



Brookland Junior School News



Friday 12th December 2025

Winter Fair is TOMORROW! 13th December 12pm-4pm

THANK YOU to our AMAZING PA team and their families for their huge efforts preparing a wonderful Brookland Winter Fair. Thank you for all you, our fabulous parents, have already done to donate, help organise, cook, buy raffle tickets, promote our biggest school event of the year and make sure you can be here at this busy time of year. The children and the teachers are very excited and I know we will all have a brilliant time together tomorrow! Choir and Pop Choir have polished their performances, year 6 have been working hard preparing their stalls, Santa has wrapped his presents, the jolly jars are seriously creative and unique, the school looks gorgeous, the marquee is very intriguing and all we need is to have FUN and raise lots of funds to move forward with our playground rejuvenation project and support all the regular PA contributions to our children's school experience eg crackers for Christmas lunch, The Week Junior Magazine, making sure all our year 6 can go on our residential

<https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/event/winter-fair-2025-brookland-junior-school> See you tomorrow!!



This Week:

This Wednesday, at Brookland we celebrated an RE Focus Day. With the theme of 'Community: Together we serve', we engaged in an interactive assembly focusing on symbols and artefacts from different religious and non-religious worldviews. We also read and discussed the book, 'People Need People' by Benjamin Zephania, which reminded us of the value of our community. Each year group focused on an aspect of winter festivals/ worldview to make unique gifts for someone in their class: Year 3 made Christmas 3D present boxes, Year 4, Menorahs for Chanukah, Year 5, Light Lanterns and Year 6 Humanist Positive Flowers. We had a memorable day of fun learning and look forward to our next RE Focus Day in the Spring Term where we will explore Spring festivals and deepen our understanding of different religious and non-religious worldviews. *"Making Chanukah was really fun & it was so nice hearing the compliments people had. The design and colour were also amazing. Everyone enjoyed themselves immensely."* Zuri, Adam, Alfie 4JS *"My favourite thing was making boxes for my classmates. I think the book People Need People is true because it would be boring to be the only person on Earth and you wouldn't make any friends."* Austin, Daniell & Hania 3SH *"Creating a flower was a nice time because they were pretty in the end."* Kylie 6D *"It was good to write nice things about my friends."* Yasmine 6D *"The activity was amazing because we ended up with a flower. If I'm feeling sad, I can look at it and see the lovely things my friends have said about me."* Elizete 6D *"It made me think about others not only of myself. It was a peaceful thing to do."* Ofri 6D *"Exchanging the flowers was fun and it made me feel stronger about myself to hear what others felt about me."* Lara 6D *"The poem 'People Need People' was enjoyable."* Evan 6D *"RE Day was so much fun because we got to make special surprises for random people. We learnt how people need people and read a great book."* Elena & Parker 3B





Also, This Week:

On Thursday, the whole school went to the Hampstead Garden Suburb Free Church. *"It was amazing to see the whole school in the church. I was very lucky, as I was chosen to conduct the orchestra. At first, I was nervous because the whole school was staring at me, but when I turned to face the orchestra, I relaxed and thoroughly enjoyed being in charge."* Elsa 3G "I liked the balloon fight. We had to keep batting the balloon away during the music, and the side that had the fewest balloons left in their area were the winners. I also enjoyed singing along to songs such as *Silent Night*." Rafi "Yesterday we went to a church & we were on the first whole school trip ever. We saw them play a lot of violins, violas, cello, double bass & a kadang which is a drum but you sit on it. *It really was a really phenomenal experience seeing the orchestra so thank you to all teachers.*" Nuwwarah & Leah 4K "We really enjoyed our trip to the church. It was entertaining and we learnt a lot about being a conductor, some of us even got to try it! The conductor was really good & let us play some instruments & we got cool fish as prizes for answering questions and performing. It was an amazing trip and we are very grateful to the minister for inviting us. Thank you." Jamie & Joseph 6P "It was a short walk that we did quickly and resiliently. It was calm & beautiful music. Half way through they were asking questions and you got a prize if you answered correctly. *One time a few people got to be a conductor! And the orchestra had a lot of different instruments!*" Harper, Toby & River 4JS "My favourite part was when we had a sleeping competition listening to away in a manger. *I also liked that it was a whole school trip so everybody could enjoy it and I liked when they threw the ballons on the chairs.*" Austin, Daniell, Hania 3SH "Yesterday the whole school went on a marvellous trip to Garden Suburb Free Church to see an orchestra called The King's Chamber Orchestra. On the way in, the lady gave us the lyrics to the music. The conductor made us wave our hands in the air to the music. He made us play games and the prize was a small plastic fish that you put in water and squeeze it at someone's face! On the way back there was lots of excitement." Sophia & Mueawia 5R "Yesterday, the whole school went on a trip. It was really exciting because it was the first one. The conductor of the orchestra was really funny. Some of us children were chosen to come to the front to do some things with the orchestra. I was one of them which was incredible! *It felt a bit strange being at the front of the church as I wasn't sure what would happen. I led the orchestra by using a triangle motion with my arms. They played a very classic piece and went faster when I moved my arms faster. Afterwards, the conductor rewarded us with a plastic fish that sprayed water.*" Ella 6D *I liked the music because it was interesting to listen to.* Emily 6D "The folk music from Norway was amazing because we don't usually listen to music from that country and none of us had heard it before." Yasmine 6D "The orchestra was fun because we got to listen to *Away in a Manger* and I liked the orchestra because there were questions & it was so fun." Noah & Poppy 3SH "The trip to the church was very amusing and exciting. The music was calm and energetic. *We played games that were very exciting yet hard to win. The trip was magical.*" Ruben, Rihaan 5AM





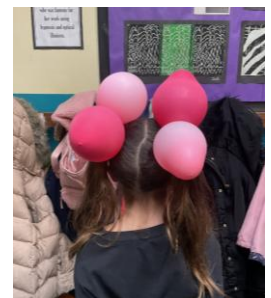
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Today was Mad Hair Day!

What a creative bunch!



Next Week:

Monday 15th December 9am: Headteacher's Award Assembly & Afternoon Tea

Tuesday 16th December 9am: 3G Christmas class assembly for parents in the Hall. Please do stay for coffee if you are able

Wednesday 17th December: Chanukah Assembly led by 6D

Wednesday 17th December: School Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 17th December pm: Year 6 & 5 class parties

Thursday 18th December pm: Year 3 and 4 class parties

Friday 19th December 9am: Christmas singing with the Infant School

Friday 19th December 11am: Year 5 visiting Christ College for Christmas Concert

Friday 19th December: END OF TERM SCHOOL FINISHES @ 1:30PM

Further Ahead:

Tuesday 6th January 2026 is the first day of school for the children.

Eco Group Message:

1. *If someone throws rubbish pick it up & put it in the bin.*
2. *Use rubbish & make it into things that you can use.*

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Golden Sentences:

"Introduction: Makemake is a dwarf planet that orbits the sun behind Neptune in our solar system.

Appearance: Amazingly Makemake is located in the Kuiper Belt a group of dwarf planets that comes after Neptune. Interestingly, Makemake is a rocky dwarf planet, with a crusty and dry surface." Ilya 5R

"Temperature: Mars has an average temperature of -63°C. During the winter solstice, it has a temperature of -127°C. Astonishingly, during the daytime high, the temperature can reach up to 20°C. Scientists believe that there was once water on Mars & there was seen to be a possibility of bodies under the ice." Miley 5AM

"They scare him so badly that the nobleman runs away but they still don't have the money. They keep following him and they tie him up in a rope, get the money and quickly run away." Riley 3B

"Robin Hood gives the money to the poor. The mighty, wise Robin Hood was happy every family would be thankful." Maya 3B

"Dear Earwaxy Wormfield, it's no problem that you need help! I understand the pain of training a dragon. However, with the right approach, you'll have a tremendous strong bond with your dragon!" Aaliyah 4K

"Dear Earwaxy Wormfield, I'm truly terribly sorry to hear your dragon isn't listening to you. I had my own problems with my dragon! I kind of still do But don't worry, I am here to help you to pass the initiation so let's get started." Nuwwarah 4K

"I am very sorry to hear your dragon isn't listening to you. I will give you some top tips. My first piece of advice is to sneakily find out your dragon's favourite food like a seabass, or cod or catfish!" Arturo 4S

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

PERIOD: Monday 8th December - Friday 12th December

Class	3B	3G	3SH	4JS	4K	4S
ATTENDANCE%	97.33%	96.0%	93.21%	96.43%	97.5%	98.33%
PUNCTUALITY%	99.0%	99.33%	96.79%	98.93%	100%	98.0%

Class	5A	5AM	5R	6D	6L	6P	Whole School
ATTENDANCE%	94.33%	95.71%	90.36%	85.33%	90.67%	88.67%	93.63%
PUNCTUALITY%	97.67%	98.57%	98.21%	98.0%	99.67%	98.0%	99.43%

Well done to **4S** for having the highest attendance this week.

Congratulations to **4K** for having the 100% punctuality this week.

Mrs Lake