



BROOKLANDS BULLETIN

Weekly Reflection

Dear parents and carers,

We have had another very busy week at Brooklands including an Early Years coffee morning (thank you to everyone who came!), a year 1 local walk and the final week of our first month of our 'Walk to School' challenge- please see the letter coming soon to find out more about this initiative, in line with our Travel for Life commitment!

From 4:30pm today, there is a wonderful social evening happening at Blackheath Wanderers Sports Club which is open for all- we hope to see as many of you there as possible! Thank you to our fantastic Friends of Brooklands team for organising this event. We have been able to give all of our teachers £100 towards classroom resources that they find in charity shops, online market places etc; we would like to thank them (and you!) for raising this money so our teachers are not having to spend money out of their own pockets for these wonderful finds that benefit all of our children.

On Saturday 11th October we have our first Early Years Stay and Play session from 9:30am to 11:30am. Please see the flyer attached to this Bulletin for more information!

We have seen an increase in children using the Early Years equipment in the morning before class doors open. Please support us in reminding children they should not be using this equipment before school. Scooters and bikes should not be ridden on the playground at pick up and drop off to ensure everyone's safety. Thank you for your support with this.

Best wishes,

Mrs McGrath and Mrs Armstrong

UPCOMING DATES

Community Social Evening at Blackheath Wanderers Sports Club
3rd October from 4:30pm onwards- all welcome

Year 6 - Author visit 7th October

Individual photos 8th October

Year 5 - trip to the Space Dome 10th October

Early Years Stay and Play- Saturday 11th October 2025 9:30-11:30am

Shared stories morning- 17th October 8:45- 9:15am- followed by **coffee in the school hall!**

Autumn discos 17th October

End of Autumn (i) 17th October

Secondary School application deadline- 31st October

Back to school: Monday 3rd November

Oxleas NHS Rec & Y6 Height & Weight checks - Wednesday 19th November

A reminder that dogs are not allowed on our school site, including at pick up and drop off.

Please do not leave dogs unattended outside the school gates.

Thank you for your cooperation with this.



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.
- Please ensure all contacts, numbers, addresses, medical conditions and medication is up to date.
- All outstanding payment must be paid by Friday 24th October
- Bat Club
- Nursery
- Clubs
- **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 get the **free Studybugs app** for reporting your child's absence due to illness.

<https://studybugs.com>



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.

Attendance



	Reception		100
	Year 1		95.17
	Year 2		99.64
	Year 3		94.48
	Year 4		92.71
	Year 5		93.01
	Year 6		93.21

Attendance Ladder

How close is your child to 100%?

0 days off school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned

Reading at Brooklands

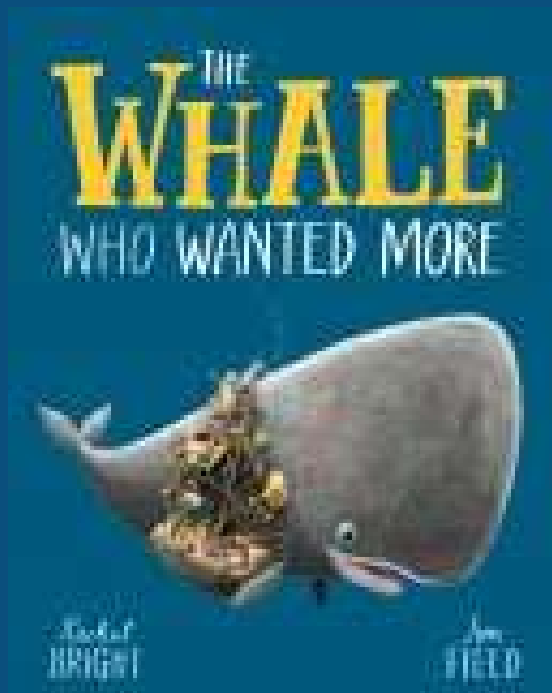
We have a wonderful reading culture at Brooklands and celebrate this in lots of ways!



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 stunning undersea tale of friendship, community and discovery from the bestselling creators of The Lion Inside.

Under glittering waves of a vast ocean blue, a beautiful world is hidden from view. And there, in the cool and the quiet of the deep, a great, gentle giant was stirring from sleep ...

Humphrey the whale is on a quest: to find the one perfect object that will make him feel complete. He roams far and wide, gathering endless undersea treasure as he goes. Yet, no matter how many goodies he accumulates, Humphrey still doesn't feel content. Could it be friendship, not possessions, that will really make Humphrey's heart sing?

A sparkling rhyming tale that encourages sharing and kindness, this heartwarming story of friendship is perfect for reading aloud.

ONLINE SAFETY

For Parents – A Guide to navigating Social Media Safely

This is a fantastic guide from the Center for Countering Digital Hate (CCDH), it goes into lots of detail and I'm sure parents will find it interesting and useful. The guide goes into areas such as:

- How social media platforms and algorithms operate.
- The various types of harms that children may experience.
- Practical advice and guidance.
- Supporting resources.

You can download the guide [HERE](#).

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about EA SPORTS FC 26

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AN ANNUAL RELEASE SCHEDULE

As was the case with the last two EA Sports FC games and the FIFA series before it, the franchise rolls out once a year with updated squads and new features. This can make it expensive to keep up with, particularly when so many dedicated players are keen to get their hands on the latest edition.

VOICE CHAT

Voice chat can be enabled across all platforms, meaning young people can speak to anyone they play with or against. While it can be switched off, some children will no doubt want to speak to their friends while they play. This also means they may encounter strangers much older than them, which can expose them to inappropriate language or behaviours.

IN-GAME PURCHASES THROUGH ULTIMATE TEAM

Ultimate Team is the big draw for EA Sports FC, letting players spend real money on packs that they can open to build a squad of the world's best players. They're not always easy to obtain, and new, improved versions of players will be regularly added as limited-time offerings. Young people could feel pressured into spending money and experience fear of missing out.

SCAMMERS IN ULTIMATE TEAM

Ultimate Team is managed by EA itself, but that hasn't stopped scammers from looking to dupe players out of money and in-game coins. Some scammers sell their accounts, which is a violation of EA's terms of service, while others will 'sell' coins – something the developer is still working to crack down on. Some try to gain access to others' accounts, potentially giving them access to payment information.

POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

While EA Sports FC is potentially addictive, thanks to its fast-paced gameplay and mirroring of the real-world skill and glamour of football, Ultimate Team's focus on limited-time rewards and the lottery of winning packs can make it feel closer to gambling than gaming, which may lead to addiction and impulsive spending of money.

Advice for Parents & Educators

PREPARE FOR ANOTHER GAME IN A YEAR

The annual-release cadence aligns with the return of the school year, and can be a great way to incentivise good behaviour at the start of term. If children are applying themselves and preparing for a new year of school, or were particularly well behaved in the summer, EA Sports FC 26 could make a great reward.

LIMIT SPENDING

If you're worried about children accidentally spending real money in Ultimate Team, whether in game or on the EA Sports FC companion app, don't link a payment card to their account. Reclaiming funds can be a mountain to climb, and the dopamine hit of opening flashy packs with slick animations means one purchase can lead to another very quickly. It's also worth adding a prepaid card if you'd prefer them to make their own choices with their budget.

MONITOR VOICE CHAT

As in-game chat is open, be sure to adjust the settings in EA Sports FC 26 to lock it down. If children want to chat with their friends while they play, consider setting up a safe space for them to call, to allow them to play without fear of outsiders.

BE VIGILANT

As with last year, there are ways to keep scammers at bay. Ensure passwords are locked down, and consider using a password manager application to keep them secure. EA will never contact players through the game itself, so be vigilant with incoming messages, and block and report suspected spam. EA will contact players by email if needed, but they will never ask for usernames or passwords. Players should also avoid buying in-game currency from unofficial websites – doing so can lead to accounts being banned and could cost players money in the process.

Meet Our Expert

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#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/ea-sports-fc-26>

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EYFS Family Welcome!

**Early Years Welcome
Coffee Morning!**

**Come and join us for a
friendly coffee morning to
mark the beginning of your
child's journey at
Brooklands!**



Date: 8/10/25

Time: 8.45-9.30AM

Place: BUFA

- *Meet other parents and carers*
- *Get to know the Early Years team*
- *Ask questions and share experiences*
- *Find out more about how we can support you and your child*

For 2-5
year-olds



Brooklands
Primary School

YOU'RE INVITED!

Looking for a nursery place? Or is your little one starting Reception in 2026?

Come along to our Stay-and-Play sessions at Brooklands!



Join us on selected Saturdays throughout the year for themed sessions - from winter wonderland fun to messy play - that your child will love!

Our wonderful Early Years teachers, together with our Co-Heads of School, will be there to play alongside the children, lead activities, and chat with you about any questions you might have - so there really is something for everyone.

**11th October, 8th November, 10th January,
21st March, 16th May, 3rd July**

*Sessions are from 9:30am to 11:30am.
Please note that parents/carers must stay and be
responsible for their child.*

**Brooklands Primary School,
Medebourne Close, Blackheath SE3 9AB
www.brooklandsschool.org.uk/ 020 8852 8210**

STARS OF THE WEEK

Nursery	Esme for settling in so calmly to Nursery and for being a really independent big girl.
Reception	Oran for being extremely brave and trying a school dinner. Kaiyan for your amazing letter formation in phonics this week.
Year 1	Isaac because you have a great attitude to learning. You are working hard and trying your best in all areas of the curriculum. Well done! Daniel because you have a great attitude and a real enthusiasm to all your learning. You have been working very hard. Well done!
Year 2	Nina, for always trying her best in all of her work and participating in class discussions. Sasha, for always persisting with his work and asking questions during his learning.
Year 3	Fox – for producing amazing independent writing, filled with creative and original ideas. Nova – for showing fantastic effort in her independent writing and working with great determination.
Year 4	Vaughn – For great listening, hard work and not being afraid to ask questions if he needs help. Rori – For always having a positive attitude throughout the school day and for always wanting to complete the extension work!
Year 5	Stav- For a gripping story based on our Mayan myths Frank- For thoughtful contributions to class discussions
Year 6	Eleanor for always being a good role model to others and asking thoughtful questions about her learning. Sophie for being confident to ask questions about her learning and contribute to class discussions.



We are excited to announce that we have submitted a bid for funding to replace our climbing frame system on the grass area between the Key Stage 1 and 2 playgrounds. We know the children all love this equipment and have been very disappointed that we have had to cordon off the area as parts of the existing structure have begun to fail. We hope to be successful in this bid and that we can have an exciting new space for the children to play in and around.

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.

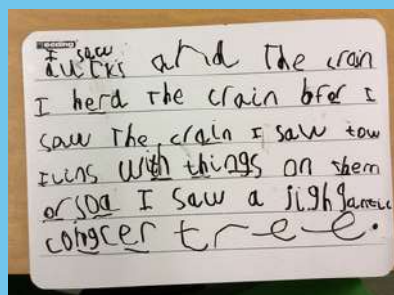
This week at Brooklands...

Nursery	We have had a wonderful week in nursery filled with creativity, stories, and outdoor fun! We have loved reading The Rainbow Fish and exploring its message of friendship and sharing. Inspired by the story, the children created their own beautiful fish collages. We also continued to mark making using different media, inside and outside the classroom. To top it all off, we enjoyed some lovely alfresco snack times, making the most of the fresh air and sunshine!
Reception	It's been another busy week in Reception, and the children are now fully settled into their routines. They have enjoyed sound blending in phonics, had exciting adventures at Forest School, and spent lots of time exploring books. The children have been developing their independence through free book exploration, while also engaging enthusiastically in our focused story sessions. This week's focus book was Funnybones by Allan and Janet Ahlberg. The children loved this fun story and used it as a starting point to learn about skeletons and how our bones connect. In maths, the children have been working collaboratively in groups to partition numbers.
Year 1	This week we went on our first school outing, a short walk in our local area. We enjoyed using our senses to observe features locally and we also noticed lots of seasonal changes. The children recalled many things they saw and smelt on the walk, then we used these ideas to write a recount for our English learning, using capital letters and full stops in their sentences. In Maths, we have been finding one less than a given number, comparing groups by matching them to different amounts and using the vocabulary of fewer than, more and the same. During our Science and Forest School lessons we have continued to investigate with our senses and also been naming parts inside our bodies that we cannot see. For our Design and Technology learning we have begun designing our own toys such as a rag doll or sock puppet. We are hoping to start making these next week. We have started our Geography lessons and have been finding out about the UK, identifying the country by its shape on a globe or map and to learn the countries of the UK. A busy week of learning, well done Year 1.
Year 2	Year 2 have had another amazing week in school. They have really been showing that they are ready to learn in all areas of their learning. In English they have been writing narrative letters focusing on 'The Owl and the Pussycat'. The ideas that have been shared have all been amazing. In maths they have continued looking at place value and have now moved onto addition and subtraction. They had another lovely week at forest school exploring the outdoors. In RE they were learning about the importance and meaning of the story of Rama and Sita. In PE they have continued to focus on skills around ball control and dance. In geography they have been exploring the surrounding seas of the United Kingdom. We are very proud of how year 2 have settled into their new learning.
Year 3	It has been another fantastic week in Year 3, full of hard work and enthusiasm. In English, the children produced some amazing independent writing about the Stone Age. They completed their non-chronological reports, describing the lifestyles of Stone Age people with detail and confidence. In Maths, we began our new topic on addition and subtraction, and the children showed great focus as they tackled new strategies and problem-solving challenges. In Science, we explored soil and its different layers. The children carried out an experiment to observe how the layers form and discovered what soil is made of, showing curiosity and excitement throughout. It has been a brilliant week of learning, with excellent effort and engagement across the class.



This week at Brooklands...in photos!

Year 4	This week in Year 4, we have taken another big step forward in the quality of work being produced across the class. In Maths, we have completed our first block of lessons and the children sat their end-of-block assessment. I am very pleased to say that results were strong across the board, and they have also highlighted a few common misconceptions that we will be addressing together in the coming days. In RE and English, our focus has been on Martin Luther King Jr. The children have been writing biographies about him, making excellent use of fronted adverbials, pronouns, and time connectives. The progress in their writing over the past four weeks has been remarkable and a real joy to see. Swimming continues to be a great success, with more and more children moving up into the advanced groups each week. Their confidence in the water is growing beautifully. A quick reminder: • Every child must bring a swimming hat next week. • Children in the top group will also need to bring a spare set of clothes suitable for the pool (light clothing, such as pyjamas, would be ideal) for their water survival practice. In History, we stepped back in time to explore life as an Anglo-Saxon child. The class quickly agreed that childhood in modern times is certainly more fun, safe, and enjoyable! Just two weeks left of term, time really does fly when you're having fun!
Year 5	This week in Year 5, the children have been working hard across a range of subjects, and showing great enthusiasm for their learning. In English, we have been writing exciting stories inspired by our Mayan myth, while in Maths we have begun our new unit on addition and subtraction, where the children have made excellent progress already. Our History lessons took us further into the fascinating world of the Maya as we explored their unique number system, and in Geography we continued to investigate Mexico, learning more about its physical features and its place in the wider world. In PE, the children have enjoyed developing their skills in tag rugby, and in PSHE, through our Jigsaw scheme, we have been reflecting thoughtfully on the experiences of refugees and migrants. During Reading, we have been delving into poetry and working carefully to infer the meaning behind the poet's words. Well done to Year 5 for a wonderful week of learning! We wish everyone a fantastic weekend, and a reminder that our trip to Greenacres to visit the Space Dome will take place on Friday 10th October. It promises to be 'out of this world'!
Year 6	In our English lessons, the children have been stepping into the shoes of Maia from Journey to the River Sea. They wrote letters to Miss Minton, thanking her for helping them settle into life in Brazil. They have been working hard to include relative clauses, semi-colons, and subordinating conjunctions. The results were thoughtful and beautifully written! Our focus in Maths has been on developing a deeper understanding of prime, square, and cubed numbers. The children have enjoyed exploring number patterns and properties before moving on to strategies for long multiplication. In Geography, the children completed an in-depth study of biomes. Each child selected a biome of interest and created a fact file which explained both the biome and how it has changed over time. Building on their Geography learning, the children explored the differences between biomes and habitats in Science. They investigated how living things adapt to survive in different environments. This was a fascinating topic that sparked plenty of discussion and curiosity. Well done Year 6 for another great week!



LIVING

STREETS

LET'S
WALK TO
SCHOOL

2025/26

WOW the WALK TO SCHOOL challenge

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livingstreets.org.uk/wowlaunch

IMPROVE YOUR HEALTH,
PROTECT THE PLANET,
WALK TO SCHOOL WITH WOW

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SHAPE SUPPORT FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY IN GREENWICH

Big changes are coming to the way families are supported across the country – and here in Royal Greenwich too. Every young person has a story, and yours can help shape the future of support in Royal Greenwich.



The council is asking children and young people to take a short survey and to tell them:

- What's working well for you
- What feels like a struggle
- What kind of support would really make a difference

Your voice will help shape the council's local services through the Families First programme so that services truly support children, young people and families across the borough.



**SCAN THIS
QR CODE TO
HAVE YOUR SAY**

Deadline: 13 October 2025



Are you ready for some

BIG NEWS?

The Greenwich Maritime Skills Academy is moving to Hook Lane in October - and it's going to be better than ever!

It's a 10 week course of fun activities for children aged 7-11, every Saturday morning, from 10am-1pm.



We're talking sports, robotics, art and drama - oh, and we haven't told you the best bit yet...

It's completely **FREE!**



Look out for more details and information on how to sign up in September. We can't wait to get started!...

Engineering
Minds





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Friday 19th September 2025

(Brooklands School PTA)

Friends of Brooklands

Meet the Team



Laura
(Chair)



Jenny
(Treasurer)



Aisling
(Secretary)



Jet
(Comms)



Sally
(Comms)



Luba
(Social Media)



Katie
(Committee)



Rachael
(Emails)



Clive
(Committee)



Laura
(Committee)



Emma
(Committee)

Everyone is welcome to join the committee,
email friendsofbrooklands@gmail.com or
speak to any current PTA member.

Feedback

We'd love to hear your thoughts
about the entrance fee for our
Summer & winter fair.



For the chance to win a £20
Amazon voucher, scan the
above fill out our survey...

2025/26 Events Calendar

We have an exciting year of events planned
to bring our school community together:

Friday 19th September

Family welcome event for new and returning families
Coffee morning, 8:45-9:45am, the school hall

Friday 3rd October

Community Social Event
External venue, PM (time and location TBC)

Friday 17th October

Autumn Disco
School hall (time TBC)

Friday 5th December

Winter Fair, including Santa's Grotto
School hall, 3:30-6:30pm

Friday 6th February

Family Bingo Night
School hall (time TBC)

Thursday 5th March

World Book Day Bake Sale
School playground (time TBC)

Friday 24th April

Spring Disco
School Hall (time TBC)

Saturday 4th July

Summer Fair
At the School (time TBC)

Plus - Wreath Making Workshop
(date to be confirmed)

All events are opportunities for families to
connect, have fun, and support our school -
we'd love to see you there!

Please note that all events are free for families
receiving Pupil Premium.

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.

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?

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

How do I check
if my child is
eligible?

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!





Greenwich has a critical shortage of foster carers, which is significantly impacting our children's well-being and stability. When local children cannot be placed with Foster Carers near their existing support networks, they face additional emotional challenges. We are reaching out to educational professionals who understand these children's complex needs.

By becoming a foster carer, you can provide a nurturing and safe environment that keeps children connected to their schools, friends, and communities. You can still work and be a foster carer.

Our comprehensive support package includes 24-hour support, excellent training, mentoring, council tax exemption, a generous, competitive financial allowance, support groups, counselling services, the innovative Mockingbird Family Model, The Fostering Network membership, and a calendar of engaging events. Your commitment can change a young person's life trajectory – helping them feel secure, supported, and empowered during critical developmental years.

If you or anyone you know would be interested in speaking with us about starting your fostering journey, please don't hesitate to contact us via:

Email: fostering-recruitment@royalgreenwich.gov.uk

Phone: 0800 052 1499





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