

Dear Parents and Carers

Just when we thought Spring had well and truly sprung, I write this newsletter during a hail shower in March! These things are sent to test us, whether it be a challenging weather change, or a test of resolve. This week has been National Science Week, a great time for investigation and discussion, but that can bring tests of resilience when things don't go as we planned. It is wonderful to see the pupils of Brookvale forever rise to those challenges with perseverance, seeing the storm ahead and walking into it with bold resolve and a curiosity to investigate.

Mr Mills is doing an experiment in our assembly for #scienceweek today- we're all engrossed!



This week has also been the seventh year of the 'Eat Them to Defeat Them' national veg week. Eat Them to Defeat Them was created by Veg Power and ITV as a fun way to encourage kids to eat more veg. Over 1.7m different children have taken part with 77% of parents reporting that their children ate more vegetables as a result. I know our school kitchen has gone above and beyond to create lots of inventive ways to make the most of our veg. I have been fortunate enough to sample some myself and I know they certainly met with our pupils' approval.

Many of your children will return home tomorrow with completed Eat Them to Defeat Them sticker charts, meaning they definitely enjoyed veg week and maybe tried a few new dishes as well! If you are worried about your child's mood, behaviour and learning, a good place to start is their diet. We understand that this initiative launched during Ramadan, a very blessed and special time for our Muslim families. The campaign website (<https://eatthemtodefearthem.com/families/>) invites our Muslim families to join in with trying to defeat more vegetables as part of their Iftar every evening, or to use the reward chart during the Eid al-Fitr celebrations and throughout April.

Many thanks

Mr Mills

Parent Consultation Evening

Wednesday 2nd April

Thursday 3rd April

**Book your Parent Evening Consultation
on MCAS**

Call the office if you have any issues.

Weekly Attendance



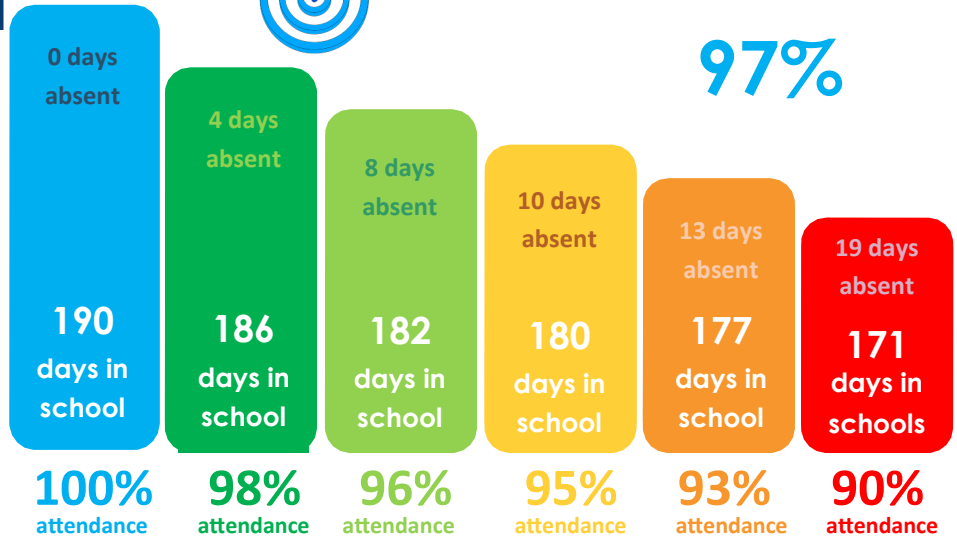
10/03/2025 to 14/03/2025

Reception	94.44%
Year 1	76.53%
★ Year 2	97.79%
Year 3	93.77%
Year 4	95.93%
Year 5	93.38%
Year 6	96.09%



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



Y2

You get extra playtime!

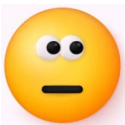
Every day Counts!
Attend Today
Achieve Tomorrow

Attendance This Week

92.21%



Attendance Year-to-Date



95.49%

This week's 100% attendance Winners:



Isabella Y5

&

Mila Y1



You each win a new book.

Great Job!



175 days off school per year.

Use this time for holidays, appointments etc

We are caring citizens, shaping our communities.

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.

Parental Safeguarding

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

ROBLOX



Roblox is one of the most popular video games among children. In 2020, the game's developers claimed that more than half of the USA's children had played it. As a 'sandbox' title, the game lets players create their own gaming experiences with Roblox Studio to build custom levels, which can then be shared online.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ONLINE PLAY RISKS

Because Roblox connects random players across the world, it can put younger players into an environment with anonymous users who could use the platform for nefarious reasons. For example, some role-play games are used for online dates and mature role play, which could expose youngsters to inappropriate messages in the public chat box.

ANONYMOUS PLAYERS

The anonymity of users can leave players vulnerable to bullying, harassment, and predatory behaviour. Without the right parental controls or monitoring, users can connect with each other via personal messages or friend requests, and it is very difficult to know who's behind a username in this vast online world.

MATURE CONTENT

Content is difficult to moderate throughout Roblox, due to the number of games available. This is particularly notable on smaller games and experiences, but in summary, some of the games and experiences offered on the platform contain age-inappropriate content that could easily be seen by young players.

RISK OF ADDICTION

Roblox games can feature rewarding or satisfying mechanics that keep players coming back – or persuade them to stay logged-in for much longer. Like most games, they focus on interactivity, with constant rewards via in-game unlocks and currencies, which can sometimes lead to an addictive need to remain online for long periods of time.

IN-GAME SPENDING

The majority of games within Roblox have extensive monetisation options, usually through season passes or microtransactions. Purchases can range in value from a few pennies up to much larger sums of money. While some games offer a lot of content via purchases, others can offer very little for real world money, causing younger players to end up out of pocket.

SCAMS

Many of the games on Roblox feature collectible items, pets, or characters. These objects, while digital, are worth a lot of real money on certain online markets. Scammers will attempt to trade with younger users in the hopes of getting rare items that can be sold for real money, manipulating the child into handing them over, usually via misleading information.

Advice for Parents & Educators

MONITOR THE CONTENT

While Roblox does implement plenty of moderation tools and parental controls, it's up to parents and guardians to monitor the types of games a child or impressionable player is experiencing. If a youngster wants to play Roblox, be sure to check out which specific games they want to play within it, and get a good idea of their content.

PLAY TOGETHER

Consider playing Roblox with the children in your care. There are few more effective ways to see how monetisation works, gauge whether the game could lead to addictive behaviours, or even witness how interaction between players works, than sitting down and trying the game for yourself. This should help you figure out whether it's suitable for particular children.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF TOOLS

Use the parental controls within the game itself and teach youngsters how to report and block other players. Knowing the powers within their reach will make Roblox a safer, happier experience. You can set age ranges for who's allowed to contact you, close public chat boxes, block spending, and even make your Roblox profile completely private. All these options are helpful in cutting off bad actors from engaging with children.

TEACH ONLINE BEHAVIOURS

Have an open conversation about the risks of online play and how to spend money wisely. By being honest and giving tips on how a younger user can protect themselves, you can empower them to not only take care of themselves, but others too. Any user can be reported to Roblox moderators by other players for behaving inappropriately. With this knowledge, younger players can be aware of what to look for and help prevent it.

Meet Our Expert

Dan Lipscombe is a videogame journalist and author of over 20 books on gaming, including books on Minecraft, Fortnite, Roblox, and more. For 15 years he has been writing about his passion for gaming. When he's not playing games, he's talking about them at GAMINGbible.



Supporting Brookvale

It is not too late to sign up.....



WIN a £500 donation for Brookvale Primary School

Your supporters
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times!



That's amazing! All of these donations from your supporters shopping online have raised £2.66 so far.

Share the good news - the more supporters you sign up, the more money for your cause.

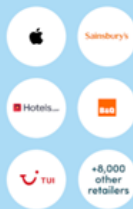
Plus, every person who you invite to support you on easyfundraising this month gives Brookvale Primary School a chance to win a £500 donation*!

More supporters = more chances to win!



Support Brookvale Primary School on easyfundraising and we could win £500!

Sign up today



We're registered on #easyfundraising which means you can raise free donations for us when you shop online! Over 8,000 retailers will make a donation to Brookvale Primary School on your behalf when you shop with them. All the big names like Sainsbury's, M&S, Argos, Just Eat and more are ready to donate at no extra cost to you. Plus, you can help us WIN a £500 donation - we will get a FREE entry each time a new supporter signs up before the 31st March! Sign up here: <https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/brookvale-primary-school/0k9ucv/c2s/hV0t4Q7p/CE953/facebook/>

£59 million Raised 2.5 million Users 190,000 Causes

WOW LET'S WALK TO SCHOOL

WOW Travel Tracker Update

We are now into our fourth month of the WOW Walk to School challenge and we are creeping up the league table!

Congratulations to **Year 3** and **Year 4** who were our class winners for February! This week, **Year 2** is our most active year group with 224 trips logged! We have managed a total of **1226** active trips to school so far this month with 65% walking to school.

We need everyone's help by choosing to walk, scoot, cycle, park and stride or use public transport to get to school. The further away from school, the safer the roads will be for our Brookvale community as well as improve the air quality which we are now monitoring with our new air quality device.

As a reminder to all parents and carers,

Mallard Drive is CLOSED
to non-resident vehicles between;

8:15am – 9:00am
3:00pm – 3:45pm

During the restricted times, driving in the zone is a moving traffic offence, with the Police as the enforcing body. They are able to issue a £50 fixed penalty fine to anyone caught driving in the zone without permission when this restriction is in place.

There is a fantastic event taking place in Birmingham called the Ramadan Streets- night markets. It is open to all and would be a fantastic opportunity for young people and their families and friends to visit.

Here is the link below that tells you more about the Ramadan markets:

<https://www.soulcityarts.com/>

More information:

Ramadan Streets is a five-day cultural event and night market that welcomes people of all backgrounds to come together and experience the community-spirit of Ramadan. Taking place during March 12-16th, from dusk until midnight, we're taking over a car park on Coventry Road, Birmingham, and providing an opportunity for the community to break their fast together in a unique and vibrant setting.

Thoughtfully designed to foster comfort and inclusivity, and working in close collaboration with Birmingham City Council, Ramadan Streets offers an opportunity for those of all backgrounds to experience street-food favourites, from smash burgers to corn-dogs. Visitors can expect a souk experience with vendors selling everything from street food to artisan goods, featuring well established vendors as well as local businesses.

The event is led by the creative team at Soul City Arts and supported by The Halal Food Festival.

At Soul City Arts, we harness the power of creativity to connect communities and inspire change. Our wide-ranging program includes immersive art installations, community events that spark dialogue, and live performances that call on us to reflect on our own narratives. – using art as a force for transformation and connection.

Why is an arts organisation delivering a food market, you may wonder? We chose to take on this challenge as we feel strongly in our communities being presented in the best form. We are storytellers and use the arts to present in incredible ways. Delivering Ramadan Streets, we felt would be a unique opportunity, not just to create an experience around food, but to bring people together through this cultural experience.

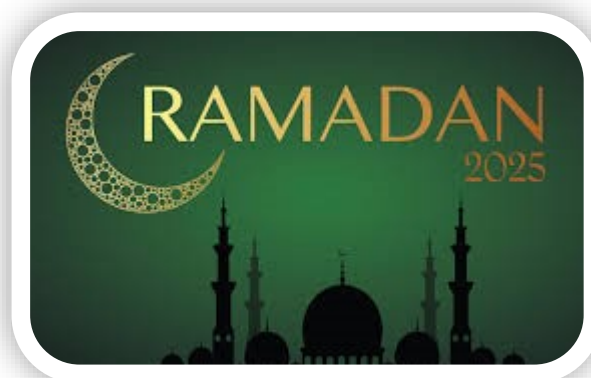
Being a cultural experience, we have been developing a series of films behind the scene entitled '**Ramadan Diaries**' which will be showcased during the event, with the community speaking on their reflections of Ramadan, that will be projected directly onto the walls overlooking the car park at night.

Ramadan is a sacred month dedicated to fasting, prayer, and contemplation for Muslims. Increasingly through public Iftars, the spirit of Ramadan has brought people of all backgrounds together. **Ramadan Streets** is a response to that interest and intrigue in what Ramadan means to much of our community.

Taking place March 12-16th, from dusk until midnight, it will take place in an empty car park in **Coventry Road, Birmingham**, with an opportunity for the community to break their fast together.

Ramadan Streets has been supported by **Birmingham City Council**.

Thriving Children and Families
Children and Families Directorate
Birmingham City Council



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

Who will the
Brookvale's Got Talent
WINNER 2025

Upcoming Events



SPRING FLING

Last few places remaining

Wednesday 9th April 2025

Non Uniform Day

3.30pm–5pm

£2.00 entry

To be paid by Wednesday 2nd April on MCAS

Pocket money for Tuck-shop

Upcoming Events



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 - SOLD OUT
Wednesday 2nd—Thursday 3rd April	Parent Consultation Appointments—book your appointment on 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 Lewis and Cadbury at 11.30am
Wednesday 9th April	Easter Lunch for Zephaniah and Phelps at 11.30am Spring Fling 3.30pm—5pm Book your child's place on MCAS by Wednesday 2nd April.
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

Eid Celebration
Family Lunch
Wednesday 2nd April

Tasty Mains
Chicken
Both
pattl's
ides
corn/peas
Mixed salad

Dessert
Mango Smoothie

SOLD OUT

Easter Lunch

MENU
Main M
Roast
Bage
side
Potatoes
Personal Vegetables
Dessert
Fruity Shortbread

Limited Places Left

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

Holiday Clubs



SPORT4KIDS EASTER CAMP

RUNNING 22nd – 25th APRIL

**PHEASEY PARK FARM
PRIMARY SCHOOL**



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CRAFT & SPORT
ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:**

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SOFT ARCHERY
BUNNY SCAVENGER HUNT
DODGEBALL
EGG RELAY RACE
FOOTBALL
EASTER NERF WAR

**LIMITED
SPACES!**



**OR VISIT [SPORT4KIDS.BIZ](https://www.sport4kids.biz) & SEARCH BY YOUR
POSTCODE TO FIND YOUR NEAREST CAMP**

Social Media

Brookvale Primary @BPS_B23



It's another beautiful spring day. What a wonderful opportunity to draw some daffodils! Reception love spotting the daffodils that are growing around school. @the_atlp



Year 4 are using a child-friendly online dictionary to find the definitions of words from our reading book @the_atlp @MrJAnderton



Reception have been planting their very own magic beans, just like Jack! We can't wait to watch them grow! Can you guess which traditional tale is our key text this week? @the_atlp



There's wonderful teamwork happening this morning in Reception - children have been building dens, towers and gardens and using vocabulary they have learnt in maths to describe the size of their creations. @the_atlp



Today in reading, Year 3 are making observational drawings of a pebble as we learn about the story 'The pebble in my pocket' by Meredith Hooper! What story does each stone have to tell? @the_atlp



How many different ways can you create 10? @the_atlp



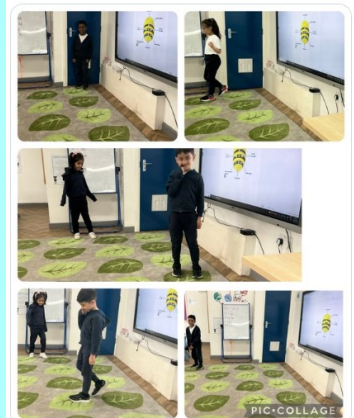
Year 3 are using secondary sources to sequence and explain the process of mummification @the_atlp @MrJAnderton



It's not all about revision in year 6, what a range of books and authors we have in our classroom, we love to have a brain break, read and share our reading experiences



In computing year 1 have taken it in turns to be human Bee-Bots. Each group had a controller who gave instructions, a judge who checked that the instructions were correct and the human Bee-Bot who followed the instructions.



Year 1 have continued learning about height and length. They have measured objects around the classroom using cubes and also children too. They have used 'shorter than', longer than, taller than in their spoken sentences.



We have an amazing helper for our WOW Tracker in the mornings in Y2- this morning it was completely independent so Miss Walker got to watch the master at work! @the_atlp @MissWalker



Year 4 are working on their model answers for inference style questions for their class text 'The Wild Robot' @the_atlp @the_literacytree



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