

parents newsletter



2nd May 2024

Dear Parents,

First, we had blackboards and chalk. Then whiteboards and dry-wipe pens. Overhead projectors and acetate. Now we have interactive whiteboards. The classroom environment has reflected the pace of developing new technologies and will continue to evolve and change.

New advances in technology are up-ending education and as part of this, Brooklands continues to invest heavily in technology to ensure that our children benefit from advancements. Most recently, we have taken delivery of another 30 iPads to support our use of iPads across the curriculum and enhance our effective classroom practice enhancing direct instruction, independent practice, personalised feedback and real-time assessment. Brooklands also invests substantially in online learning platforms such as Purple Mash, Mirodo, Mathletics and Timetable Rockstars to support more personalised learning experiences. Alongside this trips and visits such as our Year 3 and Year 5 trip to the Science Lab in Norwich are incorporating immersive learning experiences with virtual and augmented reality.

“Technology will never replace great teachers, but technology in the hands of a great teacher can be transformational.” (G. Couros)

Christine Davy
Headteacher

Manningtree Has Pride

Date for your diary. June 15th sees the return of Manningtree Pride, a family event aimed at raising awareness and celebrating diversity within our community.

A Bow of Distinction

Brooklands is introducing a selection of branded hair bows as an option for children to wear. Look out for our range of accessories which will be available to purchase.

Brooklands has Space

As a result of further increasing our pupil admission numbers in response to the demand for places, we still have a limited number of spaces for children starting school this September. If you know someone looking for a school place, please ask them to get in touch with the school office.

Our class structure will be as follows for 2024/25:

Early Years	Year 2/Year 3
Early Years	Year 3
Year 1	Year 4
Year 2	Year 5
	Year 6

Families will be notified of their child's class next half-term.

Exciting Summer Events!

Aimed at creating enthusiasm for learning spellings we have a number of exciting events over the Summer term. Brooklands will be hosting a Spellathon fundraiser where each child will be given a list of words to learn. Sponsors can offer a per-correct-word donation or a flat donation.

We will also be hosting a Spelling Bee on July 8th. A Spelling Bee is a competition in which contestants are given a broad selection of words that they must attempt to spell correctly, out loud.

Wind in our Sails

Brooklands has strong links with Manningtree. Our youngest children enjoy Beach School visits in the town. As well as splashing in the estuary, during their most recent visit, our children were excited to see cranes lowering boats into the water.

Next term our Year 6 children will have the opportunity to take part in sailing on the estuary.

Brooklands Welcomes...

We have recently appointed a new teacher to join us in September. We are delighted to welcome Aemilia Gillespie to our team. Aemilia joins us as an Early Career Teacher.