



Dear Families,

Our first term has passed and it has been a very busy one. I would be lying to you if I said it has been easy... it has not, but we have all worked hard to make this term successful – thank you for the big part you play in this.

The children, as always, have been amazing. Their focus and attitude is as sharp as ever and because of this they have produced some amazing work throughout the term. Our new curriculum (which you will find under each class page on the Academy website) is up and running and, in particular, I have been impressed with the new approach to Science this term – lots of experiments and practical activities. I loved the Year 6 work on 'blood' and the Year 4 work on 'teeth'. We will continue to build on our curriculum throughout the year.

Another good start this year has been around developing our house system and pupil voice. We will have our first House Forum meeting next term – think Prime Minister's Question Time – where every house will put forward questions to me as Head Teacher about their learning, school and futures. In assemblies we have covered Black History month and British values. A big focus for us this year is about developing our understanding of equality and equity. I am really pleased that the first step has meant that children in Year 6 from our Specialist Provision are now also House Captains alongside their mainstream peers. This is one of the unique and powerful aspects that Brookside can offer; opportunities for children to work together through their challenges developing their tolerance, empathy and understanding. This will be such a fantastic skill for life beyond Brookside.

Yours sincerely,

Brian Walton

Squid Games

It has been brought to our attention that many children are becoming aware or have accessed many platforms related to the Netflix TV series "Squid Games".

This Netflix series is rated as 15 and whilst we know many children will not have access to it on their televisions, we are now aware that it can also be viewed via other platforms such as YouTube and TikTok.

Clever developers have also made various mini-games based on Squid Games on Roblox and other gaming platforms. This show is quite graphic with a lot of violent content.

We will talk to the children within school and ask if you could check parental settings and devices in order to further keep your children safe online.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Dear Children, Parents, Staff and Friends of Brookside Academy,

Thank you so much for your generosity to Street/Glastonbury Bridging the Gap food bank during your harvest. Many families and individuals who are struggling to put food on the table due to poverty, illness or high rents, or for whatever reason will greatly benefit from your generosity. This was exceptional in that we needed two cars to collect it all. We are very grateful as volunteers with the food bank and are sure from experience that those who benefit from your gifts will be too.

Thank you

Shalom

Rowena

Chair of Trustees Bridging the Gap

**Glastonbury &
Street
Foodbank**



IMPORTANT PRIMARY & SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

**Please apply now if your child is due to transfer to secondary school
OR
start school for the first time, in September 2022**

The admissions process for school place applications in September 2022 has begun and the Somerset County Council website is now live for parents/carers to make their on-line applications.

Somerset County Council will **not** be sending letters to parents/carers of children due to **start or transfer** school in September 2022 to inform them to apply. Applications should be made by the closing dates given below.

Year 6 children transferring to Secondary School in September 2022 — How to Apply

For Year 6 children transferring to Secondary School, the closing date for applications is **31st October 2021** and the national offer day is 1st March 2022.

Parents can apply online now at:

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/starting-at-a-secondary-or-upper-school-in-september/>

The secondary admission guide for the 2022 admissions process can be found on the Somerset County Council website: www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions. Parent/carers are advised to read the guide thoroughly before making an online application.

Children due to Start School for the First Time in September 2022 — How to Apply

For children due to start school for the first time (those who turn four before September 2022), the closing date for applications is **15th January 2022** and the national offer day is 19th April 2022.

Parents can apply online now at: <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/apply-to-start-school/>

The primary admission guide for the 2022 admissions process can be found on the Somerset County Council website: www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions. Parent/carers are advised to read the guide thoroughly before making an online application.



Advance Notice of Road Works in Brooks Road

We've had good news from our local councillor, Liz Leyshon, about the safety works in Brooks Road which are due to start at half term.

The scheme will see installation of 20mph signage (when lights flash) and a refresh of all the existing road markings.

Dates for your Diary:



20.10.21 Year 5 visit to We The Curious

20.10.21 Year 6 visit in from author, Lucy Strange

21.10.21 Year 2 trip to Noah's Ark Farm

Friday 22.10.21 to Friday 29.10.21 inclusive Autumn Half-Term Holiday

01.11.21 Inset Day — School and Nursery closed

02.11.21 Inset Day for Specialist Provision classes only—mainstream classes and Nursery are open

02.11.21 Sept 2022 New Intake Open Day Tours (Day 3) - 09:30-11:30 & 13:00-15:00 (please phone the office to book)

w/c 15.11.21 Anti Bullying Week

15.11.21 Nursery Parents' Evening - for Sleeping Bunnies, Paddington Bears and Peter Rabbits—15:00-17:00

16.11.21 Nursery Parents' Evening - for Rainbow Fish, Hungry Caterpillars and Peppa Pigs —15:00-17:00

17.11.21 Nursery Parents' Evening - for Speckled Frogs, Hairy Maclarys, and Incy Wincy Spiders - 15:00-17:00

18.11.21 Nursery Parents' Evening - for Gruffalos, Winnie the Poohs and Big Bad Wolves—15:00-17:00

19.11.21 Non-Uniform day in support of the BBC Children in Need appeal (please see separate letter for information)

19.11.21 Nursery Parents' Evening - for Olafs, Hungry Caterpillars and Cookie Monsters - 15:20-17:00

25.11.21 Sept 2022 New Intake Open Day Tours (Day 4) - 09:30-11:30 & 13:00-15:00 (please phone the office to book)

10.12.21 Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day (letter to follow)

16.11.21 Christmas themed buffet bag lunch (please refer to menu on Parent Pay)

20.12.21 to 03.01.22 Christmas Holidays

Information regarding Christmas performances will be coming out after half term.



Please check our Website for further events throughout the year: <https://www.brooksideacademy.co.uk/>

Brookside Sports Timetable 2021-2022

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9.00 -10.30	Nursery	Specialist Provision	Specialist Provision	Specialist Provision	Early Years (9.00-10.30)
10.30-12.00	Nursery	Year 1	Year 2	Coaches Planning	Early Years (10.30-11.30)
Lunch (1@ 11.40-12.10) (2@11.55-12.25) Duty 2 @ 12.30-1.30 1@12.15-1.15	Lunch Clubs (1)12.15- 1.15 (2)12.30.1.30	Lunch Clubs (1)12.15- 1.15 (2)12.30.1.30	Lunch Clubs (1)12.15- 1.15 (2)12.30.1.30	Lunch Clubs (1)12.15- 1.15 (2)12.30.1.30	Lunch Clubs (1)12.15- 1.15 (2)12.30.1.30
1.30- 3.00	Year 3	Year 5	Year 6	Year 4	Enrichment



We use email and text as our main means of communicating with parents and carers. If you have not provided us with an up-to-date email address or mobile phone number, please do so. You may be missing out on important information.



SIMS Parent App

We have a convenient way for you to **access, review and request changes** to the data held on you and your children, as well as see key term dates and other information. You are able to access our new SIMS Parent app and website at your own convenience via smartphone, tablet or PC – anytime, anywhere.

What will you find in SIMS Parent:

- School term, inset dates and contact details available at the click of a button.
- Access to update your contact details, so we always have the most up-to-date information in case of emergency.
- Access to update Parental Consents for your child.
- Your child's attendance data.
- Your child's end of year report will be available here at the end of the Summer term 2022.

If you have more than one child at school, you'll have access to this information for all your children, from the same app. (Please note that this is not applicable to our Nursery children as their records are held on a separate system; please contact the Academy Office if you would like to make changes to the personal information we hold for Nursery children.)

Getting started with SIMS Parent

We have sent all parents, who have parental responsibility, an activation email to their main email address. Simply click on the link from your tablet, PC or smartphone to activate your account (the registration process changed in September—see the latest guide on how to register below). If your email address has recently changed, please let us know by contacting the Academy Office.

Please contact the Academy Office if you have any difficulty activating SIMS Parent.



SIMS PARENT APP

A GUIDE FOR NEW USERS

A COMPLETE GUIDE ON HOW TO REGISTER

Step 1: You will receive an email from noreply@sim.co.uk, click **ACCEPT INVITE**.

Step 2: The **Activate Your Account** screen is displayed. The **Invitation Code** field is already filled with the unique code from your email. Enter your email address as **Username** and click the **Next** button.

Step 3: Confirm your identity by entering the date of birth of one of your children at Brookside (in the format dd/mm/yyyy).

Step 4: At the **'Create a Strong Password'** screen, create a password for the new account you are creating and click the **Next** button.

Step 5: Once your account has been created, you will receive an email at the email address you registered. Click the **Verify My Email** button.

Step 6: Click the **Sign In** button on the screen confirming your email address has been validated.

Step 7: At the **Register your account for SIMS Products** screen, enter your newly created username (i.e. your email address) and password, then click the **Sign in** button.

Step 8: The first time you use your SIMS ID account, you will be prompted to **Set Security Questions**. Answer all three security questions, then click the **Save and Continue** button to launch your SIMS Online Service.



Brookside Holiday Activity Club



October Half Term

Friday 22nd — Friday 29th October 2021

Daily 9.00am - 3.00pm @ £24 per day

Wrap around care available: 22nd—29th from 8.00 – 9.00am, and
22nd—28th from 3.00 – 6.00 pm @ £4.20 per hour

We are offering a range of themed activities
including:

- Pumpkin Carving / Volcanoes
- Flying Ghost Rockets
- Witch's Brew Slime
- Scavenger Hunt

Alongside the above, we offer opportunities for children to choose from, including a range
of free play activities, such as:

Access to our extensive outdoor site including:

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|---|---------------------|
| • Outdoor activities and a wide range of sports | • iPads |
| • Wii | • Arts & Crafts |
| • Sensory play | • Imaginative play |
| | • Construction toys |



All school age children welcome. Bookings to be made on Magic Booking:

<https://brooksideacademy.magicbooking.co.uk/Account/Login>. Payment is requested on booking.

For more information please contact the school office on 01458 443340.

Please note we require 24hrs notice for bookings and 48hrs notice for cancellations to be refunded.

Brookside Academy, Brooks Road, Street, BA16 0PR

<http://www.brooksideacademy.co.uk>

email: extendedschools@brooksideacademy.co.uk

Brookside Academy Terms and Holidays 2021/2022 Academic Year



September 2021						October 2021						November 2021					
M		6	13	20	27	M		4	11	18	25	M	1	8	15	22	29
Tu		7	14	21	28	Tu		5	12	19	26	Tu	2	9	16	23	30
W	1	8	15	22	29	W		6	13	20	27	W	3	10	17	24	
Th	2	9	16	23	30	Th		7	14	21	28	Th	4	11	18	25	
F	3	10	17	24		F	1	8	15	22	29	F	5	12	19	26	
Sa	4	11	18	25		Sa	2	9	16	23	30	Sa	6	13	20	27	
Su	5	12	19	26		Su	3	10	17	24	31	Su	7	14	21	28	
December 2021						January 2022						February 2022					
M		6	13	20	27	M	3	10	17	24	31	M		7	14	21	28
Tu		7	14	21	28	Tu	4	11	18	25		Tu	1	8	15	22	
W	1	8	15	22	29	W	5	12	19	26		W	2	9	16	23	
Th	2	9	16	23	30	Th	6	13	20	27		Th	3	10	17	24	
F	3	10	17	24	31	F	7	14	21	28		F	4	11	18	25	
Sa	4	11	18	25		Sa	1	8	15	22	29	Sa	5	12	19	26	
Su	5	12	19	26		Su	2	9	16	23	30	Su	6	13	20	27	
March 2022						April 2022						May 2022					
M		7	14	21	28	M		4	11	18	25	M	2	9	16	23	30
Tu	1	8	15	22	29	Tu		5	12	19	26	Tu	3	10	17	24	31
W	2	9	16	23	30	W		6	13	20	27	W	4	11	18	25	
Th	3	10	17	24	31	Th		7	14	21	28	Th	5	12	19	26	
F	4	11	18	25		F	1	8	15	22	29	F	6	13	20	27	
Sa	5	12	19	26		Sa	2	9	16	23	30	Sa	7	14	21	28	
Su	6	13	20	27		Su	3	10	17	24		Su	1	8	15	22	29
June 2022						July 2022						August 2022					
M		6	13	20	27	M		4	11	18	25	M	1	8	15	22	29
Tu		7	14	21	28	Tu		5	12	19	26	Tu	2	9	16	23	30
W	1	8	15	22	29	W		6	13	20	27	W	3	10	17	24	31
Th	2	9	16	23	30	Th		7	14	21	28	Th	4	11	18	25	
F	3	10	17	24		F	1	8	15	22	29	F	5	12	19	26	
Sa	4	11	18	25		Sa	2	9	16	23	30	Sa	6	13	20	27	
Su	5	12	19	26		Su	3	10	17	24	31	Su	7	14	21	28	

Key:

	School Holiday
	Bank Holiday
	Term Time
	Inset Day for School and Nursery
	Inset Day for School only
	Inset Day for Specialist Provision only
	Inset Day for Nursery only

Term dates summary:

Term 1: 06 September – 21 October 2021 (34 days)
 Term 2: 01 November – 17 December 2021 (35 days)
 Term 3: 04 January – 18 February 2022 (34 days)
 Term 4: 28 February – 08 April 2022 (30 days)
 Term 5: 25 April – 27 May 2022 (24 days)
 Term 6: 06 June – 26 July 2022 (37 days)

TOTAL = 194

Bank and public holidays 2021/22

Christmas Day Bank Holiday	27 December 2021*	May Day Bank Holiday	02 May 2022
Boxing Day Bank Holiday	28 December 2021*	Spring Bank Holiday	02 June 2022**
New Year's Day Holiday	03 January 2022*	Queen's Platinum Jubilee	03 June 2022**
Good Friday	15 April 2022	Summer Bank Holiday	29 August 2022
Easter Monday	18 April 2022		

*Replacement Bank Holiday day when the bank holiday falls on a weekend

**The Government have moved the Spring Bank Holiday from 30th May 2022 to the 2nd June 2022 and they have created an additional Bank Holiday on 3rd June 2022 to create a four-day weekend to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Free School Meals

Children who attend a Somerset County Council school, whose parents or carers receive certain benefits may be entitled to free school meals. Only the benefits listed here qualify you for free school meals for your children. These are the benefits:



- Universal Credit with an annual household income of less than £7,400 after tax
- Income Support (IS)
- Employment and Support Allowance (Income related) - not Contribution related
- Income-based Job Seekers Allowance (IBJSA) - not Contribution based
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit.
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit with an annual taxable income (as assessed by HMRC) of less than £16,190, as long as the family is not also in receipt of Working Tax Credit.

If you have recently become unemployed, but are still receiving Working Tax Credits, you may be entitled to free school meals. Please phone the Children and Young People's Team on 0300 123 2224 for advice.

Children must be in school all day and they will be provided with a meal at lunchtime which is paid for by the school.

It is the responsibility of the parents or carers to register their entitlement and request free school meals for their children.

Children in nursery do not qualify for a free meal until they start school, but applications will be processed so that when your child starts school, you will already be notified whether they qualify for a free school meal or not.

Forms are available from the Brookside Academy Office or you may also apply online at: <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/free-school-meals/>

Uniform Reminder

The school uniform is very simple and reasonably priced. We expect the children to wear it: White or red shirt/blouse or polo shirt, Brookside sweatshirt or cardigan (a plain, low-cost, red sweatshirt or cardigan is acceptable), grey or black skirt or trousers/shorts, red & white summer dress, black shoes. PE kit is red t-shirt and black shorts and warm joggers and trainers for the Winter. A warm, waterproof coat in wet/cold weather. Hair should be natural in colour and not of an extreme style (Mohicans, skin-heads, or tramlines, are not acceptable).



Every child should have a book bag and a PE bag. We give each new Early Years child a book bag before they start school. Sweatshirts, cardigans, PE kit and book bags can be ordered via the 'Uniform' link on the Academy Website. **ALL ITEMS SHOULD BE CLEARLY NAMED – PLEASE.**

Absence from School

Attendance at school is vital to your child's learning and development.

Children's progress will be affected if they are absent.

We have a statutory obligation to investigate any child's attendance that falls **below 90%** or **below the 10 session absence threshold** (10 or more half day absences within a 12-week period). Evidence of medical appointments, e.g. Doctor's/hospital/Dentist appointment cards/letters, etc., is required.

If your child is ill, please notify us before 9.00am via the **Studybugs** app, which is available to download from: studybugs.com.

Please inform the school beforehand if your child has to attend an appointment.

We are not able to authorise holidays in term time..

Children who arrive or leave school during the day **must** be signed in or out at the Academy office.



Welcome to Brookside Academy

Thank you for visiting us; we are looking forward to working with you.

In order to provide the best learning environment possible, schools across Street are committed to the wellbeing of all members of our community, this includes children, parents / carers and staff. We expect all staff and visitors to treat children and colleagues with the courtesy and respect they would expect to receive themselves. In addition, it is important that adults should set a good example to children at all times.

We expect all visitors to

- Respect the caring ethos at each school
- To follow all safeguarding guidelines
- To approach members of staff for assistance with any issues in an appropriate manner.
- To work with the school in the correction of child's actions, especially where it has, or could lead to, conflict, aggressive or unsafe behaviour

Unacceptable conduct includes

- Verbal abuse which includes swearing and shouting
- Any form, or threat of, violence
- Aggression
- Harassment
- Derogatory comments linked to gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation or any other personal characteristic
- Possessing, abusing, or being under the influence of alcohol, tobacco or controlled substances on the school site
- Sending abusive or threatening emails, texts, phone messages or letters to anyone within the school community
- Disruptive behaviour which interferes with areas such as classrooms or office areas
- Using social networking sites to single out individuals, bully or to distribute untruthful or malicious information or comments

In the event that these expectations are not met visitors may be asked to:

- Stop and consider changing their actions
- Leave the school site
- Refrain from contacting members of staff

In the event of serious or persistent breaches of these expectations we may:

- Send parents a legally approved warning letter
- Withdraw permission for visitors to enter the school premises.
- In the case of bullying, untruthful or malicious comments on social networking sites, the schools may request that the comments are deleted. The governing bodies and individuals in liaison with their professional associations may also consider legal action.

This code is supported by our Governing Body and all schools in Street.

All staff and visitors have the right to work in a safe environment without fear of intimidation, abuse or assault.

CRISPIN HALL School Holiday FAMILY FUN SESSIONS!

Tuesday and Thursday Mornings

9.30am - 11.30am

During the School Holidays

**Free Breakfast
For Children**
Hot and Cold Options
Available



**Activities for
Children of
All Ages**

Free to Attend
Donations Welcome

Due to space we are limited to 40 children per session at any one time, it is first come, first served.
All Children must be accompanied by an Adult for the duration of their stay
and will remain the responsibility of that Adult.

For more information contact info@crispinhall.org.uk or phone 01458 447248



Parent advice & support

Healthy lifestyles

School transitioning

Emotional health

**is your child
5-19 and are you**
looking for confidential
help and support?

A safe and easy way to contact
your School Nursing Team

Just send a text or scan me

07480 635 515

Disclaimer: This is not an emergency service; it operates Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm and is only available by using a UK mobile number. Your messages are stored on our secure system and can be seen by the School Nursing Team who run our ChatHealth Service. Although this is a confidential service, in the event of an safeguarding issue the School Nurse has a duty of care to act on this and may escalate the concern.



Improving
LIVES

TAKING - THE - SPACE

Mini Actors Club

6 -9 Yrs

Mondays 4.30 until 5.30 from September 13th

Street United Reformed Church

Junior Actors Club

Ages 10 -12 Yrs

Mondays 5.30 until 7pm from September 13th

Street United Reformed Church



"If you have a young un who is keen on acting, you couldn't give them a better start than Taking the Space."

- Drama Parent John Diment

Booking is essential

Call Maxine Ridout-Prime 07850445540

takingthespace@hotmail.co.uk

www.facebook.co.uk/takingthespace

www.takingthespace.co.uk

TAKING - THE - SPACE

These last 18 months have been difficult hasn't it, especially for young people.

Are you looking to build your child's confidence?

Taking-The-Space Drama groups might be just the thing you need.

😊 Make friends, have fun and learn new skills 😊

Go to **www.takingthespace.co.uk**

Or call **Maxine Ridout-Prime on 07850445540** to find out more