



Brookland Junior School News



Friday 5th September 2025

This week:

So lovely to see everyone back together. I hope you had a peaceful and healthy Summer break and maybe time to relax and enjoy friends, family and a good book!

We have had a super start to the new school year with our fabulous children already impressing their teachers with their great attitude and their commitment to being the Best they can Be in their learning and their kindness. Thank you for your support enabling such a smooth start to the year with uniform, equipment, punctuality and your friendliness, especially welcoming new families to our school. We have had a great time learning and playing together again and rebuilding our teamwork skills. Here is 6L trying out some team building races on the playground and 5AM taking on the spaghetti tower group challenge!



Year 3 have been absolutely delightful company and settled very quickly into the Junior School. All the staff have loved getting to know every one of you! Thank you to year 6 for taking on the responsibility of being buddies for year 3, helping them to build relationships and confidence.

"Being a buddy made me feel very responsible and proud to be Year 6." Anya 6D *"It was fun being a buddy: I could play with my friends as well as other children."* Lucas 6D *"It was nice watching Year 3 settle into the Junior School."* Yasmine 6D *"I liked my buddy because she was fun and interesting to talk to."* Emily 6D *"After a bit of time, it felt a bit like my buddy was a sibling."* Nouriel 6D *"I liked to teach one of my buddies English (as she didn't know much yet)"* Eleni 6D *"I liked talking to my buddy."* Sammy 6D *"I like my buddy because she was always happy."* Kylie 6D *"I liked having a buddy because it reminds me of being in Year 2."* Lara 6D *"I really enjoyed playing with my buddy because he is one of my brother's friends so I got to play with my buddy and my brother."* Presely 3SH *"My friend and I joined together with our buddies, they were very kind. We were chatting lots!"* Marli 3SH *"Me & my buddy and all of his friends played kingpin. It was great fun. We talked about 'Grow a Garden' game. I can't wait to play with him again!"* Kaivy 3SH. *"It was really nice getting to know them and to see how the Junior School worked. It was great to meet your Buddy on the first day as it re introduced us to the playground. I enjoyed playing King Pin with my Buddy. When we read with our buddies in the infants it really helped us to know the buddy well and to see how they read in the Juniors. Playing on the first day really helped me to settle in."* Ilona and Shane 3G

Good News:

A huge thank you to Alison, Miladdin and the team at Barnet for our new roof on the school hall and to the new roofing contractors for managing to complete the projects in time for the new school year. Thank you also to Barnet for replacing the sagging old wall with this smart new one.





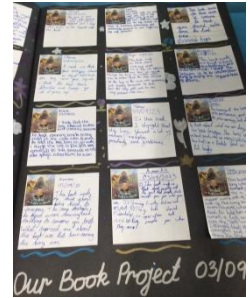
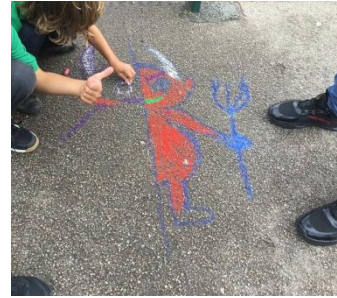
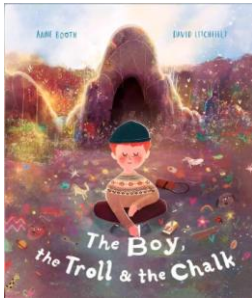
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Also This Week:

The whole school have been studying a wonderful picture book, "The Boy, The Troll and the Chalk" this week using it to think about our Brookland Values and the Zones of Regulation. It helped us to explore themes of friendship, tolerance, acceptance and kindness, to consider how we show empathy and support for others and to develop our questioning skills. Every class is enjoying making a display of the troll's cave, creating outside chalk artwork and recording our ideas in our class Thinking Books.



End of The Day Arrangements:

You should have received an email today asking you to please let us know about your child's arrangements for the end of each school day. Please would you return this as soon as you can so we can make sure everyone gets to the right place smoothly.

End of Day Arrangements 2025-26



Independent Travellers: If your child travels to school on their own, please contact Mrs Lake for an independent traveller form so we can prioritise checking these children have arrived safely each day.



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School Lunches:

We are fortunate in London that the Mayor of London continues to fund school meals for all Key Stage 2 pupils for this academic year. Most of our children are having a free hot school lunch every day provided by our catering company Olive Dining and some children choose to bring a lunch from home. Mrs Lake oversees all lunch arrangements so do contact her with any questions. welfare@brooklandjnr.barnetmail.net. To ensure our caterers cook the right amount of food, we ask that children eat either packed lunch or a school lunch every day from this Monday onwards. If they would like to change after that they will need to wait until half term to change by contacting Mrs Lake.



Attendance:

We are proud that our pupil attendance is above national attendance statistically because our children enjoy school, our families value education highly and work with us when there are any issues. We have a number of class rewards for both punctuality and attendance over the year. Legally, the key statement in attendance regulations is this:

"Where parents decide to have their child registered at school, they have an additional legal duty to ensure their child attends that school regularly. This means their child must attend every day that the school is open, except in a small number of allowable circumstances such as being too ill to attend or being given permission for an absence in advance from the school."

Good attendance is attendance above 96%. That is attending school for at least 183 days out of 190 in the school year. You can find our parent guide to attendance on our website here: [Brookland Junior School - Policies](#)

Breakfast Club:

We are excited to welcome Brookland Junior School children to Breakfast Club which is now open every weekday morning from 7:45am. The Breakfast Club is open to all Junior School pupils for £5.00 per session. There is no need to book in advance.



Parents Association AGM Friday 12th September 9am in the Hall:

Last school year, our friendly, enthusiastic and creative PA organised fun events for our children such as pyjama movie night, discos and our fabulous Winter Fair. They also coordinated successful bid writing and wider fundraising for our school resources through their charitable status. The money raised was used to replace our interactive whiteboard and classroom PC for all 12 classes, to replace the table tennis tables on the top playground, to replace the toilet door on the top playground, to provide resources for gardening club and to employ a learning mentor. For this school year 2025 26 the PA have committed the last of their current funds to begin a new project to develop the fenced off playground and wellbeing area on the lower playground.

This work has already begun in the holidays with a new fence in place and initial work towards making this area safe and fun to use again. Our children now need your help to complete repairs for this area and choose and install new large equipment. This is the PA's main project this year as well as to fulfil their usual commitments like purchasing The Week Junior for each class and supporting individual pupils to afford the year 6 residential trip.

Please do come to the PA Annual General Meeting to see how you can help.



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Gold Star Book:

Year 6 have already been creating some beautifully presented and imaginative poems. These ones by Robin, Sofia and Ali were awarded Gold Star today.



Science Club:

We had an exciting afternoon assembly today with Dr Alina Chakraborty who runs Stem Dorado Science Club. This new after school club will take place in the 4JS classroom on a Thursday as a paid club. Dr Alina Chakraborty is a scientist who also creates a highly recommended online magazine. Here is a message from her:

"I am delighted to share the 10th Volume of STEM Dorado Science, themed around Artificial Intelligence (AI)! This issue features hands-on experiments, puzzles, inspiring stories from real researchers, and highlights from our collaborators: UCL, Oxford University, BiFoR (Birmingham University), VaxHub, IOP, and the Royal Institution: <https://online.fliphtml5.com/dqwze/gahh/>. You can access the back issues too. My club is also run at several local schools."



Next week:

Tuesday 9th September 9am: Year 4 Meet the Teachers for parents in the hall

Wednesday 10th September 9am: Year 3 Meet the Teachers for parents in the hall

Thursday 11th September: School photographer in all day for individual photographs. **Sibling Photos** available before school in the hall from **8am**

Friday 12th September 9am in the hall: Parents Association Annual General Meeting- all welcome

Further ahead:

Tuesday 16th September 9am: Year 6 Meet the Teachers for parents in the hall

Wednesday 17th September 9am: Year 5 Meet the Teachers for parents in the hall

For full list of dates planned so far this term, please see our calendar attached.



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Dr Bike:

The free Dr Bike sessions will be run by qualified bicycle mechanics. Members of the public can take along their bicycles to have a free, full safety check, which includes the condition of tyres, rims, gears, brake function and tyre pressure and adjustments can be made if required, all for free.

Location Name	Location Description	Date	Time
Finchley, Lodge Lane car park	Yellow chevrons immediately to the right of the entrance to the Car Park (opposite NL Auction Rooms N12 8JH)	10 September 2025	4pm to 7pm
Temple Fortune	By Bike racks outside entrance to M&S Food Hall at 820 Finchley Road, NW11 6XL	17 September 2025	4pm to 7pm