

parents newsletter



5th June 2026

Dear Parents,

Wilma Rudolph wrote “When the sun is shining I can do anything; no mountain is too high, no difficulty is too large to overcome.” Well, after the record breaking heat wave last month, the last thing on my mind has been climbing a mountain but nonetheless, the long bright evenings have brought much joy and positivity. Looking ahead of the half-term break our children were already enjoying signs of Summer including playtimes on the school field. Year 5 children completed their Bikeability training meaning that they can now safely and confidently enjoy cycling. Our Year 3 and Year 4 children have been enjoying reaching new heights on the mobile climbing wall and our youngest children have been enjoying the delights and adventures on Beach School visits to Manningtree beach.

Brooklands will be continuing to make the most of the good weather to come across the Summer term with Farm visits to Boxford Farm for our Year 5 children where they will be harvesting a summer favourite, strawberry picking. We will have our ever popular Sports Day, packed with races and refreshing ice lollies. Our Summer Festival with live music, bouncy castles and face painting. Our Year 6 will be enjoying action packed adventures on their residential at PGL, Bawdsey where they will be taking part in raft building, archery, fencing and feeling the wind through their hair as they experience the thrill of a zip wire as well as weekly swimming sessions at Fore Street in Ipswich. Are you summer ready? Brooklands is!

Christine Davy
Headteacher

Inspired By Our Countryside

Our Year 3 and Year 4 recently took part in landscape photography workshops and explored the rural beauty of Constable Country, where the painter John Constable was born. The painter celebrated for his revolutionary approach to landscape art was inspired by our local area and his works. A selection of our children’s photographs have been submitted for consideration for the ‘Unconventional Constable’ exhibition at the Constable Memorial Hall, East Bergholt.

What’s In Your Rucksack?

We look forward to welcoming 40 children into Early Years this September. We still have a limited number of places if you know anyone looking for a space.

Each year we try and make our children’s start to the school a memorable one, they receive a rucksack containing items to support them. Inside you will find several carefully considered surprises including a card from their first teacher to a teddy bear.

Farming Fortnight

Join us in celebrating from 1st-18th June with a range of planned activities from watching partridge eggs hatch to farm visits. To find out how you can take part in Open Farm Sunday visit: <https://farmsunday.org/>

Cause For Celebration

We are pleased to share that we have recently achieved the LEAF (Linking Environment and Farming) Bronze Award. The award recognises our efforts to make food, farming, and sustainability visible through practical activity throughout our curriculum. We’d particularly like to thank Nichola Phimister for her hard work and commitment supporting this goal.

Taking To The Podium

We are also proud to share that Grace Glanvill recently attended the Confederation of School Trusts Early Years Summit in Birmingham recently where she was invited to speak about school readiness.

Virtually There

Recently several of our teachers visited Highfields Primary School, Manningtree to see how green screen technology can support learning. Following our visit, we have purchased 3 green screens to support our use of technology in developing oracy skills. This technology will enable our children to transport themselves to any location or moment in history, presenting weather forecasts, creating news reports, or even stepping inside their favourite books, empowering our young learners to become active creators in their stories.