



Brookvale Primary School

Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers

As we quickly approach the end of this academic year we are celebrating the success of Brookvale.

Firstly, I want to celebrate our success with Reading Plus where we have been awarded The Most Engaged Reading Plus School (KS2 School)

Special congratulations to two Year 6 pupils:

Ansh in Year 6 is a finalist for Most Words Read by a Pupil, and Rueben in Year 2 is a finalist for Vocabulary Star of the Year.

I also would like to take this opportunity to thank all the families who supported Brookvale by donating old clothing to the Rags 2 Riches appeal. This collection raised a staggering £206.48.

School is becoming very busy with lots of exciting events to look forward to over the next couple of weeks. We look forward to welcoming families into school for Brookvale's sold-out summer concert. Please be on time as all staff will be at this event and there will be no entry after 1.30 pm.

For parents and carers who will be attending the seaside trip to Weston, we will be holding an important informational meeting on Monday 15th July at 9.00 in the school hall. During this meeting, we will provide detailed information about the trip, itinerary, safety guidelines, and what the children need to bring. This is a great opportunity for you to ask any questions and ensure that your child is fully prepared for a fun and safe trip.

Mr Mills

June Calendar Dates

2nd July

Y4 Trip to Jorvik

Y4 must be in school for 6.50am to leave at 7am prompt. Y4 should be back at school for 5pm—please check X (Twitter) for ETA updates

3rd July

Y5 Trip to the Black Country Museum

Y5 must be on time in order to leave at 9am prompt. Y5 should be back at school for 3.25pm

4th July

SCHOOL CLOSED for voting

5th July

SCHOOL CLOSED for Teacher Training Day

10th July

Work Share Evening Informal drop in session 3.45—4.45. Entrance will close at 4.15pm

11th July

Whole School End of Year Disco 4—5.30pm

Collect your child at 3.25pm or 3.20pm for reception and return to school ready to Disco

12th July

Brookvale Summer Concert - Doors open at 1.15pm for this SOLD OUT Event

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Weekly Attendance



Our School Attendance Target is

97%

24/06/2024 to 28/06/2024

Reception	92.67%
Year 1 ★	99.67%
Year 2	95.67%
Year 3	93.53%
★ Year 4	96.00%
★ Year 5	98.13%
★ Year 6	97.78%

Best chance of academic success and in later life.

Poor attendance—less likely to succeed academically/in later

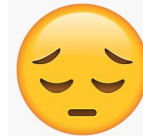
Serious impact on education and reduced life chances

Attendance This Week



96.78%

Attendance Year-to-Date



95.77%

This week's 100% attendance Winners:

Dawud and Martins



You each win a new book.

Great Job!

175 days off school per year.

Use this time for holidays, appointments etc

This week's Class Attendance Superstars

Y1

You get extra playtime!



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Superstars of the Week

Thank you to all our families who donated to the Rags 2 Riches collection.

Overall, the class winners were Year 2, very closely followed by Year 6.

A special thank you goes to Ishmeet Year 6, who donated the most bags, 6 in total.

The summer collection has raised a massive £206.48 for Brookvale's PTFA who offer much needed support to school.

This year donations to Rags 2 Riches has raised a total of

£367.12





Superstars of the Week

Brookvale have been awarded School of the Year for most engaged with Reading Plus! Massive achievement! Well done to all staff and children for their dedication!



To add to the achievements, Ansh and Reuben were also selected as finalists for the most words read on reading plus and vocabulary champion! Fantastic effort boys, well done!



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about **GAMBLING**

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Gambling can be defined as betting or risking money or something of value on the outcome of a situation involving chance. Under current regulations, gambling is legal for adults in the UK. Its potential impacts on the wellbeing of individuals, families and communities are well documented – emphasising the importance of safeguarding children and young people against these hazards.

MANIPULATIVE ADVERTISING

Adverts for online bookmakers and betting exchanges can raise concerns about targeting vulnerable groups, fostering addiction, promoting misleading expectations, impacting mental health, affecting social norms, posing regulatory challenges, influencing minors and other ethical issues. Effective regulation, responsible advertising practices and public education are essential to mitigate these concerns and address the potential harms associated with excessive exposure to manipulative advertisements.

FREE BET!!

ADDICTIVE FEATURES

All gambling products carry safety concerns, but some can be even riskier and more addictive. The frequency with which people can place bets can encourage them to do so often – with rapid spins and multiple betting options, for example. Betting on sports events, especially with live in-play betting options, can be highly engaging and habit forming. The 24/7 availability of online platforms can also increase the risk of excessive gambling, particularly among young people.

PEER PRESSURE

Exposure to gambling through friends, influencers or social circles can normalise risky behaviour and create unrealistic expectations about the chances of winning. Addressing peer influence requires support services, responsible advertising practices and effective education on the subject to minimise the impact on children and promote healthier choices.

IMPACT ON MENTAL HEALTH

Gambling can exacerbate mental health issues such as anxiety, depression, and stress – especially if it leads to financial loss. Individuals with existing mental health conditions may use gambling as a coping mechanism – but the cycle of gambling can worsen their symptoms, creating a detrimental impact on overall wellbeing. Integrated support services and treatment options are crucial to address these interconnected challenges effectively.

GATEWAY BEHAVIOURS

Certain features of other products – such as video games that offer in-game purchases – can lead to gambling among young people. These mechanisms can sometimes be designed to exploit psychological vulnerabilities, encouraging repeated spending to acquire virtual items or advantages. Such practices can normalise the associated risks and desensitise young people to putting their or their family's money in danger.

FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES

The most common impacts of online betting come in the form of financial losses and debt. This, in turn, can lead to distorted perceptions of money, deterioration of relationships, social isolation, and poor academic and career outcomes. Regular gambling can even exacerbate other risky behaviour by making it seem less significant – potentially leading to a cascade of health impacts and financial loss.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ENCOURAGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS

Sporting events can be a good opening for conversations about gambling, as some sponsorships may reference and even glamourise it. Talk to children about how these promotions make them feel and encourage frequent conversations about any concerns they may have. Adverts, influencers and online platforms may also feature gambling products. As a child grows, it's important to encourage their critical thinking skills to help them avoid being manipulated by this type of marketing.

MONITOR SPENDING

In-game purchases can be appealing to children, allowing them to unlock new features or cosmetic items in a fraction of the time it would take to win them by playing. Talk to children about how they spend money online; an interest in what video games they play can encourage the conversation. Consider setting up restrictions on their devices, requiring their parent or carer's permission before making any purchases. Talk about finances regularly and openly.

KNOW THE WARNING SIGNS

Parents and educators should be vigilant for signs of gambling harm among young people. Look for changes in their behaviour such as increased secrecy, unexplained money issues, mood swings or withdrawal from their usual activities. Open conversations about gambling risks and maintain a supportive, non-judgemental environment. Try to familiarise yourself with resources and helplines for assistance and guidance.

GET FURTHER SUPPORT

Support and treatment for young people is available via the Young People's Support Service at GamCare, who can be contacted at 0808 8020 133. A link to their website has also been included in the sources of this guide, along with links to several other support networks. Your GP and local NHS gambling clinic are also available if you require additional advice. Don't hesitate to reach out for help if you're concerned about a child's gambling behaviour or their financial situation.

Meet Our Expert

Ygam's mission is to prevent children and young people from experiencing gaming and gambling harms through awareness raising, education, and research. The charity was established in 2014 as a result of the lived experience of their founders.



Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/gambling>



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Summer PARTY

Entrance
£1.50 ticket on
MCAS
By 28th 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

Brookvale's
The
Magical Music
of

Disney

Friday 12th July

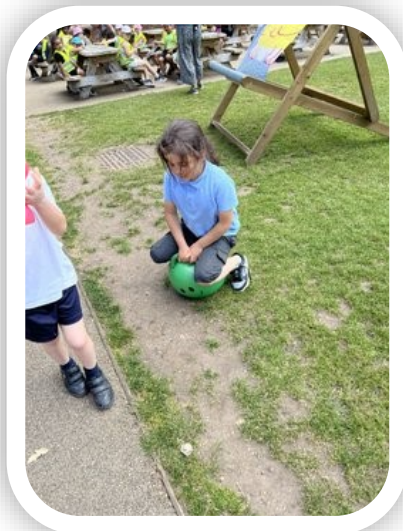
at 1.30pm

*Dress in your best
Disney Outfit*



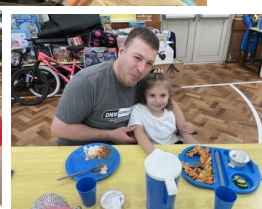
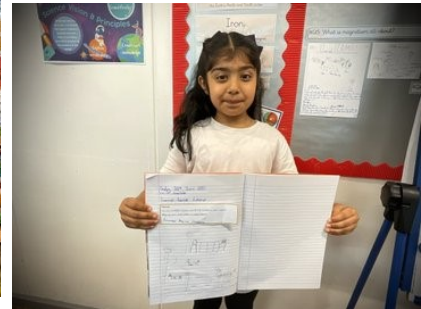
Year 1 have had a fantastic trip to Sudbury House

Here are some of their fun filled highlights



Our Week In Pictures

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



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