

parents newsletter



24th February 2025

Dear Parents,

Some of you may be aware that I am the daughter of a farmer and my family have been farming in Suffolk for 4 generations. I consider myself very fortunate to have grown up in a strong farming community and have so many memories from learning to drive a tractor at 13, to feeding lambs and collecting eggs. I still love tractor rides and, whilst you may not see me in wellies, my passion about nature friendly farming has not left me. My vision for Brooklands and the emphasis we place here on learning outside the classroom is influenced by my experiences and I value educating our children on the importance of agriculture, the role of farming in delivering food to our tables and the role wildlife and conservation play in building and maintaining a thriving countryside.

Our Year 1 children recently took part in 'Tractors in Schools' and welcomed farmer Cuthbert and got to sit in the cabin of his tractor. They will also be visiting Easton Farm Park to meet and feed the farm animals. Our Early Years children will experience chick hatching as well as a visit from Gemma's Farm where they will groom and handle a range of farm animals from goats to ponies. Meanwhile, our Year 3 and Year 4 children will be attending the School Farm and Country Fair at Trinty Park this year learning about the importance of agriculture to Suffolk. Year 5 children will be visiting Boxford Farm, a third generation, family owned, soft fruits farm in Ardleigh. Our children will also be using technology to connect with farmers as part of the Farmer Time initiative where they will be able to ask questions and learn more about life on a farm.

Christine Davy
Headteacher

Neuro-Inclusive Learning

Our staff have been learning at depth how to create neuro-inclusive classrooms. As part of this they have been trained in strategies for supporting learning, adapting the curriculum, regulation and the importance of relationships.

Beach Days At Brooklands

For a further year, our youngest children will get to experience exciting beach adventures at Manningtree Beach, over the next few months. We are proud to be the only school in the area to be a Beach School.

Learning At All Ages

Role models are an important influence for our children. Studying part-time (outside of the school day) for a Masters degree in Education, Paige Allen is role modelling to our children the joy that comes from learning.

The impact of Paige's research is helping to inform and shape our use of iPads across the curriculum.

Useful Information

Visit our school website for 2025/26 term dates including PD Dates designed to support family planning of holidays and extended weekends. We encourage parents to share with wider family to support term time attendance.

The Value Of Connection

We're really keen to hear how our children are making a difference. Whether it is through raising money for charity, campaigning for a cause or helping a neighbour. We would love to hear what you are doing and what you have planned.

Most recently a group of our Year 1 children visited residents at Silversprings care home in Thorrington, Essex, making a difference and bringing joy.

National Offer Day

For children starting school in September, we are already busy planning new and exciting surprises to make their experience as memorable as possible and supporting them in their transition to school. Application results for a school place will be available to view on 16th April 2025, known as the National Offer Day.

On Your Bike!

Over the half-term break, Palfrey Heights and Brooklands Rise, the roads surrounding our school were resurfaced. We'd like to pass on our thanks to Suffolk Highways. The new road surface is great for families cycling to school. We encourage families to cycle to school where possible and offer Bikeability (cycle training programme) to Year 5 each year. We also benefit from bicycle storage on our school site.