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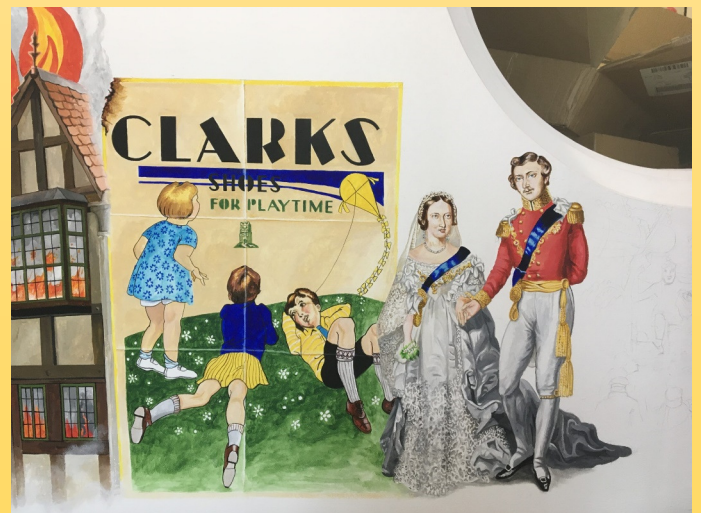
I want to start by saying how proud I am that Brookside has been shortlisted for the Time Educational Supplement (TES) Inclusive School of the Year award. In my 20 years of headship, I have never been prouder of a team and community that works its hardest to create something that is as unique and special as Brookside. It is not always easy, but we are the lucky ones as we see children across the Academy playing, laughing and learning together. Ask the children at Brookside and they will talk at length and with maturity about what inclusion means. They know that the lessons we learn from each other make us who we are. They know that the resilience, perseverance and compassion of others is something to admire and aspire to. It does not matter if we win the award or not. Being recognised nationally for such a prestigious award (the TES awards are the Oscars of education) means we are doing something that we should all be proud of. I thank you for your continued support in this.

I wanted to show you the brilliant art work by local artist Rick Franks who has been helping to bring our History Curriculum to life. He has illustrated the History timeline going up stairs to Key Stage 2. What is fascinating is his perspective on why he is using certain techniques, colours and the ideas behind them. We will be following this up with a written chronology which we hope will appear on the Academy website for next year.

I thought I would also update you on the MAT conversation with Bridgwater and Taunton Trust which is still on target for a September start date. When I last wrote out to you for any questions you may have, I did not receive any. If anyone is interested to understand more, I would be happy to talk to you about this, so please get in contact with the office and we can arrange something from there.

Yours sincerely,

Brian Walton



Champion of the Devon County Show!

Last weekend, Nancy from Orcas Class, attended the Devon County Show along with eight of her Dexter breed cows, called Rapunzel (pictured below with Nancy), Sid, Cassie, Oriana, Shilling, Sixpence, Princess and Pandora. Nancy's cows enjoy doing these shows, although she says they are very wriggly!

Nancy entered her Dexters into the Young Handlers Competition, where she won 1st place. In the Young Handler and Kids category, she won Overall Champion. She also won Overall Champion of Dairy!

What a fantastic achievement! As a treat for behaving so well and helping Nancy to win, she gave her Dexters some bread, which is a real treat for them!

Next Monday, Nancy is attending another show with her Dexters—good luck, Nancy; please let us know how you get on.





Gymnastics First!

On 21.4.24 Eden competed in Axis Gymnastics competition in Bristol. In the advanced 9 years age category she competed against 16 other gymnasts.

She successfully and flawlessly completed her floor routine and performed two fantastic vaults - coming 2nd on floor, 2nd on vault and finishing first overall.

She is so proud of her achievement, and has come a long way, building her confidence to compete.

Well done, Eden, for such a fantastic achievement! Please keep us posted about your progress.

Swimming Success!

Kiah-Nevaeh Lloyd-Carter achieved X2 bronze medals in breast stroke and butterfly.

Kiah-Nevaeh took part in her Street and District Swim Club gala on Tuesday evening. She is so proud and has asked us to share her achievements with you all.

Well done Kiah-Nevaeh and thank you for sharing your news with us all!





Filip won a fabulous silver medal at the county championships in Jujitsu and Josh competed in his Karate club championships and earned a brilliant competitors medal.



Sporting Success!

Kangaroos have enjoyed some sporting successes recently. Charlie Grove has excelled in rugby gaining medals for rugby tournaments and being voted 'Parent's Player of the Season' - Well done Charlie. Milo put in a fantastic performance at the Somerset County Championships gaining a bronze medal in the 600m - Brilliant Milo.



Filip from Kangaroos has had a brilliant few weeks, also coming second in the Inter-area cross country competition - well done Filip.

Wellbeing Matters



Welcome to the May edition of Wellbeing Matters!

After a cold start, Spring is pushing through into summer and the countryside is looking fantastic.

It's a great time of year to get outside and explore and we are very fortunate to live in an area so rich in nature and countryside. This website has hundreds of walks with maps to download. www.alltrails.com If you type in where you live into the search, it will give you some great ideas to enjoy as a family.

Our local nature reserves are also a great option with miles of traffic free paths to explore. Just head to [Home | Somerset Wildlife Trust](#) click nature reserves and type in your postcode to find your nearest reserves. There's also a what's on section with special events.

If two wheels are more your thing then you can't go far wrong with [A Guide to Cycling the Strawberry Line with Kids - Somerset Family Adventures](#)



You can access it and park at Cheddar reservoir and from there, it's up to you how far you explore!

As part of our PSHE regular learning through the SCARF scheme, the children received a visit from the Lifebus in the last week of term with extra special sessions to enhance and enrich the teaching they have in school. Children from nursery to year 6 had a session which built on and deepened their knowledge of how to look after themselves, keep themselves safe, make good choices, form strong friendships, resist pressure and be the best they can be.





Our first star is **Casper from Hummingbirds**. Casper is one of those people who is always willing to cheer others up with a smile and a joke which means he's a good person to have around as laughter is the best medicine for health and wellbeing – thanks, Casper!

Our next star is----- **Molly from Pandas**.

Molly showed incredible resilience during SATs week with the most methodical checking of her papers I have ever seen; she kept calm with her anxiety ring and made lots of little stars to give out to her friends to encourage and motivate them too.

This kind of resilience is impressive and, combined with her kindness to others makes, her a real star!



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, Wellbeing Lead

What we've been up to recently ...

Nursery—Nature Walks, Fairy Cakes, The Three Little Pigs ...



In the baby room we have been making the most of the weather and exploring the school grounds. We have been to the Forest School area; the pirate ship; humps and bumps and found some cows in the nearby fields. Within the room we have been exploring sensory play with shaving foam; construction; hiding items in ice; slime; mud; sand and lots of water play. The babies have also enjoyed lots of adult led activities, such as bucket; parachute; scarf dancing and ice cream splat.

Over the last few weeks the Toddlers have enjoyed lots of outside play and exploration, enjoying the sunshine.

Some of the 2 year olds went on a Spring Nature walk to see what animals we could see and hear. We found, cows, sheep, dogs and birds.

Some of the 3 year olds decorated fairy cakes. We chose which colour icing we wanted to use, and added sprinkles on the top.

We have enjoyed reading and exploring activities around traditional tales, including The Three Little Pigs, Jack and The Beanstalk and Goldilocks and The Three Bears.

Some of the children have started to explore a little bit of French. We have watched and listened to a French greeting song, as well as traditional Nursery Rhymes that we know, but sung in French.

This term in the Preschool room the children have been exploring a wide range of interest areas to support their learning and development. The children took part in a whizz, pop, bang session of Rainbow bubbles at the start of term, which they thoroughly enjoyed and all participated in really well. The children have been learning about people who help us; focussing on our emotions; carrying out activities based on pirates and the seaside; planting seeds and understanding why we need to take care of our environment. The children have also been carrying out activities to extend their knowledge around shapes, numbers and colours. The children are showing a real interest in identifying and writing their names, so this has been a big focal point lately. Our daily phonics sessions where we have implemented the sound of the week, has been a big hit with the children gaining new knowledge and putting this into practice within their play. A brand-new session of playdough gym has also become a real success, with the children joining in enthusiastically. A group of Pre-School children enjoyed a visit from Reverend Rachel in the Early Years room. The children sat beautifully, listening intently whilst joining in with the activity provided. It was a lovely session and a great way to introduce Early Years to the children moving up in September.



Early Years—SCARF, Oliver Jeffers, Beep Beep day and more ...

On Monday this week we enjoyed a visit from Harold the Giraffe. He is from Coram Life Education – SCARF – Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience, Friendship.

SCARF provides a whole school approach to children's physical and mental health and wellbeing.

Our workshop included learning about what keeping healthy means; different ways to keep healthy, the different parts of our body. How physical activity helps us to stay healthy; and ways to be physically active every day. The Importance of sleep and different ways to rest and relax and simple hygiene routines that can help stop germs from spreading.

We regularly engage in other SCARF lessons throughout the year as part of our Knowledge and Skills lessons.

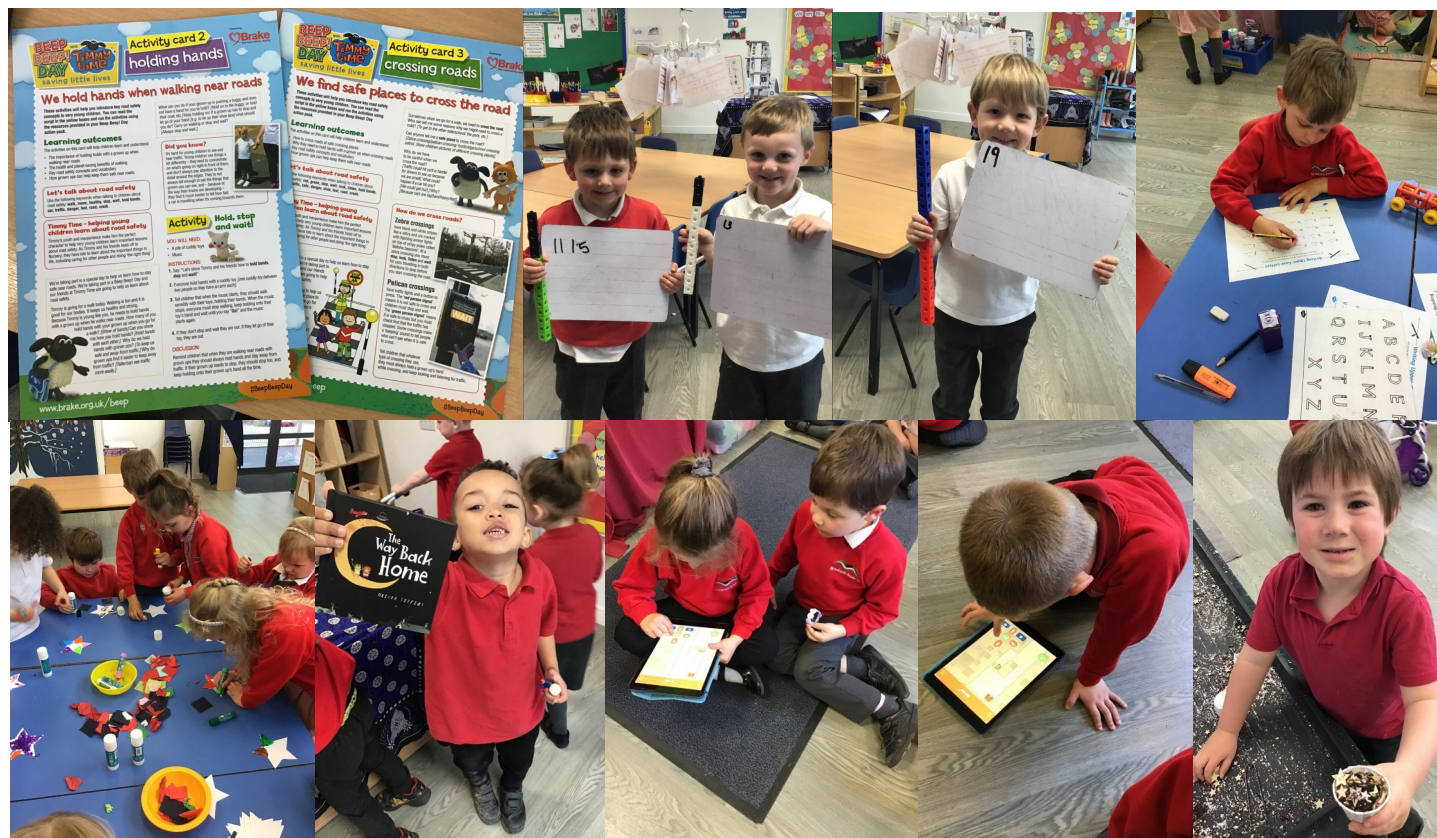


Early Years have enjoyed listening to various Oliver Jeffers stories. We decorated our own star (that we pretended to have caught!) in skills with Mrs Redman.

We also had 'Beep Beep' day. This was a day organised by the charity Brake to raise awareness of road safety with very young children. The children learnt about the importance of travelling in a car seat and also the importance of holding an adult's hand when crossing a road.

Mrs Savva helped the children to learn the early skilling of coding, using the Code-a-pillar app on the iPads.

Amongst other things in Maths, we have looked at numbers 11 – 20 and one of our Bee Challenge activities was practising writing the alphabet in capital letters.



Early Years—Pizza Express and Haynes Motor Museum ...

Crocodiles enjoyed a fantastic visit to Pizza Express. We learnt how to make a crust on our pizza base before adding toppings. Our pizzas only took 3 minutes to cook in the big oven! We are very excited to try them! The other key groups will also visit Pizza Express throughout the Summer term.



Early Years enjoyed a wonderful trip to Haynes Motor Museum recently. We set off on the coach from school and we were all very excited. We split into our key groups and went for a tour around the cars in the museum. We got to try sitting in a few of them. Some cars were very old and some very new. We saw a mini that had been cut in half to allow us to see the engine parts. There was one room full of only red cars. It was a good job we had our Hi-Viz jackets on or we may have blended in completely in our school jumpers!

We were able to put together small cars in the education centre workshop. This was really fun!

After lunch we had some time to play in the lovely outdoor play area and re-visit the museum if we wanted to. All too soon, it was time to return to school on the coach. Many of us fell asleep on the journey....but we had a fantastic day and made lots of amazing memories with friends.



Year 1—Trip to Puxton Park ...

Wow what a day!

We had such a fantastic time with your children in the wonderful sunshine meeting so many different animals.

The children were incredibly brave and fed ponies, alpacas, sheep, goats and zebras. We also met reindeer, emus, a woolly pig and piglets, meerkats, monkeys, a very vocal parrot, porcupines, rabbits, guinea pigs and several different sizes of cows. We all loved the bumpy tractor ride and particularly enjoyed having a chance to play in the sun after our lunch.



Year 2—Slime, Gustav, Holst and ‘Pizza’ Fractions ...

We were so lucky to have a ‘Crazy Chemist’ visit us. She taught us all about PH scale and which colour we should be looking for to see if liquids are safe. Can you remember which one it was?

We wore safety goggles and tested 6 different liquids to determine whether they were acids, alkalis or completely neutral and therefore safe for us.

However, the most exciting part was getting to make our own slime! We stirred and stirred, mixing until we didn’t think we could mix any more. Our little pots went from a liquid to sticky and attached to all of our fingers!



In Maths, we have looked at fractions, recognising that the whole is the total (the whole pizza) and a part is a fraction of this amount (a slice of pizza, regardless of size). We are awesome at finding a half of something and have also looked at quarters. We share the total amount (whole) between four boxes, making sure each box gets an equal amount. Then we count just 1 of those boxes. Can you tell someone at home what the top and bottom numbers of the fraction are called?

In English, we went on our Pirate adventure! We were asked to help find the gruesome, scariest pirate of all. We wrote detailed descriptions including expanded noun phrases to help with the search, remembering that the more information we gave the easier it would be to find them.

Our puppets are coming along beautifully. We have painted the heads and sewn their outfits! We cannot wait for you to see them!

This term we combined our Music and Computing. We listened to some amazing music written by Gustav Holst and were brilliant at giving our opinions, whether positive or negative. We looked at creating a rhythm with a partner. We used percussion instruments initially and then continued to create upon Chrome Music Lab online. I know the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves as they have all asked if we can do that lesson again!

Thank you all for your support in the transition to Emile for spellings. We really hope this will encourage the children to learn them each week.



Year 3— Trip to Lyme Regis ...

Year 3 had a wonderful school trip to Lyme Regis beach, the home of Mary Anning. After an educational talk about the types of fossils found in Lyme, the children became paleontologists and searched for their own. The weather was fantastic and everyone that went had an amazing day. We were very proud of all the children.



Year 4—Fizz Pop Science and Magdalene Environmental Trust ...

We have had a very busy and exciting time in Year 4! We were thrilled to welcome a scientist from Fizz Pop. We had a session to learn how to be crazy chemists! Using a universal pH tester, we explored the acidity and alkaline content of different liquids and then we mixed a few of those substances together and created some slime. It was messy work mixing all of the ingredients together but everyone really enjoyed it and were thrilled to have a pot of slime to take home.

We also enjoyed going on our brilliant school trip to Magdalene Environmental Trust. Here we got to explore in the river Axe. We caught living things from the river bed and used classification keys to work out what they were. We measured lots of other information from the river as well such as the width, depth and speed. We all enjoyed the chance to carry out this field work. As well as this, we learnt more about habitats and food chains by playing games and completing different activities.



Year 5– Fizz Pop Science and Crumble Kits ...

Thank you to FOB!

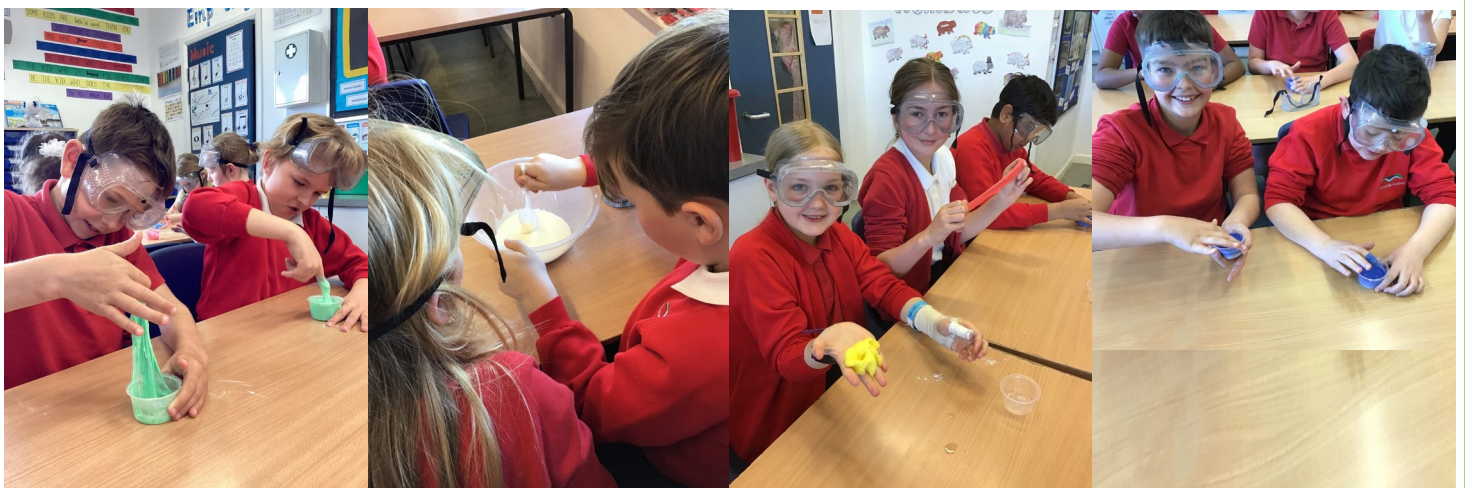
Year 5 would like to say a great big 'THANK YOU' to FOB who have very kindly provided them with class Crumble kits. We are so excited to have these so that we can work on our coding, and problem-solving our algorithms, in our computing lessons.



We were lucky enough to have some fantastic scientists visit us from Fizz Pop Science. On Thursday they visited us in our classes and spoke to us about states of matter. Luckily, we already knew lots about this topic from our Science lessons in the Autumn term! We discussed the different states of matter and the fact that materials can go through processes that make them change state. Then the scientist demonstrated something a little bit different to us. We watched as she mixed cornflour with water and we learnt that this mixture is known as a 'Non-Newtonian Fluid'. The cornflour and water make a thick mixture that pours like a liquid, but when force is applied to it, for example trying to mix the liquid, it becomes hard. We all had a go at mixing the mixture and letting it drip off of the spoon. We concluded our workshop by making our very own pot of slime that you probably have at home now! It was really interesting watching our gloopy glue mixture begin to get thicker and thicker as we added bicarbonate of soda and an activator to create our slime! It was a brilliant workshop thoroughly enjoyed by all!

In our weekly Science lessons, we have begun looking at the life cycles of animals. Recently, we learnt about the life cycle of a chicken, from an egg to an adult. We learnt that the eggs we buy in the shop haven't been fertilised, so we don't have to worry about eating a baby chicken. Then, to better understand what the inside of an egg looks like, we cracked some open! We compared our cracked egg to a diagram and tried to identify the different parts.

We're really excited to be having weekly Forest School sessions this term on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Our first session focused on learning the ground rules for Forest School and we are looking forward to what we'll learn over the coming term.



Year 6 SATs Breakfasts and Playground Friends ...

Wow! Wow! Wow! Our Year 6 are officially amazing!

We've done it!!

What a week last week was and what an incredible bunch of children, who faced the week with positivity, determination and courage!

I could wax lyrical about them for many more paragraphs, but I think the pictures speak for themselves. The children have loved the breakfasts and over the week, some of them ate their own body-weight in bananas and toast, and the buzz in the hall was fantastic, as they got themselves prepared for the tests ahead!

Great work Year 6...now relax and get ready for Okehampton!



Year 6 excelled themselves as they introduced the new Playground Friends Equipment in the Key Stage 2 Assembly.

The group rehearsed responsibly beforehand to make sure that their delivery was slick and so that they would be prepared for any questions that might come their way!

Well done Year 6!



Dates for your Diary—Summer Term 2:

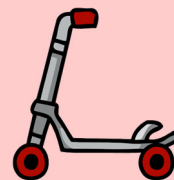
23.05.24 Year 1 Sharing Assembly 14:45-15:10 (letter to follow)
24.05.24 FOB Non-Uniform day for all—in exchange for donations for the Summer Fair
27-31.05.24 HALF-TERM HOLIDAY
03.06.24 Children return to School
03-07.06.24 Koalas and Pandas Residential visit to YHA Adventure Okehampton
03.06.24 The Willows Specialist Provision Interactive Animal Experience
06.06.24 Early Years' Sharing Assembly 14:45-15:10
12.06.24 The Willows Specialist Provision Rotary Kids Out to Longleat
12.06.24 Fire Service visit in for Year 2 and 5
12.06.24 Early Years visiting Pizza Express
13.06.24 Sports Day
15.06.24 FOB Summer Fair 14:00-18:00
17.06.24 Some Year 6 children attending Somerset Children's Parliament
19-21.06.24 Bikeability for Year 6
20.06.24 September 2024 New Intake Parents' meeting 17:45-18:30
25.06.24 1st Reserve Sports Day (letter to follow)
28.06.24 INSET Day—School and Nursery closed
01-05.07.24 Creative Week
01.07.24 Summer Term Governors' Awards Assembly 14:40-15:10
02-04.07.24 HSBC Money Sense sessions
08.07.24 1st September 2024 New Intake 'Stay & Play' session 13:45-14:45
10.07.24 RNLI Water Safety Assembly for Early Years and Year 1
11.07.24 2nd Reserve Sports Day
11.07.24 Year 6 Leavers' concert 18:00-19:00 (letter to follow)
15.07.24 2nd September 2024 New Intake 'Stay & Play' session 13:45-14:45
16.07.24 Year 5 trip to 'We The Curious'
17.07.24 Early Years visiting Pizza Express
17.07.24 Woodwind Group Assembly for Early Years to Year 5
19.07.24 Children's End of Year Reports out to Parents and Carers
22.07.24 All Year 6 Swimming at Greenbank Pool
23.07.24 'Moving-up' session children to spend time in their new classes, with their new teachers)
23.07.24 End of year House Celebration
24.07.24 Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 13:45-15:15 (letter to follow)
25.07.24 to 02.09.24 SUMMER HOLIDAYS
03.09.24 & 04.09.24 INSET Days—School and Nursery closed

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

'NO SCOOTERS' REMINDER

We would like to remind you that we **DO NOT** allow children to ride their scooters (or bicycles) anywhere on our Academy site—there are notices to this effect on our pedestrian gates. Increasingly, we see children riding scooters on our Nursery path; including when parents and children are queueing along the path for morning drop-off and end of day pick-up—please refrain from doing this, as it is dangerous. If scooters (and bikes) must be brought onto site then please dismount outside the Academy and walk them onto site. If they need to be left on site, they should be secured in our bike/scooter shelter at the front of the school or they can also be left in the storage container outside the Nursery door.

Thank you for your help with this serious matter.



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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| | 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

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| 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 |

Brookside Sports Timetable 2023-2024

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 9.00-10.30 | Specialist Provision x 4 slots (9.00-9.45) (9.45-10.30) | Year 3 | | Nursery | Swimming |
| 10.30-12.00 | (10.30-11.15) (11.15-12.00) | 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



Carrier 7:50 AM

Cancel Reporting Sick Post

What seems to be the problem with Michelle?

She's in bed with me

Tell Hogwarts she's o measles

Absence Guidance

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 Council school, whose parents or carers receive any of the following are entitled to free school meals:

- Income Support (IS)
- Employment and Support Allowance (Income Related)
- Universal Credit with an annual household income of less than £7400 after tax
- Income-based Job Seekers Allowance (IBJSA)
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit, with an annual taxable income (as assessed by HMRC) of less than £16,190



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.

In addition to these thresholds, families must hold no more than £16,000 in capital and savings.

- 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 Entitlements Team, County Hall, 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/children-families-and-education/school-life/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 2024.

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@simms.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.

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. Vosene 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

www.nhs.uk

If you require further support please contact our Medical Lead, Mrs Clair Hughes, either via the Academy Office or email office@brooksideacademy.co.uk



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.

Should my child go to school/nursery today?

<https://nhssomerset.nhs.uk/my-health/parent-zone/?#7>

Do I need to keep my child off school?



Chicken Pox

Until all spots have crusted over

Conjunctivitis

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

Diarrhoea & Vomiting

48 hours from last episode

Glandular Fever

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

Hand, foot & mouth

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

Impetigo

Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after starting antibiotics

Measles or German Measles

4 days from onset of rash

Mumps

5 days from onset of swelling

Scabies

Until after first treatment

Scarlet Fever

24 hours after starting antibiotics

Slapped Cheek

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

Whooping Cough

48 hours after starting antibiotics

Flu or Covid-19

Until recovered

Head Lice

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

Threadworms

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

Tonsillitis

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed





Talking to your child about their online experiences is the best way to stay informed and address any problems that may arise. To help with this, parental controls are settings that let you decide what your child can see online. Along with privacy settings, they help keep children safe from things like inappropriate content, cyberbullying, and online dangers.

Internet Matters provide this very useful set of step by steps guides, which help parents understand controls for the devices you have at home:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls>

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Coffee Session

Thursday 23rd May 5:30 - 7:00pm

Please join us at school for a coffee and a chat.

This session is for parents of young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.

We will be joined by Somerset Parent Carer Forum, who will provide an update about the new Autism in School project happening in Somerset.





Street & Glastonbury Group Dates

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|--------|------|---------|----------------|
| Friday | 19th | January | 10:00 to 12:00 |
| Friday | 15th | March | 10:00 to 12:00 |
| Friday | 19th | April | 10:00 to 12:00 |
| Friday | 17th | May | 10:00 to 12:00 |
| Friday | 21st | June | 10:00 to 12:00 |
| Friday | 19th | 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.

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



@ Brewers Fayre,
Morland Rd, Glastonbury,
BA6 9FW



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.

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If you would like to drop off at another time
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Alternatively, email gemma.ruffle@somerset.gov.uk or call 07855 285464 to make a
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Drop in club for families who have a child / young person with a disability and / or additional need. Siblings are welcome.

Activities include:

- Arts and crafts
- Outside play area
 - Bike riding
- Indoor games
- Sensory activities
 - Lego

All parents/carers must be in attendance with children.

No need to book, just turn up!



The Mendip School

Edmond Rack Road, Prestleigh,
Shepton Mallet, Somerset,
BA4 4FZ.

2023

16th September, 14th October,
18th November and 9th
December

2024

13th January, 10th February,
9th March, 27th April, 18th May
and 15th June.

£3 per child
Maximum charge £6 per family

For more information, please email
CIATeam@somerset.gov.uk



19 - 23 August 2024

Ages 7 - 13

This week-long residential camp at Wells Cathedral School, features activity classes,

group fun and clan games, run by our exceptional and dedicated staff.

One fee covers everything, including an excursion to Mill on the Brue for adventurous activities and non-stop fun.

Book before 29 Feb 2024 and Receive 25% off the Full Fee of £525





It all starts with... **ALL STARS CRICKET**

All Stars Cricket is the best cricket experience for **5-8 year-olds**

All kids are guaranteed to develop **new skills** while **having fun** and **making friends**

Participants receive a **personalised t-shirt**

Sign up today at allstarscricket.co.uk




DYNAMO'S CRICKET

This is our game.

Calling all 8-11 year olds!

Whether a graduate from All Stars or new to the sport, Dynamo's Cricket is an exciting way for kids to **play, learn** cricket skills and make **new friends**.

Participants receive a personalised New Balance shirt with their name and chosen number.

Sign up today



dynamoscricicket.co.uk

Compton Dundon Cricket Club

All Stars Cricket provides boys and girls from 5-8 years old with non-stop fun. The activity and game based programme is suitable for all skill levels, providing your child with the foundations to begin a lifelong love of physical activity and cricket, while making friends in a safe and enjoyable environment.

Fri 10 May - Fri 28 Jun 2024

18:00 - 18:45 5-8 years old

Dynamo's Cricket provides boys and girls from 8-11 years old with non-stop fun. Each week there will be a focus on a different cricket skill to build their confidence and ability, before they take part in a 60-ball countdown cricket match.

Dynamo's Cricket will help grow your child's love of the game, and will give them the opportunity to socialise and make friends in a safe environment.

Fri 10 May - Fri 28 Jun 2024

8:00 - 19:00 8-11 years old

Did you know parents and guardians can get involved and play cricket with their children too? It's a great way to spend time with your child and create memories that will last a lifetime. Parent activators (helpers) will support the fully accredited lead Activator in delivering the sessions, supporting and encouraging children as they learn new skills. It's completely optional and you do not need to be a cricket expert to be involved.

Your Activator is Greg Jones

For more information about your All Stars session contact Greg Jones.

Contact Details

T: 07976 539907 E: greg@mor-cott.co.uk

Book here - <https://ecb.clubspark.uk/AllStars/SearchResults?Location=TA11+6PE>



Forest & Farm Club

Holiday sessions at Core Creative
Education Environmental
Education Centre

When – Tues 28th & Weds 29th May 2024

Where – Limemead Farm, Halstock Dorset BA22 9QU

Time – 10am-3pm

Cost – £30 per child, per day (£20 siblings)

Somerset Discount £15 per child, per day (siblings £12.50)

Email office@coreprojects.org.uk to book

Tel – 01935 891248

- Animals
- Forest School
- Seasonal Crafts
- Campfires
- Woodlands Explore
- Games & Activities



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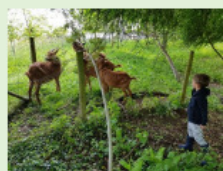
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In June – first two sessions are free!

www.streetjudo.com / info@streetjudo.com



Street Squash
& Racketball Club



Victoria Club
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- Did you know that there are 4 squash courts at the Victoria Club in Street?
- Squash offers a fun sporting alternative for our Juniors and is available all year round
- Exclusive use of the courts is available to our Junior Section between 10:00 and 12:00 Saturday mornings
- Parent and child taster sessions, practice sessions and coaching is available during the above times
- Club membership is available for parent and child sessions outside of these times via our court booking system
- If you would like to have a look at our facilities or wish to try a taster session, please contact the Street Squash & Racketball Club:

victoriasquashstreet@gmail.com

Family Holiday Activities

EXPLORE • CREATE • DISCOVER

Seasonal fun for all the family in school holidays!

Peace and Harmony

Tuesday 28 to Thursday 30 May 2024

in the Wells Cathedral Education Room

10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. / 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.

Get stuck in with our creative workshops for children inspired by Peter Walker's stunning Peace Doves installation:

Build a Dove Tuesday 28 May

Construct a dove toy with moveable wings, and create a painting with fingerprints

Birds on the Wing Wednesday 29 May

Create bird art inspired by local artist, Caroline Byrne

Sensory Play and Mindful Crafts Thursday 30 May

Make a windmill to take home – and breathe!

Before your craft session, pick up a free Activity Sheet and explore what peace means to you as you wander beneath thousands of paper doves in the Cathedral Nave.

Write a message to hang on our Peace Tree and go 'bird spotting' in Caroline Byrne's exhibition, 'Birds on the Wing'.

Find out more at wellscathedral.org.uk/holidays

Admission: FREE*

No need to book—just turn up on the day!

Please note: Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult and only assistance dogs are allowed at our family activities.

**Included with a valid Cathedral ticket or admission pass—all under 18s go free.*

Summer Schools

Razzamataz Theatre Schools Yeovil invite you to take part in 'School's Out!' - a fun filled week packed with Street Dance, Commercial Pop, Musical Theatre extracts and prop making. PLUS the opportunity to perform for your family & friends at the end of the week!

10am-1pm for ages 4-7, 10am to 4pm for ages 8-16

10% early booking discount prior to 31st May 2024
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yeovil@razzamataz.co.uk
To book or for more information



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and close Friday 7th June 2024



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