



Newsletter

28th February 2025

A warm welcome back to our children and families in the second half of the spring term. Spring is such a wonderful time of year, with the days growing longer and the hope for warmer weather. Spring is also the time in school where our calendar is filled to the brim with events and celebrations for our children and families to enjoy so do check the dates for your diary posted with the newsletter every week.

We are all looking forward to celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 6th March, all children and staff can come to school wearing their Pyjamas or onies for a day full of fun reading activities.

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 6th March	World Book Day—Come to school in your pj's or onesie for a day of fun activities and reading
Friday 7th March	Y3 Class Assembly 9am—families are welcome to attend
Thursday 20th March	SEND Coffee morning with Marie Smith 9—10am Brookvale Got Talent Show—more details to follow
Friday 21st March	Red Nose Day—Wear red to school raising money for Comic Relief
Tuesday 25th March	Y1 and Y3 Open morning—Parents are invited to attend at 9am only The session will end at 10.50am
Wednesday 26th March	Y2 Sea-life trip
Wednesday 2nd April	Y2 Class Assembly 9am—families are welcome to attend Eid Lunch 1 adult per family invited to attend at 11.30 - Book your place on MCAS
Wednesday 2nd—Thursday 3rd April	Parent Consultation Appointments—Look out for the announcements of when this is available to book via MCAS
Tuesday 8th April	Y6 Open morning—Parents are invited to attend at 9am only The session will end at 10.50am Easter Lunch for Phelps and Cadbury at 11.30am
Wednesday 9th April	Easter Lunch for Zephaniah and Lewis at 11.30am
Thursday 10th April	Y3 Egyptian Class Trip
Friday 11th April	Awards and 100% Attendance Assembly Break up for Easter Holidays
Monday 14th April—Friday 25th April	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
Monday 28th April	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR TEACHER TRAINING DAY
Tuesday 29th April	All children back to school
Wednesday 30th April	Y6 Open morning—Parents are invited to attend at 9am only The session will end at 10.50am
Thursday 1st May	PROPOSED—Closed for voting except for Y6 and Staff who attend school as normal
Monday 5th May	Bank Holiday Monday—School CLOSED

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Weekly Attendance



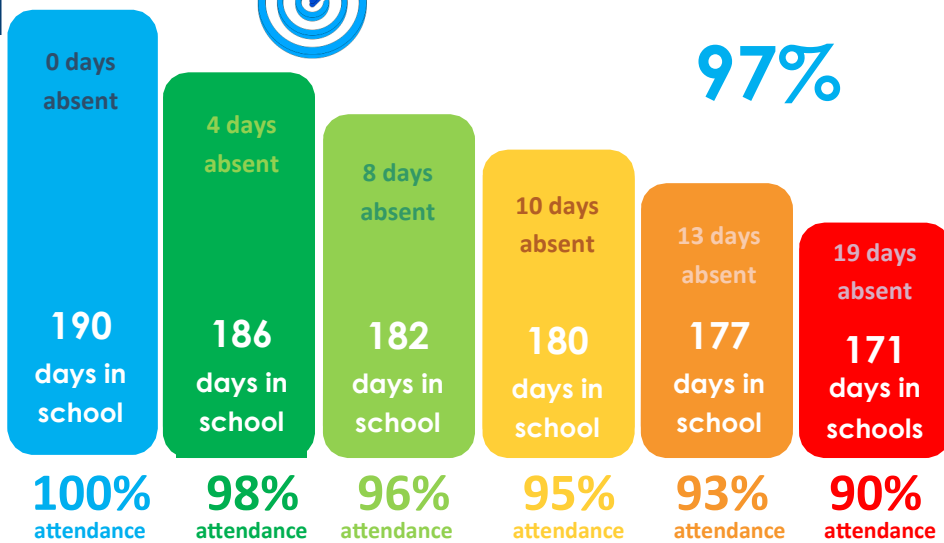
24/02/2025 to 28/02/2025

Reception	68.82%
Year 1	86.40%
Year 2	89.34%
Year 3	94.10%
Year 4	98.52%
Year 5	99.26%
Year 6	97.86%



Our School Attendance Target is

97%



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



Y5

You get extra playtime!

This week's 100% attendance Winners:



Jacob Y2

and

Bobbie Y5

You each win a new book.

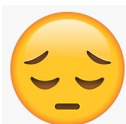
Great Job!

Attendance This Week

94.26%



Attendance Year-to-Date



95.59%

175 days off school per year.

Use this time for holidays, appointments etc

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Is my child too ill for school?



It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school when they're unwell.

There are government guidelines for schools about [managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK](#). These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone school on the first day by 9.15am. Inform school that your child won't be in and give the reason, please don't just say they are ill.

If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, inform their teacher as well as the school office.

The following guidance is from the NHS (please click on the link for more information):

Coughs and colds

It's fine to send your child to school with a minor [cough](#) or [common cold](#). But if they have a fever, keep them off school until the fever goes.

Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues and to wash their hands regularly.

High temperature

If your child has a [high temperature](#), keep them off school until it goes away.

Chickenpox

If your child has [chickenpox](#), keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over.

This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.

Cold sores

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have a [cold sore](#).

Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.

Conjunctivitis

You don't need to keep your child away from school if they have [conjunctivitis](#).

Do get advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.

Ear infection

If your child has an [ear infection](#) and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.

Vomiting and diarrhea

Children with [diarrhoea or vomiting](#) should stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhea for 2 days (48 hours).

COVID-19

If your child has mild symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, and feels well enough, they can go to school.

Your child should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people if they have [symptoms of COVID-19](#) and they either:

- have a high temperature

- do not feel well enough to go to school or do their normal activities

What to do if your child has tested positive

Your child is no longer required to do a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test if they have symptoms. But if your child has tested positive for COVID-19, they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test.

Hand, foot and mouth disease

If your child has [hand, foot and mouth disease](#) but seems well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off.

Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.

Head lice and nits

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice.

You can treat [head lice and nits](#) without seeing a GP.

Impetigo

If your child has [impetigo](#), they'll need treatment from a GP, often with antibiotics.

Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment.

Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.

Ringworm

If your child has [ringworm](#), see your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP.

It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.

Scarlet fever

If your child has [scarlet fever](#), they'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks.

Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.

Slapped cheek syndrome (fifth disease)

You don't need to keep your child off school if they have [slapped cheek syndrome](#) because, once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious.

But let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.

Sore throat

You can still send your child to school if they have a [sore throat](#). But if they also have a high temperature, they should stay at home until it goes away.

A sore throat and a high temperature can be symptoms of [tonsillitis](#).

Threadworms

You don't need to keep your child off school if they have [threadworms](#).

Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.

Parental Safeguarding

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about MARVEL RIVALS



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Marvel Rivals launched in December 2024 and amassed a player count of nearly 150,000 in mere weeks. This player versus player (PvP) shooter packs in a host of recognisable comic-book characters, pitting two teams of six against each other. Despite the game's cartoonish nature, there are several potential risks for parents and educators to be aware of.

IN-GAME CHAT

Voice chat allows players to speak to teammates and opponents within the game, but in a competitive environment, some conversations can become unpleasant. Text chat is equally prominent among those playing on PC and will be shown on the side of the screen. Moderation on chats is relatively lax, so it's important to recognise that potentially inappropriate messages could arrive at any time.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

While Marvel Rivals is free, there is an in-game store, selling character skins from recognisable movies and comic-book titles. Each season also includes a £10 Battle Pass (much like those seen in Fortnite and Call of Duty), offering a series of exclusive cosmetic items. These passes don't expire – but they can't be purchased once the next season rolls around, creating a fear of missing out.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With such a huge player base, it's impossible to predict whom your child will be teaming up with or playing against. They're virtually certain to run into strangers through voice and text chat, for starters. Most of these people will just be ordinary gamers enjoying the action, but there is the risk of some users behaving inappropriately with younger players – either intentionally, or because they don't realise that they're speaking to a child.

VIOLENT CONTENT

There's no gore in Marvel Rivals, and the violence depicted is comparatively cartoonish – but the playable characters available vary between more traditional superheroes and supervillains, and figures like Black Widow and The Punisher, who use more realistic firearms. Given the game's nature as a shooter, this may make some parents and carers uncomfortable as some players will be firing these weapons at each other.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

The game includes some innuendoes and mature themes in the dialogue, which could expose youngsters to content unsuitable for their age, detracting from a safe and family-friendly gaming experience. As we mentioned previously, the content of the in-game chat could also be age-inappropriate, ranging from swearing to mature themes to potentially harmful content.

FAMILIAR CHARACTERS

The inclusion of iconic characters might make Marvel Rivals appear more approachable than other games in the genre, with recognisable heroes and villains like Spider-Man and Venom. This could lead to more interest from younger players, increasing the likelihood of children playing the game without properly understanding the risks.

Advice for Parents & Educators

FOLLOW ESRB RATINGS

The ESRB rating for Marvel Rivals says the game shouldn't be played by anyone under 13. Most children of that age will be able to appreciate the moral compass of the roster of characters (people can play as Hela, the Goddess of Death, for example), while also ensuring that the violence, however cartoonish, won't overwhelm them.



FAMILIARISE YOURSELF

The game's inclusion of fan-favourite characters like Iron Man and the Hulk, plus its increasing popularity, means that younger Marvel fans will likely be eager to see what the fuss is about. Since it's free, consider playing Marvel Rivals yourself to gauge how you feel about a child playing it. Alternatively, you could let them play against the game's AI in Practice Mode, until they're old enough to compete online.

MONITOR OR TURN OFF CHAT

Voice and text chat can both be adjusted within the in-game settings, if you're particularly concerned about exposing children and young people to them. However, you can disable both forms of chat in the game's settings. If a child wants to play alongside friends, remind them that they can use their console's party chat feature or host a call on a third-party service like Discord.



DISCONNECT PAYMENT OPTIONS

Parents should ensure that no payment options – such as debit cards – are linked to the game, to prevent unauthorised purchases and charges. Children can be tempted by enticing in-game offers without fully understanding the costs. Removing payment methods avoids impulsive in-game spending and instils a sense of financial awareness, teaching young people to be careful with their money.



Meet Our Expert

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THURSDAY 6th MARCH

**HAPPY
WORLD BOOK DAY**



**Come to School dressed in
Pj's or Onesie for a day of fun**

**STORY
TIME**

**Children can bring their
favourite book to School to
share with their class**

Upcoming Events



Brookvale's Got Talent Show Thursday 20th March

Play a musical instrument

Tell some funny jokes

Sing a song

Recite a poem

Perform magic
tricks



Perform solo or
part of a group

Perform your sport skills

Dance

2D or 3D Art Entry

**YOU could be our next
Brookvale's Got Talent**

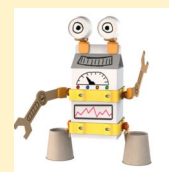
WINNER 2025

Don't want to get on stage?

Children can enter some 2D or 3D art

Create artwork with the theme 'Any Dream is Possible'

All entries must be in school by 9am Friday 7th March



Upcoming Events



Eid Celebration

Family Lunch
Wednesday 2nd April

Tasty Mains

Chicken Balti
Or
Chickpea and Potato Curry
Both served with Rice and Chapatti's

Veggie Sides

Sweetcorn/peas
Mixed salad

Dessert

Mango Smoothie

Book your place
on MCAS
Places are
limited

Easter Lunch

MENU

Main Meal
Roast Chicken
or
Vegetarian Sausage
On the side
New Potatoes
Seasonal Vegetables
Dessert
Fruity Shortbread

Tuesday 8th April for Cadbury & Phelps
Wednesday 9th April for Zephaniah & Lewis
1 Adult per family
£3.50 (for the adult) via MCAS

PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN ARE NOT CATERED FOR

NO NUTS IN SCHOOL

Due some children and staff having severe Nut Allergies, all children and staff are NOT to bring any nut product into school. We are a Nut Free School – this includes Nutella, Happy Hippo bars, celebrations and cereal bars.

There is no need for children in Key Stage 1 to bring snacks into school as we provide fruit at break time.

All children in Key stage 1 are entitled to FREE school meals, which we encourage parents to take advantage of.

Children in Key Stage 2 have access to bagels at break time, however they can bring in a healthy snack such as fruit.

Please DO NOT send in crisps, chocolate or sweets as these will be removed and return to parents at the end of the day.

If you do provide a packed lunch for your child, again this should be a healthy option, such as a sandwich, carrot or cucumber sticks, a packet of crisps, a yoghurt or a small biscuit/cake slice. Packed lunches must not contain sweets of any kind or fizzy pops.

Due to food, allergies in school we no longer allow children to bring in sweets for birthdays, instead children can bring in a book to share with class.

Please ensure that you book your child's school meals on Relish.

If you are having trouble with Relish, the school meal ordering platform, please contact
e-mail address: catering@atlp.org.uk
telephone: 03300 240016

Social Media Brookvale Primary @BPS_B23



Brookvale Primary @BPS_B23 · 17h
Year 2 really enjoyed making ferris wheels in their open morning for DT today. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped us in our engineering exploits! We hope you enjoyed it! 🤖🔧



Brookvale Primary @BPS_B23 · Feb 24
Spring is coming! Reception are looking for early signs of spring around school. It's been raining, sunny and we've seen some new buds beginning to grow. @the_atlp



Brookvale Primary @BPS_B23 · 14h
Springtime potion fun in reception today! @the_atlp



Brookvale Primary @BPS_B23 · 19h
A snippet of year 4's rehearsals for their Roman assembly on Friday. Even Miss Humphrey is singing this in her head at 2am! @the_atlp



Brookvale Primary @BPS_B23 · 3h
The jury is out! Would schools be better run by Romans? Year 4 are about to help us decide with their Class Assembly this morning! 🏛️ first we will hear from the goddesses...@the_atlp



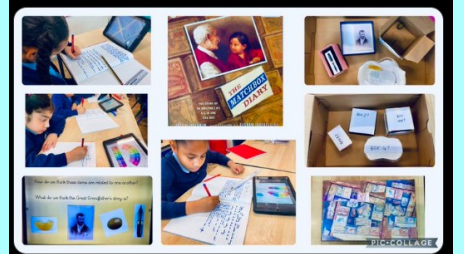
Brookvale Primary @BPS_B23 · 18h
Year 3 enjoyed learning how to chest pass, bounce pass and shoulder pass this afternoon in PE! 🏀🏈 @the_atlp



Brookvale Primary @BPS_B23 · 18h
In DT, year 1 have been researching which fruit would be nice to make into a smoothie. They have tasked some fruit and vegetables and recorded how it smelt, looked and tasted. They then chose the three that they would like to make into a smoothie.



Brookvale Primary @BPS_B23 · Feb 24
Year 4 have immersed themselves into their new book The Matchbox Diary and have explored the different boxes and uncovered a range of strange items. I wonder what their predictions are about the story? @the_atlp @theliteracytree



Brookvale Primary @BPS_B23 · 54m
We're so proud of the children in reception using their phonics knowledge to write independently! @the_atlp



Brookvale Primary @BPS_B23 · 18h
The children in year 1 have been programming Bee-Bots to follow the roads they created on paper. They used positional language to help them.



Brookvale Primary @BPS_B23 · Feb 27
Enjoying learning about the 'ee' sound in Reception today @the_atlp



Brookvale Primary @BPS_B23 · 1h
Spring time still life drawing in Reception class this morning. @the_atlp



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