSCAN.CO.UK +44 (0) 20 88368906

Baby Massage

FREE 5-week Baby Massage Course!



Would you and your baby enjoy some special time together while learning gentle baby massage techniques?

The sessions will offer a relaxed and friendly opportunity to:

- **Learn gentle baby massage techniques**
- **Enjoy special 1:1 time with your baby**
- **Support bonding and communication**
- **Help your baby feel relaxed & settled**
- **Meet & chat with other parents**

The course will consist of 5 weekly sessions held at Brooklands Primary School.

Dates & times will be confirmed once we know who can attend.

Newborn to 1 years old

If you would like to take part, please email: info@brooklands-maritime.org

Please include your name and baby's age

Maritime Strong Foundations

International Association of Infant Massage IAIM

Bloom & Brew at Brooklands

Register your interest today!

Apply for Free School Meal eligibility

You'll be helping the school with funding and may qualify for money for the holidays for your child too.

What have you got to lose?

If your child is eligible for 'free school meals' and you register them for this then the school will receive extra funding called 'pupil premium'. This is in addition to the funding we receive for your child towards meals. We use this extra money to improve the educational provision and resources at the school - which benefits your child's experience of school

Did you know that qualifying parents receive money from Greenwich each school holiday - got to be worth checking if you're eligible too, surely?

How do I check if my child is eligible?

To check your eligibility using the checker system linked to local government go to this link: Entrust https://apply.cloudforedu.org.uk/o fsm/link2ict

Alternatively click on the QR Code which will take you to the website:

Or provide your NI Number and your date of birth, along with your child's details to the admin team and we'll do it for you!



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