



Dear Families,

I want to start by thanking everyone involved with Friends of Brookside. They have, as always done an incredible job this year. They give up their time and put us first and foremost in the best interests of our children. Tuesday being an excellent example of bringing together the community through two lovely events. The Summer Fayre and the evening Circus. I have had nothing but wonderful feedback regarding this and it is another factor that helps to make our Academy community feel so special to us all. A huge thank you to everyone involved.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank the staff that will be leaving us this summer. They have all contributed to making Brookside strive to be a great school. From the baby room in Nursery to Mainstream and Specialist Provision, we have been lucky to work with so many knowledgeable, caring and skilled people.

In particular, after 17 years with Brookside, I would like to give a very special mention to Mrs Rapsey, who will be leaving us to take up a new teaching post at a school much closer to her home—they will be so lucky to have her. Mrs Rapsey has had a massive impact upon so many children over the years at Brookside (I haven't checked this statistic and Mrs Rapsey will definitely not thank me for it - but technically some of our parents could have been students of Mrs Rapsey!). She has been a fantastic example of what makes a great teacher.

We will also be saying goodbye to the following teachers: Miss Dunmall, Mrs Lee, Mr Soughton and Mrs Whitehouse, who are all moving on to teaching posts at other schools.

Mrs Gibbons will not be returning from her secondment, following her promotion to Deputy Head Teacher at another school.

Support staff leaving us are, Jean Bailey, Jazmine Baker, Louise Bennett, Jasmine Blair, Eloise Jewell, Zac Nobes, Sally Perry and Courtney Woodhams.

A life dedicated to teaching is something special and I am proud to know such devoted, hardworking and skilled teachers and members of staff who do their best every day for children at Brookside. I know that you will join with me in wishing them all the very best for the future.

We are pleased to inform you that we have appointed four new teachers who will start their posts in September. Mrs Barratt is currently teaching in an alternative provision setting in the local area and has a wealth of SEND experience. Miss Neiters is currently teaching in a diverse school in Bristol and is able to teach Makaton. Miss Garcia-Perez is new to teaching and impressed us all at interview. Miss Thomas is an experienced teacher moving into the area. All have visited Brookside over the last few weeks to get to know the children.

In September, we are in a very good position of being able to have posts covered and subject leads in place across the Academy. In the meantime, have a great Summer break and I look forward to seeing you all again in September.

Yours sincerely,

Brian Walton

Class Structure for September 2023

Class	Year Group	Teacher
Giraffes & Crocodiles	Early Years	Mrs C Cross
Penguins & Zebras	Early Years	Miss E Ollier
Jaguars	1	Miss J Garcia-Perez
Tigers	1	Mrs Z Clist
Moles	2	Mrs R Foster
Otters	2	Miss C Stevens
Gophers	3	Miss J Bobbett
Meerkats	3	Mrs K Burleton
Dolphins	4	Miss F Burge
Orcas	4	Mr J Sansam
Kangaroos	5	Mrs J Moore
Wombats	5	Miss K Carson
Koalas	6	Miss M Thomas
Pandas	6	Mrs J Whatling
Hummingbirds	Mixed Specialist Provision	Mrs P Barratt
Jays	Mixed Specialist Provision	Mrs D Difford
Kingfishers	Mixed Specialist Provision	Mr S Gilborson
Robins	Mixed Specialist Provision	Miss G Burns
Swifts	Mixed Specialist Provision	Miss R Nieters
Toucans	Mixed Specialist Provision	Mrs D Durston



Creativity Week 3rd - 7th July

As part of our hugely successful Creativity Week, each year group from nursery up to Year 6 took on the challenge to paint a canvas of a world landmark to add to our mural of 'Our World'.

The standard of work was outstanding and all the children who took part showed their exceptional skills in brushwork, use of paint and composition to the highest standard.

Once compiled as a collection, the mural looks absolutely out of this World!

The best kind of team work! Well done everyone! Mrs Burleton

Isla Norman has recently appeared in an art installation which has been showing in London this week.

The Body's Voice is an audio-visual installation which explores the idea that movement is the sensory language or 'voice' of the human body. The installation features moving images of children discovering their unique inner dance voices and communicating through uninhibited spontaneous movement.



As part of the project Isla participated in dance workshops and spent time on location filming at the ZigZag building, Glastonbury.

On Saturday she travelled to Waterloo to see herself on the big screen and to meet the other participants. It was great to see the project come together.



Race for Life 3k

Isabel Whitehead recently ran the Race for Life 3k. She was 3rd overall, the 2nd child after her cousin but the 1st girl. Raising £85 for cancer research.

This is Isabel with her medal.



Gymnastics Success!

Italia and Ilaria recently competed in the CDC Acrobatic Gymnastics Competition, j. representing Edge Acro Gym.

This was Ilaria's first competition, and she gained a silver medal in the Novice Grade 2 Competition.

This is Italia's second competition. She took the gold medal in the Intermediate Grade 4 competition, which was the highest of the day.

Both girls, quite rightly so, are very proud of their achievements.



Rounders

Summer Term saw the return of rounders. With so much interest, two teams were entered into this year's league. Both Team A and Team B trained weekly to help better themselves for each and every game. Both teams finished the league with a respectable mid-table finish. The highlight of the season was the 'Battle of Brookside' where both teams played each other in a hotly contested match at the Academy. Team A just edged it with a 70-64 victory. Some very well drilled local schools put a stop to the positive start to the campaign, but taught us a valuable lesson on where we can improve upon next year. Well done to everybody involved and thank you to those who filled in several times last minute!



What we've been up to recently ...

Early Years— Creativity Week: Early Years focused their learning on Australia



Year 1— Creativity Week focus: United Kingdom

Wow, what a Creativity week. The children had a fantastic time getting messy and enjoyed the chance to show their creativeness.

We designed our own school uniforms in the style of Vivienne Westwood and made some fabulous self portraits using natural materials in the style of Andy Goldsworthy.

We also worked on a Year One canvas which is going to be displayed in the corridor at school, the large picture will show lots of different important places from around the World. Our canvas is representing The Angel Of The North and we think you will agree it looks fantastic.

We finished creativity week by sharing our work with Early Years and Year Two. It was lovely getting the chance to share what we had done with our friends and getting a chance to see what everyone else had done.



Year 2— Creativity Week focus: Spain

We have thoroughly enjoyed delving into Spain! We looked at the different areas of Spain, a little bit like the counties in the UK!

We have learnt about the Spanish artist Picasso, looking at four of his pieces and choosing which one we liked most and why. We then had a very active and creative afternoon, creating portraits in the cubism style through collage as well as on the Doodle Buddy computing app!

We discovered the wonder that is Gaudi! We absolutely loved exploring the magical creativity of the buildings he designed across Barcelona!

Gaudi is different to all the other artists we have discovered as he does not paint, he was an architect. His buildings are truly magnificent and include the Sagrada Familia (Barcelona's Cathedral which began in 1882 and is still under construction!) and Parc Guell, with its beautiful mosaics. He used many techniques in his work, including "trencadís", a kind of mosaic made from broken pieces of tiles



Year 3— Creativity Week focus: Peru



We learnt where Peru is and about what life is like in modern day Peru. We then looked at the meaning of their national flag and we recreated it in card and made class bunting.

We looked at Peru's Aztec influences and their patterns and designs. We investigated the importance of llamas and created our own image using oil pastels, Brusho and pencil crayon. We completed a doodle chameleon with a Brusho backwash.

We learnt a bit more about the llamas of the Andes and Machu Picchu. We were interested to find out that their poo has no smell and they have 3 stomachs like a camel! We then, made our own 'No drama llamas.'

We learnt about the Ancient Civilisation that used to live in Peru – The Inca's. They would make masks for religious activities and ceremonies and they would always be colourful, include jewellery, feathers, tribal patterns and a head dress. We had a go at making our own. We even learnt how to make feathers out of paper.

We looked at the importance of textiles in Peru and how the textiles are made by hand. We used mixed media to decorate a display plate and recreated our own version of a traditional woven design in our sketch-books.

Finally, we looked at Peruvian Worry Dolls. These worry dolls will help us sleep peacefully all night and take our little worry away. We had so much fun making our dolls using a lollypop stick, wool, paper and pom-poms!



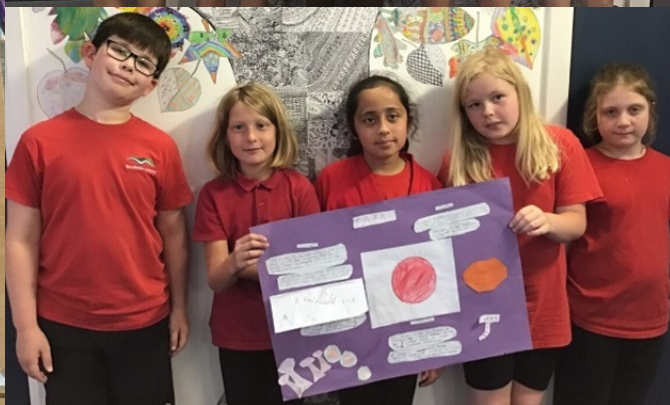
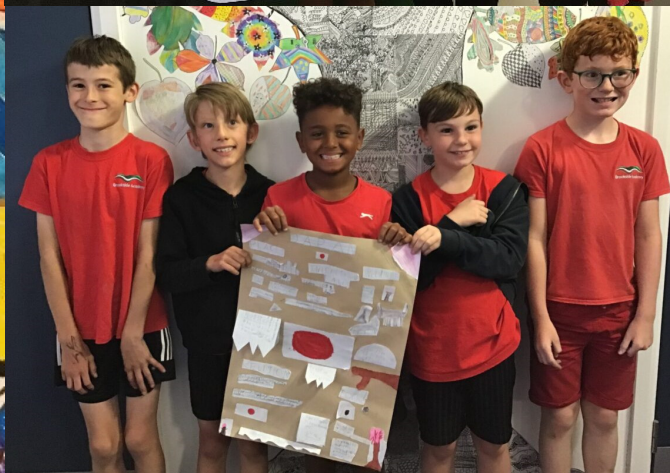
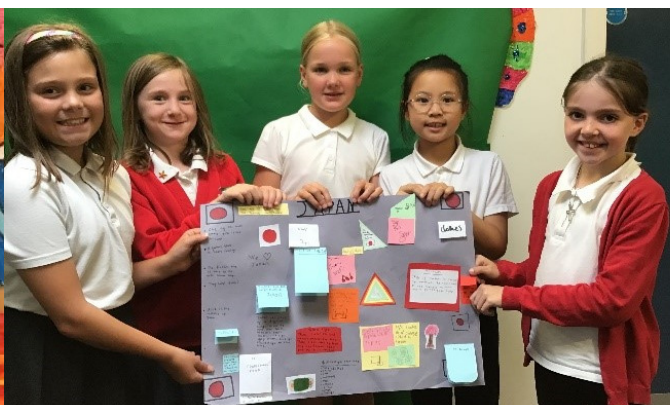
Year 4— Creativity Week focus: Japan

The focus for Year 4 was Japan and exploring its culture through its art and music. We researched Japan and made posters to share the information that we have learnt.

We used oil pastels to create another piece of work inspired by 'The Great Wave' by Hokusai. We also had a go at some origami making paper butterflies and attempting to make paper boats.

We created Japanese inspired pictures by dripping paint on to salt.

We created some beautiful pieces of artwork inspired by the cherry blossom in Japan. We used water colours to create the background and painted out cherry blossom branches on top.



Year 5 Creativity Week focus: India

We designed a traditional Indian outfit, made a Bengal tiger from clay, which we painted (we tried to make sure their stripes were unique), and sketched a National Emblem of India, which we then painted with water-colours. Some of our most talented artists collaborated to produce the amazing sketch of Sydney Opera House, which we painted with acrylics.

We collected lots of different natural greenery – such as leaves that had fallen off of trees, which we used, along with lentils, pasta and tissue paper to create some brilliant collages of the Indian flag!

We learnt about the Taj Mahal and its purpose as a tomb for the Emperor's favourite wife. We constructed models of the Taj Mahal white to look like white marble. We then tried to replicate the delicate decorations on the outside, some of which were made from precious stones and jewels. We made a huge amount of mess but had great fun!

We cooked Holi fudge, which is in many different colours, like the festival. We have taste tested our fudge and some traditional Indian snacks. This was so exciting we forgot to take photographs – ask your children for an update!

We even managed to find time to learn some traditional Indian dance moves and work in groups to create our own simple Indian dance.

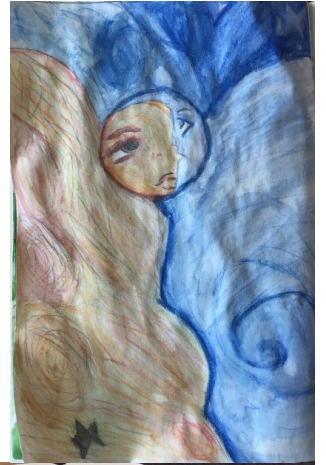


Year 6 Creativity Week focus: Mexico

We looked at the Day of the Dead and made our own papier mâché calavera (skulls) after creating our skull designs in our sketch books; the mess was unbelievable!

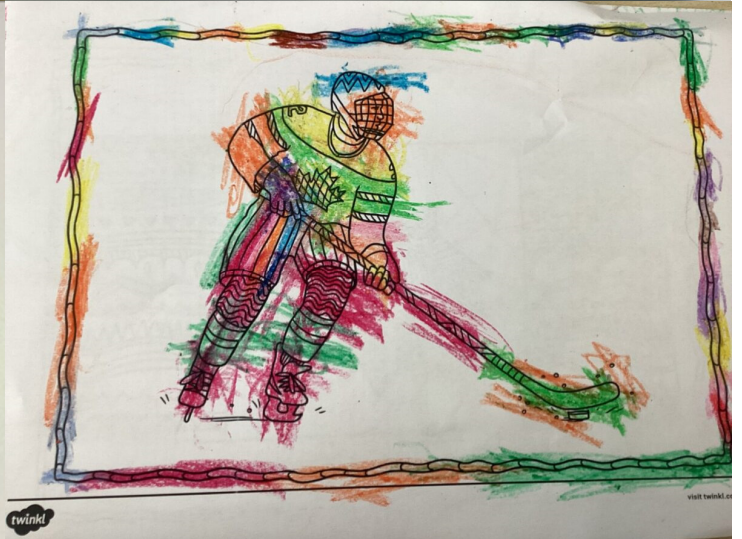
We created some sun and moon artwork. The sun symbolises strength and power (and represented by warm colours), whereas the moon symbolises calmness, beauty and nurturing (represented by cool colours).

We explored ideas for a Mexican / Maya inspired mural which we created using a styrofoam printing technique. It was very difficult to get it to look like our designs and the children made several attempts but they showed great patience and resilience. They even improved their tidy up skills this week too!



Specialist Provision Creativity Week

We had a very busy week during Creative Week engaging with different activities to explore the country of Canada. We made marble painting flags, listened to Canadian music, explored maple-scented dough, coloured in pictures, made and tasted Poutine (the national dish of Canada) and created a beaver toy (an emblem of Canada).



We also learnt about the artist Georgia O'Keeffe and were inspired to create our own floral artworks.





Wellbeing Matters

Hello and welcome to the July issue of Wellbeing Matters!

This is the final issue of this school year and so our thoughts turn to the summer holidays and the start of a new school year in September. For many children about to start in Reception or leave primary school and start their journey at secondary school, this can be a difficult time with excitement and nerves fighting for space.

With that in mind, I'd like to recommend youngminds.org.uk which has resources for young people and parents. There are lots of useful tools and information on there including advice on the move from primary to secondary. Just type 'transition' into the search and you'll find some help.

Six weeks off school can seem like a long time but we live in one of the best parts of the country and there is so much to do and enjoy around us so there is no need to be bored or stuck for ideas. I've put together a few suggestions of activities and events in the area (see below). Hopefully you can find something to try.

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 Vinnie from Giraffes. He has taken such precious care of his beanstalk that we planted in class originally that it has produced a wonderful crop of broad beans for his tea. Vinnie kept us updated with growth pictures along the way and he is super proud of his beanstalk! I wonder if there will be a giant's castle at the top?

Our next star is Alfie from Kingfishers. He has really enjoyed engaging with rhymes and songs with an adult, laughing and smiling throughout music activities.



Things to do this summer

There are so many things going on right on our doorstep to keep children busy over the summer. There are things to suit every age and interest, many of which are free. Please check websites for further details, charges and pre-booking where needed.

Barrington Court near Ilminster

Over the summer children can build their own play area using recycled materials and real tools! This supervised event will be popular so booking is essential.

Avalon Marshes are hosting loads of events including nature, play, story-telling and archaeology special days throughout the summer. These events are at The Somerset Rural Life Museum in Glastonbury, The Avalon Marshes visitor centre and RSPB Ham Wall.

Some of the highlights include:

VIKING INVASION (FESTIVAL OF ARCHAEOLOGY) AT THE AVALON MARSHES CENTRE 23/07/2023, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

AVALON ARCHAEOLOGY AT THE AVALON MARSHES CENTRE

25/07/2023, 10.30 AM- 12.00 PM

SUMMER OF FUN ON THE FARM – WILDLIFE DAY, SOMERSET RURAL LIFE MUSEUM, GLASTONBURY

23/07/2023, 10.00AM-5.00PM

FAMILY POND DIPPING

28/07/2023, 11.00AM - 1.45PM and other dates throughout the summer

RSPB HAM WALL NATURE RESERVE MINIBEAST SAFARI

03/08/2023, 10.30AM - 11.30AM and other dates throughout the summer

RSPB HAM WALL NATURE RESERVE BIG WILD SUMMER PJ PARTY

26/08/2023, 6.30PM - 9.30PM

Somerset Wildlife Trust are running a range of events at various locations nearby for children, families and adults including picnics, well-being walks and citizen science events throughout the summer.

Mendip Hills AONB has lots of free pre-planned walking routes with notes, access information, maps and more to download on their website.

Glastonbury Abbey has family activities going on throughout the summer holidays including bug-hunting and arts and crafts all included with admission. There are also concerts, theatre events like Horrible Histories Live, courses and guided walks and tours to choose from.

The Bishop's Palace in Wells has guided walks and tours, art and craft activities, family story-telling, a kid's scavenger hunt and an archery competition to watch with a chance to have a go yourself all included with normal entry tickets. Each ticket is valid for a year with unlimited re-admission so if you pay for the first trip, every other visit is free!

There are also several open-air theatre events and courses taking place which need pre-booking.

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

Dangerous Parking Outside Brookside Academy

We have recently had cause to address parking issues outside our Nursery entrance and car park. However, we often have reports of parents parking in strictly prohibited areas of Brooks Road: on the zig-zag lines, parallel to the crossing barrier, on the 'School Entrance' markings and causing an obstruction for our neighbours and the local bus service. This is an extremely dangerous practice and you will put yourself and others at risk.

The Highway Code states:

- 'Yellow zig-zag lines outside schools, hospitals, or fire, police or ambulance stations indicate the length of road where stopping or waiting is strictly prohibited. The Highway Code states that you should keep these areas clear of stationary vehicles, even if picking up or setting down children.'



Keep entrance clear of stationary vehicles, even if picking up or setting down children

- **Rule 238**
..... You MUST NOT wait or park, or stop to set down and pick up passengers, on school entrance marking (see 'Road markings') when upright signs indicate a prohibition of stopping.
Law RTRA sects 5 & 8
- **Rule 243**
DO NOT stop or park: near a school entrance.

We have witnessed the congestion this parking causes, with general traffic unable to proceed along Brooks Road past these vehicles. It also blocks the view for drivers entering and leaving our car parks and is dangerous to pedestrians crossing outside the Academy.

We understand that it is very busy along Brooks Road at peak drop-off and pick-up times and it is not always possible to park in the designated drop-off and pick-up zone outside the Academy.

Please allow a little extra time to find a safe and considerate place to park.

May we take this opportunity to thank those who already do this.

Thank you for your help with this serious matter.

Dates for your Diary—Autumn Term:

24.07.23 to 01.09.23 Summer Holidays

04.09.23 INSET DAY —School and Nursery closed

05.09.23 School Children and term-time only Nursery Children return

08.09.23 Brookside's 50th Birthday Open Afternoon 14:00-15:00 (no booking required)

20.09.23 'Meet the Team' Curriculum Meetings for Parents: Years 1 & 2: 17:45-18:30 *

21.09.23 'Meet the Team' Curriculum Meetings for Parents: Years 3 & 4: 17:45-18:25 *

21.09.23 'Meet the Team' Curriculum Meetings for Parents: Years 5 & 6: 18:30-19:15 *

25.09.23 1st Open Day for New Intake Sept 2024 Parents (hourly tours from 09:30-16:30)

26.09.23 Flu Vaccinations for all children from Early Years to Year 6 *

28.09.23 Individual school photos of all Early Years, Year 6 children only (including Specialist Provision)

04.10.23 2nd Open Day for New Intake Sept 2024 Parents (hourly tours from 09:30-16:30)

18.10.23 Autumn Parents' Evening (face to face appointments) 15:30-19:00 *

19.10.23 Autumn Parents' Evening (face to face appointments) 15:30-19:00 *

30.10.23 INSET DAY – School and Nursery closed

01.11.23 Wells Festival of Literature – Year 6 meeting author: M G Leonard 09:00-13:00 *

09.11.23 Year 6 Sharing Assembly 14:45-15:10 *

16.11.23 Year 5 Sharing Assembly 14:45-15:10 *

17.11.23 BBC Children in Need – 'Wear what you like' non-uniform day *

23.11.23 3rd Open Day for New Intake Sept 2024 Parents (hourly tours from 09:30-16:30)

27.11.23 Governors' Awards – Autumn Term 14:40-15:10 *

08.12.23 Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day – non-uniform day *

Information about our Christmas events will follow in the Autumn Term

* Letter to follow in the Autumn Term

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

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.

Brookside Sports Timetable 2023-2024

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9.00 -10.30	Specialist Provision x 4 slots (9.00-9.45) (9.45-10.30) (10.30-11.15) (11.15-12.00)	Year 3		Nursery	Swimming
10.30-12.00		Year 1	Early Years (10:15-11:45)	Year 2	Planning
Lunch (1@ 11.40-12.10) (2@ 11.55-12.25) 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	Sports Intervention	Year 6	Year 5	Year 4	Enrichment

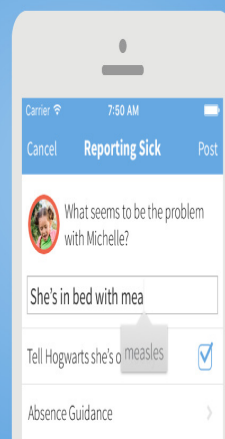
We have a new, safer system for reporting your child's absence due to illness.

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 from Microsoft Phone 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 2023						October 2023						November 2023					
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Th		7	14	21	28	Th	5	12	19	26		Th	2	9	16	23	30
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Key:

	School Holiday
	Bank Holiday
	Term Time
	Inset Day (School & Nursery closed)

Term dates summary:

Term 1: 04 September – 20 October 2023 (35 days)
 Term 2: 30 October – 15 December 2023 (35 days)
 Term 3: 02 January – 9 February 2024 (29 days)
 Term 4: 19 February – 28 March 2024 (29 days)
 Term 5: 15 April – 24 May 2024 (29 days)
 Term 6: 03 June – 24 July 2024 (38 days) TOTAL = 195

Bank and public holidays 2023/24

Christmas Day Bank Holiday	25 December 2023	Easter Monday	01 April 2024
Boxing Day Bank Holiday	26 December 2023	May Day Bank Holiday	06 May 2024
New Year's Day Holiday	01 January 2024	Spring Bank Holiday	27 May 2024
Good Friday	29 March 2024	Summer Bank Holiday	26 August 2024

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 8.45am 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.



After School Club

Meet the team:

Amy Brown



Charlotte Voisey



Olivia Atkins



Emily Shave



Ed Kelly



Kerie Chiffers



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.



Brookside Academy
INSPIRING FUTURES

<https://brooksideacademy.magicbooking.co.uk/identity/account/login>

WEDNESDAY 16TH AUGUST
& WEDNESDAY 23RD
AUGUST

£24 PP 9am-3pm

Forest School

- Natural Material Arts & Crafts
- Nature Discovery
- Bushcraft
- Outdoor Games and Stories



OWL EXPERIENCE

TUESDAY 1ST AUGUST 2023

BROOKSIDE ACADEMY HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

- LEARN ABOUT OWLS HUNTING SUPER POWERS
- LEARN HOW TO TIE A FALCONRY KNOT FLYING OWLS
- HANDLING EXPERIENCE
- PELLET DISSECTION

9AM-3PM (WRAPAROUND CARE AVAILABLE)



BROOKSIDE HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES



- Bouncy Castle
- Giant Board Games
- Inflatbale Assault Course
- And lots more!

<https://brooksideacademy.magicbooking.co.uk/identity/account/login>

TUESDAY 22ND AUGUST
9AM-3PM - £24

***LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE**

Brookside is celebrating it's 50th Birthday this September!

All welcome to our Open afternoon,
on Friday 8th September 2023
from 2.00pm - 3.00pm

Brookside
Academy

50th Birthday!



Want to learn a musical instrument ?


FREE FIRST LESSON at Brookside school in September

 **Recorders**

 **Flute**

 **Saxophone**

 **Clarinet**

 **For more details contact
Mary Hooper (woodwind tutor)
mary.hooper@virgin.net
07732 948311**

Free Online Safety Discussion Guides



As parents and carers, we know that the world our children are growing up in is very different to the one we experienced. We also know they need our help to navigate it safely. Open conversations not only increase children's knowledge but also their willingness to come to us when they're worried.

Thorn's free Online Safety discussion guides are designed to 'help guide uncomfortable but critical conversations' and are aimed at children of all ages. Find them at: <https://parents.thorn.org/discussion-guides/>



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/minftec>.

- Parent advice & support
- Healthy lifestyles
- School transitioning
- Emotional health

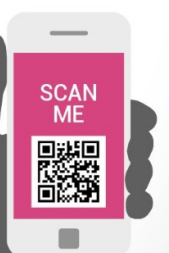


is your child 5-19 and are you looking for confidential help and support?

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

Family Fun Sessions!

At Street Library Gardens



**Free to Attend &
Open to Everyone**

**Music sessions
Arts and Crafts
Circus Skills
Story Telling**

**BBQ
Food and Drinks**

**Lots of Fun!
11am - 1pm**

All Children must be accompanied by an Adult for the duration of their stay and will remain the responsibility of that Adult at all times.

August dates:

Tues. 22nd

Wed. 23rd

Tues. 29th

Wed. 30th



Summer Reading Challenge 2023

Ready, Set, Read!

Presented by The Reading Agency.
Delivered in partnership with libraries.



8th July – 9th September



INSPIRING
ACTIVE
READERS

THE
READING
AGENCY

Sign up at your local library!



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.



@ Somerset Parent carer forum office,
Unit 2, 32 Goldcroft, Yeovil BA21 4DH




A brand new club for those creative kids who want to have fun



Where? The Scout Hut, Benedict Street, Glastonbury

When? Saturdays 10am - 11am

Cost? £4 per session (£20 per 6 sessions booked as a block) payable in advance.

How to register? Visit our Facebook page "Dawn's Arts and Crafts Den", email: Dawnsartsandcraftsden@gmail.com or call Dawn on 07702797133

STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths) in a fun, structured and creative environment

All staff DBS checked

The Loving Earth Project

Textile Art Exhibition responding to Climate Change



How can we express our love and concern for the planet?

17th-24th June	Taunton Quaker Meeting House
30th June & 1st July	Minehead Quaker Meeting House
7th & 8th July	Wincanton Quaker Meeting House
15th-23rd July	Street Quaker Meeting House
12th-20th Aug	Sherborne Abbey
22nd-30th Aug	Ilminster Minster and Library
Open times & venue details: www.lovingearthsomerset.co.uk	

Don't forget to register for Street's Holiday Bible Club, **Wonder Zone**: Mornings of fun for primary-aged children during the first week of the holidays, all without cost. See the Street Baptist Church website for further information and to download this year's colouring competition: www.streetbaptist.co.uk/wonder-zone



Forest School Days

We have two events coming up in the holidays. Booking is essential for both days and places are limited.

Date: Tuesday 25th July 10:30-2:30 Woodland Playscheme 8-12 years

Location: Hallr Wood, Charlton Mackrell, near Somerton.

£20/£15 siblings and concessions

This day is for 8-12 years, unaccompanied so children can be dropped off and left. If a child needs a carer to attend with them, that is also fine. We are also accepting a small number of confident under 8s. Please inquire for further information.

We will be offering a mixture of activities, including crafts, dens, pond dipping, hammocks, music and performance. We are delighted to be joined by Jem and Sharon, local story tellers, with their giant puppet 'Sovereign Nature'. Children will have the opportunity to collaborate and create with them and join in a procession. Part of this will be filmed as part of an Arts Council Project. Film and photo consent will be obtained beforehand for this.

Date: Wednesday 26th July 10:30-3:30 Wild Woodlanders 12yrs+

Location: Hallr Wood, Charlton Mackrell, near Somerton.

£20/ £15 siblings and concessions

This day is for 12 years plus, unaccompanied so children can be dropped off and left. If a child needs a carer to attend with them, that is also fine. We are also accepting a small number of 10 years +. Please inquire for further information.

We will be offering a mixture of activities, including bushcraft skills, camp fire cooking and the chance to be part of an exciting art installation.

Please contact me for booking form/ further info by emailing me at deb@wilderwoods.org.

Deb Millar

Project Lead Hallr Wood, Central Somerset Outdoor Learning Partnership, Registered Charity Number 1151284



Table Tennis Activity Camp

10am to 3pm on Wednesday the 23rd of August

At Ashcott Village Hall

Open To All Children Aged 7-11 years old

Learn Something new with
Qualified Coaching and Fun Games

Free for everybody

To Book a Place and get more information
Please Contact
Email: Samuellhughes@hotmail.co.uk
or Call: 07947 362829

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- ✓ Open to Beginners Now
- ✓ 2 Lessons Free Trial
- ✓ No hidden charges
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- ✓ Become Stronger
- ✓ Learn Real Self Defence Skills
- ✓ Build your Confidence
- ✓ Develop Self Discipline
- ✓ Improve your Balance, Coordination, Flexibility and Core Strength

Please Contact
Adam Brown - Club Instructor
For More Information.

07807604511

adambrowntaekwondo@outlook.com

STREET & GLASTONBURY

Tuesdays: 7 pm to 8 pm

Fridays: 6 pm to 7 pm

At Brookside Academy,
Street.

BRIDGWATER

Wednesdays: 7 pm - 8 pm

Sundays: 10 am - 11 am

At Bridgwater College
Academy
Sports Centre.



www.strode-college.ac.uk/he

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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



Calling all 8-11 year-olds!
Sign up today, at
dynamoscricet.co.uk



In partnership with the
University of Plymouth



The South West School of Dance
presents

Disney FROZEN JR.



July 22nd - 24th 2023
Strode Theatre, Street



The South West School of Dance cannot wait to bring another first to Strode Theatre this July with Disney's musical **FROZEN**.

This iconic show is based on the 2013 Disney film and the subsequent Broadway and West End productions. Come and see Elsa, Anna and all your favourite heart-warming characters as they embark on an epic ice-filled journey and discover the real meaning of true love.

This production includes all your favourite Frozen songs such as *Love is An Open Door*, *Do You Want To Build A Snowman* and the show-stopping *Let It Go* as well as wonderful new songs from the Broadway production.

The award-winning South West School of Dance regularly brings high-calibre performances to the Strode stage so do not miss this production showcasing 77 talented young performers who are sure to melt your heart.



LET'S SING!

24TH - 26TH JULY
FINISHING WITH A PERFORMANCE
AT THE MCMILLAN THEATRE, 6:30PM

MARK DE LISSER,
RENOWNED CHORAL
DIRECTOR, VOCAL
COACH AND ARRANGER
WILL LEAD PART OF THE SYS
SUMMER COURSE.
HIS WORK INCLUDES OUR
DEMENTIA CHOIR, THE VOICE &
THE MASKED SINGER



COST OF COURSE £60
50% REDUCTION

FOR SIBLINGS & PUPIL PREMIUM

SCAN TO TAKE PART



FOR MORE INFO VISIT
[HTTPS://SOMERSEFMUSIC.CO.UK/SYS-LETS-SING](https://somersefmusic.co.uk/sys-lets-sing)



Swim School

Book
a space
today!

Summer Crash Courses with Jemma

Date 7th-11th August

Cost : £30.00 for Five Days

Stage 1 8:30am-9:00Am Teaching pool

Beginner's 8+ 9:00Am-9:30Am Main Pool

Stage 2 9:30Am-10:00Am

Contact Strode Swimming pool 01458443918
Email : strode-sales@fusion-lifestyle.com

Ask at reception, call or go online for more details
fusion-lifestyle.com/swimschool

PERFORMING ARTS

Junior Stages: Reception - Year 3

24th - 28th July 2023 (9am-12:30pm)

Express yourself through song, dance and performance in this fun course!

£130
per child

Childcare voucher Accepted

BOOK NOW

+44 (0) 1458444320

www.millfieldenterprises.com/courses-and-activities/overview/performing-arts

Millfield Prep School
Glastonbury Campus
BA6 8LD

PERFORMING ARTS

Main Stages: Year 4 - Year 10

24th - 28th July 2023

Express yourself in a variety of creative workshops through singing, dancing, creating and performing!

£225
per child

Healthy Lunches Included
Childcare voucher Accepted

BOOK NOW

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Millfield Senior School
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MILLFIELD HOCKEY CAMPS WITH SUSANNAH TOWNSEND

JUNIOR CAMP (Ages 5-9)

Monday 31st July - Wednesday 2nd August
£189 per person (Non-Residential)

SENIOR CAMP (Ages 10-17)

Monday 7th August - Friday 11th August
Residential Option: £585 / Non Residential: £345

BOOK NOW

EMAIL: enterprises@millfieldschool.com
TEL: 01458 44320

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MILLFIELD
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BE A CHORISTER FOR A DAY

at Wells Cathedral



SATURDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2023

Wells Cathedral invites boys and girls between the ages of six and nine to come and meet the Choristers, find out about Chorister life, and sing at Cathedral Evensong

For more details, and to book your place, please contact: musicooffice@wellscathedral.org.uk



www.wells.cathedral.school



www.wellscathedral.org.uk



PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE 6 WEEKS SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2023



COURTESY OF MONEY SAVING CENTRAL

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

TESCO

Kids eat free with a purchase of 60p+ from Mon 24th July - Fri 1st September 2023

SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

TRAVELODGE

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays & up to 2 Kids get free breakfast with 1 adult breakfast

PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

MORRISONS

Spend £4.49 & get one free kids meal all day, every day.

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

BILLS

2 kids eat FREE all day, every day from Monday 24th July - Friday 1st Sept 2023

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

SA BRAINS PUBS

Children can eat for £1 with any adult main. Valid All Day Wednesdays

FUTURE INNS

Under 12's eat for free with any adult meal. During the school holidays

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

YO! SUSHI

From Mon 17th of July until Fri 11th of Aug kids eat free with every £10 adult spend

TO BE CONFIRMED...

M&S and Farmhouse Inns