

parents newsletter



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Dear Parents,

The joy, value and challenge of supporting our children to 'be the best they can be' doesn't begin and end with our children. It is underpinned in us having high aspirations for our team and having the highest of ambitions for our own development. Moreover, if we want our children to value knowledge and learning, they need teachers who love learning themselves.

Here at Brooklands we believe that our children deserve teachers with a strong commitment to ongoing development of their subject knowledge and the wider curriculum, as well as a passion for teaching. Each of us at Brooklands work hard to develop our knowledge, whether it's undertaking subject-specific training, discussing a topic with colleagues or using books for research. We recognise the importance of subject expertise and actively seek out the very best and latest result and research informed practice that we can put in to action. Excellent subject knowledge is an enabling force which allows our children to thrive, sharing what they have learnt, building on and enabling them to articulate their knowledge.

It is a commonly used phrase, but learning truly is lifelong. The positive effects of knowledge can shape and change the direction of children's lives as they explore and progress their education, discover careers and expand their horizons.

Christine Davy
Headteacher

Thank You For Your Feedback

Thank you to the 102 parents who completed our annual survey. Over the next few weeks we will be sharing key findings with parents and addressing areas for improvement.

	Strongly Agree/Agree
My child is happy at this school.	97%
My child feels safe at this school.	97%
The school has high expectations for my child.	86%
My child does well at this school.	95%
The school supports my child's wider personal development.	82%
The school lets me know how my child is doing.	95%
I would recommend this school to another parent.	98%

Celebrating The Difference Makers

We're keen to celebrate and promote children who are Difference Makers. If your child is making a positive and meaningful contribution to their community by getting involved in local activities we're keen to hear about it. Also if you have a suggestion or ideas on things we can get involved with let us know.

Anti-Bullying Alliance

As part of our PD Day, our teachers will be receiving anti-bullying online training delivered by the Anti-Bullying Alliance.

New Clubs Are Coming

In response to your feedback we are extending the clubs we offer from the new year. Look out for a range of new clubs from storytime to singing.

Camera On The Curriculum

In response to your feedback we will also be looking for increased ways to share what your child will be learning during the year. Look out for video shorts from class teachers detailing curriculum content.

ELSA But Not Frozen

Marie Chapman is currently undertaking ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) training. This training is for teaching assistants to develop and deliver individualised support programmes to meet the emotional needs of children. We will be offering short-term interventions from January.

Beach Adventures

We are pleased to announce we have successfully secured a £2,500 award from Suffolk County Council to support our Beach School visits. Brooklands is the only school in Suffolk to be recognised as a Beach School and this is something we are extremely proud and pleased to be able to offer. I am also delighted that our Early Years children will be able to enjoy regular visits again this coming Summer. An odd thought when we start to wrap up for frosty nights!