



Together We Inspire, Challenge, Achieve

Friday 11 September 2026

Dear Brookmead Families



A very big 🎉 to our academic year 2026-27. We have got off to a wonderful start - the children and staff are very settled and we are right back into our learning patterns again. There has been a wonderful 'buzz' around our school. It has been so lovely to see you all at the gate. I am always amazed at how much the children have grown over the summer break.

GOOD NEWS – BRINGING LEARNING TO LIFE

It is important we reflect at the start of any transition point, and today I wanted to share (once again) how proud I feel of our school and our community. We had a truly incredible academic year last year, so many learning experiences and successes to be very proud of. Our academic results were our best ever, but that does not come by chance. Those results show that our provision for children with special educational needs is a strength - 98% of our Year 6 children getting expected in maths is exceptional. Children who are happy and feel safe in school perform their best and make progress, whatever that looks like for each individual. We are always looking to improve, and we never rest on our laurels at Brookmead - we have many exciting things ahead, such as academisation and further expanding our nurture support. We cannot wait to share our developments with you all throughout this academic year. Thank you so much for your part to play in our successes.



TOPIC LAUNCHES

All children have had their topic launches over the last few weeks. Year 3 launched their learning about The Stone Age by building structures with large scale equipment. Year 5 launched their learning about World War 2 through a study of replica artefacts and have a trip in the next few weeks to Bletchley Park to learn more. If you want to know what your child did for their topic launch, do ask them this weekend.



Shout out to our **Reception Team** for making our new Brilliant Brookmeaders feel so welcome - there is a lot of preparation that goes into welcoming a new cohort and I cannot thank you all enough for your hard work already this term. Thanks go to **Miss Randell, Miss Fernandez-Lewis, Mrs (C) Taylor, Miss Bates and Mrs Baughan.**

A big shout out to **our parent community and PTA** for all of the money raised for our school - as I type this newsletter, we are spending £3,000 of the money raised to further develop the shared area nurture spaces in each year group. We cannot wait to share what these look like when complete.

XYZ MUSIC EVENT

A very big thank you to XYZ Music who came into school yesterday to perform to Years 1-6. XYZ will be running small group and individual music lessons - please see the email sent out today for more information about how to sign up.

The children loved joining in and we had a whole school rendition of We Will Rock You with clapping and stomping to boot. What a way to start our music learning at Brookmead this year!



MEET THE TEACHER

A reminder about our **Meet the Teacher** sessions starting next week - an opportunity for you to meet your child's classteacher/s and to learn more about what they will be learning this academic year.

All sessions **start at 9.05am**, entrance via the Reception green wooden gates. **Dates are as follows:**

Thursday 17 September - Year 6

Friday 18 September - Reception

Monday 21 September - Year 1

Tuesday 22 September - Year 2

Wednesday 23 September - Year 5

Thursday 24 September - Year 3

Friday 25 September - Year 4



HEALTH AND SAFETY

Thank you to our Reception parents for adapting so swiftly to the safe entrance. A gentle reminder to everyone that our car park is not pedestrianised due to health and safety requirements for schools. If you have a disability, we do have a disability route that we can always make available. We did ask the local authority for a new disability access slope, but sadly had this turned down as they felt the slope we had in place was adequate. We are always here to help, so please do ask!

ATTENDANCE - Reminders on how to report absence



If your child is too unwell to attend school, please let us know by emailing: pupilabsence@brookmead.net by 9:00am on each day of their absence.

We recommend that medical appointments are arranged outside of school hours wherever possible. If this is not possible, please give us as much notice as you can, including a photo or screenshot of the appointment confirmation and details of when your child will be collected and returned to school.

Consent must always be sought for any planned absence during term time. The [Leave of Absence Request Form](#) is available on our website and should be completed and submitted to pupilabsence@brookmead.net for consideration.

Further information can be found on our [Attendance and Punctuality webpage](#).

YOU SAID	WE DID
It's hard to keep track of all the information sent home from school	We've set up a new page on our website which will list all the letters sent home via email. So you can look them up whenever you need to. https://www.brookmeadschool.co.uk/Letters-Home/

MUSIC IN ASSEMBLY

We have listened to Bill Withers 'Lovely Day' to celebrate our return to school, and Coldplay 'Good, Good Feelings' to reflect on a positive start to the term. In our celebration assembly this morning, we had the theme of '80s Rock', and staff chose 'Livin' on a Prayer' by Bon Jovi. I realised that I was older than I thought when only a handful of children knew who Bon Jovi were - I suggested they speak to parents to listen to some Bon Jovi this weekend (happy listening).

Whoaaaaaaaaaaa!
We're halfway
there...
WHOOAAAAAAAAA!

SAFEGUARDING

Mobile Phones - thank you so much to our Year 6 parents and carers for your response to mobile phones this academic year. We have only had a few brought to school and these meet the 'brick phone' requirements of our policy.

Schools nationally are working together to reduce mobile phone use with children. A reminder that apps such as **Whatsapp, Tik Tok and Snapchat are not for use by children of primary school age** due to the potential for grooming on these apps.

At Brookmead, we follow government guidance about the use of mobile phones for children. Only Year 6 may bring a phone to school - it cannot be a smartphone - it must be a brick phone and must be handed in to the teacher. We do not allow Year 5 children to bring any mobile device into school. Please be aware that children can have phones snatched from their hands in public - an added risk as opposed to added safety. A child having a mobile phone does not necessarily keep them safe.

PE AND LIBRARY DAYS

Year Group	PE Days	Library Day
EYFS	Monday (starting after half term - Monday 2 November)	Friday
1	Thursday & Friday	Thursday
2	Wednesday & Thursday	Wednesday
3	Tuesday & Thursday	Tuesday
4	Monday & Friday	Monday
5	Tuesday & Thursday	Tuesday
6	Wednesday & Friday	Friday

TRIPS AND EVENTS - Autumn Term 2026

[Click here to see the School Diary on our website](#)

AT BROOKMEAD, WE LOVE TO ENHANCE OUR LEARNING WITH EXPERIENCES

September

Thursday 17 September
Thursday 24 September

October

28 Sept - 2 October
Tuesday 6 October
Thursday 8 October
Tuesday 13 October
Thursday 15 October
Thursday 15 October
Thursday 22 October
Thursday 22 October

HALF TERM

Thursday 5 November
Tuesday 10 November
Friday 13 November
Monday 16 November
Tuesday 17 November
Thursday 19 November
Monday 23 November
Wednesday 25 November

December

Thursday 3 December
Tuesday 8 December

FAB Annual General Meeting - 5.00pm
Author Visit for Years 1-3

Year 6 Residential Week - Whitemoor Lakes
School Photographs - Individual & Sibling Photos
Year 5 Trip to Bletchley Park
Year 4 Harvest Festival Assembly - details to follow
Year 1 Trip to Bekonscot Model Village - details to follow
FAB Halloween Disco - details to follow
Year 3 Stone Age Workshop - details to follow
Author Visit for Years 4-6 - details to follow

HALF TERM

EYFS Walk to the Windmill - details to follow
Year 4 Trip to Verulamium - details to follow
Bucks School Nurse Team - Flu Vaccinations for whole school - details to follow
Year 5 Swimming - Week 1 - details to follow
Parent's Evening - details to follow
Parent's Evening - details to follow
Year 5 Swimming - Week 2 - details to follow
Year 2 Great Fire of London Workshop - details to follow

Year 6 Trip to Cadbury World - details to follow
Christmas Tree Light Switch On - details to follow

END OF YEAR CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES - Times tbc

Monday 14 December Year 1 & 2 Nativity - PM	Tuesday 15 December Year 1 & 2 Nativity - AM EYFS Nativity - PM
Wednesday 16 December Year 3 & 4 Nativity - AM Year 5 & 6 Carol Concert - PM	Thursday 17 December Year 5 & 6 Carol Concert - AM Year 3 & 4 Nativity - PM

TERM DATES 2026 - 2027

[Click here to see Term Dates on our website](#)

AUTUMN TERM 2026 Friday 23rd October 2026 Monday 2 November 2026 Friday 18 December 2026 SPRING TERM 2027 Monday 4th January 2027 Tuesday 5th January 2027 Friday 12th February 2027 Monday 22th February 2027 Thursday 25th March 2027 SUMMER TERM 2027 Monday 12th April 2027 Monday 3 May 2027 Friday 28th May 2027 Monday 7th June 2027 Tuesday 8th June 2027 Tuesday 20th July 2027 Wednesday 21st July 2027	School closes for Half Term - 3.20pm finish School opens for Second Half Term School closes for Christmas Holiday - 3.20pm finish School closed for pupils - staff training day School opens for Spring Term School closes for Half Term - 3.20pm finish School opens for Second Half Term School closes for Easter Holiday - 3.20pm finish School opens for Summer Term School closed for May Bank Holiday School closes for Half Term - 3.20pm finish School closed for pupils - staff training day School opens for Second Half Term School closes - 3.20pm finish School closed for pupils - staff training day
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Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend, happy listening to Bon Jovi!

Warm regards



Mrs Esther Taylor
Headteacher