

parents newsletter



11th July 2025

Dear Parents,

As this school year draws to a close it brings with it a time for brief reflection on the many amazing things we have achieved and celebrated at Brooklands in the past year.

This year we have extended our use of technology to enhance learning in all areas of the curriculum through 1-1 iPads.

Our established links in Manningtree enabled our youngest children to embrace Beach School visits in the town this Summer and Year 6 children have relished the opportunity to take part in sailing on the estuary.

This year we created our Sensory Room filled with a colour changing wall and bubble, comfortable seating with large beanbags and cushions, a swing and a tactile floor.

Our children have continued to make an incredible difference to their community. Most notably, we celebrate our Year 3 children (Barn Owl Class) taking part in an owl conservation project supporting the increase in the owl population in our area. Over the year we've also placed emphasis on our children learning about the importance of agriculture through opportunities to experience farming first hand, from caring for a ewe and her lamb on our school grounds for a week to a local farm bringing their tractor and farm visits.

We are sure next year will bring continued success as new children and parents join us along with new teachers and governors but in the meantime, I would like to thank you all for your continued support.

Christine Davy
Headteacher

How Many New iPads?

We have recently purchased another 90 iPads to support our 1:1 devices. Enhancing learning opportunities in more classrooms than ever before.

Driving Excellence

Congratulations to Marie Hunting and Paige Allen who have been promoted to our leadership team from September. They will be instrumental in driving excellence in teaching and learning.

Zones of Self-Regulation

Brooklands will be introducing the Zones of Regulation curriculum from September. The Zones of Regulation aims to teach children strategies to help them to identify their emotions and cope with these feelings so they can get back to feeling calm and ready to learn. These coping strategies are called 'self-regulation'.

Team Effort

Our children's outcomes at the end of Early Years, phonics screening and the multiplication tables check are once again above national figures and this was accompanied by shining results in Key Stage 2 for a further year. These results reflect all the exceptional work and effort that everyone involved, including the children, staff and parents have put in.

Thinking Of New Uniform

As you prepare to purchase items of uniform ready for September, the following information will be helpful. Please note that sweatshirts and cardigans need to have the school logo on and can be purchased online at <https://pmgschoolwear.co.uk>. Remember:

- Skirts (knee length).
- Plain white, black, grey or red socks or tights.
- Black, flat, sensible shoes only (not: boots, high heels, trainers or slip on).
- Long hair needs to be tied back. Hair items to be school colours (red, white, black). No fashion items.
- Jewellery - except for single, plain gold or silver ear studs (must be removed before PE).
- No fidgets/fiddle toys/chewies should be brought in from home unless pre-agreed with the class teacher or SENCo and should be school allocated ones.
- Water bottles should follow these guidelines: No Air Up or branded bottles e.g. Prime bottles, no bottles greater than 1 Litre, no bottles with big holes to sip from (twisted lid bottles), no metal bottles due to noise when dropped e.g. Chilli bottles, no exposed straw cups e.g. Stanley cups or dupes.