



# Newsletter

## Upcoming events

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	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
02/12/24	Back to school Last day to book an Adult Lunch for Family Christmas Lunch
04/12/24	<b>Christmas Fayre all families invited</b> <b>3.45pm—5.30pm</b>
05/12/24	Y6 Trip to The Black Country History Museum
06/12/24	Christmas Jumper Day & Brookvale Christmas Concert 1.15pm—3.25pm (ticket only event)

Dear Parents/Carers,

We bring to a close another week at Brookvale which has once again seen celebrations and firsts for the year! The cold mornings may well have arrived, but there are no frosty greetings at Brookvale, as it has been wonderful to see our ever-enthused children ready to learn!

Last week's celebration assembly was a bumper crop of certificates and awards. Our resident writing expert Miss Willars was on hand to dish out some extra-special awards to the poets of the future, our 'Young Writers' competition winners, all of whom are soon-to-be published authors! We also celebrated Year 6, who pitched the perfect game last week with their 100% attendance. Every child in school every day, a home run for our leaders of the school!

Year 6 have also ended this week by taking the plaudits; performing in Brookvale's first Class Assembly of the year! Their Victorian-themed play certainly left all children and parents chanting 'We ARE Amused!' We look forward to Year 5s Tudor assembly next week, where I'm sure, with Henry VIII making an appearance, heads will roll for all the right reasons!

We know these wonderful performances are treasured by parents, carers and teachers. We hold onto the memories our children create as they move through their time at Brookvale, growing into well-rounded students of academics and the arts alike. Thank you for your unwavering support.

Many thanks

Mr Mills

## Parent Consultation Evening

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

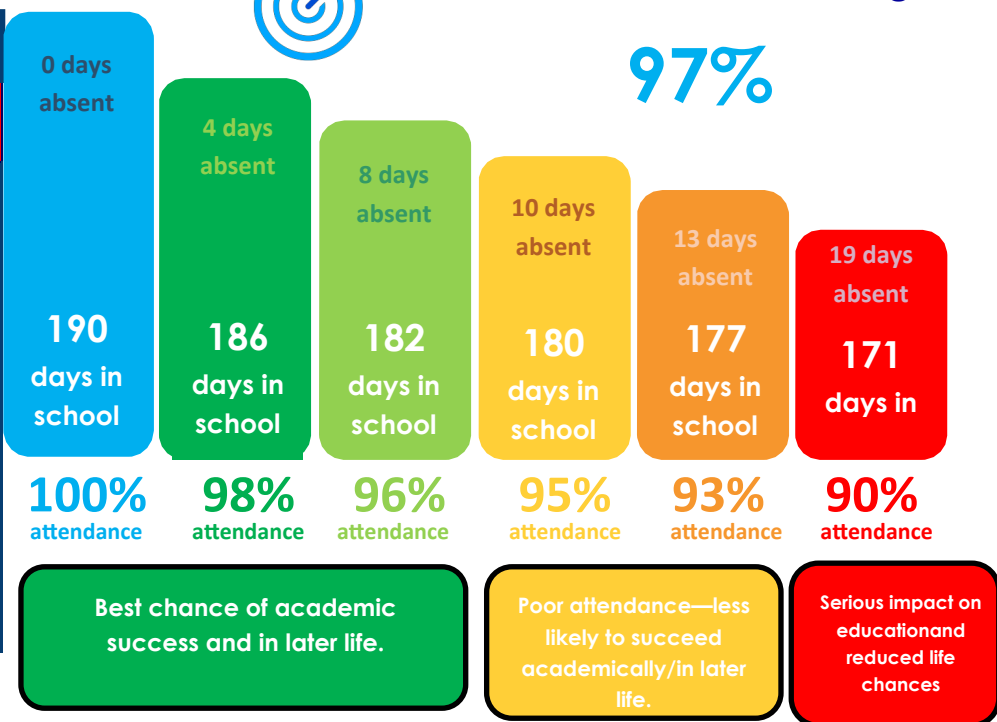
# Weekly Attendance



Our School Attendance Target is

97%

11/11/2024 to 15/11/2024	
Reception	91.91%
Year 1	94.49%
Year 2	96.34%
Year 3	98.15%
Year 4	99.63%
Year 5	94.85%
Year 6	96.79%



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

**Y4**

You get extra playtime!

Attendance This Week

**96.70%**

Attendance Year-to-Date

**96.96%**

This week's 100% attendance Winners:

Amil Rec

Georgia Y3

You each win a new book. Great Job!

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

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# Parental Safeguarding



At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit [nationalcollege.com](https://nationalcollege.com).

## 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

# TEACHING CYCLE SAFETY

Cycling is an amazing way to spend quality time together as a family, as well as keeping everyone healthy and active – and it's an excellent exercise, whatever the age of your children. Getting started can sometimes be daunting, and there are obvious safety concerns over youngsters who are still getting used to a bike – so follow our top tips to help you ride with confidence.

### 1 CONSIDER CYCLE TRAINING



Courses like Bikeability are extremely useful, and training in general has come a long way since cycling proficiency began; there are Bikeability courses for adults, too. Cycle training teaches invaluable skills (such as good road positioning, signaling and visibility), and can help both parents and children feel more at ease on busy streets.

### 2 USE A SUITABLE BIKE



Find a bike of an appropriate size for its rider and resist the temptation to have children 'grow into' theirs by buying one too large for them. A bigger bike will be heavier and more difficult to control, making accidents more likely and potentially putting youngsters off cycling forever. If your child has any specific physical needs, or has dyspraxia, then try out a trike, handcycle or other adaptive cycle to see what works best.

### 3 TRY A CARGO BIKE



Cargo bikes, particularly the box-bike style, are ideal for transporting small children around. Depending on the type of bike chosen – as well as the size and age of the children – it can be possible to transport up to four little ones in this way, with additional space for other cargo as well.

### 4 INSPECT YOUR CYCLE



It's a good idea to do some routine checks on any bike before going for a ride to make sure everything's working correctly. The 'M check' is particularly useful: assessing the condition and position of the bike's wheels, handlebars, brakes, pedals, chain and saddle, working from front to back. Online tutorial videos can also teach you how to carry out basic repairs if needed. For more complicated fixes, head to your local bike shop.

### 5 BRING SUITABLE GEAR



Ensure whatever you're wearing, and any attachments for your bike, are suitable for the ride. A waterproof jacket will let you cycle safely in almost any weather. Make sure any helmets are fitted correctly. If you're riding after dark, remember to fit your bikes with a white front light, a red rear light and a red rear reflector. These are required by law.

### 6 STICK TO FLAT TERRAIN



Take a smooth, flat route if possible, so it's more suitable for younger cyclists. You might be surprised by how many quiet roads or back streets there may be in your area. Don't be put off by an indirect but easier path as opposed to a shorter, busier one. Look out for the National Cycle Network, canal towpaths and even parks that you can cut through.

### 7 STAY ALERT AND IN SAFE FORMATIONS



For maximum protection and visibility, ride in a line with children in the middle and adults at either end. If you're the only adult present, take up a position at the rear to ensure all children remain in your sight. Don't be tempted to hug the kerb if cycling on the road – riding approximately a metre out will make you more noticeable to other road users, and you'll also stay clear of any debris in the gutter.

### 8 AVOID PARKED CARS



When riding past parked cars, try to stay at least a metre away, just in case anyone inside opens a door unexpectedly or the vehicle itself starts to move. This precaution will also deter anyone driving behind from trying to squeeze past you when there isn't enough space, so don't be afraid to ride in a prominent position.

### 9 START A 'BIKE BUS'



Cycling to school with other families is a potentially fun experience – one which comes with the added benefit of safety in numbers, in case anything goes wrong along the way. Team up with other parents, carers and educators and pick a day to cycle to school together. Who knows – maybe, in time, you'll have other folks asking to join you?

### 10 HAVE FUN!



Keep in mind that cycling should be fun! A good bike ride can be really enjoyable for adults and children alike, while also being a superb form of exercise. Ease children into the hobby by starting them off with shorter journeys – such as a trip to the park – and build them up to longer, more complicated outings. Some children may get bored on a longer ride, so try to keep a conversation going with them.

## Meet Our Expert

Sophie Gordon is the campaigns manager at Cycling UK, a charity which inspires and enables people to start cycling. She has spent six years campaigning for safer roads and more protected cycle paths, while supporting communities to call for better cycling conditions where they live.



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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**

## 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**



# Events in school

**Book your place on My Child at School (MCAS)**

## Brookvale Christmas Concert

Friday 6th December  
1.30-3pm

**SOLD OUT**



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**



# Merry Christmas!

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December for**

**ZEPHANIAH and PHELPS**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> 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**

**Few places remaining**

**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 29<sup>th</sup> November**