



Brookvale Primary School

Newsletter



Welcome back to the last half of the summer term.

Dear parents/carers, this is where we need your continued support. We want to make this term one where all children are in school, on time, everyday. We want to aim for 100% attendance in all our classes and we can only do this with your support.

Let's all work together in ensuring that every child attends school everyday for the remaining six weeks of the term, and build on this expectation for the next academic year. Mr Mills and myself will be meeting with parents and carers where attendance is a concern, and we will identify the barriers, clarify the expectations and support families in attending school on time, daily.

A reminder that the school day starts at 8.45am, and the children get plenty of time to be settled. The gates close at 8.57am. Good attendance is important because statistics show that pupils with good attendance have higher attainment in school, and studies show that children with attendance above 96% make better progress socially and academically.

So let's work together in improving attendance at Brookvale for better outcomes for all of our pupils.

Mrs Adolphe

Calendar Dates

10.06.24	Year 1 Phonic Screening Testing
11.06.24	Year 2 and 5 open morning. 9.00—11.00am
12.06.24	Year 2 trip to Sea-Life
	New Reception 2024-2025 Parent Meeting 4.45—6pm
18.06.24	Current Reception Open Morning 9-11am Parents invited to attend
21.06.24	Y4 Class Assembly 9am Parents invited to attend

SCHOOL IS CLOSED
THURSDAY 4th JULY
due to voting
and
FRIDAY 5th JULY
due to staff training.

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Weekly Attendance



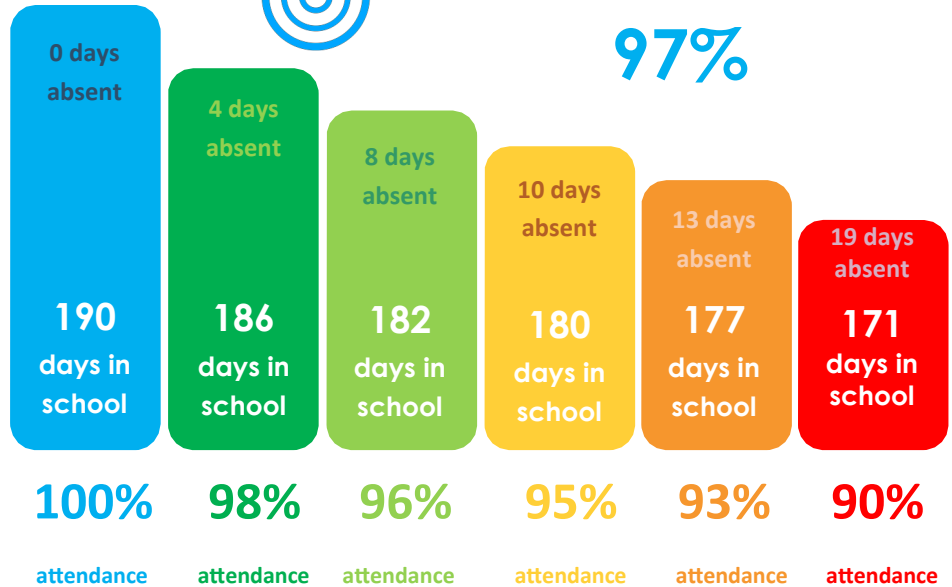
03/06/2024 to 07/06/2024

Reception	91.25%
Year 1	95.83%
Year 2	98.10%
Year 3	98.44%
Year 4	98.10%
Year 5	96.88%
Year 6	94.64%



Our School Attendance Target is

97%



175 days off school per year.

Use this time for holidays, appointments etc

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:



You each win a new book.

Great Job!

This week's Class Attendance Superstars



Y3



You get extra playtime!

Attendance This Week

97%



Attendance Year-to-Date

95.81%

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Readers of the Week

Rec— Zane Ejovi
Year 1—Phoebe Carder-Gillard
Year 2—Abdullah Ali
Year 3—Eesa Allen
Year 4—Adam Abdul
Year 5— Noah Sobrino



Superstars of the Week



Rec— The Whole Class
Year 1— Pippa & Ahmed
Year 2— Heidi & Anas
Year 3— Maridyah & Mia-Rose
Year 4— Essa Abdul & Aleena
Year 5— Suprati & Scarlett
Year 6— Bartosz & Kiera

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about GROUP CHATS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

BULLYING

Unkind comments or images which are purposely aimed at an individual can be shared freely in a group chat – allowing and often encouraging others to join in the bullying behaviour. If this content is shared in a group of their peers (especially a larger group), it serves to amplify the hurt, embarrassment, anxiety and isolation that the victim feels.

EXCLUSION AND ISOLATION

This common issue with group chats can happen in several ways: starting a new group, for instance, but deliberately excluding a certain child. Likewise, the chat may take place on an app which one child doesn't have access to, meaning they can't be involved. A child can also feel isolated when a group chat is used to discuss or share images from an event that everyone else but them attended.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some discussions in group chats may include inappropriate words, swearing and unsuitable images or videos. These could be viewed by your child if they are part of that group, whether they actively engage in it or not. Some chat apps have a disappearing message function, so your child may be unable to report something they've seen because it can only be viewed once or for a short time.

SHARING GROUP CONTENT

It's important to remember that – while the content of the chat is private between those in the group – individual users can easily share a message, photo or video with others outside of the group or screenshot what's been posted. The risk of something your child intended as private becoming public (and potentially going viral) is higher if there are people they don't know well in the group.

UNKNOWN MEMBERS

Within larger group chats, it's more likely your child will be communicating with people they don't really know. These strangers may be friends of the host, but not necessarily friendly toward your child. It's wise for young people not to share personal details and stay aware that they have no control over the messages and images they share after they've put them online.

NOTIFICATIONS AND FOMO

A drawback of large group chats is the sheer number of notifications. Every time someone in the group messages, your child's device will be 'pinged' with an alert; potentially, this could mean hundreds of notifications a day. Not only is this highly distracting, but young people's fear of missing out on the latest conversation results in increased screen time as they try to keep up with the chat.

Advice for Parents & Carers

CONSIDER OTHERS' FEELINGS

Group chats are often an arena for young people to gain social status. This could cause them to do or say things on impulse, which could upset others in the group. Encourage your child to consider how other people might feel if they engaged in this behaviour. If your child does upset a member of their group chat, support them to reach out, show empathy and apologise for their mistake.

PRACTISE SAFE SHARING

In any online communication, it's vital for young people to be aware of what they're sharing and who might potentially see it. Discuss the importance of not revealing identifiable details like their address, their school or photos that they wouldn't like to be seen widely. Remind them that once something is shared in a group, they lose control of where it may end up and how it might be used.

GIVE SUPPORT, NOT JUDGEMENT

Remind your child that they can confide in you if they feel bullied or excluded in a group chat, instead of responding to the person who's upset them. Validate their hurt feelings and help to put them back in control by discussing how they'd like to handle the situation. On a related note, you could also empower your child to speak up if they're in a chat where others are being picked on.

AVOID INVITING STRANGERS

Sadly, many individuals online hide their true identity to gain a child's trust – for example, to gather information on them, to exchange inappropriate content or to coax them into doing things they aren't comfortable with. Ensure your child understands why they shouldn't add people they don't know to a group chat – and, especially, to never accept a group chat invitation from a stranger.

BLOCK, REPORT AND LEAVE

If your child is in a chat where inappropriate content is being shared, advise them to block the users sending the material, report them to the host app or platform and exit the group. If any of this content could be putting a minor at risk, contact the police. Emphasise to your child that it's OK for them to simply leave any group chat that they don't feel comfortable being a part of.

SILENCE NOTIFICATIONS

Having a phone or tablet bombarded with notifications from a group chat can be a massive irritation and distraction – especially if it's happening late in the evening. Explain to your child that they can still be part of the group chat, but that it would be healthier for them to turn off or mute the notifications and catch up with the conversation at a time which better suits them.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/health-56141414> (What's safe about sharing a group chat?) <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/keeping-children-safe-online-safety-social-media-chat-apps>

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Brookvale's

Summer PARTY

Entrance
£1.50 ticket on
MCAS
By 24th June

Pocket money
required
for snacks

Thursday 11th July

4pm—5.30pm

Please collect your child at 3.25pm and return them at 4 pm ready to Disco

Book your tickets for the upcoming events in July on
MCAS

Brookvale's The Magical Music of

DISNEY

Be our guest on
Friday 12th July
at 1.30pm

£2.00
Tickets on sale on MCAS
1 ticket per school child ONLY



Raise funds by collecting reusable clothes



BROOKVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our school is raising money by collecting reusable clothes.

Please help us by donating your unwanted reusable clothes and accessories.
Donated items become affordable clothing and accessories.

**WE ACCEPT CLEAN,
GOOD QUALITY, DRY,
REUSABLE CLOTHING**

- ☒ Adults, Childrens & Babies Clothing
- ☒ Jewellery and Accessories
- ☒ Paired Shoes and Footwear
- ☒ Belts and Handbags

A full list of reusable items is listed on our website
www.rags2riches4schools.co.uk



WE DO NOT ACCEPT

**POOR QUALITY ITEMS SUCH AS
DIRTY, WET, RIPPED OR SOILED
CLOTHES.
PILLOWS, DUVETS, CURTAINS,
BOOKS CDs OR ANY UNIFORM**

Please use the clothing bag provided.
You can also use any additional bag if required.

Collection Date:

FRIDAY 28th JUNE

Please remember - NO UNIFORM



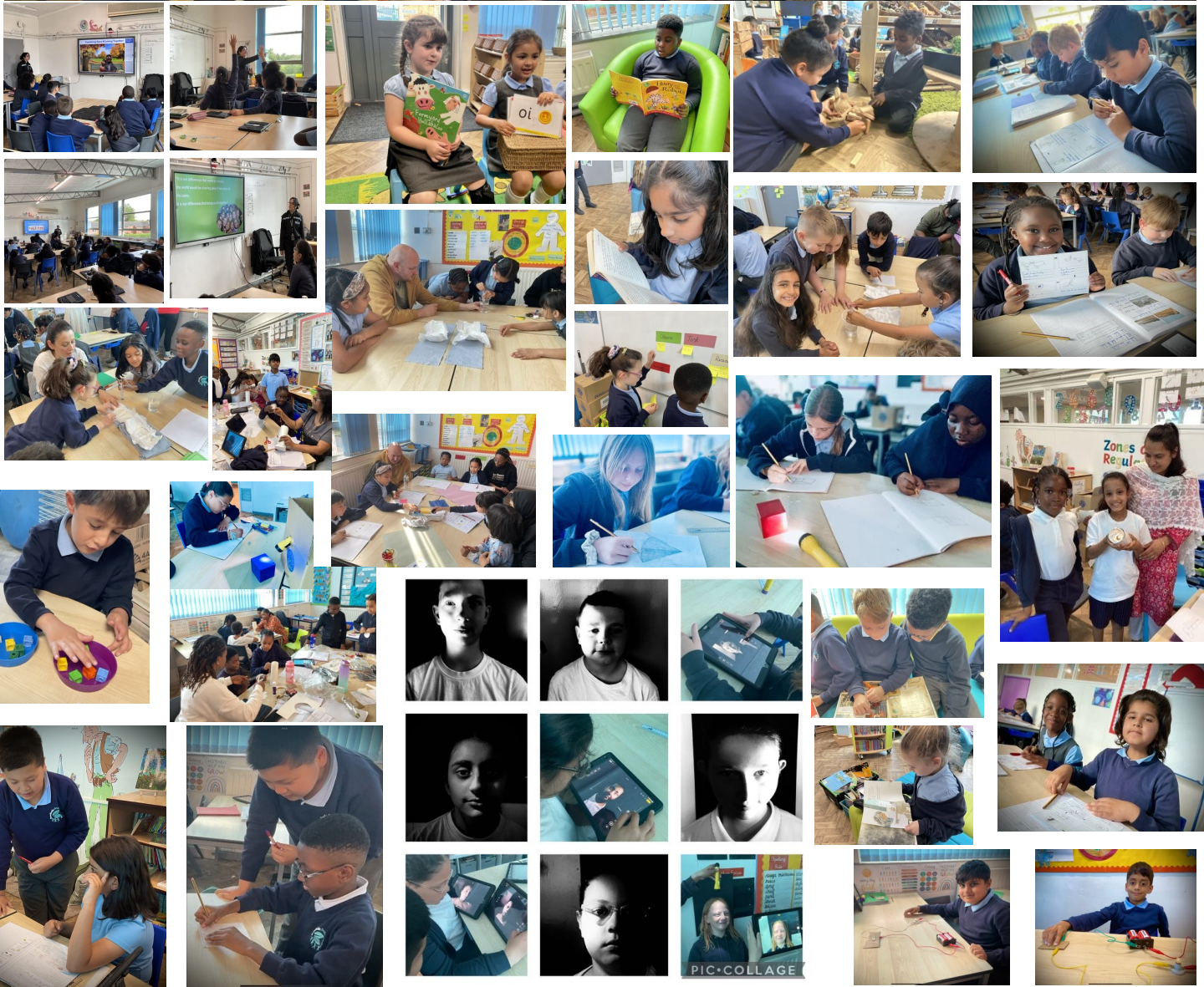
What a fantastic day Reception had at Ash End Farm

Here are a few highlights from a fun-filled day



Our Week In Pictures

Check out our social media on X (@BPS B23)



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