



# Brookland Infant and Nursery School

## NEWS

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**Enjoyment of learning, achievement for all**

### Mrs Atkinson- Update

We are pleased to update you that Mrs Atkinson's surgery went well and she is now at home recovering. Mrs Atkinson has asked us to pass on a message to say she is missing being here with us and is looking forward to seeing everyone soon.

Mrs Barton, the Junior School Headteacher is continuing to support us during this time. Please continue to send any communications for Mrs Atkinson to our admin email address [admin@brooklandinfants.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@brooklandinfants.herts.sch.uk)



### Reception Circus Workshop

The children in reception enjoyed a visit from Allstars Circus this week, the hall was filled with laughter as the children watched a circus performance and then got to try performing their own circus skills. The children learnt how to catch scarves, spin plates, balance peacock feathers on their hands, walk on stilts, use pedal-gos, and had fun rolling and catching flower twirlers and many more circus skills.

We are pleased to say we have many budding circus artists in reception! well done to all the children who took part, we are very proud of your resilience and perseverance.

We would like to say a very big thank you to all the parents who contributed towards this activity, without your support we would be unable to hold these events for the children. If you have not yet made a contribution and would like to do so, please log on to your arbor app and you can make a payment under the trips tab.



### Schoolgrid lunch ordering

Please remember to cancel your child's lunch on schoolgrid if your child is absent from school or you have provided a home packed lunch before 8:45am. We are seeing a large number of meals not being cancelled and the school is charged for every meal that is ordered, We are now having to pass this charge onto parents which is currently £2.53 per day.



# Forest School Adventures

We've had typical Wintery weather on our return to Brookland Infant's own Forest School area, and the children have loved every minute of their sessions!



Year 1 and nursery have both been exploring birds, learning their different birdsong, leaving out bird feeders and learning to recognise their different colours. We have a very friendly robin who sings to the children, we are so curious about him!

Jude typically leads the children in a game and then some learning about the natural world, before the children take part in an activity so they can explore this learning hands-on. After this, children may choose from activities in our Forest School area which have included: making bird feeders, digging holes to plant bulbs, making delicious 'soup' in the mud kitchen, swinging on the tree swing and picking up litter with the litter pickers.



Though it has been very cold, children have kept themselves warm by taking part in walking stories or scavenger hunts, singing our Ash Tree song whilst stomping up and down the hill and drinking warm blackcurrant squash - a special winter treat available for every child during a Forest School session. The weather is taken into consideration for each daily plan and the adults watch the children carefully to know when it's time to head back to class and warm up. The children have shown lots of wonder about the crunchy grass and frosty leaves, they were thrilled to smash ice and drink warm squash too. When it was very cold, we shortened sessions to around an hour - this experience of feeling cold, possibly uncomfortable too, is not harmful, but builds resilience, we can't always wait for sunshine, it's about learning to dance in the rain, write our name in the frost and feel the wind in our hair. It's all part of the fun of a Forest School session, being outdoors in all weather, (apart from electrical storms and high wind!)

# Diary Dates

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

## January 2024

Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 2 Great Fire of London Theatre Show
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Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 1 Toy Museum Workshop
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## February 2024

Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Beech Class Parents Consultation (1)
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Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent Consultations- Booking details to follow
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## Half Term

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

## March 2024

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Week- Details of events to follow
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Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day - children are invited to wear something red in support of Comic Relief <a href="https://www.comicrelief.com/rednoseday">https://www.comicrelief.com/rednoseday</a>
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Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Last session for nursery afternoon children
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Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	End of Term - school closes at 1.30pm
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## April 2024

Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Children to return to school
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Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 1 Trip to Hyde Hall
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