

# parents newsletter



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Dear Parents,

As the academic year draws to a close, families and children turn their thoughts to the summer break ahead and enjoying time together without the routine of school. Brooklands, however, takes on new life and energy behind the scenes. This time last year Brooklands was in the midst of major building works but now complete, there is no stopping us!

Over the holiday period Brooklands will be having its woodland area rejuvenated. Nettles and brambles will be cleared, trees and saplings tended and general cutting back of vegetation to bring in new light and life. We will also be painting exterior school building walls. Meanwhile, all of our teachers will be working hard on their curriculum planning and developing their classrooms with exciting new themes and adventures ready for the Autumn, in readiness for the return of our children and for the first time, some of our teachers will be setting up in our new teaching block. We will also be restocking our library shelves with recently published books.

The leadership team are already busy concentrating on Brooklands' strategic priorities for the year ahead. With the development of the school and new exciting plans for the Autumn term's curriculum. Some of our exciting plans include; a renewed focus on the arts, sustainability and climate change as well as a continued focus on diversity across the whole curriculum.

I wish you all a good summer break and look forward to sharing 2023/24 with you.

**Christine Davy**  
Headteacher

## Helpful Uniform Pointers

As you prepare to purchase items of uniform ready for September, please note that sweatshirts and cardigans need to have the school logo on and can be purchased online at <https://pmgschoolwear.co.uk>. Remember:

- Skirts (knee length).
- Plain white, grey or red socks or tights.
- Black, flat, sensible shoes only (not: boots, high heels, trainers or slip on).
- Long hair tied back. Hair items to be school colours (red, white, black). No fashion items.
- Jewellery - except for single, plain gold or silver ear studs (must be removed before PE).

## Headlines For Avaya – Congratulations!

Avaya in Year 1 recently made headlines with her month-long running challenge to raise funds for Great Ormond Street.

Sharing your child's achievements is a great way to inspire others to make a difference beyond our school community. We would love to celebrate it if your child makes the news. Let us know.

## What Are You Having For Lunch?

Following our change to a new school meal provider (Lunchtime Co) other local schools have reacted with interest to our positive experience. We recently hosted 7 local schools who were very keen to see our children's lunchtime experience and as a result these schools will also be moving to Lunchtime Co in the Autumn.

## Working Together – Shaping The Future

In many walks of life it is so important to share best practice. Brooklands regularly hosts opportunities for other schools to visit us to learn from what we are doing that is exceptional and leading the way for others. Last week 23 teachers from across 19 schools came to Brooklands to see our Early Years practice.

## Shocking Statistic

Brooklands now has a defibrillator in school. The chance of surviving a cardiac arrest jumps from 6% to 74% if the casualty is in a shockable rhythm and a defibrillator is deployed within 3 minutes.

## Shining Results

For another year phonics results are well above National. Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 outcomes in reading, writing and mathematics also demonstrate above national results.