



Brookland Federation Newsletter

'Where strong relationships inspire lifelong learning and growth'

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Our first full week back!

We are now fully into the swing of the new term! This week, we welcomed our Reception and Nursery children for their full school hours. The transition to full-time school can always be a little unsettling; however, we are so proud of all our children and how well they have taken it in their stride.

Across the rest of the Federation, learning across all subjects is now well underway! I have seen some beautiful learning behaviours as I have walked around the schools, with children proudly showing me the work they have completed.

Over the next week, we will properly begin setting home learning and sharing home learning menus and curriculum newsletters with you all. We wanted to focus first on settling the children in and helping them to establish good routines before introducing home learning.

We also started our after-school clubs this week, and it has been lovely to see the children dancing, singing and taking part in a range of different sports.

It has been a great—and tiring—first full week back for everyone, so I do hope you all have a restful weekend!

Individual and Sibling photos

The **junior school** children will have their individual and sibling photos (junior school siblings only) on **Monday 21st September**.

The **infant school** children will have their individual and sibling photos (infant school siblings only) on **Monday 28th September**.

If you would like to have photos of your children together from the two schools, you will be able to do this before school, from 7.45am-8.40am on either 21st September or 28th September in the respective school halls.

Front Gates and Parking

Please can we remind parents and carers not to form a queue at the school gates before they open at pick-up time. We would also ask that parents and carers do not tailgate other cars leaving the school premises before the official gate opening time.

We are very fortunate to have a car park available for parents and carers on site. However, we kindly ask that parents and carers do not park up from earlier than 2.45pm and wait on site.

Finally, a reminder that **ONLY Blue Badge holders should use the designated disabled parking bays**.

These spaces are not to be used as a pick-up or drop-off area. We have a number of families with blue badges who require these spaces, so please be considerate of others and ensure they remain available for those who need them.

Thank you so much for your cooperation and understanding.

Reminder - Please check Arbor

Thank you to everyone who has checked and updated, where necessary, their child's Arbor record to ensure that we have the most up-to-date information. If you have not yet done this, please could we ask that you do so as soon as possible. When checking your child's record, please take particular care to review your contact details and telephone numbers, your child's consents and their medical information. Thank you once again for supporting us in ensuring that all the information we hold about your child is accurate and up to date.

The Junior Sorting Hat

The junior school sorting hat came out of hibernation on Wednesday. With its incredible knowledge of the new Year 3 children, it sorted them (and the new staff to the juniors) into one of our four houses: Amber, Emerald, Ruby or Sapphire. The Year 3 children were shocked to hear that the sorting hat knew their name and a few interesting facts about them.

Year 6 trip - Crucial Crew

Today, our Year 6s went on a trip locally to take part in Crucial Crew. The Year 6 children participated in a series of interactive safety workshops covering topics like personal safety, cyber awareness, fire safety, and water safety, which were led by a range of agencies such as Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue. The children had a great time!

Reading books (infants only)

We are very excited to be starting Little Wandle as our new phonics scheme this year. As explained in the 'Meet the Teacher' presentations, we have already started the Little Wandle Assessments on all Year 1 and Year 2 children. Once all the assessments are complete, we will start handing out reading books to the children, this is likely to be in the next two weeks. Reception classes start Little Wandle phonics next week and will get their books in the upcoming weeks too.

Key dates:

Mon 21st Sep - Individual and sibling photos - **junior school**

Wed 23rd Sep - Year 2 going on local walk - more details to follow

Fri 25th Sep - Year 6 trip to Tate Modern - more details to follow

Mon 28th Sep - Individual and sibling photos - **infant school**

Mon 26th Oct - Fri 30th Oct - HALF TERM - school closed

Mon 2nd Nov - Children return to school

Fri 18th Dec - Last Day of Term - School finishes at 1pm

PE DAYS

Reception - Wednesday

Rowan - Tuesday

Year 1 - Tuesday and Thursday

Year 2 - Tuesday

Year 3 - Monday & Tuesday

Year 4 - Monday & Tuesday

Year 5 - Wednesday & Thursday

Year 6 - Wednesday & Thursday

Forest school this half term

Rowan, Ash and Beech - Monday

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