



# Brookland Infant and Nursery School

## NEWS

[www.brooklandinfants.herts.sch.uk](http://www.brooklandinfants.herts.sch.uk)

Spring 2  
Jan 2024

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### Welcome Back

We were delighted to see the children return to school on Friday and we hope you all had a restful break over the Christmas holidays. We wish you all a happy and healthy new year!

### Staffing News

Mrs Atkinson will be having surgery on her knee and will be absent from school from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January. She is hoping to be back in school as soon as she can following her operation, which has a recovery time of 4-6 weeks. We are very fortunate that Mrs Barton, the Junior School Head Teacher will be supporting us during this time.

We will keep you updated on how Mrs Atkinson is recovering and when she is expected to return to school, 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)

### Admissions

The Primary Admissions application system will close on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024. Please ensure you have applied online via the link below:

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/school-admissions/primary-junior-and-middle-schools/primary-junior-and-middle-school-places.aspx>

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

### Nursery Applications– 2024/25

Applications are still being accepted for children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021 to start with us in September 2024. We now accept applications for nursery places anytime during the academic year after a child's second birthday. The closing date for applications for starting nursery in September 2024 will be midday on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024.



Our online Application form is available on our school website at <https://brooklandinfants.herts.sch.uk/> Paper Application form are also available for collection from the from the school office.

We also offer a limited number of 30-hour places, please visit <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/> to check if you qualify for additional funding from HMRC.

# School Meal Booking System

Please remember to order your child's meals in advance.

- Lunch orders need to be placed or cancelled before 8:45am on the day
- If your child is absent please remember to cancel their meal
- If no lunch order is received, the Jacket Potato or Pasta option 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 please contact the School Office.

**Cancelling Lunches:** If your child is absent from school or you provide a home packed lunch you must cancel their lunch order by 8:45am.

If you don't do this the school will 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 £2.53.

# Home Prepared Packed Lunches

Please use the following guidelines when preparing your child's packed lunch:

- NO nuts or nut based foods such as Nutella or some cereal bars.**
- One sandwich or other similar carbohydrate alternative
- 1/3 pieces of vegetable or small fruit eg Strawberries/cucumber or 1 piece of larger fruit
- A small treat such as a biscuit
- No additional drinks, they will use their class water bottle**
- Please only include items in packaging that the children can undo themselves



# Lateness

Please do everything you can to ensure your child arrives at school on time and by 8:45am in the morning. Below is the daily timetable for the start of the school day:

Year 2, Year 1, Reception:	
8.45am	Children invited into the classroom
8.45am	Register is taken
8.50am	First lesson starts & registers close
9.00am	Children arriving after this time will be recorded as unauthorised absence
Nursery:	
8:45am	Morning session begins
12:30pm	Afternoon Session begins

**If your child arrives late:**

- ☹️ they are often embarrassed and upset having to come into a settled classroom
- ☹️ they missed the chance to answer their name
- ☹️ they missed the register
- ☹️ they missed the important news of the day
- ☹️ they will be unsettled because they do not know the purpose of the lesson
- ☹️ It could take them until morning break to catch up with the information they missed



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### DATES ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-2024

#### AUTUMN TERM 2023

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September - Inset Day (1) - School Closed  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September - Children return to school

#### Half Term Holiday

*Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October*

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December - Occasional Day  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December - Last Day of Term for afternoon Nursery children  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December - Last Day of Term (finish at 1:30pm)

#### SPRING TERM 2024

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January - Inset Day (2) - School Closed  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January - Children return to school

#### Half Term Holiday

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

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March - Last Day of Term for afternoon Nursery children  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March - Last Day of Term (finish at 1:30pm)

#### SUMMER TERM 2024

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April - Children return to school  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May - May Bank Holiday

#### Half Term Holiday

*Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May*

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June - Inset Day (3) - School Closed  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July - Last day of term for afternoon Nursery children  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July - End of Term (finish at 1.30pm)  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July - Inset Day (4) - School Closed  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July - Inset Day (5) - School Closed

# 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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## February 2024

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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