



Brookvale Primary School

Newsletter



Messages from Mr Day

My goodness, we have come to the end of yet another busy half term and what a wonderful week it has been. This week, we were joined by lots of our families and the residents of Waterford Court for our Easter Lunches, where the guest of honour, Mr Easter Bunny himself popped in to visit the children. A huge thank you to all the families who joined us and helped make this event special. I also have to extend a thanks to the incredible kitchen team, who were nothing short of exceptional. On Friday, we started our day by celebrating our wonderful children's achievements, in our end of term assembly. I know our staff always have such a difficult job in choosing who should be celebrated, as all of our children could be. Later in the day, we were again joined by our families at our KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade and what a spectacle it was! The children had really gone all out in their designs, with every colour of the rainbow being used. It was very difficult to judge with such fantastic entries but I'd like to extend a congratulations to all of our winners (take a look at X platform for photos). Everyone who took part also received a chocolate egg for their beautiful designs. Our week ended with a whole school egg hunt around the grounds, where children had to find 11 eggs and decipher the Easter code to receive their chocolate prize. It was lovely to see our older children paired with children from KS1 and the care they showed. What a special memory!

Parent View Questionnaire Outcomes

Many thanks to all the families who, over the past couple of weeks, have taken the time to complete our annual Parent View questionnaire at our open mornings, lunches and assemblies. We are delighted to have received such positive results (see inside) and from our largest sample of parents. If you would like to share any additional feedback, please do email the school office.

Thank You

I'd like to end my Newsletter by extending a heartfelt thanks to my team. The staff at Brookvale truly exemplify excellence in every aspect of their work, particularly in their dedication in ensuring all children receive an exceptional education, supporting this by showing high levels of care and compassion towards the children in their care. I am very grateful for how supportive the team are of one another, and of the leadership team. We are very lucky to be able to work with all of you and I thank you, on behalf of the leadership team, for all that you do, each and every day. I'd also like to thank Sandra Martin (ATLP Central Team) for the excellent care shown to staff across the Trust and for always being a champion of Brookvale—thank you.

Wishing our children, families and staff a wonderful half term break. We look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Tuesday 9th April. Do keep an eye on our X platform over Easter; I'll be posting some videos where children can come along on a Great White Shark diving adventure.

Mr Day

Calendar Dates

8/4/24 School closed for staff inset.

9/4/24 8.45am **Children return to school.**

9.00am **Reception Open Morning.** Families are welcome into class.

11/3/23 3.00-3.25pm **PTFA meeting with Mr Day.** Come along and find out how you can support the school. All families welcome.

12/3/24 9.00-10.00am **Parent Coffee Morning** for all families — come along and share your views about our school.

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Weekly Attendance

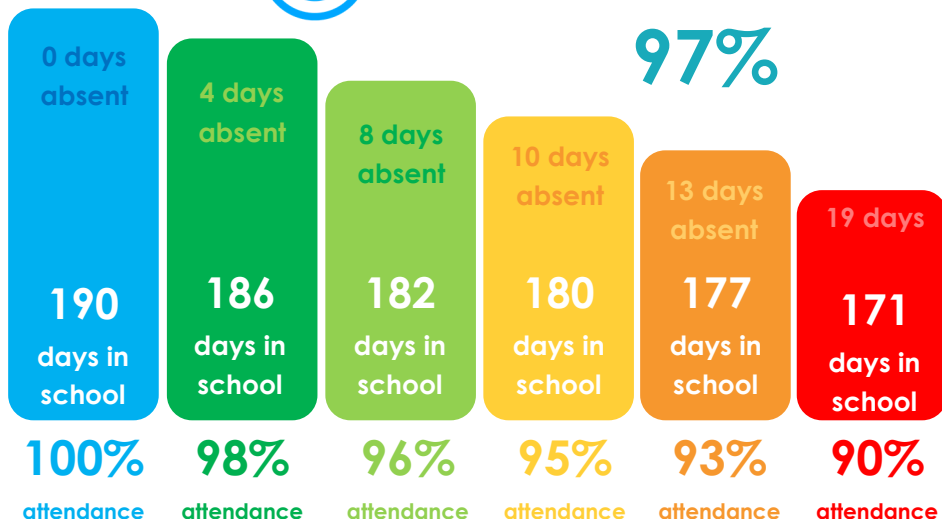


Week: 18/3/24 to 22/3/24	
Reception	97.78%
Year 1	95.67%
Year 2	95.20%
Year 3	96.79%
Year 4	91.94%
Year 5	92.58%
Year 6	97.05%



Our School Attendance Target is

97%



Attendance Notices

What a pleasure it is to celebrate our attendance heroes each half term. In Friday's assembly, we were able to award 126 children with their 100% attendance certificates for the spring term and 37 for 100% attendance since September 2023. Well done, children! Your great attendance means you have the best possible chance of success at school and in later life.

As if that were not enough, we also announced four 100% attendance grand prize winners. Congratulations to Elizabeth, Joanna, Isabelle and Nathaniel. I'm sure you'll have lots of fun playing with your bike, roller skates, Hot Wheels set and Minecraft.

Best chance of academic success and in later life.

Poor attendance - less likely to succeed academically/in later life.

Serious impact on education and reduced life chances.

This week's 100% attendance winners are:

Andrei (Year 2)
Maridyah (Year 3)

You each win a new book.
Great job!

This week's Class Attendance Superstars:

Year 1
(97.78%)

You get extra playtime!

Attendance This Week

94.92%



Attendance Year-to-Date
96.26%



175 days off school per year.

Use this time for holidays, appointments etc.

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Weekly Awards



Expectation Heroes of the Term



Rec— Samir Islam
Rec— Hussnain Ali
Year 1— Jacob Allen
Year 1 — Ibrahim Husein
Year 2— Haadi Rizwan
Year 2— Dawud Bukhari
Year 3— Jane Yousuf
Year 3— Maridyah Olalere
Year 4— Kayne Walker
Year 4— Aaron Janjua
Year 5— Brian Bobo-Pepple
Year 5— Jeremiah Hadland
Year 6— Unaysah Kazeem
Year 6— Reuben Wilkins

Excellent Effort Awards of the Term

Rec— Nicholas Daniel Cirstea
Rec- Zane Ejovi
Year 1— Kaelen Reid
Year 1— Remy Bond
Year 2— Rawaa Abdulrazik
Year 2— Zack Mohammed
Year 3— Leno Bent
Year 3— Nikan Pirouz
Year 4— Akmal Muhammed

Year 4— Jasmine Clayton
Year 5— Adam Mustafa
Year 5— Rumiha Ali
Year 6— Dominic Buc
Year 6— Victor Fedorov



Handwriting Heroes of the Term

Rec— Liyana Rehman
Rec— Willow Willmet
Year 1— Isabella Maria
Year 1— Talhah Ali
Year 2— Myah Gayle
Year 2— Noraleigh Hooper
Year 3— Zaid Ali
Year 3— Asiya Khan
Year 4— Harry Okyere
Year 4— Alex Enukei
Year 5— Elizabeth Akinlande
Year 5— Noah Sobrino
Year 6— Batosz Tabak
Year 6— Maia Hull



Services for Families Over Easter

Below are the contact details for a number of organisations who can help families in need this Easter:

- **Erdington Food Bank** — Erdington Six Ways Baptist Church, B24 8AD - M: 07474 683 927
- **Children's Advice & Support Service (CASS)** - Concerned about the safety or welfare of a child? Call CASS for advice—0121 303 1888 or the Police on 999 if the child is in immediate danger.
- **NSPCC**—Worried about a child? Call the NSPCC on 0800 800 5000 (free phone)
- **Refuge (Domestic Violence)** - 0800 2000 247
- **Samaritans**—Whatever you are going through, a Samaritan is there to listen 24/7. Call 116 123 for free.
- **Hub of Hope** — A one-stop shop for support service in your local area. Hubofhope.co.uk
- **Baby Aid Birmingham**— Baby Aid Birmingham helps families with children (aged 0—5 years old) with essential items, providing a lifeline for those at risk, or in crisis. Babyaidbirmingham.co.uk
- **The Trussell Trust** - Find a Food Bank in your local area. www.trusselltrust.org.uk
- **Shelter**—A resource for guidance on housing, including 'private renting, repairs, evictions, housing benefit, homelessness and more. 0800 800 4444 (free phone)

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Parent View Questionnaires 2023-2024

(Based on 80 Responses)

A huge thank you to all of our families, who continue to support and celebrate the work we do. We are absolutely thrilled with the results and are all honoured to work with such a great community of families and children

99% of parents agree that their child is happy at school.

100% of parents say the school makes them aware of what children will be learning.

98% of parents agree that their child does well at school.

99% of parents say they have either not raised concerns or that their concerns have been dealt with properly.

97% of parents agree that their child can attend clubs and activities.

99% of parents agree that their child feels safe at school.

100% of parents agree that the school lets them know how their child is doing.

98% of parents would recommend this school to another parent.

100% of parents, who have a child with special education need, agree that the school gives them the support they need to succeed.
(based on 16 responses)

99% of parents agree that the school makes sure pupils are well behaved.

100% of parents say the school has high expectations for children.

100% of parents agree there is a good range of subjects.

100% of parents agree that the school supports their child's wider personal development.

Educational Visits

The summer term is upon us and we have a great calendar of amazing trips to enrich our children's experience. Please make sure you add these dates to your calendars.



Drayton Manor

Year 6

17th May



Ash End Farm

Reception

6th June



Sudbury Hall

Year 1

27th June



Weston Super Mare

Whole School (optional)

17th July



Stonehenge

Year 3

23rd May



Sea Life Centre

Year 2

12th June



Jorvik (York)

Year 4

2nd July



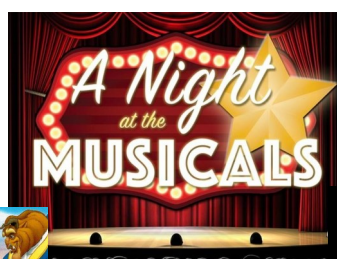
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Year 5 & 6

TBC

Summer Concert

We are delighted to announce that we have another summer concert scheduled for **Friday 12th July**. After the success of last year's **'50 years of music'** to celebrate Brookvale's 50th birthday, we thought that this year we would let our children and families decide what our next performance should be. Below are a list of themes that children can choose from. Following the half term, you will be sent a voting link to decide.



We can't wait to put on a show for you!

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Parental Safeguarding

Smartphone Safety Tips (From National Online Safety)



SMARTPHONE SAFETY TIPS for young people

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You may have been lucky enough to have unwrapped a smartphone at Christmas, or you might be eagerly anticipating getting a new one at some point during this year. Whether it'll be your first ever phone or an upgrade on your old model, it's always useful to have a refresher about how to set it up and adjust the settings to keep yourself – and your valuable personal info – safe and secure. We've collected some expert tips to help you enjoy your smartphone in the healthiest way possible.

NEVER SHARE YOUR PASSCODE

Alongside face or fingerprint recognition, your passcode is crucial to unlocking your phone and accessing your apps and personal information. You shouldn't give it out, even to close friends – after all, you wouldn't hand them a key to your house and let them go in for a nosy around! If a friend wants to use your phone, ask them why and make sure you can see what they're doing with it.

RESPECT PARENTAL CONTROLS

If you're allowed to have a smartphone, it's because your parents or carers feel that you're mature and responsible enough to use it safely. They might set controls and boundaries on your device – not to spoil your fun but to help you avoid hazards like too much screen time or costly in-app purchases. Following these rules means you can enjoy using your phone while respecting their wishes.

TALK TO A TRUSTED ADULT

Whether it's to listen to music, play games, create content or chat with friends, using a smartphone should be fun. If you're ever feeling anxious, worried or scared about going on your phone, then something isn't right. It's important not to ignore these feelings; instead, talk to a trusted adult about what's happening and how it's making you feel.

STAY ALERT

Two words: look up. It might sound obvious, but it's so easy to get immersed in what we're looking at or listening to on our phones that we can become unaware of our surroundings – or who might be around us. People often walk with their head down, focusing on their phone, and forget to check for obstacles in their path, cars or other pedestrians coming towards them, which is clearly dangerous.

DEVELOP HEALTHY HABITS

Phones offer a vast amount of content and the chance to chat with friends whenever we feel like it, which can make it difficult to take time away from the screen. If that's something you struggle with, you could try setting time limits on certain apps. Putting our phones down for a while gives us more time to interact with others or do something physical that helps keep us fit and healthy.

IGNORE UNKNOWN NUMBERS

There are some scammers who might call or text asking you to share personal data or to click on a link and provide your details. Some may claim to be from a genuine company, but trustworthy businesses don't spontaneously call or message to ask for your information. It's safest to ignore calls or texts from unknown numbers, and never give your personal details out over the phone.

ONLY USE AGE-APPROPRIATE APPS

Before downloading a new app or game, check what age rating it has. Don't feel pressured into getting a particular game or app just because your friends are using it. If it's intended for older people, there's a definite risk that it could include content (which is violent or frightening, for instance) or language which isn't suitable and may leave you feeling upset or disturbed.

REMOVE TEMPTATION

A good night's sleep is so important for concentration, mood and overall health. Unwinding properly before going to bed – which means not staring at a screen late at night – can often improve sleep quality. Put your phone on charge overnight, but not in your room. This means you'll have a lot less temptation to check any notifications, reply to messages or get caught up scrolling on social media.

THINK ABOUT OTHERS

Watching videos, listening to music or calling someone can all help to pass the time while we're on the bus, waiting in a queue or walking down the street. It's important to remain mindful of other people, though: they might not want to hear your tunes or your conversation. Likewise, if you're calling from a public place then don't forget that anyone could overhear something personal about you.

SWITCH OFF GEOLOCATION

In your phone's settings, you'll be able to disable geolocation for individual apps and photos; this means that people online (including strangers) can't see information about where you are when you share or post a pic. On the subject of images, it's also important to ask permission before taking or sharing a photo of someone – and don't share embarrassing images of your friends with others.

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Our Week In Pictures

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