



Brookland Junior School News



Friday 19th December 2025

HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND ALL BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR!

Our children and staff have given their very best in everything they do throughout this long Autumn Term and have so much to be proud of. Thank you to our fabulous parents and our governors for your support, teamwork, generosity, kindness and energy working together to help our children and our school thrive. Wishing everyone a healthy, peaceful, relaxing and joyful holiday break. Let's do it all again in the New Year!

Winter Fair:

Such a fabulous community event and a brilliant fund raiser. What really sits with me was our children having an AMAZING time ("best day of my life" was heard!) and the really special atmosphere of everyone enjoying being together to support our school. A huge and heartfelt thank you to our incredible PA team who have raised £4606.35 for the playground renovation project, to all the parents who volunteered their time, donated items, bought raffle tickets, to the teachers who helped, the choirs, ukulele group and gymnasts who performed, year 6 for their stalls and to the 500 people who came to support our Brookland Winter Fair 2025!



This Week:

In assemblies this week, we held our half termly Headteacher's Award Assembly to celebrate the children chosen this half term for the way they put our Brookland Values and Brookland Learning Skills into action and help our whole school to thrive. We enjoyed sharing the many ways in which everyone, children and staff, have shown Values in action this half term. It was a pleasure to have Afternoon Tea with these super Brooklanders!





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Also This Week:

On Tuesday 3G shared their fabulous Christmas class assembly with their parents and the whole school. You were simply amazing!! We were seriously impressed by your confident, sophisticated acting, beautiful singing, awful jokes, expert tech team and we had a great time watching your highly entertaining version of Christmas Carol. Well done team 3G!

Thank you to 6D for leading our Chanukah Assembly on Wednesday, explaining the story, traditions and beliefs of this festival and thank you to Miss Christie for sharing the Christmas story in assembly yesterday.



Christmas lunch was delicious and we had a lovely time singing to the kitchen team, sharing crackers and enjoying great food. Thank you to Olive catering team for their hard work preparing and to the PA for the crackers.



Everyone enjoyed the end of term **parties**. Thank you to our parents for organising food and coming to have fun together. **Thank you** on behalf of all the staff for your many kind words, cards and gifts which are very touching and much appreciated.





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Also This Week:

This morning, we got together with Brookland Infant School and were treated to **fabulous singing** from the year 1 and 2 shows, shared our festive songs with the Infants and had the chance to sing altogether too! A very special way to mark this festive time of year as a Brookland family and celebrate a very successful and action-packed term. One of the highlights was the choir singing *"Walking in the Air"* from *The Snowman*. That song, performed by the choir, really is a heart-melter. We all finished with a celebratory rendition of *"We Wish You a Merry Christmas"*

Thank you to Christ College for inviting year 5 to their Christmas concert this morning too. They thoroughly enjoyed it.



First Aid Workshops for Pupils:

In January, we have booked a series of children's first aid workshops for each class as an important life skill and as part of our PSHE curriculum. The workshops will be led by Mini First Aid and will be tailored to the age of each class. Topics include CPR, choking, recovery position, getting emergency help and day to day injuries such as burns and bleeds. Most importantly, children will all know how to phone emergency services and how to alert an adult that help is needed. Each child will receive a certificate for completing the workshop.

To fund this valuable workshop, we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £6 per child. This will be on your school Arbor account. I am sure you will agree this is a great opportunity to learn a life skill which could be needed at home or school. We will send a reminder out after the holidays too as we know it's a busy time.

Junior Duke Awards: (see attached letter)

When your child was in the Infant School they may well have taken part in the Mini Duke Award, which has been very successful over the past 2 years with many children signing up. We'd love to continue this project in the Junior School with the Junior Duke Award and include Years 3-6! Watch the parent info video here for more information: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7YbtDn7fBbA>

The cost to do the award is £10 per child to cover the cost of the booklet, badge and certificate. There is now also the option of using the online portal instead of the printed book if you would prefer that method. If your child is entitled to the Pupil Premium grant funding, there is no charge for your child.

If your child would like to take part, please pay on Arbor shop and complete the link below so that I can order the correct material: [Junior Duke Participation – Fill out form](#)

I'll send a reminder out in January as I know it's a busy time. Miss Christie



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The National Year of Reading:

Reading is an excellent way to wind down over the school holidays and relax as a family. We been so fortunate to explore several books as a whole school this term as well as welcome Emma Carroll to inspire us further.

2026 is the National Year of Reading: the government and the National Literacy Trust (along with many other organisations) are inviting everyone to celebrate the benefits and joys of reading a wide range of genres and types of texts. We look forward to joining in with this national strategy and continuing to support your children to "Go all in" and find their reading passions.

I've attached a gift guide (but also excellent set of recommendations to borrow from your local library) to the newsletter for all ages of primary school children.

Please try to catch your child reading over the holidays and email a photo to: reading@brooklandjnr.barnetmail.net

Happy reading!

Miss Davies



Eco Group Message:

Walk! Don't Drive! – It's healthy!

Why throw away when you can recycle.

Plastic can be reused, not only used.

Alice 6P



Further Ahead:

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

Monday 5th January: INSET Day school closed to pupils

Please find attached calendar with the dates for next term planned so far

