



Brookland Junior School News



Friday 17th April 2026

This Week:

We have had a superb first week of the Summer Term. I have been impressed by everyone's positivity, determination, confidence and excitement to be back with friends and enjoying learning across the whole curriculum with new energy after the holidays. So much to look forward to and an impressive start to learning already. In assembly this week, we held our half termly Head Teacher Award assembly to celebrate the many ways all our children and staff put our Brookland Values and Learning Skills into action last half term and to hear from the teachers who had been chosen for last half term's award and why. As always, it was a total pleasure to have afternoon tea with the Award winners and thank them for helping everyone around them be their best selves too. Today, Miss Symons introduced our Earth Day activities for next week. We will be enjoying the natural world, making sustainability pledges and having a screen free day as far as possible.



Thank you to all the parents who were able to come and learn about our RSE curriculum this week. If you were not able to come, the slides we shared are available for you.

Huge congratulations to the 110 children who are undertaking the Junior Duke Award Challenge this year. Our Brookland Learning Skills of Quality, Determination and Evaluation and our Brookland Values of Responsibility, Thoughtfulness and Happiness shine through in your endeavours so far and Miss Christie has enjoyed hearing about and seeing your achievements. Well done everyone and thank you Miss Christie!



Fire Safety Inspection:

On Thursday, 5 Fire Safety Inspectors spent the day in school scrutinising our fire safety practices with Mr Flanagan. I am pleased to let you know that they were very impressed with our practices, procedures and paperwork and commented that we were, "the best school they had visited." Thank you to Mr Flanagan for his superb skills, knowledge and commitment to maintaining the safety of our school site at all times.





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Also This Week:

A group of year 6 pupils had a lovely picnic in the park this afternoon to celebrate all their hard work in completing their extra project with Miss Clayton.



Eco Group:

We are looking forward to celebrate Earth Day along with Eco Group next week.

Spring Petals:

Rosy Pink Petals

The smell of flowers blooming

Pink petals floating

Aysan 4S

See Through Spring:

Sweet Pink flowers

Daffodils are the bright sun

Roses are red hearts.

Yannai 4S

Supporting Success: A Parents' Guide to Exam & SATs Confidence:

Thursday 23rd April 9.00am in the Library

Georgia from BICs

This is a practical and reassuring workshop for parents and carers who want to support their child through exam and SATs pressures without adding extra stress. If your child is feeling anxious, or you're unsure how best to help, this talk will explore how exam stress shows up in children, the important role parents play in building confidence (without becoming the teacher), and simple, proven strategies to support calm, focus, and resilience.

You'll also learn what to say — and what not to say — before, during, and after exams, as well as how to help your child cope positively with results and setbacks. Aimed at parents of children preparing for SATs or school exams, this session focuses on mindset as well as knowledge, showing how feeling supported and understood can help children perform better and manage pressure more effectively.

It would be lovely to see you there.

8:40 am — Coffee

9:00 am — Talk

9:30 am — Q&A



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Golden Sentences:

Year 6 have taken their inspiration from a short film clip. Year 3 have started exploring the beautiful story of Edward Tulane, Year 4 have been imagining what could be through the back of the wardrobe and year 5 have been writing descriptive postcards from the Amazon Rainforest. Here are small samples of the work sent for Gold Star today:

High above the tropical canopy, stands the majestic, immense Kapok tree which is home to all sorts of wild animals. In the heart of the huge rainforest., the lush evergreen Kapok tree throws a blanket of compassion protecting the kind animals & the kind animals protect their sweet home, The Kapok Tree. Buse 5AM

Swaying to the beautiful music of the gentle breeze, blades of grass softly whispered and chuckled to one another. Birds called out in greeting as the fragrance of dampness purified the air as the taste of fresh tiny raindrops satisfied everyone. Jiya 5A

The emerald leaves & gnarly branches get blown by the wind & the fluffy white clouds were wondering in the sky. High above stands a colossal, enchanting tree like paradise of animals humming squeaking, the forest is very melodic. Omri 5A

I walk through the wardrobe, I smell the fresh cold air, turning my lungs to ICE, I could also smell a furry creature probably just walking down minding its own business. Jose 4S

The glowing sun of the Cyprus city, the crashing waves of the turquoise ocean, the hairy coconuts on the lush palm trees are strangely doing conga for Hawaiian vibes. OOOOHHHH Sadie 4S

I walk through the wardrobe, I feel cooking sand between my toes, warm hug around me. Air wrapped around me like a cat. Asil 4K

I walk through the wardrobe, I taste lcy ice-cream freezing my tongue. Sweets as sour as a lemon. Chocolate warming my tummy. Eylul 4JS

The beautiful swishing wave running on the shore, the colourful vibrant sunset, the dreamy, blue waves clashing together, I walk into the wardrobe. Lila 4JS

One hour ago, two boys Amos & Martin made the worst day of my life. First, they started asking question, then snatched Edward from me and started playing catch. I got angry & I said stop but they took his clothes off! Stefan 3 SH

Yesterday Edward & I were so excited to get onto Queen Mary but when we got on, the worst thing happened. Edward was thrown overboard. There were two boys called Amos & Martin. They snatched Edward from my hands & started ripping off his clothes. Olivia 3SH

Yesterday was the most awful day of my life. It was absolutely terrifying to watch my beloved Edward going overboard into the sea but I couldn't do anything to stop him going overboard. Awstin 3SH

The old man sits at the piano. The music echoes through the dark room. He plays and he plays on the mahogany, the calm music drifts like a river flowing in the forest. Memories fly by. Sophia 6L

Inside the isolated dim room, the old man is sitting. He carries a lifetime of memories. A lifetime of hurt & hope. The piano, mahogany chestnut in colour stays there, waiting for him to make the first move. The man breathes in then out, his trembling bony fingers make contact with smooth ivory keys. Gigi 6L



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Oliver Dining:

Following our parent taster opportunity last week, Olive dining would like to encourage parents and children to complete a short survey about school lunches. We will be arranging another taster after the holidays and will be inviting the children to complete the survey too in school. The survey will remain open for a few weeks.



Next Week:

Monday 20th April: 5A visit to Tower Bridge for DT topic

Monday 20th April: 5AM Forces Science Workshop in the hall

Wednesday 22nd April: Earth Day

Thursday 23rd April 9am: BICS wellbeing talk for parents in the library- SATs and exam confidence all welcome

Thursday 23rd April: 5R Forces Science Workshop in the hall

Thursday 23rd April 11.30: Year 5 6 tennis team tournament

Friday 24th April: 5A Forces Science Workshop in the hall

Friday 24th April: St George's Day assembly led by 3G

Further Ahead

Please see attached the full calendar of planned dates so far for this term.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

PERIOD: Monday 13th April - Friday 17th April

Class	3B	3G	3SH	4JS	4K	4S
ATTENDANCE%	96.0%	95.33%	94.83%	95.36%	95.86%	96.55%
PUNCTUALITY%	98.0%	100%	97.59%	98.57%	99.66%	99.66%

Class	5A	5AM	5R	6D	6L	6P	Whole School
ATTENDANCE%	93.67%	96.33%	94.48%	90.0%	97.67%	96.67%	95.23%
PUNCTUALITY%	97.33%	98.0%	99.71%	99.0%	98.33%	98.67%	98.5%

Well done to **6L** for having the highest attendance this week.

Congratulations to **3G** for having the 100% punctuality this week.

Mrs Lake



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Free Dr Bike sessions in Barnet

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

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)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 13 May• 8 July• 9 September• 11 November• 13 January 2027• 10 March 2027	4pm to 7pm
Temple Fortune	By Bike racks outside entrance to M&S Food Hall at 820 Finchley Road, NW11 6XL	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 20 May• 15 July• 16 September• 18 November• 20 January 2027• 17 March 2027	4pm to 7pm
Middlesex University	Pavement on The Burroughs, outside Middlesex University adjacent to Hendon Fire Station, 91 The Burroughs, NW4 4BL	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 10 June• 12 August• 14 October• 9 December• 10 February 2027	4pm to 7pm
High Barnet, Stapylton Rd car park	Area immediately to the right of carpark entrance (EN5 4LR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 17 June• 19 August• 21 October• 16 December• 17 February 2027	4pm to 7pm