

03 October 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

EARLY YEARS EDUCATIONAL VISITS IN.

We are planning an Early Years 'Activity Week' commencing on **Monday 15th June 2026**. The aim of the week is to provide the children with an exciting opportunity to learn about animals through engaging and interacting with a few different mammals, amphibians and reptiles. The children will build the all-important senses of connection, empathy and caring.

This will also be a great opportunity for children to develop their Communication and Language skills through learning new vocabulary in a different context and ask questions to find out more and check they understand what has been said to them. The week will help consolidate our prior learning from Spring Term A about 'Amazing Animals'.

The school week will continue with the same timetable as normal (including Wednesday Sport). The children do not need to bring anything different to school. We will continue to change reading books, check reading words and swap sharing books as normal. There will hopefully be some other exciting activities on offer during this week, but details of these will be sent out nearer the time.

We have arranged for two separate visitors to come in on the Tuesday and Thursday of the activity week. Friends of Brookside have very kindly offered to fund one of the visits and we are asking for parents to make a voluntary contribution to cover the cost of the other.

Financial Arrangements

- Parents are asked to make a voluntary contribution of **£6.34** towards the cost. Payment is via ARBOR. Please note, although this is called a 'voluntary contribution' we regret that the visit cannot go ahead unless all costs are covered. Payment should be made by **Tuesday 5th May 2026** at the latest.
- In the event of the visit in not taking place parents will receive a refund.

The school retains the following rights:

- to withdraw any pupil at any stage from the above visit if deemed necessary
- to make changes to the above details subject to conditions
- to cancel the visit should contributions not be forthcoming and sufficient funds are not received to meet the cost of the trip/activity

Insurance

Brookside Academy only provides cover against proven or agreed negligence by the academy and its employees. Parents may wish to make their own insurance arrangements for personal accident cover for their children.

Medical Needs

If your child has medical needs affecting him/her during the visit in please inform the class teachers in person or in writing, providing details. Should there be any enquiries regarding the visits in please contact the Academy Office.

Should there be any enquiries regarding the day please contact the school and we will do our best to help.

Yours sincerely



Brian Walton