

parents newsletter



2nd December 2025

Dear Parents,

Breaking News! A unicorn resembling an Elf in fancy dress has been spotted in Brantham. Elf watchers are on Christmas-Code-Red (CCR) across the school. This can only mean one thing: the countdown is on. Brooklands will be unleashing its festive spirit and raiding the twinkly cupboards as we prepare for the excitement and mayhem of the festive period. Over the next couple of weeks, we will be packing in extra sparkle and creating some special memories that will be treasured long after the Christmas decorations are packed away. In other headlines, we have also received intelligence straight from the North Pole, that even more elves have been deployed this year. This will certainly mean that we will need to be extra vigilant. In previous years, the elves have caused chaos so be prepared for lots of mischief and mayhem, from amusing face painting to sneaky notes from Santa. These merry elves are sure to create lots of laughs this December.

We have a number of themed visits planned over the festive season. Our Early Years children will be donning Santa hats and making a visit to the post-box to post their letters to Santa. Along with our Year 2 children, Early Years children will also be visiting the Theatre Royal, Bury St Edmunds to watch a performance of Rapunzel. Our Year 1 children will visit Colchester Zoo to take part in a Santa's reindeer experience, learning about reindeer coats, antlers, hooves. Our Year 3 to Year 6 children will also be celebrating Christmas at St. Michaels Church, where families are welcome and we would love you to join us.

Christine Davy

Headteacher

Now Where Did I Put That Jumper?

Whether they are naughty, sparkly, funny or just an old time favourite, dig out those festive Jumpers for Christmas Jumper Day (18th December).

Jingle Bells

Our Year 4 children are looking forward to sharing music with their families, playing their clarinets along to Christmas songs. (See reverse for dates.)

Join Us For A Christmas Tale

New Intake families are invited to join us around our Christmas tree for a Christmas Story session on 18th December (3.45pm – 4.30pm).

Reverse Advent

In a Reverse Advent this year, we are asking families to add food items under the Christmas tree. These items will be donated to the Colchester Foodbank.

Christmas Post

We will be accepting Christmas cards between 10th - 17th December for delivery on 18th December. Our children love sending cards to their friends and the Christmas post box will be put to the test again.

Deck The Hall

Brooklands will be decorating and displaying a Christmas tree at Brantham Village Hall Christmas Tree Festival between 6th - 7th December.

Smell The Pine ... But What Else Do I See?

Christmas trees are popping up all around the school. We are thrilled to have a real, locally grown, festive tree in the hall once again this year. Look out though, you may see a barn owl hanging around.

Penguin Pete

We will be welcoming our younger children's families into school to watch their performance of 'Penguin Pete'. Pete is fed up with getting fish for Christmas. As he travels North to tell Father Christmas, he meets Kangaroos, Monkeys and Jack Frost. He even gets to ride in Santa's new sleigh. Of course, he could always have sent a letter!

Mistletoe, Food And Our Farmers.....

The Festive Farming Quest - As part of this exciting collaboration with the National Farmers Union, our children will meet a mistletoe grower, turkey farmers as well as a Christmas tree farmer, learning all about their work and helping to sustain Christmas traditions.

Story By Candlelight

Our children will come together on the last day of term for a very special candlelight story time.

A Sparkle Filled Thank You

Finally, a big thank you goes out to all those in our community who have already decorated their homes and gardens. They look wonderful!