



Dear Families,

Thank you for all your support recently - especially to the huge number of parents and carers who wrote in to support us with the difficult decisions we continue to have to make, to ensure that the Academy can continue to offer your children the best possible education and experiences, whilst managing very challenging circumstances. It was a massive boost and I will be sharing many of your words with staff and governors over the coming weeks and months to help us focus on what really matters. Your words embodied the Academy rule of 'Be Kind'. Despite every challenge we face, these words of encouragement help us to become even more determined to keep children and our families at the centre of all that we do.

Over the page you will see an introduction from the new House Captains. I am really looking forward to our new House Forum meetings that will bring children together to discuss hot topics about their education and how we can improve it. I cannot wait for the first one.

Take care and look after each other.

Brian Walton



Sports' Champions

Brookside is very proud to announce the Sports' Champions for this year. After a lot of competition, these fantastic individuals have been selected to represent the Academy. They will be working closely with Mr Ball and Mr Perry to support sport across the school. They even have their first meeting this Friday; we can't wait to see what they will do.

Thoughts from your House Captains

The House Captains and Vice Captains have been working hard with Mr Walton to improve our house system and create a NEW House Forum which will help children to explore important issues at Brookside and have a strong voice in making changes.

Below we have some thoughts from the current Houses about the year ahead.

Stourhead

Hello, we are this generation of Stourhead captains. Our team is Ethan, Oscar, Phoebe and Callum, and this year we hope to lead Stourhead to Victory in the House Cup.



What we hope to achieve this year?

We want to make Brookside and Stourhead the best we can be. Us, as a group, want to make activities and clubs open to everyone at our Academy – we want to look at how fair things are for everyone.

House meetings

In house meetings we leave ideas open to others. We will happily answer any questions that occur and take these to Mr Walton so that we can feedback to our House what he has said or do about them. We think of house meetings as a time to share our thoughts, ideas, motivation and celebrate all our successes.

We are very grateful to all of those who voted for us but we would like to take this opportunity to congratulate everyone who took part in the election for their amazing speeches.

We believe that with hard work and ambition we can raise up the House Cup in the name of Stourhead in July 2022.

Lytes Cary

We are the Lytes Cary Captains: Felix, Rory, Alfie and Lola. We are all very proud to have been chosen to represent our House. We believe strongly that everyone is equal at Brookside and we want to use our time as leaders of our House to represent the views of everyone who comes to our Academy.



We believe in Friendship and helping others when they need us most. Our mission, of course, is to win the House Cup at the end of the year – but we also want to make sure that we do this fairly and by helping others. Winning would be great but working hard this year will also be something we can all look back on with pride knowing that Lytes Cary really are the best.

Barrington

Our names are Luke, Sophie, Danielle and Daisy. We are the new House Captains for Barrington. We all want to do our very best in this role and know that we are here to represent our House in all that we do each and every day. We will always do our best to 'Be Kind, Be Safe and Be Responsible', but we also know that we are here to make sure that Barrington comes together as a House after so many months apart.



We all have lots of ideas about what we can improve across our Academy this year. We want to make sure ALL parts of Brookside come together from the youngest children to the oldest and we really want to make sure that EVERYONE has a voice through Barrington and we will do our very best to make sure we listen to you. We all love Brookside but we also know that we can make it a better place.

Montecute

We are all proud to be representing Montecute – our House since we have been at Brookside. We look forward to listening to others and trying to make Brookside an even better school than it is.



We have lots of ideas about how we can work together, with our House and the other Houses and we are looking forward to sharing these ideas. For example, how to make our school even more environmentally friendly – from recycling more to creating a vegetable garden. We also want to have a say in our learning and take part in lessons we love.

Of course we want to win the House cup but we know this is going to be a very tough challenge.

Please feel free to come to us and share any ideas you may have.

House Captains - Lilly and Ethan Vice Captains - Jack and Holly

Dates for your Diary:

- 25.11.21** Sept 2022 New Intake Open Day Tour (Day 4) - 09:30-11:30 & 13:00-15:00 (please phone the office to book)
- 01.12.21** Friends of Brookside (FOB) Wear What You Like Day in return for Rainbow Raffle Hamper donations (see FOB flyer)
- 03.12.21** FOB 'Krispy Kreme Doughnuts' sale from 15:10 & pre-order online (see FOB flyer)
- 10.12.21** Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day (please refer to letter on our website)
- 15.12.21** FOB Jingle the Elf virtual panto & Jingle the Elf visiting classes—£2 donation per child (FOB flyer to follow)
- 15.12.21** FOB Rainbow Raffle is being drawn from 15:10 (see FOB flyer)
- 16.11.21** Christmas themed buffet bag lunch (please refer to menu on Parent Pay)
- 20.12.21 to 03.01.22** Christmas Holidays
- 04.01.22** Children return to School and Nursery



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

PARKING REMINDER

We would like to remind you that anyone stopping on the yellow zig-zag lines and single yellow line, outside of the Academy, during the restricted hours of 8.00-10.00am and 2.00-4.00pm, is liable to a Penalty Charge Notice issued by the local council.

Parents are parking on the yellow zig-zag lines during the restricted hours, obstructing traffic and pedestrians. This is extremely dangerous and could put a child's life at risk.

Please allow enough time to ensure that you are parked safely.

Thank you for your help with this matter.



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.



Thank you to everyone who has checked/updated their school children's Data Collection and Parental Consents on the SIMS Parent App. Please can we ask that all parents complete this by the end of November. Thank you!

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.

**** IMPORTANT — PRIMARY ADMISSIONS INFORMATION ****

Please apply now if your child is due to 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** school in September 2022 to inform them to apply. Applications should be made by the closing date given below.

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.

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.



Talking to your children about Online Safety

Many parents and carers worry about their children staying safe when using technology. Research shows that one of the best ways to keep them safe is to talk to children about the technology they use, when they are using it. But knowing how to talk to children about technology can be challenging.

This [saferinternet.org.uk](https://www.saferinternet.org.uk) blog sets out five tips for talking to children of all ages about their technology use. These are:

- 1) Play games together
- 2) Read together
- 3) Explore the online world together
- 4) Watch shows and films online together
- 5) Laugh together

Read the full details of these tips at:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/five-tips-talking-about-online-safety-young-children>



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

Brookside Holiday Activity Club

Monday 20th – Thursday 23rd December

Daily 9.00am - 3.00pm @ £24 per day
Wrap around care available from 7.30 – 9.00am
And from 3.00 – 6.00 pm @ £4.20 per hour

We are offering a Christmas themed four days:



- Christmas decorations
- Christmas cakes
- Party games/music
- Christmas films

IT'S CHRISTMAS!!!

Alongside the above, we offer opportunities for children
To choose from a range of free play activities such as:
Outdoor activities, Cooking, Wii, iPads, Arts & Crafts.

It is advisable to book in advance to secure a place for your child

Booking is required either via:

<https://brooksideacademy.magicbooking.co.uk/Identity/Account/Login>
(Payment taken on booking)

Fully inclusive, all children from reception age
To KS3 are welcome.

Please note cancellations require 48hrs notice for refunds

Brookside Academy, Brooks Road, Street BA16 0PR



Friends of Brookside (FOB) Rainbow Raffle

As we can't hold a Christmas fair this year due to the uncertainty of Covid-19 we are instead organising a Rainbow Raffle being drawn on the 15th December.

Please send in your colour coordinated donations on the 1st December to your child's classroom.

We have other festive fun planned for the children and that will be shared with you soon.

Friends of Brookside

Wear what you like day for "Rainbow Raffle" Donations on Wednesday, 1st December

Help Friends of Brookside make
Rainbow Hampers

We hope that everyone can help
each class create a different colour
hamper. We would really appreciate
a donation, if you can, in the
designated colour of your child's
class. The filled hampers will be the
prizes to be drawn on the 15th
December.

Donations can include food items
(not chilled or perishable), soft &
alcoholic drinks, sweets, chocolates,
snacks, good condition books,
games, toys and new stationery etc.

Raffle tickets will be on sale from
the 3rd December for £1 per ticket.
Thank you
for your
continued
support

**Nursery & Early
Years - Red**

Year 1 - Orange

Year 2 - Yellow

Year 3 - Green

Year 4 - Purple

Year 5- Silver

Year 6 - Gold

Specialist - Pink

FOB

'Krispy Kreme Doughnuts'

Fundraising



**£1 EACH OR £10 FOR 12
KRISPY KREME DOUGHNUTS**

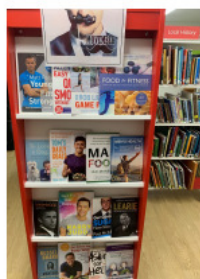
**A sweet treat for you, friends and family on the
3rd December after school.**

Pre order by 8pm on the 2nd December or pay on the day !
To pre order email friendsofbrookside1@gmail.com



Street Community Library in its new premises at 6 Leigh Road

STREET LIBRARY



IS OPEN FOR ALL!

A warm welcome
awaits you at your newly refurbished
Street Community Library
in the Parish Rooms, 6 Leigh Road, Street

OPENING HOURS

Mon & Fri 9.30-5, Wed & Thu 9.30 – 4.30, Sat 9.30 – 1

Browse at your leisure the expanded range of adult and young people's fiction, non-fiction and reference books, maps and guides, DVDs and spoken word CDs or reserve from LIBRARIES WEST's enormous catalogue of titles...

... and books are just the beginning!

LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP IS FREE and entitles you to
FREE computer use (advance booking recommended)
FREE in-library use of ANCESTRY.COM Library version
FREE online access to eBooks, eAudiobooks, digital newspapers, magazines and comics

Or just pop in for

Local and community information
Events, reading groups and poetry club
Children's activities (Lego Club, Storytime, craft days etc)
Photocopying and printing
Digital support for phones, computers and devices
The Digital Den: Nintendo Switch, 3D printer & 3D pens

Street Library

6 Leigh Road, Street, Somerset BA16 0HA

Tel: 0300 123 2224

email: Strlib@somerset.gov.uk

www.somersetlibraries.co.uk

Facebook.com/StreetLibrarySomerset

The Library continues to maintain Covid-safety measures, with open windows for ventilation and recommended use of free hand-sanitiser and recommended wearing of masks for adults

This leaflet has been produced by THE FRIENDS OF STREET LIBRARY (Charity Reg Number: 1185093) in support of Street Community Partnership Library

Find out more at www.FoStL.org.uk



CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL 2021

**CAN YOU HELP TO BRING LIGHT TO
CHILDREN IN OUR COMMUNITY THIS
CHRISTMAS?**

We are collecting New Toys to be distributed to families through local agencies. Each family will receive a hamper of food and new toys.

If you would like you donate a new unwrapped toy or food to this years appeal please drop it off at the Salvation Army Hall Goswell road Street

Mon- Friday 9am-1pm

If you would like to donate outside of these times please contact us 01458 448963 and will happily meet you at a time to suite you.

DUE TO HEALTH AND SAFETY WE ARE ONLY ABLE TO ACCEPT NEW TOYS FOR THIS APPEAL



TAKING - THE - SPACE

Theatre Maker and Drama Workshop provider

Will be hosting

Father Christmas

At the Frost fayre

Saturday 27th November

Glastonbury United Reformed Church

From 12.30 – 3.30*



**Meet Father Christmas
Mrs Christmas and the Elves
Get a present from Santa!
All for just £3**

For more info contact Maxine 07850445540

All money raised going to

TAKING - THE - SPACE

Keeping Drama Affordable for all!

*Please note that for covid safety reasons we are admitting only one adult per child.