



Dear Families,

I find it hard to believe another term has almost passed us by. This academic year is speeding along and as the mornings get lighter, I can see that we are getting back into some form of the 'old' normal. It is great to see children focused for longer periods of time undisturbed by COVID, disruption or time out. Their education is too important and we must continue to put this first. I have seen a real difference since we came back in January in the quality of work across the Academy. I also see the pride children have of all ages in the work they are completing.

In particular, I have to say that getting to school on time and being in class before lessons have started are having a real impact on learning. Children feel settled when they arrive on time and don't feel like they have been left behind, which can be a horrible feeling to have. It can be really hard joining a lesson and having to catch up, or having missed a key input from the teacher. COVID has really had an impact on learning but we believe that we will make this up and the children at Brookside will be stronger for it.

This winter has been tough but we have kept believing and working hard because the support we receive from you is amazing. I will quote from one email I received this week that praised teachers and teaching assistants for the many years they had worked with a Year 6 child. They said, 'Bit sappy I know'... Not at all! It is great to know that after coming through the toughest of times we can feel that appreciation - just one voice in praise really raises us up. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Brian Walton



why...
we hear you

Non-Uniform Day in support of the We Hear You (WHY) Charity

The Brookside House Captains would like to say a huge, "THANK YOU!" to everyone for taking part in our non-uniform day, last Friday. Together you have raised **£441** which is a fantastic amount towards WHY and the brilliant work they do.

We Hear You (WHY) is a local charity, based in Frome, working across Bath and North East Somerset, Somerset and Wiltshire providing 115 counselling sessions a week to local families affected or bereaved by a life-threatening condition.

Three of our own Brookside parents are planning to walk the Cornish coast over 3 days in June 2023 to raise funds for the charity and we'll be following their progress with interest.

If you'd like to find out more about WHY, please go to wehearyou.org.uk.

HIGH FIVE NETBALL SUCCESS FOR BROOKSIDE 9-1



On the 1st February, the netball club fielded a team for their first match of the season. We played against a strong team from St. Benedict's. We were consistently good throughout the match, with children taking care with all the skills they have learnt so far. There was some excellent shooting, defending and link-play and an excellent competitive spirit. All of the children involved were a credit to themselves, their parents (who were strong supporters - thank you) and to Brookside Academy. It was a pleasure to watch the team and their efforts. Well done everybody. Great start.

Dates for your Diary:

- 08.02.22 Safer Internet Day 2022
- 14.02.22 FOB Valentines Biscuit Sale
- 21.02.22—25.02.22 Half Term Holiday
- 03.03.22 World Book Day—dress up as your favourite character or word!
- 18.03.22 Red Nose Day for Comic Relief (details to follow)
- 30 & 31.03.22 Virtual Parents' Evenings to take place for school parents (details to follow)
- 30.03.22 Year 1 Trip to Puxton Park
- 04.04.22 Dolphins Class Trip to Sutton Bingham Reservoir
- 05.04.22 Orcas Class Trip to Sutton Bingham Reservoir
- 11.04.22—22.04.22 Easter Holidays
- 25-29.04.22 Nursery Parents' Evenings (details to follow)

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



FRIENDS OF BROOKSIDE

VALENTINES BISCUIT £1

Monday 14th February 2022

Pre order by 6pm Friday 11th February

Pre-order by Email:

friendsofbrookside1@gmail.com

**OR Cash in labelled envelope to child's
class**

A small amount of plain biscuits will be available after school outside main reception -
first come first served.

Non-gluten available- please request when ordering.

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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.



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)
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1.30- 3.00	Year 3	Year 5	Year 6	Year 4	Enrichment

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 as soon as possible 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.

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.



Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

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, skinheads, 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](https://www.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.

Head Lice Advice for Parents and Carers

Unfortunately, head lice are a common part of primary school life and schools no longer check children's hair. Anyone can get head lice and contrary to popular belief, having head lice is nothing to do with your personal hygiene.

Symptoms

Itching, although it is possible to have head lice without symptoms, so it is best to take a look.

How to check

Head lice are tiny and fast! Look behind ears, close to the scalp, at the back of the neck and under fringes. Adult head lice are 2 - 4mm long, immature lice are even smaller.

What are head lice

Head lice are live insects. Their empty eggs are called nits. Lice are wingless insects that hold on to the hair, feeding from the blood in the scalp. They spread through head-to-head contact, they do not jump. Adult females live for up to a month and lay around five eggs a day.

Our School procedure

If Lice are seen in a child's hair this advice letter will be sent home on that day to the whole class. If the Lice are a continuing issue for an individual child, then we will speak to the parent/carer directly.

How to get rid of head lice

Wet combing:

1. Wash hair using ordinary shampoo.
2. Lightly towel dry the hair.
3. Apply a conditioner to make combing easier (this also makes it harder for the louse to cling on).
4. Using **a comb designed for this purpose** part hair into small sections and comb hair from the scalp to the end.
5. Wipe the comb each time and check for live lice.
6. Repeat until you are sure the whole head is combed.
7. Thoroughly rinse the hair and comb.
8. Comb every **three days for at least two weeks** until no more lice are found.

Medicated treatments:

These are available from pharmacies – please follow the treatment's instruction leaflet.

Prevention

Check your child's hair weekly – don't wait for there to be symptoms. This is by far the best way to prevent head lice. Make it a weekly habit!

Please ensure that if your child has long hair it is tied back/up.

There are a number of head lice prevention products available i.e. Vaseline shampoo for kids, tea tree sprays, etc.

Remember:

If you find head lice, check and treat the whole family at the same time.

Inform the school, baby-sitters, friends etc.

Lice only live on human heads they will not live on bedding or clothes.

They cannot jump or fly.

They are only caught by head to head contact.

Head lice are not fussy about the length of hair or how clean it is.

Useful websites for further information:

www.onceaweektakeapeek.com and www.nhs.uk

If you require further support please contact our Pupil well-being officer, Mrs Clair Hughes, either via the Academy Office or email office@brooksideacademy.co.uk

Brookside Academy Terms and Holidays 2021/2022 Academic Year



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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



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.



Creativity and play in relationships

This **free** course is suitable for any children & young people practitioners and/or families. It will support and develop delegates' skills and understanding of the value of creative play and how this can be incorporated into our everyday practice and links with family support practices.

Delegates will be encouraged to engage in activities which will enhance their experience and understanding of the importance and impact that play can have on individuals.

- Understand the importance and practices of creativity and play
- Share and learn through playful experiences
- Explore a range of play-based approaches and their use in a variety of settings and situations
- View creativity and play in family support practice
- Develop a 'toolkit' for play

Details:

This CPD is offered free of charge to schools, academies, health and other children & young people practitioners. Places are limited to 2 per setting. Non-attendance or cancellation within 14 days of the training date will be charged at £50 per booking.

All timings 09.30-3.30pm:

23 November 2021, Yeovil <https://supportservicesforeducation.co.uk/T154135>

15 March 2022, Shepton Mallet <https://supportservicesforeducation.co.uk/T154142>

21 June 2022, Taunton <https://supportservicesforeducation.co.uk/T154144>

email: officespts@educ.somerset.gov.uk



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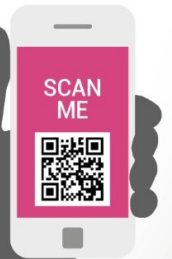
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**is your child
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A safe and easy way to contact
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Just send a text or scan me

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11.00 - 1.00*

2.00 - 4.00

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CRAFT ACTIVITY with YEAST Scrapstore

10.30 - 4.00

Fri 25th Feb:

Michael Loader presents BEE STORY

10.30 - 12.00

1.30 - 3.00

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CRAFT ACTIVITY with YEAST Scrapstore

10.30 - 3.00

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www.childrensworldcharity.org**

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Friday 25th
February

Session 1

For young skaters
under 9 years of age
2pm - 3.30pm



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Session 2

For children and families
of all ages and abilities
4pm - 5.30pm



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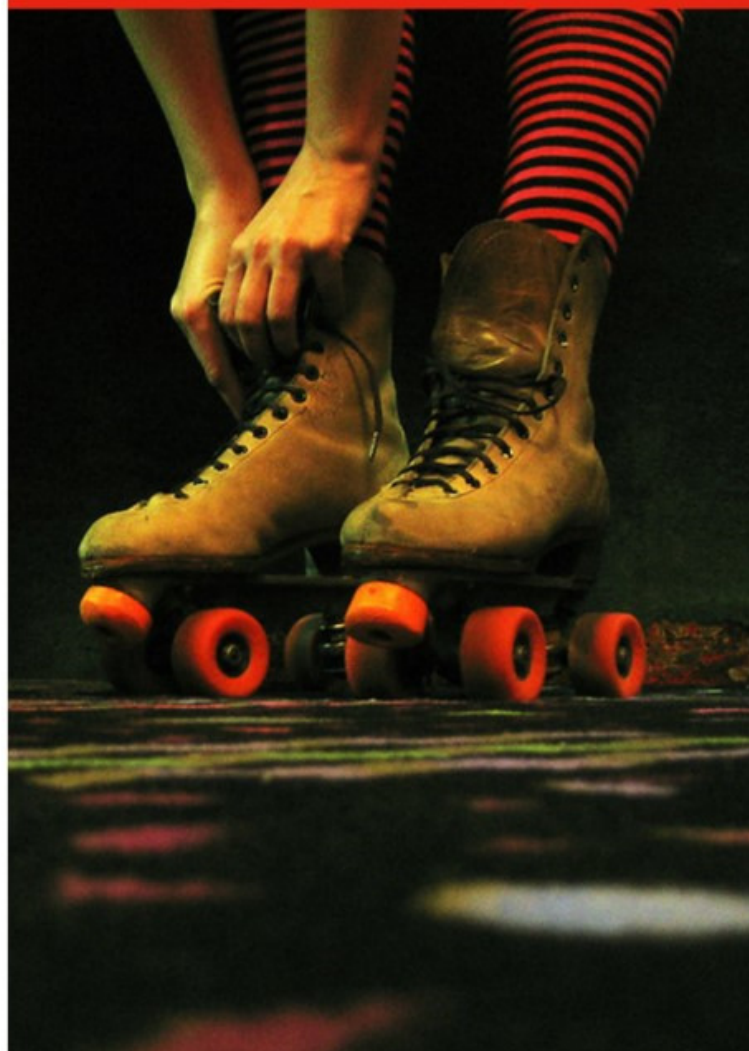
Session 3

Late skate for teens
and the young at heart!
7.30pm - 9pm



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Spaces are limited so
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Street Library

6 Leigh Road, Street, Somerset BA16 0HA

Tel: 0300 123 2224

email: Strlib@somerset.gov.uk

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