

# parents newsletter



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Dear Parents,

The Easter break is approaching and with the clocks moving forward and daylight stretching further into the evening, it's a wonderful opportunity to get outside and make the most of the seasonal activities available locally across Suffolk and Essex. After the darker winter months, spending time outdoors in the fresh spring air can do wonders for our wellbeing whatever our age. Here are some engaging ideas to consider with your children this Easter: Keep their minds active and their legs moving with a visit to RHS Hyde Hall, where the ever popular Giant Egg Hunt invites families to explore the gardens while searching for decorated eggs and solving clues to crack the special "egg-nigma" code hidden along the trail. At High Woods Country Park in Colchester, the Easter Trail winds through woodland paths, lakes and open meadows, encouraging children to follow nature-themed clues whilst discovering wildlife along the way. Langdon Nature Discovery Centre offers its own Easter Trail through the surrounding nature reserve, where families can enjoy woodland walks, spot wildlife and visit the café and visitor centre. Over at Abberton Reservoir Nature Discovery Park, the "Eggcellent Easter Trail" combines a fun clue-finding adventure with the chance to explore the wetlands, bird hides and walking trails, with a chocolate prize waiting for children who complete the route. Learning happens every day and by making the most of our fabulous outdoor spaces across Suffolk and Essex this Easter break, we can get active, enjoy quality time together and have fun for all the family. Wishing you all a cracking break!

**Christine Davy**  
Headteacher

## Look Out For New Menus

We're excited to introduce our new summer menu, which will include even more choice with the addition of a new lunchbox option. Sandwich options will include: ham, cheese, or tuna mayonnaise, served with a duo of salad sticks and either cheese straws or tortilla crisps.

The new menus will be sent home to you very soon.

## Our Field Of Dreams

After the Easter break we look forward to making the most of this outdoor space during breaktimes as we open up our expansive playing field for active fun and adventures.

## Ideal for classroom & playground

Whether they're racing around the playground, attempting a cartwheel, or cycling to school, gingham playsuits and shorts offer a smart and practical choice for your child's summer wardrobe.

## Discover Your Manoeuvres

We're excited to welcome skateboard workshops back to Brooklands in the Summer term. If you'd like to support more opportunities for young people to skate locally, take a look at the crowdfunder for a new skatepark in Brantham.

## Beach School Adventures

We would like to extend our thanks to Manningtree Town Council for allowing us to use the beach, as well as the many volunteers, including parents from other year groups, who are supporting this wonderful opportunity.

During Beach School, the children will take part in a range of exciting activities such as beachcombing, searching for minibests in the sand, and mud dipping in the saltmarsh. Our youngest children will also enjoy getting creative by making sand sculptures.

## Ahoy!

We are always keen to encourage our children to try new experiences. With this in mind, we are pleased to share that our Year 6 pupils have once again been given the opportunity to take part in taster kayaking and sailing sessions at Manningtree this year.

## Push Yourself To New Heights

Our mobile climbing wall is returning to Brooklands for Year 3 and Year 4. Our children will experience the thrill and skill of climbing and be supported to push themselves, develop new skills and reach new heights.