



Newsletter

Upcoming events

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| 26/11/24 | Y3, Y5 and Y6 Open morning—families invited into class |
| 28/11/24 | Non Uniform day in exchange for £1.00 and any extra donations of Chocolates and toiletries |
| 29/11/24 | SCHOOL CLOSED |
| 02/12/24 | Back to school Last day to book an Adult Lunch for Family Christmas Lunch |
| 04/12/24 | Christmas Fayre all families invited 3.45pm—5.30pm |
| 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—SOLD OUT) |
| 11/12/24— 12/12/24 | Parent Consultation Evenings (appointments only) |
| 13.12.24 | KS1 Nativity KS1 families invited to attend 9-10am |

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fabulous, astonishing week we have had. Firstly, let me introduce myself. I am Mr Bobo Pepple and I am writing the newsletter because today is Teacher Take over Day.

Pupils in Year 6 have taken over the school and leading the day, whether it be class teachers, site managers or me, your acting Head Teacher for the day!

This week has been a great week at Brookvale. Year 5 surprised us with their stunning class assembly about the Tudors. My favourite part had to be the brilliant acting of Henry VIII and his long-suffering wives. What a cruel man he was to his wives and other people!

Also, the angelic tones of singing angels have filled the school halls this week, as Reception and Key Stage One have been putting in the prep during their brilliant Nativity practice. I am so proud of our young pupils; great job everybody!

It has been a pleasure to be your Acting Head Teacher for the day. Thank you for your continued support!

Many thanks

Mr Bobo Pepple

Acting Head Teacher



Parent Consultation Evening

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

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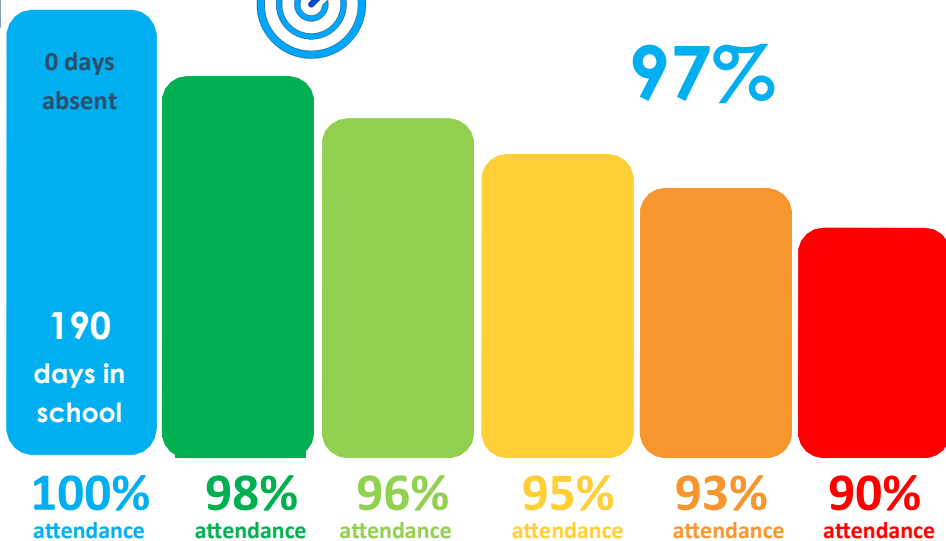
Weekly Attendance

18/11/2024 to 22/11/2024

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| Reception | 96.67% |
| Year 1 | 93.98% |
| Year 2 | 98.33% |
| Year 3 | 95.33% |
| Year 4 | 96.33% |
| Year 5 | 98.33% |
| Year 6 | 100% |



Our School Attendance Target is



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
Brookvale Blue

Y6



You get extra playtime!



This week's 100% attendance Winners:

Nathaniel 4

Cheyanna 2



You each win a new book.
Great Job!

Attendance This Week

97.07%



Attendance Year-to-Date

97.01%



175 days off school per year.

Use this time for holidays, appointments etc

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News Items

Thank you again to Dunelm, whose 'Delivering Joy' present donations have provided gifts for so many of our families - maybe you will be one of the lucky children when we draw the raffle for gifts in December!



If you need any support in the build up to Christmas please contact the school office.

Brookvale foodbank is always available in school, if you need to visit this please call the office to arrange a visit.

News Items



Teacher Takeover Day at Brookvale

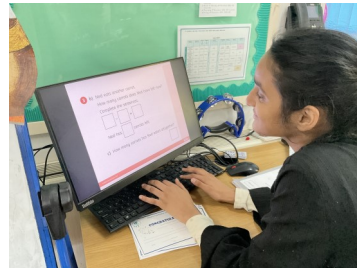
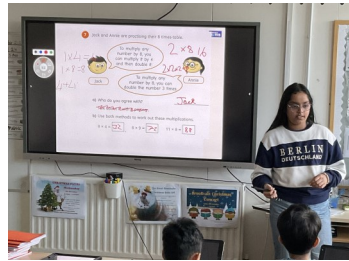
Children from Y6 took over the school on Friday 22nd November....What a day they had!



Office staff



IT Manager



Class teachers



Site Manager



Assistant Headteacher



URGENT...Please support school by signing up to the following sites. It is an easy way to fundraise much needed funds for school without costing you a penny....

Easyfundraising

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/>



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.



ASDA

you scan, WE DONATE ££s TO SCHOOLS.

CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS

Asda Rewards Cashpot for Schools

Cashpot for Schools Terms & Conditions Asda Rewards terms & Conditions

- 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 Parentlink 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**

Parental Safeguarding



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 games 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

ROBLOX

Roblox is one of the most popular video games on the market. By 2020, the game's makers were claiming that more than half of children in the USA play it. As a "sandbox" title, Roblox offers a huge amount of creative freedom: it lets players create their own gaming experiences with the Roblox Studio to build custom levels and games, which can then be shared with other players online. Roblox fosters creative thinking and enjoys a robust online community of fans.

PEGI RATING
7+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Roblox encourages players to communicate online (including a group chat facility). This could expose children to risks such as scammers, online predators, harassment, griefers and more. The in-game chat has some filters, but isn't perfect: players can still send harmful messages to others – such as general hostility – while predators can reach out to children directly.

PUBLIC SERVERS

Roblox has private or VIP servers which allow people to play exclusively with their friends, but this costs money. Most Roblox players will instead be on public servers that anyone can join. Servers can host games which focus on all kinds of aspects, including direct player interaction. Some games and servers, therefore, will put children more at risk of contact from strangers than others.

ONLINE DATERS

These are also called "ODers" and are quite common in Roblox. An ODer is an individual who joins a game with the intention of finding someone to date online – and eventually meet in person. Such online dating is against the Roblox community guidelines, but this usually doesn't deter ODers. Some player-built Roblox game worlds have even been designed with online dating specifically in mind.

IN-APP PURCHASES

Roblox is actually free to download and play, but bear in mind that there are some hidden costs. Players are encouraged to make purchases in the game, for example, using real money. People can also buy extra Robux (the in-game currency) to spend on cosmetic items in the game, and some private or VIP servers also have a cost.

Advice for Parents & Carers

SET PARENTAL CONTROLS

Roblox comes with several parental control options, which are explained well on the game's official website. It's essential to enter the correct date of birth for your child, as that allows Roblox to automatically apply the appropriate chat filters. The game also allows parents and carers to set monthly spending restrictions and monitor their child's account.

DISABLE PRIVATE MESSAGING

Roblox's private messaging function raises the risk of children being contacted by people they may not want to speak with – potentially leading to bullying, harassment, toxicity and scam attempts. The game allows you to disable messages from anyone who hasn't been added as a friend on your child's account.

PRIVATE SERVERS

If your child has some genuine friends to play Roblox online with, paying for a private or VIP server decreases the risk of contact from strangers. Even then, however, some players could invite other people – who might not necessarily be child-friendly – into the private server. If your child is a Roblox fan, it's important to talk with them regularly about who they are playing the game with.

MONITOR SPENDING

If they don't understand they're using real money, it's easy for children to accidentally spend a sizeable amount in the game. Using parental controls to place limits on their spending will help avoid any nasty financial surprises. Ensuring that you have two-factor authentication on your payment accounts also makes it harder for your child to spend money inadvertently.

DEALING WITH STRANGERS

At some point in their development, your child will need to learn how to deal with strangers online. Show them how to block and report any users who are upsetting them or asking uncomfortable questions. Talking to them about what's OK to discuss – and what they should never tell a stranger online – will help them understand how to communicate with other people online safely.

Meet Our Expert

Clare Oodwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.



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10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

EDUCATING CHILDREN ON SPENDING AND SAVING

Evidence shows that children's spending habits begin to form as early as seven years old. With primary schools in England not required to teach financial literacy, many young people are reaching adulthood without knowing the basics of budgeting. This guide explains how to teach young people about money in a practical way, giving them the understanding to become savvy spenders and savers.

1 PROVIDE POCKET MONEY

Giving children money – even a small amount – can help them learn to make their own budgeting decisions about how to spend or save it. Research shows that youngsters who receive pocket money are more likely to become adults with strong financial skills and significantly less debt.

2 USE A PREPAID CARD

Being able to pay by card is essential these days, with some retailers not accepting cash since the pandemic. Prepaid debit cards are available for children from the age of six, allowing them to get used to spending like they will as adults with no risk of slipping into an overdraft. Learning about money is like learning to swim – you need to get in the pool and have a go!

3 PRACTISE BORROWING

Although official borrowing is only available to over 18s, kids need to understand how debt and interest works before they become adults and are exposed to credit cards or 'buy now, pay later' schemes. For a safe means of teaching them about this, parents could offer them extra pocket money but explain that it needs to be paid back by a certain date, plus an extra couple of pounds as interest.

4 ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATION

Chatting about money and how much things cost will teach children that finance is a part of everyday life and not some "soapy adult thing". Parents can involve them in budgeting for the weekly shop, for example, working together to get everything on the list while keeping the total below a certain number, letting young ones make spending decisions in a safe space can build up their confidence regarding money.

5 DISCUSS THE PRESSURE TO SPEND

Whether it's YouTube ads or a hint of envy at a friend's recent purchase, spending triggers are everywhere. Encourage children to notice how clever shop design (like placing sweets at the checkout) and offers such as '2 for 1' deals entice us to spend more. Challenge them to resist impulse buys by getting them to sleep on it before deciding to spend.

6 TELLING 'NEED' FROM 'WANT'

Learning how to prioritise spending is an important life skill, the difference between life's essentials and "nice to have" is key to budgeting. If children pester you for treats while shopping, it's the perfect time to say "That's a want, we're getting our needs first." You could show how you budget for food, electricity and so on before buying fun things.

7 ENCOURAGE SAVING

Getting children saving early can set them up with a useful habit for their adult life. Suggest that they set something aside every time they receive money and help them set a target for how much to put away, so they feel motivated to continue. For example, encouraging them to save for a friend's birthday gift can get children much more invested in what they buy.

8 SPARK INTEREST IN INTEREST

Motivate children by telling them about interest; you can describe it as a reward for saving money. Explain how everything they put away will grow over time. As an exciting example, explain that 1p doubled every day for a month would amount to approximately £32 million. Some prepaid cards for young people also offer interest, parents and carers could also add a little to supplement what their child saves and show how it works.

9 PAYING FOR CHORES

This is a complex debate with no right or wrong answer; it depends on what works for each individual family. However, it can be one of the best ways to teach children that money needs to be earned and helps to create more mindful spenders. If parents aren't keen on paying for everyday chores, they could ask the children to suggest their own ideas for earning a little extra.

10 PROTECT CHILDREN FROM SCAMS

Scams are a terrifyingly easy way to lose money, and children are generally more likely to be taken in due to a lack of experience with those financial criminals. As a minimum, make sure they're aware of the most common scams they could be exposed to – by text, email and phone. For instance, young people should tell a trusted adult about any unexpected message or call and never give out their personal information.

Meet Our Expert

GoHenry is a prepaid debit card and financial education app with a mission to make every young person smart with money. Co-founder and CEO Louise Hill is a passionate campaigner for better financial literacy among school children and strongly believes that money management is a crucial life skill.



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Source: See full reference list on guide page at <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/spending-and-saving/>

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Events such as Fayre's and Disco's will not be able to continue in the future without the help of parents and carers.

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



Win a Hamper Raffle £1.00 a strip

Raffle tickets will be on sale at the end of the day every day on the playground next week.

Tickets will be drawn at the
Christmas Fayre

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

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

Events in school

Brookvale Christmas Concert

SOLD OUT

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



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**

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 29th November**