



Newsletter

Upcoming events

12/11/24	Y1 and Y4 open morning—families invited into class
13/11/24	Open day for prospective Reception Parents 2025—Appointments only
15/11/24	Y6 Class Assembly 9am —families invited to attend Non Uniform Day in exchange for selection boxes, boxes of chocolates and large bags of sweets
20/11/24	Rec and Y2 Open morning—families invited into class
22/11/24	Non Uniform Day in exchange for Toiletry sets is bath crème, shower gel, body lotions etc (No cleaning products or toilet roll)
26/11/24	Y3, Y5 and Y6 Open morning—families invited into class
28/11/24	Non Uniform day in exchange for £1.00
29/11/24	SCHOOL CLOSED
02/12/24	Back to school Last day to book an Adult Lunch for Family Christmas Lunch

EVOLVE *accidentbook*

Today we are going live with a new fist aid recording system. We will no longer send home first aid slips. If your child has an accident or injury at school, we will send an email to notify you. As this is a new system please ensure you check your spam emails daily.

We will continue to send a text message if your child has a head bump or call if we deem it necessary but you also receive an email as we record the incident.

Please ensure that you check your emails if your child informs you they received first aid, if you do not receive an email please contact the office so we can ensure there is not a fault in the system.

Dear Parents/Carers

We have been delighted to welcome back all of our pupils this week after what I hope has been a relaxing, well-deserved half-term break.

Last half-term finished with two memorable whole school assemblies. Firstly, we were fortunate to have an excellent Burns Prevention assembly, led by school parent and burns specialist Mrs D'Asta, to raise awareness of the risks and dangers of fire in the home. Children were even treated to an appearance from Enzo the Dragon, Burns Prevention's own mascot, who fired up the crowd, in line with all fire safety regulations of course! Thank you to everyone who went onto spend generously in Friday's cake sale as well, with all proceeds raised going to support Queen Elizabeth Hospital's outstanding Burns Centre. The last Friday of half term also saw our first End of Term Awards Assembly. It was a pleasure to celebrate our pupils and who knows, maybe next time your child will be chosen for a prestigious award!

Next week, on Remembrance Day, Brookvale will be taking a moment to reflect and remember those people, in conflicts past and present around the world, who have given their lives to ensure we can enjoy our freedom today. During these difficult times, when members of our community and their wider families are so directly affected by troubles across the globe, I would like to pass on our love and thoughts to those no longer with us.

'They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We will remember them.'

- From Laurence Binyon's poem 'For the Fallen'

Brookvale will also be taking part in Anti-Bullying Week from Monday, where children will be reflecting on the Anti Bullying Alliance's message of 'Choose Respect'. A range of assemblies, activities and discussions will empower children to not resort to bullying, even when we disagree, and remind adults to lead by example, online and offline. Imagine a world where respect and kindness thrives — it's not just a dream, it's in the choices we make. Join us this Anti-Bullying Week and commit to 'Choose Respect'.

Many thanks

Mr Mills

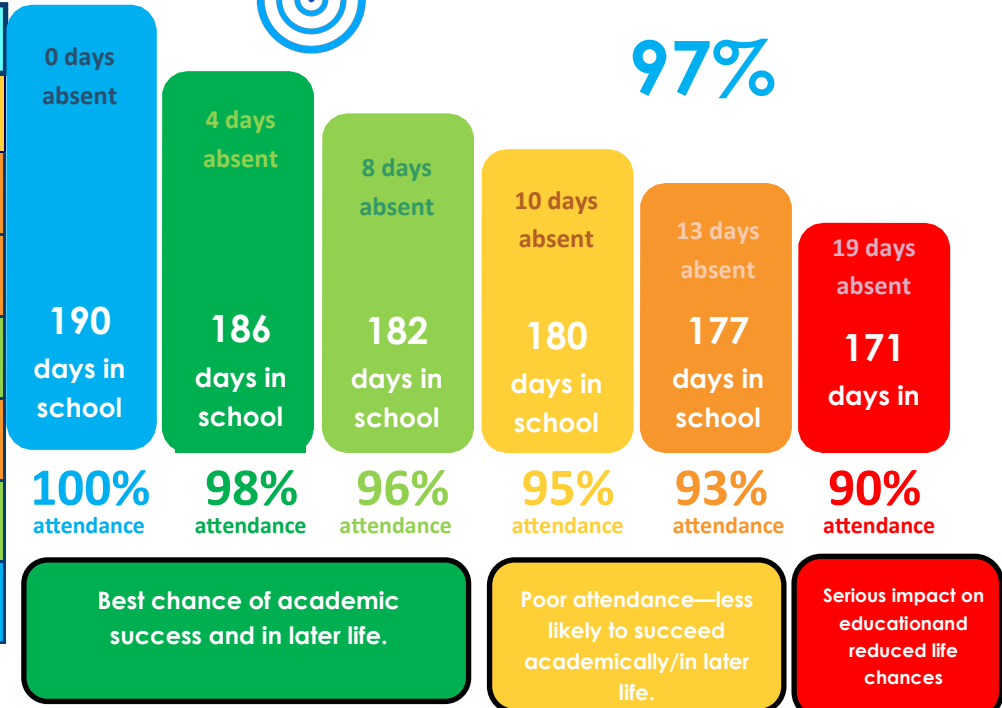
Weekly Attendance



Our School Attendance Target is

97%

04/11/2024 to 08/11/2024	
Reception ★	95.86%
Year 1	93.67%
★ Year 2 ★	94.67%
★ Year 3	96%
🎉 Year 4 ★	94.33%
Year 5	96.33%
Year 6	100%



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 Class Attendance Superstars

Y6

You get extra playtime!

This week's 100% attendance Winners:

Deborah Y1 Daniella Y5

You each win a new book. Great Job!

Attendance This Week

95.86%

Attendance Year-to-Date

97.01%

175 days off school per year.
Use this time for holidays, appointments etc

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We are ambitious for our success and the success of others.

Shaping Our Children's Futures, Together.

We are passionate about everything and everyone.

We are the authors of our own lives.

News Items



We have some wonderful news!

You can support Brookvale Primary School every time you shop online? We've partnered with easyfundraising – an amazing platform that lets you raise free donations with every purchase you make.

With over 8000 participating retailers, you can do everything from your Christmas food shop at Tesco, to booking holiday plans with Booking.com, ordering festive takeaways with JUSTEAT, and more!

Here's a special bonus: for the next two weeks, every supporter who signs up to support Brookvale Primary School through easyfundraising will trigger a ****£1 bonus donation**** for us!

It only takes a few minutes to join and help us make a difference! Sign up here:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/brookvale-primary-school/>

easyfundraising
Shop with your favourite retailers and you'll raise donations for Brookvale Primary School

Scan the QR code to visit our cause page

Make a difference, sign up today!

Shop with thousands of brands

Sainsbury's trainline MONEYSUPERMARKET ASDA JUST EAT
Etsy M&S Booking.com TUI SCREWFIX

REMINDER TO...

Download and sign up to the **Asda** Rewards app (details are below)

Shop in store across **Asda** and George, or online at **Asda.com**

Asda will then do the rest by donating a percentage of your shop to our school each time you shop and scan—this won't affect your own Cashpot that you earn.

Thank you in advance for your much needed support and any suggestions or ideas on fundraising for school will be very much appreciated.

you scan, we donate ££s TO SCHOOLS.

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Asda Rewards Cashpot for Schools

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- 1** Download and sign up to the Asda Rewards app
Opt into the Cashpot for Schools campaign and select a specific primary school or select 'Schools in Need'.
- 2** Shop in store across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com
Asda will donate a percentage of your shop to your chosen school each time you shop and scan.
- 3** Asda does the rest
The money raised will be donated through Parentkind to schools to spend on what they need most. This won't affect your own Cashpot earn.

Once opted in and selected a school, we will add £1 to your chosen schools Cashpot to help get them started.

Each school will get an additional £50 added to their Cashpot, after at least one customer has shopped and scanned their Rewards app.

Download on the App Store GET IT ON Google Play

£104.02 raised so far

Parent Consultation Evening

Please book your Parents Consultation Appointment for either Wednesday 11th or Thursday 12th December on MCAS under Parents Evening



BRRR... IT'S COLD!

Please ensure that your child has their hat, coat and gloves with them at school as the weather is getting colder.

Please **NAME** all items of children's uniform, coats, gloves etc to avoid losing them.

Parental Safeguarding



10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators ENCOURAGING CHILDREN TO CHOOSE RESPECT

Sometimes, differences between children can escalate into bullying, potentially impacting their mental health in a way that can persist into adulthood. While it's natural to disagree sometimes, teaching children the importance of respect is essential – especially in difficult situations. This guide provides strategies for encouraging considerate behaviour, even during a dispute, to foster a kinder, more inclusive environment for everyone.

1 LEAD BY EXAMPLE

As adults, we play a crucial role in modelling respectful behaviour for children: they observe and learn from our actions every day. Be mindful of the way you interact with others in front of children. Keep in mind that you should always approach others with an attitude of mutual respect, even if you disagree with them. Demonstrating this behaviour can influence young people and help them to handle their own conflicts in a healthy way.

2 AGREE TO DISAGREE

Make sure children know that it's fine to have differing opinions – and that disagreeing with someone doesn't mean you can't get along or respect each other's point of view. Help them understand that sometimes we can 'agree to disagree'. Using active listening skills when doing this can also help to build empathy and understanding of others.

3 PROMOTE ACTIVE LISTENING

Teach children about the importance of active listening: that is, making a genuine effort to listen to the other person's perspective without interrupting, before responding in a way that shows you understand their viewpoint, even (or perhaps especially) if you disagree with it. This makes people feel respected and allows for a better comprehension of their point of view, which in turn can make it easier for you to communicate your own opinions to them.

4 ENCOURAGE THE USE OF "I" STATEMENTS

If a child finds themselves in a disagreement with someone, it can be useful to encourage them to use "I" statements during the discussion. Framing their thoughts and feelings using statements like "I feel ..." or "I think ..." can help them avoid an accusatory tone and encourages them to take responsibility for their own emotions.

5 FOCUS ON BEHAVIOUR, NOT CHARACTER

When disagreements happen, encourage children to focus on critiquing and addressing the specific actions or behaviours that caused this upset, rather than attacking the person's character. For example, "I didn't like how you interrupted me" is better than "You're so rude". This can help children avoid hurting someone's feelings, which is likely to inflame the situation.

6 STAY CALM AND TAKE BREAKS

It's perfectly normal to feel upset during a disagreement – especially if it's getting heated. Remind children that if they feel overwhelmed, they should try to take deep breaths or even go for a short break to help them stay composed. If a conversation becomes too intense, remind them it's OK to suggest continuing it later or in a different setting. This can prevent things getting out of hand, allowing cooler heads to prevail.

7 START CONVERSATIONS ABOUT RESPECT

Talk openly to children about what respect means – to you and to them. Discuss how they might show respect to each other, to friends, to strangers and even to people we might disagree with. You could use examples of considerate or inconsiderate behaviour in books, films or TV to open discussions about the importance of giving others due regard.

8 SEEK COMMON GROUND

When a disagreement has occurred between children, they may find it hard to move past it. You can support them in finding a more positive way forward by helping identify areas of agreement or common ground with the other party. This can help to build bridges between differing opinions and foster a more cooperative atmosphere, as well as preventing those involved from demonising each other.

9 AVOID MAKING THINGS PERSONAL

It's important that we make it clear to children they must avoid name-calling, swearing or derogatory remarks in a disagreement with others. Respectful language sets a positive tone and helps keep the conversation productive. Reminding children to stay calm and take breaks – as mentioned previously – can help them avoid getting too emotional and saying or doing something hurtful.

10 REFLECT AND LEARN

After a child has had a disagreement, encourage them to reflect on the experience and think about what they can learn from it. What did they handle well? How might they improve their communication skills to handle conflicts more effectively in the future? You could use role play, writing and drawing pictures, or hypothetical examples to further develop their skills in showing respect during a disagreement.

Meet Our Expert

The Anti-Bullying Alliance (ABA) co-ordinate Anti-Bullying Week each year. ABA is a unique coalition of organisations and individuals, working together to achieve their vision to stop bullying and create safer environments in which children and young people can live, grow, play and learn. They welcome membership from any organisation or individual that supports this vision and support a free network of thousands of schools and colleges.



For more information, see full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/choose-respect>

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Please contact the school office if you can help setting up or clearing up at the Christmas Fayre on Wednesday 4th December and / or at the Snow Ball on Thursday 19th December

Non uniform Fridays

In exchange for

DONATIONS

for the

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Wednesday 4th December

3.45pm—5.30pm

Friday 17th November:

Donate selection boxes or large bags of sweets - for the Sweet Tombola Stall

Friday 22nd November:

Donate toiletries or gift sets

Thursday 28th November:

Donate a £1.00

Please contact the school office if you can support at this event

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Wednesday

4th December

3.45pm — 5.30pm

Crafts and Gift Stalls,
Fun Games, Santa's
Grotto, Raffle Prizes
and more....

Come and join us for some festive
family fun.

At Brookvale Primary School

All children **MUST** be accompanied by an Adult

The Great Brookvale Christmas Bake Off

Bring your decorated home baked cake to
school on

Wednesday 4th December

For judging at the Christmas Fayre

All entries will be cut and sold at the fayre for everyone to
enjoy

A Prize for the winner in KS1 and KS2

(Cakes will be judged on presentation and taste)

FOR ALLERGY REASONS—NO NUTS, NUT OILS OR NUTELLA
can be used for the cakes.

ALL ingredients **MUST** be listed and sent into school with
the cake

Brookvale's Snow Ball

Thursday 19th December

3.30pm—5pm

£2.00 entry

to be paid by Friday 13th December on MCAS

Non Uniform Day so children will already be in their festive outfits.

Events in school

Book your place on My Child at School (MCAS)

Brookvale Christmas Concert

Friday 6th December

1.30-3pm



200 tickets available
1 Ticket per child
Tickets are £1.50 via MCAS

All children, staff and guests are to wear Christmas Jumpers or brightly coloured tops for this Festive event.

Christmas JUMPER DAY



Friday 6th December

Children are to wear a Christmas jumper or a bright jumper (no sports tops)

for the

Christmas Carol Performance



Events in school



Merry Christmas!

**Tuesday 17th December for
ZEPHANIAH and PHELPS**

**Wednesday 18th December for
CADBURY and LEWIS**

Choose a Main

**Roast Turkey
or
Halal/Quorn Roast**

**Roast Potato,
Stuffing and Yorkshire Pudding
and Gravy**

With

Brussel Sprouts and Carrots

For Dessert

**Sticky Date Pudding with
Caramel Sauce**

**Log onto MCAS to book and pay £3.50 for
1 adult per family**

PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN ARE NOT CATERED FOR

**You will be able to book your child's Christmas meal on Relish
from Friday 29th November**

