



Brookland Infant and Nursery School

Enjoyment of learning, achievement for all

Spring 1 -January 2025

NEWSLETTER

Happy New Year!

We were delighted to see the children return to school on a very cold morning today! We would like you wish all our families a happy and healthy new year, and we hope you all enjoyed a restful break.



Forest School and PE timetable

Forest School:

Forest school sessions for next half term will be for children in **Year 1** and **Year 2** children: Your child must come dressed for forest school on the day their session is due to take place. Forest school sessions take place in all weathers including snow, rain and heat so please always assume your child's session will take place.

You can really help prepare your child for a Forest School day by:

- Having the correct clothing: a warm jacket, wellie boots and two pairs of socks (gloves and hats in colder weather)
- Bringing in a spare set of clothes just in case your child gets wet and needs to change.
- Even better, if you have it, waterproof clothing: jacket, an over-suit or over trousers, children would be snug, dry and comfortable for their session. Here is a link for a cost effective waterproof set: [Amazon Link for waterproof clothing](#)
- Don't forget to name label all clothing so any lost items can get back to you!



Please ensure your child's wellies are cleaned after each forest school session. We have attached a Be Free Forest School guide to help you ensure your child has the correct clothing for their sessions.

PE:

Children should come to school dressed in their PE uniform on their allocated PE days. PE will take place whenever the weather allows. Please dress your child in the following for their PE lesson:

- Black/navy shorts, leggings or joggers
- White or light blue T-shirt
- School jumper/cardigan
- Trainers

	Forest School	PE
Holly	-	Wednesday
Mulberry	-	Wednesday
Rowan	-	Tuesday
Ash	Tuesday	Thursday
Beech	Friday	Thursday
Hazel	Tuesday	Thursday
Maple	Tuesday	Thursday
Oak	Friday	Tuesday

SchoolGrid lunch ordering

Please can we remind parents of the following information regarding our SchoolGrid lunch ordering system:

- Lunch orders need to be placed or cancelled before 8:30am on the day
- If your child is absent from school, please remember to cancel their meal order
- If no lunch order is received before 8:30am, a Jacket Potato will be provided for your child
- You can place meal orders up to 10 weeks in advance



If you need any support with the SchoolGrid system or have been unable to access your account please contact the School Office.

If your child has an allergy or dietary requirement, please ensure you have contacted Herts Catering to register for a special menu for your child. More information can be found on the HCL website <https://specialmenu.hcl.co.uk/>

Cancelling Lunches:

If your child is absent or you provide a home packed lunch you must cancel their lunch order by 8:30am.

If you don't do this the school will still be charged for the lunch and will pass this charge on to you. Parents who do not cancel their child's meal if their child is absent from school will be charged for the meal at the current rate of £2.58

Cold weather



We are currently experiencing very cold weather, please can we ask that children come to school wearing warm coats and that all hats, gloves, and scarves are name labelled to avoid items getting lost.

Please take care on our site as pathways and our car park area can be slippery at this time of year.

Primary & Junior admissions

The Primary Admissions application system will close on Wednesday 15th January 2025. Please ensure you have applied online via the link below:

[Hertfordshire primary school admissions](#)



Parents of children in year 2 should apply for a place at the Junior School and parents of nursery children should apply for a place in a reception class.

Reception circus workshop

The children in Reception are very excited as they are having some special visitors on Monday 13th January, the circus is coming to Brooklands! The children will get the opportunity to take part in activities including tight-wires, juggling, diabolos, poi, gymnastic ribbons, pedal-gos, stilts, hula-hoops, flower sticks, balancing feathers and spinning plates. The workshop will provide a range of different skills and a variety of challenges and will be filled with lots of fun!

To make the day for extra special for the children we will like to invite them to come to school dressed in any bright colours / sports clothes they might have so they can fully embrace this fun activity.



Please could parents log on to Arbor to consent to their child taking place to this activity under the 'trips' tab if you have not already done so.

Diary Dates

Please note: dates below may be subject to change at short notice

January 2025

Monday 13 th January	Reception circus workshop
Wednesday 15 th January	Hertfordshire Primary School Admissions applications close
Thursday 16 th January	Gourmet Burger Lunch- please place orders on SchoolGrid

February 2025

Wednesday 5 th February	Year 2 Great Fire of London Workshop
Monday 17 th - 21 st February	Half term- school closed