



Friday 22nd May 2026

This Week:

In assembly this week we held our half termly **Headteacher's Award** to celebrate some of the ways all Brookland children have been putting our Brookland Values and Brookland Learning Skills into action and to hear from the teachers about who they had chosen this half term for this very special award and why. As always, it was a total pleasure to have afternoon tea with you and to thank you for being fabulous Brooklanders, helping everyone around you to be their best selves too! We also enjoyed singing with Alice, learnt about sun safety and thought about our Brookland Value of Courage. Thank you to Miss Christie for leading our assembly today looking forward to Eid al-Adha which is celebrated during half term.



Wow 3SH, what a fabulous and unique **class assembly** about your book, Edward Tulane. You took all the children, staff and your families on a wonderful emotional journey through his adventures. Brilliant acting, confident and clear speaking, really thoughtful costumes especially all the different Edwards! Everyone was so impressed with your beautiful singing and actions, how real it all felt and of course your excellent teamwork. Well done indeed!



On Sunday 17th of May 2026, 36 different Brooklanders woke up and headed off to meet hundreds of other chess players in the Nation Chess Semi-finals. We did very well and one of our teams was even 1 game away from qualifying & we were the only team in Britain to have an A, B and C team in both under 11s & under 9s tournaments. Jamie, Charon & Guy 6P

Thank you to all the parents who came to play maths games in class this morning- we had fun! There is a times tables battle on TTRockstars this half term which finishes on Friday 5th June. Please encourage your child to practise their times tables and play in the battle. There will be certificates for the children in assembly. Miss Lally





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Also, This Week:

Thank you so much to our creative and talented parents who ran the **PA card making** family day workshop today. Thank you to everyone who supported this event- I hope you enjoy the cards and lovely messages.

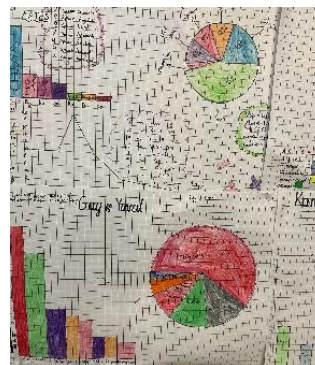
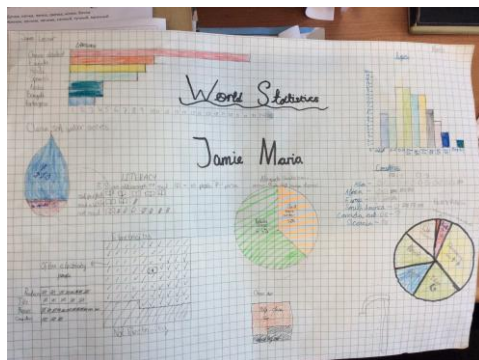


Yesterday we went to the disco. As soon as I walked in, there was music going on and the crowd was wild! The DJ was energetic and we were all jumping up and down. He sprayed bubbles and we all crowded up to the front for the bubbles. It was great fun; we did girls versus boys limbo and loads of challenges. We had a break to eat nuggets and chips and snacked on baby carrots. It was really busy and a very good night. I was screaming my lungs out! Thank you to all the staff and parents who helped with the food and the games. Can't wait to do it again! Eileen and Hari

5A



Year 6 have been working together on an extended Maths project creating some stunning infographics showing their learning from the book *The Village* about world statistics. They designed their own graphs, charts and other representations to bring the information to life visually.



Parent Governor Election:

The results of the Junior Parent election are now in, and we are absolutely delighted to warmly congratulate and welcome Sophie Diner, who has been elected as the newest member of our governing body. We look forward to the valuable contribution she will undoubtedly bring to the role.





ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant):

On Thursday, Miss Clayton hosted ELSA supervision, where professionals from Barnet schools came in to discuss and share ideas about the ELSA programme. This is especially helpful and supportive, as it gives leaders a safe space to talk about difficult cases, reflect on what is/isn't working and to develop new strategies and skills and most importantly it supports their own emotional wellbeing.

ELSA stands for an Emotional Literacy Support Assistant. They are specialized teaching assistants who receive training from educational psychologists to help children manage their emotions. This can include:

- Understanding and expressing feelings
- Building self-esteem and confidence
- Managing anxiety or worries
- Coping with anger or strong emotions
- Developing friendships and social skills
- Dealing with loss, change, or transitions



Well Done & Congratulations:

Congratulations to Toby in 4JS who is now a published author. He entered the Daunt Books Children's Short Story in January and won! Toby attended the awards ceremony and was presented with the book containing his story 'The Orange Family'.

On Wednesday I won Daunt Books Writing competition. I met an illustrator called Alice Melvin. It was one of the best experiences of my life. 15 people won and thousands of people entered. Someone came from Spain who had won and another person won from Singapore but they couldn't come! Toby 4JS





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Gardening Club:

This year, our gardening club has tried a new method for sowing carrot seeds. Last year, we did not have time to thin them out, which meant the seedlings grew too close together. As a result, the carrots were very small because they were competing for space and nutrients.

To improve this, we made a simple mixture of flour and water to create a paste, which we piped into shallow trenches in the soil. To handle the tiny carrot seeds more accurately, we used slightly damp lolly sticks to pick them up. The moisture helped the seeds stick to the lolly sticks, allowing us to place them carefully into the flour mixture at even intervals.

This method helps us space the seeds more effectively from the start, reducing the need for thinning and giving each plant a better chance to grow strong and healthy.

Year 3 also did some planting today and we have all enjoyed being outside in this stunning weather!



Next Week: Half term holidays school is closed

Tuesday 2nd June: Back to school for everyone

Monday 1st June: School closed to children. INSET Day.

Further Ahead: Week of 2nd June is Arts Week!

Thank you, parents, for your contributions to make our annual Arts Week possible. We are looking forward to a wonderful week of creativity. If you have not yet made a payment for this week, please do so if you are able on Arbor.

Wednesday 3rd June: Dance troupe at London Youth Games pilot event

Friday 5th June: Parents are invited to join their children in class between 8:45-9:15am for Arts Week activity.

Friday 5th June: Cricket Competition at Finchley Cricket Club plus meeting The Mayor of Barnet & a Middlesex Cricket Player.

Sunday 7th June: Year 6 leave for Osmington Bay PGL residential trip



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Golden Sentences:

Maggie took Edward to school. She packed her bag & tucked in Edward so she could show her classmates and her teacher. Deep inside, Edward felt joyful inside the gloomy bag. Ivy 3SH

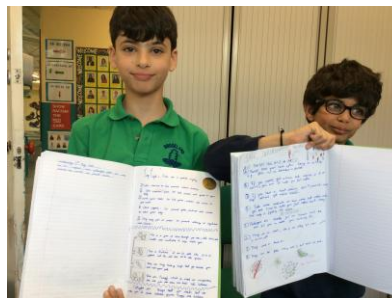
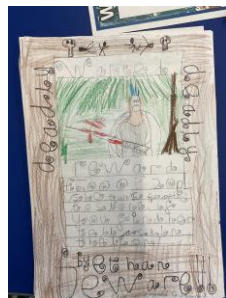
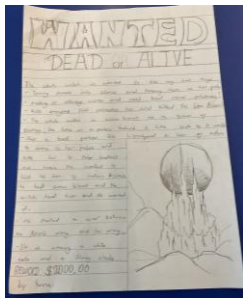
The crystal, clear blue sea floated abruptly viciously, surrounding the innocent island. The deep blue sea travels into the depths of the ocean; filled with predatorial sea creatures. Hugh 6P

Staring out of the submarine, they saw loads of fish gliding past them. Some were scratching the orange paint off the submarine as it set off to the depths of the ocean. Aaron 3B

The summer sun simmered on the sand that was not in the shade. Big bright beams of light pierced the tree-tops onto the ground. Five thousand flowers were forbidden to be near the fish by the sandy beaches. Large beetles were being chased by vast amounts of angry ants. Joshua 6P

Are you going on any adventures around the globe? 1 in every 500,000 planes fail to reach their destination & just in case this is you and you want to take care of your family then read these instructions on how to survive on a deserted island. Ollie 6D

As soon as you arrive on the island, look for a fire source such as flint, steel, wood or matches that keep you warm when it's night time. Next look for long sticks to make a hut with so you can have shelter for the night. Blake 6D



ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

PERIOD: Monday 18th May - Friday 22nd May

Class	3B	3G	3SH	4JS	4K	4S
ATTENDANCE%	96.67%	95.67%	93.0%	92.76%	89.31%	97.59%
PUNCTUALITY%	98.67%	99.0%	98.33%	97.59%	99.66%	99.31%

Class	5A	5AM	5R	6D	6L	6P	Whole School
ATTENDANCE%	93.67%	96.67%	94.07%	94.09%	97.0%	91.0%	94.29%
PUNCTUALITY%	98.33%	96.67%	98.15%	99.67%	99.37%	97.0%	98.47%

Well done to **4S** for having the highest attendance this week.
Congratulations to **6D** for having the highest 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"> • 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"> • 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

London Zoo Community Access Scheme:

London Zoo is offering discounted access tickets through its Community Access Scheme for eligible groups, including low-income households, people with additional needs, older residents, and refugee communities.

The scheme aims to improve access to nature, wellbeing, and learning opportunities. More information and eligibility details are available via the London Zoo website. Find out more:

<https://www.londonzoo.org/plan-your-visit/community-access-scheme>





BACE Holiday Activities:

Book now for May half term activities

BACE are excited to offer a packed programme of fun, creative and active sessions for children and young people to enjoy throughout the May half term break. From energising sports to inspiring creative workshops, there's something for everyone to get involved in. Positive Activities is free and open to all children and young people who live in or attend school in Barnet, regardless of free school meal eligibility. No booking code is needed – just browse the activities and book directly. Spaces are limited. Book here: <https://barnetyouth.uk/>

