



Dear Families,

Another term flashed past and the Easter break is here. It has been a really busy term with so much happening:

- * Many classes had visits from our local rector, Ana Lawrence, discussing issues of religion. We have been really impressed with the way she has got children thinking in these sessions.
- * Years 5 and 6 watched Matilda at Strode theatre - we were so proud to see so many ex-Brookside pupils in lead and supporting roles.
- * We had our Key Stage 1, Key Stage 2 and Specialist Provision open afternoons - so many of you attended. Thank you, the atmosphere was incredible.
- * We had our Early years curriculum evening - again a fantastic turn out and we got to hear Mrs Cross sing.
- * Year 6 went to Millfield to meet the staff and STARS (Animals) of Longleat - finding out about what it is like to work with animals.
- * Year 1 went to Puxton Park and had a great time.
- * Brookside Choir performed in front of 600 people at the 'Community Choral Project' at Wells Cathedral - it was simply stunning!
- * We had our French Activity afternoon. C'était brillant!
- * We had our Year 6 SATs and Okehampton information evening.
- * We had virtual Parent Evenings, Class assemblies, Governors' Awards and Specialist Provision coffee morning.
- * Oh, and Toucans class wrote to Steve Backshall and got an amazing video back from him from a beautiful island somewhere - you can see Steve's video on Toucan's Class Page on our website.

Have a wonderful break and we will see you all for the Summer Term!

Yours sincerely, Brian Walton

Incy Wincy Spider Group enjoyed themselves when the Police came to visit Nursery. They liked trying on the Police uniform and watching the Police car flash his lights and sound his sirens.



Football Match Report— Year 4 Brookside v Millfield

Well done to the Year 4 boys football team who made the trip to Millfield earlier this month. This was their first ever game as a school team and they worked tirelessly all game. Brookside went 1-0 up through a superb goal after a swift counter attack from the boys in red. In the second half they conceded 2 quickfire goals from the more experienced opposition. Brookside continued to put pressure on the opposing goal but couldn't find their deserved equaliser. Final score Millfield 2-1 Brookside. An excellent performance from all involved, they should all be very proud of themselves.

Football Match Report—Year 5 Brookside Academy v Millfield

We started the match with Leighton, Jack, Bailey, Joseph, Alex, Abir, Leo, George, Harvey and Freddie on the pitch. Unfortunately, we conceded a goal within the first 5 minutes, however we persevered and were determined to continue. We had a number of shots on target with near misses from Freddie, Jack, Bailey and Leighton. The first half finished with Millfield having the advantage.

After half time, we came back on with a change in formation, confident that we might've been able to win the match. We started off strong, keeping a large amount of possession and managing to take control of the game. Sadly, Millfield managed to score a second goal but we didn't lose hope and kept the score at 2-0 until the end of the game. Even though we lost, we all left with smiling faces.

Written by George, Alex, Leighton, Leo, Freddie and Harvey.

Football Match Report—Millfield Team B v Year 6 Brookside



1st half:

We underestimated their team and they got an early goal. We had lots of chances and kept on shooting but they were saved. The 1st half ended 2-0 to them.

2nd half:

A few changes were made and with some great passes and a good through-ball, we scored to make it 2-1! After a good counter-attack, they scored again and it was now 3-1. Another good through-ball resulted in it becoming 3-2 and in the last minute of the game, with some great defending from them a later goal made it 3-3.

The match ended 3-3 and Brookside definitely had a great come-back!

Cross-Country Report

Well done to the Brookside Cross Country team who took part in the final race of the season at Millfield Prep. Once again lots of improved results from our talented runners:

Lower School Boys

Dexter (5th), Milo (12th), Filip (28th), Marley (47th) and Mason (77)th

Upper School Boys

Isaac (5th) and Ted (46th)



Latest News The following have qualified to be part of the Mendip Area Team which will take place on Wednesday 3rd May at Yeovil Rec.: Dexter, Milo, Filip and Isaac—well done, lads! Good luck and let us know how you get on.

Netball Season 2022-23

Brookside v Ashcott: 27.03.23

Despite our first loss of the season, we are still proud of our final score 7:10. Our opponents were tall and speedy giving us less advantages on receiving the ball. As we worked together, we managed to score seven goals by the end of the final quarter. Even though we weren't successful, Ashcott should be proud of themselves.



Brookside v West Pennard: 28.03.23

Despite another loss of a very close match: 10-9 against West Pennard, we would like to congratulate our players for their hard work throughout the season. Our speedy players worked the ball up the court and scored 9 goals by the final quarter. Well done everyone for persevering and working hard. We will like to thank our brilliant coaches for training us!

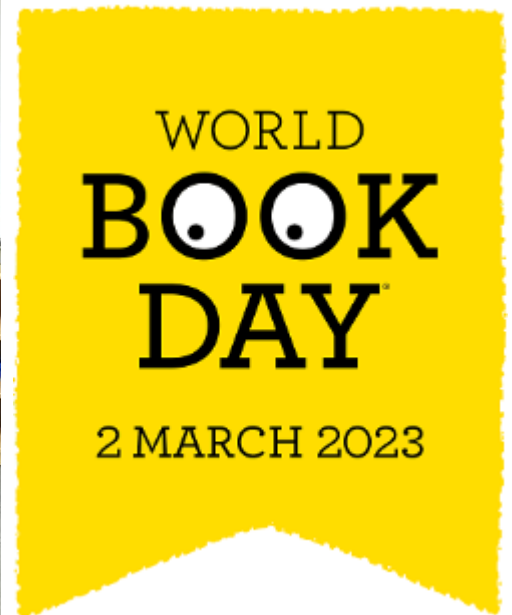
Note from the Coaches: Mrs Whatling and Miss Wicks

The Brookside Netball Club has excelled themselves this year, with perhaps their strongest team we have had the pleasure to coach. The Year 6 pupils have shown tremendous spirit and commitment and have been outstanding netball players that we hope will continue to excel in the sport in their next schools. The Year 5 pupils have worked so hard to become the future Brookside Netball team and have turned up for training whatever the weather. Some of the Year 5 pupils had the opportunity to play in matches this year also and we look forward to coaching them for many more next year. It was an excellent season boys and girls: well done all of you!



What we've been up to recently ...

World Book Day in Early Years



Year 1— World Book Day in Jaguars

On World Book Day we dressed up in our most exciting outfits and had a great time listening to different teachers read their favourite books. After, we even designed a cover for our favourite book.



Year 1—Tigers Trip to Puxton Park!

Wow, what a truly fantastic day Tigers have had at Puxton Park. We spent the morning meeting and feeding lots of different animals from reindeer to alpacas and even a few rogue meerkats, we never knew they belonged on a farm! We also explored the milking parlour and went for a very exciting tractor ride. Once we had all filled our tummies with lunch we got to enjoy the beautiful weather for a little bit on the play area. Hopefully, these photos will give you an insight into our day and the children can tell you in detail what went on. (Please see website for more photos.)



Year 2— Puppets Galore!

WOW! Year 2 have become a truly fantastic set of designers as we have begun our Puppet making process. Mrs Clulow and Mrs Bentley were astounded by our abilities to sew a running stitch! We have thought carefully about the materials we will require and begun moulding our newspaper to create a base for our heads. We tightly wrapped this in masking tape, which some of us found very tricky to use!



Year 3—Making Vegetable Soup

In DT we made our very own fresh soup, filled with lots of vegetables. We all contributed to make one class soup, where we put our culinary skills to the test. We learnt how to peel, chop and slice different vegetables. We also made garlic croutons which went down a treat. The day ended with us trying our soup and evaluating just how delicious it was. Mrs Burleton and Miss Bobbett gave it a whopping 5 stars.

Well done Year 3! ★



British Science Week in Year 4, Dolphins

To celebrate British Science Week, we have been investigating different connections in science.

We started by looking at ways people can connect using different forms of communication. To find a different way of communicating, we made string telephones! We had lots of fun passing on messages and testing which length of string gave the clearest and loudest sound.

Later, we thought about connections in our ecosystem. Everyone in the class had a different part of our ecosystem such as worm, fox, caterpillar, owl and brambles. We then passed a ball of string between us when we found a connection. We ended up with a web of connections and learnt how important every part of our ecosystem is.



Dolphins—World Book Day!

Dolphins Class have had a brilliant time celebrating World Book Day! In the morning, we went around the school listening to different stories which were read by the teachers. After break, we got the chance to work and collaborate with Otters in Year 2. In groups, we wrote a small part of a story. Then we folded the paper (to hide what we had written) and passed the story on to the next group who wrote the next part of the story. In the end we read the whole crazy story to find out what had happened! Luckily, even in our busy day, we have still managed to squeeze in some time to read



British Science Week in Year 5

This week Year 5 have been enjoying British Science week, where the slogan was 'Science is fun'. We have completed two scientific investigations. In the first one, we investigated how changing the surface of a ramp would affect how far a vehicle could travel. Children were challenged to check their results and try to work out if their prediction was correct and if not, why? Our second investigation involved a real-life problem faced by people in Nepal, who grow tomatoes high up in the mountains, but have to transport them down quickly, without damaging them. Children tried to use levers and pulleys to transport tomatoes from the desk to the floor without touching them. It was a great experience and the children thoroughly enjoyed it.



British Science Week – Year 6 visit to Millfield with Longleat

Year 6 children were spoiled during British Science Week, with a trip to Millfield's Biology department to meet some very interesting creatures! We were thrilled with the opportunity to be able to handle small animals and insects that the Longleat Keepers had brought to the school. They shared their expertise about the animals in their habitats; unique characteristics and adaptations that have occurred over the years. The children asked some fabulous questions and the staff were very impressed with their scientific knowledge and vocabulary.

We will benefit from the visit in our current topic about Living Things and later in the year when we explore Adaptation, Evolution and Inheritance. The children loved handling a range of creatures: millipedes, a pancake tortoise, giant stick insects, cockroaches, pythons and guinea pigs.

Enjoy the range of lovely pictures of the children and animals in action and we would dearly like to thank Millfield and Longleat for making this experience wonderful for us!



Wellbeing Matters



A very warm hello to everyone and welcome to a new feature in our newsletters! My name is Adrian Ballard and I am a teacher who has responsibility for overseeing the whole school's wellbeing.

Each term I will be shining a light on great examples of where children are leading the way in our school community as well as sharing tips and links to bring smiles to your faces.

If you have anything you would like to share with me for possible inclusion in future letters, please email or call the school office and say it's for me. I look forward to hearing from you!

This term's stars

Our first star is **Frank from Swifts** class who is so friendly and kind to other children. He is always happy to share his time and activities with others. As Frank says, "Sharing is caring!" He's one of those people who brings the sunshine with him so thanks for being you, Frank!



Our next star is someone who gives so much of her time to others both at home and at school. **Esther from Kangaroos** class is full of kindness and patience. She works really hard at school but always has time for others. She has her feet on the ground and a smile on her face at all times.

Wow, Esther. Those lucky enough to know you are fortunate indeed!

The science of wellbeing

Research has shown that, like this term's stars, doing something for others makes us feel better. This can be big or little, for those we know or for those we don't – it's all good.

With that in mind, I'd like to share a couple of things with you. **Firstly for the grown-ups, [Action for Happiness](#)** is a charity with ideas, help and research-based learning to share that will help us as individuals and as a community. They have a free app you can access through their website where you can also find out more about them. In their words:

We can't choose our circumstances and there will always be good and bad times, but we can learn about what makes us happy and we can take actions with the aim to create more happiness for ourselves and the people around us.

For children aged 5-11, St John's Ambulance run [Badgers](#) which is a fun weekly group full of activities to enrich their lives, learn skills to help themselves and others and have fun. Being part of any group and meeting on a regular basis gives us connections and structure to our lives which relieve stress and help to build resilience. This is a great place to start.

Lastly, **this term's top wellbeing tip**: get your hands dirty in the garden, patio or window box with just a few pounds and a bit of time. Spring is with us again and it's the perfect time to sow a packet of seeds. Whether you're into flowers for the windowsill or garden, wild flowers for bees and butterflies or your favourite veggies, growing something from seed gives you a chance to switch of the world for a few minutes each day and nurture something tiny and delicate all the way to seeing it literally blossom. I recommend sunflowers as they're cheap and easy and kids love to see them grow and grow. Birds and bees love them too!

Share this with children, grandparents, friends and neighbours and harvest the happiness for months to come.



Thanks for reading. Send me your thoughts, comments and suggestions via the office any time.

Adrian Ballard

Friends & Family Bookings

EASTER TRAIL

£2 PER TRAIL WITH A PRIZE FOR EACH TRAIL COMPLETED AND HANDED IN AT PEGGY'S DINER & ALL ENTRIES GET THE CHANCE TO WIN A BIG PRIZE!!!!

1ST TO 15TH APRIL

BUY YOUR TRAIL BETWEEN THE 22ND AND 31ST MARCH

EXPLORE Happy Create
Laugh GROW Discover
PLAY

Who: Open to all ages, across all provisions

Where: School Hall

When: Mon 3.15-5.30pm

Tues 3.15-5.30pm

Wed 3.15-5.30pm

Thurs 3.15-5.30pm

Fri- 3.15-5pm

What: We provide many activities including; Arts and Crafts, Cooking, outdoor play, sports activities, messy/sensory play and much more!

We have cooked tea (Mon-Thurs) and snack options available to all children and provide alternatives on request.

Please don't hesitate to ask any questions and we look forward to welcoming new faces.



After School Club

Meet the team:

Amy Brown



Charlotte Voisey



Olivia Atkins



Emily Shave



Ed Kelly



Kerrie Chiffers



Language Corner

Last Friday, we held a French Cultural afternoon and the children had a wonderful time. I hope you will enjoy looking at some of the pictures on the website under your class page.

Thank you to all the teachers involved and to all the children for embracing so wholeheartedly!

Phrase of the Month

Welcome to the Language Corner! In each new edition, there will be a word or phrase in French to decode and explain. Emailed responses will win every pupil a house point and the best explanations will be rewarded with either a Gold Counter, Red Star or possibly a Ping Pong Ball and an appearance in the following Newsletter! The more that enter, the more your house will benefit. (Email Mrs Whatling at office@brooksideacademy.co.uk)

The new phrase of our new Language Corner is ...

Passe une bonne journée

What does it mean? When might you say it? How might you respond? What else can you tell me about it?

Congratulations to two children who came up with terrific answers – yet again, and won themselves another Gold Counter!



Duolingo is a FREE language learning tool that uses a gamified format to learn a language! To improve your French, try Duolingo at home; a fantastic online platform to improve your French. It teaches you four types of language skills: reading, writing, speaking, and listening, through bite-size lessons (anything from 2-10 minutes) that are like games, where you can earn points, points, points!

If you are interested in joining my online Duolingo class and improving your French, please click the link below (Ctrl+Click to follow link) and start playing!

www.duolingo.com/classroom/fzcuna

Work towards becoming the “Linguist of the Month” and receive a certificate in the Celebration Assembly, or simply earn house points!

If you want to find out more about Duolingo, click on the links below.

<https://www.techlearning.com/how-to/what-is-duolingo-and-how-does-it-work-tips-and-tricks>

<https://blog.duolingo.com/duolingo-101-how-to-learn-a-language-on-duolingo/#gettingstartedonduelingo>

I look forward to receiving your ‘Phrase of the Month’ entries.

Mrs Whatling

Dates for your Diary—Summer Term 1:

03.04.23 to 14.04.23 Easter Holidays

01.05.23 May Day Bank Holiday

08.05.23 Bank Holiday to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III

09.05.23 Early Years' Trip to Wookey Hole

18.05.23 SCARF Workshops for Pre-School to Year 6 (covering healthy minds and bodies)

18.05.23 Year 1 Sharing Assembly 14:40-15:10

19.05.23 SCARF Workshops for Pre-School to Year 6 (covering healthy minds and bodies)

23.05.23 Group/Whole Class Photos being taken of Early Years, Year 6 and all Specialist Provision children

24.05.23 Money Sense sessions provided by HSBC for Year 6

24.05.23 Local Rector, Ana Lawrence, visiting Early Years and Nursery

25.05.23 SCARF Workshops for Pre-School to Year 6 (covering healthy minds and bodies)

25.05.23 Year 2 Sharing Assembly 14:40-15:10

26.05.23 SCARF Workshops for Pre-School to Year 6 (covering healthy minds and bodies)

29.05.23 to 02.06.23 Half-Term Holiday

Please check the School Calendar on 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 and carers 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.

Privacy Notice Reminder

The Academy's Privacy Notice for Pupils and Parents is available to view under the 'Policies' area of our website:

<https://www.brooksideacademy.co.uk/policies/>

This notice explains the data collected by the Academy, why it is collected and your rights over this data.



Thank you to everyone for their generous donations on Red Nose Day. Together we raised an amazing **£275.16**. The money will be sent by Comic Relief to help people living incredibly tough lives, both at home in the UK and across the world's poorest countries.

Brookside Sports Timetable 2022-2023

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9.00 -10.30	Specialist Provision x 4 slots (9.00-9.45)	Year 3	Nursery	Coaches Planning	Enrichment
10.30-12.00	(9.45-10.30) (10.30-11.15) (11.15-12pm)	Year 1	Nursery	Year 2	Enrichment
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	Early Years	Year 5	Year 6	Year 4	Enrichment

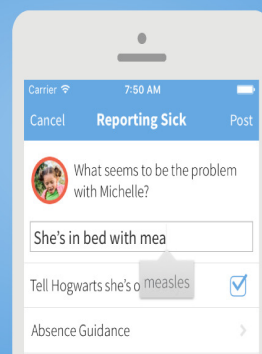
We have a new, safer system for reporting your child's absence due to illness.

It's called **Studybugs**.

Please sign up on studybugs.com or download the free Studybugs app so you have it ready.

studybugs.com

Available on the App Store | Get it on Google Play | Download on the Microsoft Store



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.



September 2022						October 2022						November 2022							
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Key:

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

Term dates summary:

Term 1: 01 September – 21 October 2022 (37 days)
 Term 2: 31 October – 16 December 2022 (35 days)
 Term 3: 03 January – 10 February 2023 (29 days)
 Term 4: 20 February – 31 March 2023 (30 days)
 Term 5: 17 April – 26 May 2023 (29 days)
 Term 6: 05 June – 21 July 2023 (35 days)

TOTAL = 195

Bank and public holidays 2022/23

Christmas Day Bank Holiday	27 December 2022*	May Day Bank Holiday	01 May 2023
Boxing Day Bank Holiday	26 December 2022	<i>Bank Holiday to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III</i>	08 May 2023
New Year's Day Holiday	02 January 2023*	Spring Bank Holiday	29 May 2023
Good Friday	07 April 2023	Summer Bank Holiday	28 August 2023
Easter Monday	10 April 2023		

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

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.

Free School Meals

Children who attend a Somerset County Council school, whose parents or carers receive any of the following are entitled to free school meals:

- Universal Credit with an annual household income of less than £7,400 after tax
- Income Support (IS)
- Employment and Support Allowance (Income 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.

Only the benefits listed above qualify for free school meals. If you have recently become unemployed but are still receiving Working Tax Credits, you may be entitled to free school meals.

Non-Benefit related additional eligibility criteria:

Children of families who don't receive these benefits may also qualify for free school meals if the family's annual household income is no higher than the following:

- £22,700 for families outside of London with one child
- £26,300 for families outside of London with two or more children.

And the parent or carer meets any of the following criteria:

- you are a Zambrano or Chen carer
- families who have no recourse to public funds with a right to remain in the UK on grounds of private and family life under Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights
- families receiving support under Section 17 of the Children Act 1989 who are also subject to a no recourse to public funds restriction
- a subset of failed asylum seekers supported under Section 4 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- you hold a British National (Overseas) – BN(O) – passport
- you are a spousal visa, work visa or student visa holder
- you have no immigration status.

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 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.** Parents/carers will receive a text reminder if their child isn't wearing the correct uniform.

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 2023.

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 App is not available for our Nursery parents, as their children's 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.)



SIMS PARENT APP

A GUIDE FOR NEW USERS

A COMPLETE GUIDE ON HOW TO REGISTER

Step 1: You will receive an email from noreply@sims.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.



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.

ParentSafe



Parents and carers are always keen to know how to keep their children safe on their devices. Who are they talking to, what are they doing, are they okay? But knowing where to go for this support can be challenging.

Recent research for Safer Internet Day showed that at least 80% of 8 to 17-year-olds would turn to their parents or carers if they saw something worrying or upsetting online but 36% of parents are not sure of where to go should they need support.

The [ParentSafe website](https://parentsafe.lgfl.net/) is designed for exactly this reason. Find tips, advice and guidance for all aspects of Online Safety at: <https://parentsafe.lgfl.net/>



UK Health Security Agency



Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



SCAN ME

Advice and guidance
To find out more, search for **health protection in schools** or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

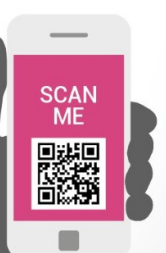


is your child 5-19 and are you looking for confidential help and support?

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



Street Group Dates

Friday	17th March	10:00 to 12:00
Friday	21st April	10:00 to 12:00
Friday	19th May	10:00 to 12:00
Friday	16th June	10:00 to 12:00
Friday	21st July	10:00 to 12:00

If you have a child with additional needs and or disabilities 0-25 come along for a cuppa and chat with other parent carers. Children are welcome to attend with you at our stay and play groups.

The groups are a place to make new friends and share experiences and ask any questions you may have.



Study Higher Education Degrees at Strode College

Local higher education university level courses with exceptional teaching from world-class specialists.

Small groups, supported learning environment, friendly and collaborative working practices.

Wide links to local communities and industry professionals.

Commended by the University of Plymouth for our inclusive ethos, succeed with us at Strode College!

Degrees (Hons)

- History, Heritage & Archaeology BA
- Psychology of Human Behaviour BSc

Exciting new course planned for Sep 2023

- English with Creative Writing BA

Foundation Degrees

- English with Creative Writing FdA
- History, Heritage & Archaeology FdA
- Contemporary Business FdA*
- Psychology FdSc

**subject to approval*

For further information or an informal chat please contact Wendy Cavill:

01458 844404

wcavill@strode-college.ac.uk



CRISPIN HALL School Holiday **FAMILY FUN SESSIONS!**

**Tuesday 4th April
Wednesday 5th April
9.30am - 11.30am.**

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



**Arts and Crafts
available on
both days**

**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



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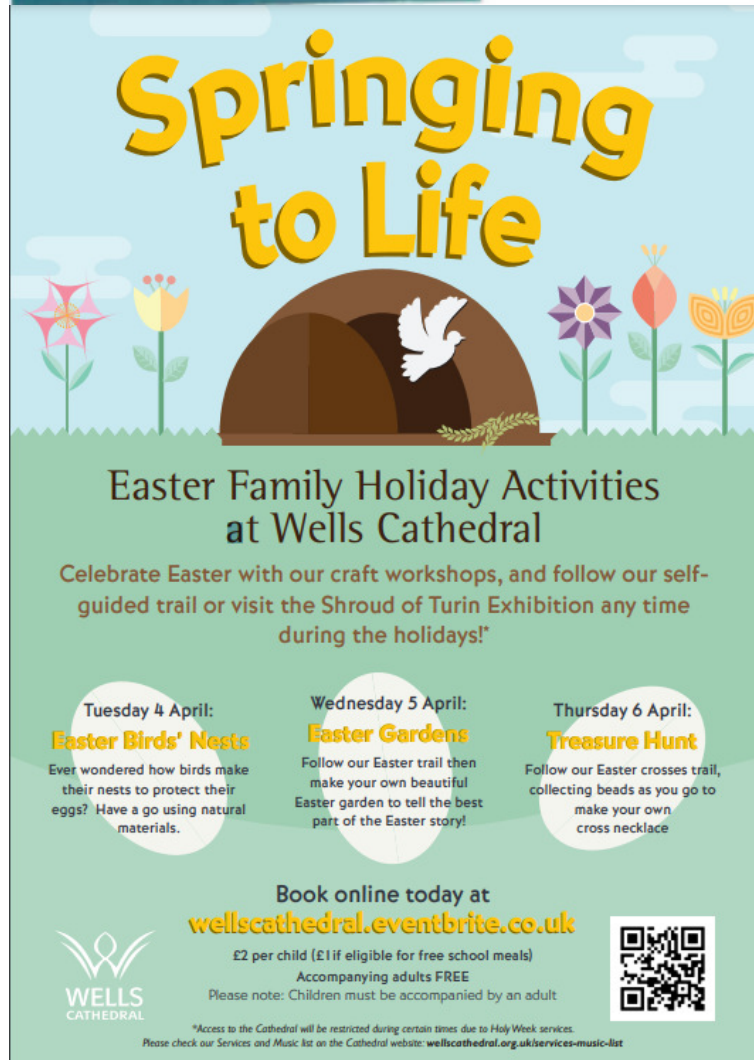
SOMERSET PRIMARY SCHOOL NETBALL FESTIVAL

SCHOOL YEARS 3 - 6

Date: 30th April 23
Time: 10-12
Location: Strode College
Church Road
Street, BA16 0AB

Contact
somersetjuniornetball@gmail.com
Or Register





Springing to Life

Easter Family Holiday Activities at Wells Cathedral



Celebrate Easter with our craft workshops, and follow our self-guided trail or visit the Shroud of Turin Exhibition any time during the holidays!

<p>Tuesday 4 April: Easter Birds' Nests</p> <p>Ever wondered how birds make their nests to protect their eggs? Have a go using natural materials.</p>	<p>Wednesday 5 April: Easter Gardens</p> <p>Follow our Easter trail then make your own beautiful Easter garden to tell the best part of the Easter story!</p>	<p>Thursday 6 April: Treasure Hunt</p> <p>Follow our Easter crosses trail, collecting beads as you go to make your own cross necklace.</p>
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Book online today at
wellscathedral.eventbrite.co.uk

£2 per child (£1 if eligible for free school meals)
Accompanying adults FREE

Please note: Children must be accompanied by an adult

*Access to the Cathedral will be restricted during certain times due to Holy Week services.
Please check our Services and Music list on the Cathedral website: wellscathedral.org.uk/services-music-list



Messy Church

@ Easter

Come along to a free event for primary school aged children and their families

Craft Games Snacks Songs Worship

Tuesday 28th March 3.30 – 5.00pm
Holy Trinity Walton

(Good) Friday 7th April 10 – 11.30am
Mission Church, Street
SWCD Churches



