

# parents newsletter



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Dear Parents,

As the Summer term begins, we are starting to look forward to so many of the events that make this time of year memorable at Brooklands. It will be nice to return to a more familiar “normal” after the events over the last couple of years.

I am delighted that this term we will be able to share the fun and excitement of Sports Day with spectators once again, hearing the sound of crowds cheering and bringing energy and support to our teams as they compete. Our Early Years children will be spending time at our new beach site at Manningtree where they will be mark making in the sand with driftwood, running freely along the beach, making sand sculptures, litter picking and paddling in the sea. We will also see the return of our Summer musical festival where families can bring a rug and sit back or dance the night away to live music.

For our Year 6 children entering their last term at Brooklands I am also pleased to see the return of a send off they remember. This will feature everything from performing in front of an audience, being awarded for their successes, raising money for a charity of their choice, shirt signing and visits to their new high schools. An exciting term ahead.

**Christine Davy**  
Headteacher

## Engaging and Influencing

Brooklands curriculum is underpinned by evidence, research and cognitive science. We are thrilled with the impact our curriculum is having on our children’s learning, how they are remembering and engaging with the content. With the help of CUSP (Curriculum with Unity Schools Partnership) resources, our children are learning some impressive practical skills. What’s more, with CUSP, we are influencing and inspiring other schools nationally and internationally to raise their standards too.

## Know of Anyone Looking...

I am delighted that so many families have been offered a place at Brooklands for September 2022. Over the next few weeks we will be sharing ways parents can support their child’s start at school.

As a result of increasing our pupil admission number to 45 children we still have a few places for September. If you know anyone moving to the area please ask them to get in touch.

## Join Our New Tweeting Chorus

Brooklands has created a Twitter account with the Twitter handle @Brooklands\_CO11. Helping to share what exciting things Brooklands is doing, with the teaching community.

## Period Positivity

At Brooklands we recognise the need to support our children to engage one another through empowerment, critical conversations and activities about health, wellness, self-esteem, and identity. Preparing children for their first period is important for many reasons. With this in mind, we have purchased a collection of warm, honest and fact-filled books presenting guidance on periods and puberty for our children aged nine and over.

## Runny Nose Season

Children with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, and headache who are otherwise well can continue to attend school. If your child has a medical appointment please don’t forget to notify the office. They will need to see your appointment letter/card and please remember that routine/non-urgent appointments should be made after school or in the holidays.

## Water Safety with Fun

This term our Year 5 and Year 6 children will be taking part in weekly swimming lessons at Fore Street, Ipswich.

## Brickwork Begins

The walls of our new teaching block are starting to emerge. The materials have been especially chosen to complement our existing building.