School News | Friday 9th October 2026

BROOKLANDS BULLETIN

Weekly Reflection

Dear parents and carers,

This week, Mrs Ottley, who is our SEN strategic lead across Greenwich South Hub, came to visit the children to share very exciting news that our Hub will be getting a Therapy dog! Tallulah is Mrs. Ottley's dog and she is currently in training on how to be the best Therapy dog she can be. The children had a LOT of emotions about our newest team member and had a LOT of questions. We shared more information with you via email about how we will be introducing Tallulah to the children and how she will be helping them. Thank you for sharing some responses with us following our email earlier this week. We are very conscious of potential and existing allergies and we are in the process of seeking advice as to how we can mitigate any risks to our children. Please feel free to get in touch if you have any further questions.

Every two weeks throughout the year, we hold school tours for children and families who may wish to join our Brooklands family. This week, we had a LOT of visitors on our tour and it was a priveledge to share our wonderful school with everyone. If you know of anyone whose children are due to start school in September 2027, please do let them know about our fortnightly tours.

Tomorrow (Saturday 10th October 9:30am-11:30am) sees our first Saturday Stay and Play for 0-5 year olds and it is a Forest School special! If you have little ones (or know anyone who has!) and would like to come and explore what a Forest School session looks like, please do come along!

We hope you all have a wonderful weekend
Mrs McGrath and Mrs Armstrong

UPCOMING DATES

Early Years Stay and Play- Saturday 10th October 9:30am-11:30am
Online Safety Talk- Tuesday 13th October 3:40pm
Rugby tournament Year 5 and 6- Tuesday 13th October- see separate emails
Rugby tournament Year 3 and 4- Wednesday 14th October- see separate emails
Shared Stories and coffee morning (with special guest - more to be revealed) 23rd October 8:45-10am
Last day of term - Friday 23rd October
Half term holiday - Monday 26th October - Friday 6th November
First day back - Monday 9th November

GO ALL IN. National Year of Reading 2026

We know that being confident and fluent in reading and comprehension (understanding what we read) is a vital skill in order to access all learning and to thrive throughout life. As such, we have always put a lot of importance of reading in every lesson in every class. We utilise many strategies to encourage children to read but the one HUGE difference to reading confidence and competence is daily practice. Every child from Reception to Year 6 has a Reading Record where we ask children to read every evening and for either a family member or once they are able to, the child themselves, can write a comment about what they have understood about what they have read. I checked Reading Records today and there was a direct correlation with those children who are reading and recording regularly and those children who are making the most progress and/or excelling in reading. Please support us by encouraging your child to read every evening and record a short comment about what they have read to share with their teachers. Thank you in advance; the more we work together to support our children, the more successful they will be.

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!



A brilliantly funny picture book about seasons, written by Alice Hemming and illustrated by Nicola Slater.

Squirrel is so cross.
Yesterday there were loads of beautiful leaves on his tree, but today? Today some are missing and Squirrel is convinced that someone has stolen them...
there's a leaf thief on the loose!

Join Squirrel on a mission to find the culprit, and meet so many fun animals on the way, while you find out how the world takes on different colours as the months pass by.

ONLINE SAFETY

For Parents and carers - Helping Parents Navigate Online Gaming

LGfL has published a useful new guide for schools on helping parents understand online gaming.

The advice is practical rather than technical. It encourages parents to:

- ask what their child is playing;
- check whether games are age-appropriate;
- talk about who their child plays with;
- discuss what information should not be shared;
- agree rules around spending;
- talk about bullying and what to do if something goes wrong;
- review safety settings together;
- agree reasonable limits around play.

The guidance also makes an important point about age ratings: a higher PEGI rating does not mean a game is more difficult — it means the content may be less suitable for younger children.

This is a useful resource to share through newsletters, parent pages or online-safety sessions.

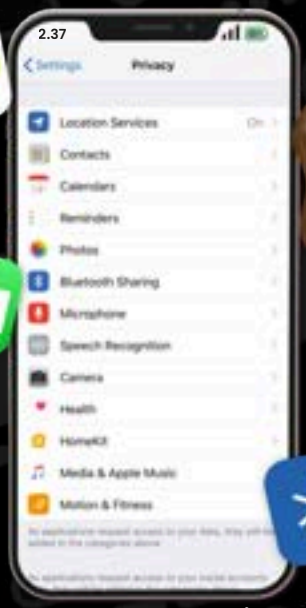
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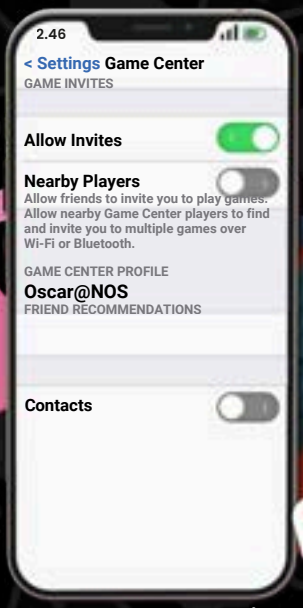
At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one issue of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware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

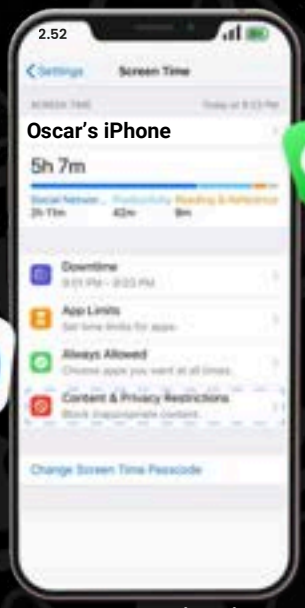
How to Set up PARENTAL CONTROLS for APPS

iPhone

Apple devices come with built-in apps already available: Mail, FaceTime and Safari, for example. However, you can choose which apps and features appear on your child's device and which ones don't. You can also manipulate the features in Game Centre to enhance your child's safety and privacy when playing games, as well as blocking iTunes or App Store purchases if you wish.







How to Restrict Built-in Apps/Features

1. Open Settings
2. Tap Screen Time
3. Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
4. Tap Allowed Apps (you may need to toggle this to 'on' at the top)
5. Enable or disable the apps you wish to appear(or disappear) on your child's device

How to Restrict Game Centre

1. Open Settings
2. Tap Screen Time
3. Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
4. Tap Content Restrictions (you may need to switch the toggle at the top to the 'on' position)
5. Scroll down to Game Centre
6. Choose between Allow, Don't Allow, or Allow with Friends Only in the settings for each feature

How to Restrict iTunes & App Store Purchases

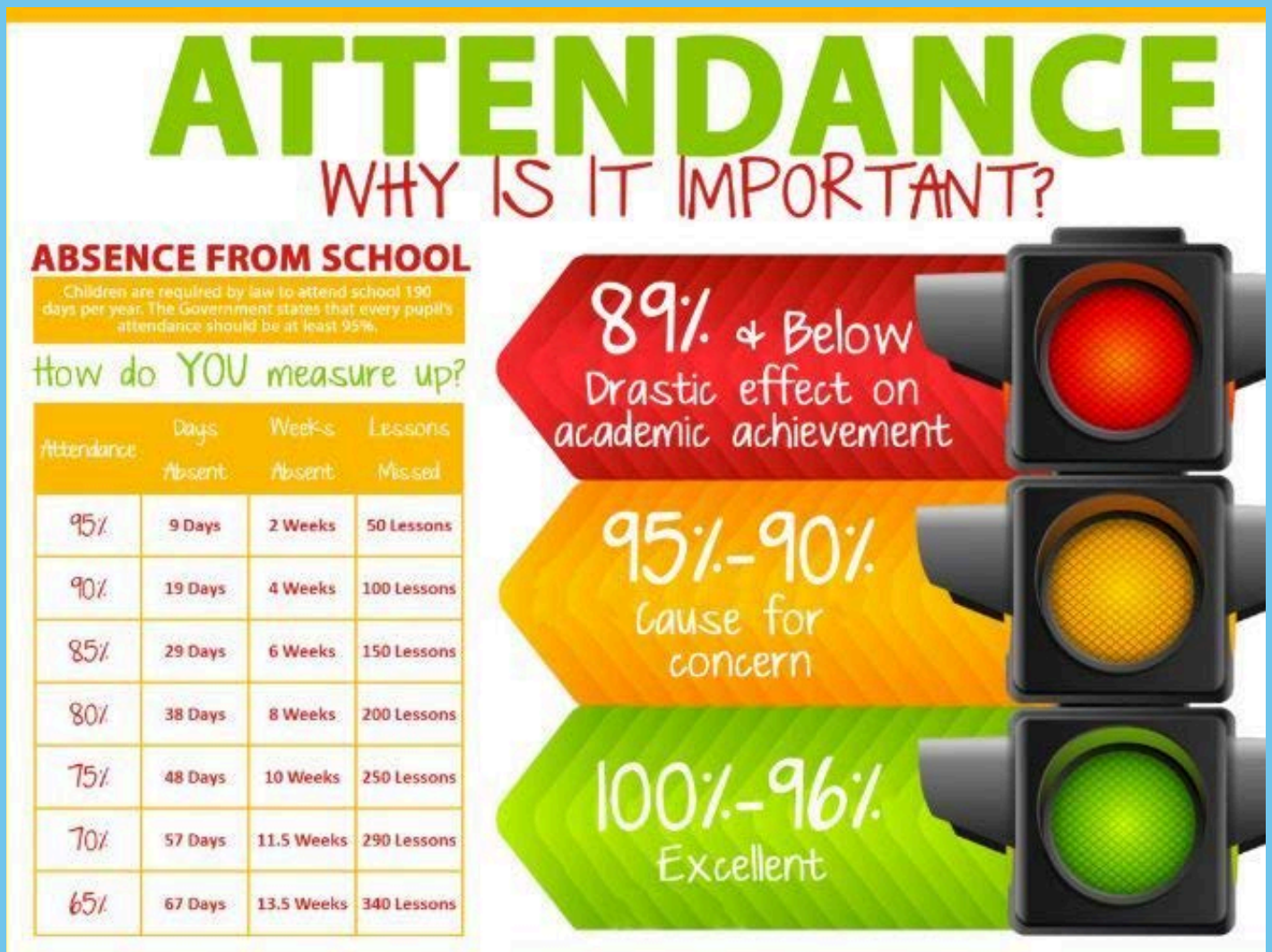
1. Open Settings
2. Tap Screen Time
3. Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
4. Tap iTunes & App Store Purchases
5. Select Allow or Don't Allow for each feature (you can also lock these settings with a password)

National Online Safety
www.nationalonlinesafety.com

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Attendance

Reception	98%
Year 1	97.24%
Year 2	96.66%
Year 3	98.62%
Year 4	95.86%
Year 5	95.65%
Year 6	90.71%



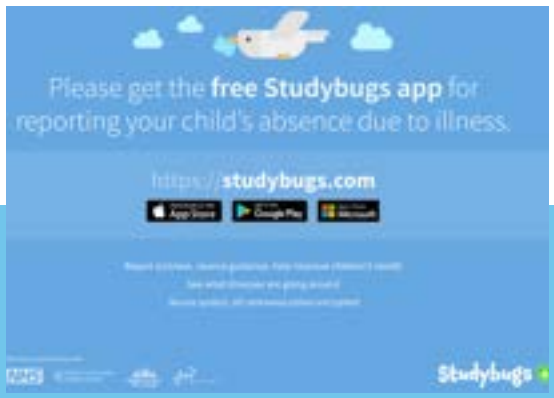
Office Reminders



- **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. Logging your child's absence on Study Bugs will not autmatically mean it is authorised; our monitoring procedures include checking the validity of the reason given for absence. Should there be any query, school will contact you directly for more information before making a decision as to whether the absence will be authorised.

- Should your child's attendance have been a concern last year (check your child's End-Of-Year report if you are unsure) and your child has already had absence this term, the school will be contacting you as to how we can support you in ensuring your child attends school regularly. Any child who has attendance below 90% over the last 10 school weeks will not have any further absence authorised without medical evidence. If you have any questions, please arrange to speak with Mrs. Armstrong who will be happy to meet with you to discuss this further.

- **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	Ollie for being such a friendly member of the class, playing nicely with others and being very independent in the environment. Well done Ollie!
Reception	Iva for designing a beautiful wedding dress from brown paper. Theo F for being a kind and patient friend
Year 1	Nefeli. G for all her hard work on her challenges and for her continuous effort with reading at home. Well done. Oran for being a challenge and phonics superstar. Keep up the good work!
Year 2	Macie-Mae , for always trying her best to show that she is ready to learn Duru, for always persisting in her learning
Year 3	Linus - For always trying his best and being a great role model for the rest of the class. Shaka - For working hard and staying focused during lessons.
Year 4	Hadassa - for her continued curiosity and always asking great questions Skyler - for always being on task and completing some fantastic work
Year 5	Joseph- A fantastic first week at Brooklands Elliazah- For showing our Brooklands rule of being 'ready'
Year 6	Gia- for her effort towards her learning in English, confidently incorporating our learnt success criteria into her writing. Rita - for always being a positive role model to others and writing a thoughtful letter during English last week.

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	This week nursery have been busy outside exploring different ways to make marks. We have used our hands and fingers in shaving foam, used big paint brushes on the walls and lolly sticks in the sand. We have been excited to see what we created and we are beginning to give meaning to the marks we make. We have also been building our core strength and balance control on the climbing frame and navigating the trim trail! Next week we will have a go at designing and building our own trim trails using the wooden blocks.
Reception	It has been another busy and enjoyable week in Reception, with the children embracing the beautiful signs of Autumn. They have loved spending time in our Autumn Investigation Area, examining leaves of different shapes and colours, discovering a variety of Autumn animals and learning new vocabulary. Their curiosity, rich language and enthusiasm for learning have been wonderful to see. In phonics, the children have continued to consolidate their learning, practising new sounds and blending simple words. In maths, they have enjoyed spotting patterns in their environment, on their clothing and around school, before creating their own patterns through painting and other creative activities. The children have also had great fun with junk modelling, using their imaginations to create wedding dresses, little people, placemats and many other wonderful creations. It has been lovely to see their ideas come to life. Well done, Reception!
Year 1	Year 1 have worked hard this week in all areas of the curriculum. They have been superstar counters in maths counting numbers from different starting points, forwards and backwards, up to 50. We have also discussed patterns and the teen/decade numbers. In our English sessions we have continued to write sentences about our walk to school building up to writing our own story. This week we thought about our senses (linked to our science learning) and what we hear and smell on our way to school. The children are really beginning to think carefully about capital letters, full stops and finger spaces consistently in their sentences. We are planning our own local walk in our last week of this half term, more information to follow early next week. We had our first Geography lesson in Year 1 and identified the four countries that are in the UK. During science we named and discussed some parts of our body that we can't see. They have had a busy and fun week with lots of learning both inside and outside the classroom. Well done Year 1.
Year 2	Year 2 have had a wonderful week! In English, they started a new unit on writing explanation texts about how a plant grows, learning to use conjunctions like "because" to give reasons, "and" to extend sentences, and time words such as "before," "after," and "when." In maths, the children explored multiples of 10 and learned how to identify the previous and next multiples using number lines. Science took them outdoors for an amazing session at Forest School, while in geography, they used maps to explore the different places their classmates come from. In RE, they deepened their understanding of Hinduism, and in music, they have been discovering how to use their voices as instruments. Finally, in PE, they continued to focus on hitting and catching balls with accuracy. Well done on another brilliant week, Year 2!
Year 3	Year 3 have enjoyed another fantastic week of learning here at Brooklands. In English we have finished our topic of non-chronological reports and have started looking at newspaper reports. We are building toward writing a newspaper report about the fossil hunter Mary Anning, which links to our work in History. The children have been able to implement our success criteria of prepositions and conjunctions into their work brilliantly. In Maths, we have been looking at different methods to use when adding or subtracting 10 from numbers up to 200. We have continued to look at The Stone Age in History as we explored Skara Brae in Scotland and investigated what it told us about the ways in which Stone Age people lived. In Science, we have been looking at different rocks, considering what specific rocks are used for and what makes them suitable for this use. In RE, we have learnt about the Aarti Ceremony in Hinduism and found out what the significance is of the different parts of the ritual. The children have also enjoyed another week of tag rugby in PE as well as another Forest School session. Well done on another brilliant week Year 3!

This week at Brooklands...in photos!

Year 4	What a fantastic week we have had in Year 4! The children have shown incredible enthusiasm and dedication across all areas of their learning this week. In Science, we dived into the fascinating world of the water cycle. The class learned about the four main stages that keep water moving around our planet: evaporation, condensation, precipitation, and collection. Linking directly with our scientific discoveries, we began planning our explanation texts in English. The children are working hard to structure their writing on how the water cycle works, making sure to include success criterias of fronted adverbials, time connectives, and prepositional phrases. In Maths, we delved deeper into addition and subtraction by exploring the concept of rounding. The children worked hard on rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100, and 1,000, which will serve as a strong foundation for checking and estimating their calculations. Finally, in Physical Education, our rugby sessions have officially come to an end. It has been brilliant to see the children engage with a brand-new sport, developing their teamwork and sportsmanship along the way.
Year 5	Year 5 have had another busy and exciting week of learning! In Maths, we have continued our work on decimals, focusing on converting between metres and centimetres and exploring common compositions of one whole. The children have been developing their understanding of how different decimal amounts can be combined to make one whole. In English, we have started writing explanation texts about the four Ashramas, the four stages of life in Hinduism. The children have been learning how to organise information clearly and explain each stage using appropriate vocabulary. In History, we have continued exploring how the Maya used their environment to support their civilisation. This week, we looked at farming techniques and irrigation systems and considered how these helped the Maya grow crops and provide food for their communities. In Geography, we have been learning more about Mexico and identifying some of its key physical features. We explored the deserts and mountains found across the country and considered how these features shape the landscape. In French, we revised our numbers and practised counting from 1 to 10. In PE, the children continued their rugby sessions with our coach from Blackheath Rugby Club and also enjoyed developing their basketball skills. In RE, we continued our learning about Hinduism by exploring the four Ashramas and what each stage represents in a Hindu person's life. In Music, we have been having great fun rapping our Solar System song, using rhythm and performance skills to help us remember what we have learned about the planets. Well done, Year 5, for another fantastic week of learning. Have a wonderful weekend!
Year 6	We have had another great week in Year 6! In English, the children have been focusing on non-chronological reports. They identified the key features of this type of writing before creating their own sentences about Hajj. They have been developing their writing skills by using semicolons, relative clauses and subordinating conjunctions to extend their sentences. In Maths, the children have been learning about the 'same difference' rule. They have explored how adjusting both the minuend and subtrahend by the same amount affects the difference, and how this strategy can make both mental and written calculations easier. They have also applied the 'same difference' rule to balance equations and explain their mathematical thinking. In R.E., the children have been learning about Hajj. They have retold stories connected to Hajj and explored the significance of the Kaaba in Mecca, developing their understanding of its importance to Muslims. In Science, we have continued learning about biomes and explored how different animals have adapted to survive in their environments. The children have investigated the ways in which animals' physical and behavioural adaptations help them to survive and thrive in their habitats. In Geography, the children completed their fact files about a range of different biomes. They included information about the climate, the living things found there and the location of each biome, developing their understanding of the key characteristics that make each biome unique.

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All events for children are free for families receiving Pupil Premium.

(Brooklands School PTA)

Friends of Brooklands

2026/2027 CALENDAR

Look what we've got planned!

WED 23RD SEPTEMBER

BLOOM & BREW

Especially for our Early Years families! Come for a relaxed cuppa, meet other parents and carers and say hello to Friends of Brooklands. **8:45am in the BUFA. We'd love to see you!**

FRI 2ND OCTOBER

BOOK & BAKE SALE

Books AND cake, what's not to love? Pick up a new read and a tasty treat while helping raise money for the school. **3:25pm, KS1 playground.**

FRI 16TH OCTOBER

TICKETED EVENT

AUTUMN DISCO

Get those dancing shoes ready! Our Autumn Disco is back for an evening of music, dancing and plenty of fun. Timings and ticket details will follow nearer the time.

FRI 27TH NOVEMBER

WREATH MAKING

TICKETED EVENT

One for the grown-ups! Get creative and make something beautiful for your front door, while enjoying a relaxed evening with other Brooklands parents and carers.

FRI 4TH DECEMBER

WINTER FAIR

TICKETED EVENT

Save the date! One of our biggest events of the year, with stalls, games, treats and plenty of fun for the whole family. More details coming soon!

FRI 5TH FEBRUARY

FAMILY BINGO

TICKETED EVENT

Eyes down! Grab the family and join us for an evening of bingo, prizes and friendly competition. **Fun for children and grown-ups alike.** More details coming soon!

FRI 5TH MARCH

BAKE SALE

Friday + cake = a pretty good combination. **Stop by for an end-of-week treat**, help raise money for Brooklands and perhaps take something delicious home for later too!

WED 24TH MARCH

AGM

Come along to our Annual General Meeting (AGM) to hear what Friends of Brooklands has been up to, our plans for the future & how you can get involved. **Everyone's welcome, we'd love you there.**

FRI 30TH APRIL

TICKETED EVENT

SPRING DISCO

Dancing shoes at the ready! Join us for an evening of music, dancing and plenty of fun at our Spring Disco. Timings and ticket details will follow nearer the time.

SAT 26TH JUNE

SUMMER FAIR

TICKETED EVENT

Save the date! One of the biggest events in the Brooklands calendar, with a brilliant day of games, stalls, food and family fun. Lots more details to come!

If you want to send us your views, questions or would like to join the committee, please drop us an email friendsofbrooklands@gmail.com or ask your class rep.

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IT Services for Education

ONLINE SAFETY TALK

TUESDAY 13THOCTOBER2026

3:40PM - 4:15PM

PRESENTED BY TIM BARETTE

BROOKLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

The digital world is an ever developing and changing landscape. Children growing up in modern society have greater access to information, communication and creative tools than ever before. This brings many positives and opportunities for advancements, but it is important that as adults we keep an awareness of online risks, how to best mitigate these and manage conversations around the online world with our children.

We welcome all parents and carers to join us at **3:40pm on Tuesday 13th October 2026** for this special online safety focused session, presented by experts from eduthing. We will look to provide practical advice and tips to help parents and carers manage their children's time online and make it as safe and enjoyable as possible.

THE SESSION WILL TOUCH ON THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

- **Online Safety and AI Awareness**
- **Key Online Safety Principles for Children**
- **Practical Tips for Privacy Settings and Controls**
- **Support for Conversations around Online Safety**
- **Accessing Additional Support & Resources**



Friends of Brooklands

AUTUMN DISCO!



TICKET £6 via MCAS

TICKET INCLUDES
UNLIMITED SQUASH
1 X SNACK
1 X SMALL TREAT

FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER

KS1
(YEARS R–2)
3:30–4:15PM

KS2
(YEARS 3–6)
4:30–5:30PM

DJ
Send your child's song request via your class REP

Events for children are free for families receiving Pupil Premium

NHS
South London Children and Young People's Community Immunisation Service

Missed your flu vaccine?

Do you live or attendschool in the borough of Greenwich? Aged 4 - 16?

Come down to a flu catch-up clinic and protect yourself!

Thursday 15 October, 15:15 - 16:15
Charlton Family Centre, SE7 7EL

Monday 26 October, 10:00 - 14:00
Clockhouse Community Centre, SE18 5QL

Tuesday 27 October, 10:30 - 14:00
Greenwich West Community Centre, SE10 8JL

Call 020 3903 3345 or scan the QR code for more information or to book an appointment

Sept 2026

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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