



Brookland Junior School News



Friday 25th September 2026

This week:

In assembly this week we thought about our **Brookland Value** of Respect, listened to the traditional Tanzanian story of the Awongalema tree which shows respect for the natural world and the vital importance of protecting trees. We also learnt about vaccines and why they are important. Today Miss Davies introduced next week's Literacy Focus Week project to the whole school. We are looking forward to exploring the story genre of the Mr Men and Little Miss series and creating our own characters who show our Brookland Values in action. More information about this focus week and the Book Fair attached.

We were pleased to welcome Neil Marlow Barnet's Chief Executive Director of Education and Learning and Barnet Councillor Menon and Cllr Moore on Wednesday. They enjoyed touring the school, learning about Brookland life and of course speaking with our fabulous children!

Thank you to the 50 parents who were able to attend **Miss Davies workshop** this week to explore supporting our children's reading and writing together. We are so fortunate to have such an expert on children's literature on our staff team. Did you know that Miss Davies was in Manchester last weekend judging the national book awards!

Thank you also to all the parents who were able to attend our first **wellbeing get together** this year with Mr Greenhouse. We will share the slides for both these presentations on our website.

Year 4 have been showing impressive teamwork making electrical circuits this week. Robin was so inspired, he made a circuit at home with a potato and apple for batteries!

We learnt how to make a complete circuit and we made one for ourselves. We made an incomplete circuit by getting the wires and a light bulb but no battery- that made an incomplete circuit. We drew lights and an incomplete circuit. It was fun. We made a complete circuit by using wires light bulbs & batteries. It is important to not touch electricity when your hand is wet. Jenson and Rafi 4A



PA news:

A huge thank you to our fabulous PA team from 2025 26, Nilit, Sarah, Emma, Danii and Ella for the much needed funds they raised for our school, particularly for the playground renovation project which will be starting very soon. Even more importantly, thank you for the many fun and engaging events and activities they made happen for our children throughout the year, especially The Brookland Winter Fair, a very special community day for everyone. Thank you to our 2026 27 PA team, Sarah Goodchild, Karen Bobroff, Christina Cortes and Emma Semp for agreeing to take on committee roles this year as well as to the parents who have offered to support them with events and tasks for the year ahead. You can find the PA presentation from this year's AGM on our website: [Brookland JuniorSchool AGM 2026](#)



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Year 6 went to Lincolnsfield on Thursday. After a smooth coach ride, we arrived. We went to the main hall and the head gave a schedule and our group headed to our first activity. We were separated into groups of 17 to 20 people. Our group's first activity was the Blitz. We gathered around a giant window to look at the damage the bomb caused. We went down a dark eerie corridor. We walked through the corridor to see where the evacuee children went to when there was an air raid in their school in case of an emergency. When we were done with the Blitz, we went to Dig for Victory and went into the Anderson Shelter. Next we went to a museum to look at American WW2 artefacts. Then we had a lovely lunch and then we got back to our groups. Our next destination was the house and it was like in the 1940s. We explored everywhere and we realised that it was very different back then. Our last activity was a 1940s school and the teacher had a cane! After a fun packed day, we made it back to Brookland safe & sound. Indy & Jansu 6L

Our trip was really interesting and we learnt lots of facts about the war. The house showed us replicas and artefacts of things that were used during the war. Putting out the "fire" in the garden was exhausting and lots of fun. Esmae The trip was informative, I learnt a lot from the adults there. The museum was interesting as there were good artefacts. Jaitra Lincolnsfield was interesting as we could find out how children went to school in 1939. Skye I felt like a real evacuee because the trip was immersive and felt real. Delilah The strict teacher was the best part as she was in role as a teacher from 1940 and showed us the cane and ruler. I'm glad teachers don't do that now! Isaac It is good for people to know about life during the war and to experience how people lived. Barsam. I loved it when we all went into the Anderson shelter because I felt like there was a real air raid. Bonnie6D



On Monday, Mika (5M) Noah M (5M) Savannah (5K) & Toby (5P) went to Churchill School for a Sports Leadership Training. We all joined in to collaborate with different schools to complete challenges. We also completed some activities for team building & strategies. Sadly, very daftly, we forgot to bring the mat across & shuffled back and lost every round and then we were the quickest to get the hoop around each other. We split up into groups and learnt how to plan a sport session: Space, Time/Type, Equipment, People. It was a great opportunity to learn how to plan & make games to play at lunch time to let the year 3 and year 5 play.





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On Saturday, we made cupcakes to sell on our street and we raised money for the school playground project and we ran out of cakes and raised £23.00. Lila 5K & Joey 3AH

Thank you so much Lila and Joey- Brookland Values in action!



Thank you to our fabulous Year 5 Playground Games Organisers, our Year 6 Wellbeing Ambassadors, our Prefects and all the children who take on extra responsibilities to help our school be such a happy, organised and positive place. *We take the play equipment out at the start of play & put it back at the end. We make sure it is used properly & put it back in the box if it's not being used. We also see if people want to play with someone. We are responsible to stop people breaking equipment. We use the values of teamwork, responsibility and caring. We are enjoying this responsibility. Zuri, Alfie, Xhanina, Zakary, Toprak & Yedel Year 5s have helped me to play basketball at lunchtime by helping us shoot. Idris A 3B Year 5s have helped me to play by very good things that didn't make me bored. It was like playing a game, they made me never bored. Ava 3B*



We are the Wellbeing Ambassadors. Our job is to solve conflict during break & lunchtimes. We all have different days where two people solve arguments by using peer mediation which is asking open questions and helping the children understand each other's feelings. We hope that we can help solve any problems that there are so everyone is happy by the end of the day. Remember that we are always here to help. Einat 6L We are Wellbeing Ambassadors. We have a job to make sure every playtime is running well with no arguments. We work in pairs and there is always one pair on each playground. We solve conflicts by asking them open questions and letting them solve it by themselves with our assistance so that they can continue their break. Jonathan 6L We all have different times to be on the playground. We solve conflicts by using peer mediation. One of these things are S.A.R.A.H. A: Actively: listen to what the speaker is saying. R: Repeat back what was said. Be as accurate as possible. A: Accept what they are saying even if you think they are wrong. H: Help others to list some choices. Yonatan 6L





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Here are some extracts from Big Write this week- well done everyone for working with such ambition and determination:

One snowy morning, Hedgehog woke up and couldn't find his mum. He went to look for her. On his way, he met fox "Who are you?" hissed fox. "I am Hedgehog," squeaked Hedgehog. Harrison 4S

I stopped in the mysterious, ruby, red door and saw the most amazing emerald, twisted damp tree swaying peacefully with the breeze. I gently went over to the tree and hugged it. Maya 3AH

I slowly pushed the enchanted door, next I came face to face with a totally mysterious, amazing new world. Then out of the corner of my eye, I saw a foggy path ahead, immediately. I walked into a forest full of bright glistening lanterns. Hugo 3AH

One bright and sunny morning. Bunny Buns woke up in her cage. She decided to go for a walk so she pushed the gate of her cage open. She jumped down & entered the woods. Olivia 3SH

As we walked over to choose my hijab. Mama held up pink. The perfect shade of blue caught my eye. I pointed over to the blue hijab like it waved its hand. Rosie 4A

Today was a very special day because I was wearing my blue hijab for the first time! Looking in the mirror, I smiled proudly at the beautiful fabric in the shop with my mum. Instantly, I saw the ocean blue hijab. Emily 4A

One day pig woke up alone. He was very hungry. Pig left his home to find food. Soon, he got lost. "Who are you?" asked the duck. Talia 4JS

"That's nothing!" the squirrel cackled, "I can hide, climb, eat nuts & store food." And with that the duck flew to another tree, hoping she could find her kids there. Lily 3G

Dear King, Hi! Hope you are well. I am really sorry my phone isn't working so I have to write you a letter. So I was feeling very awful when I heard the rumours that this nasty beast was terrorizing you and your people by murdering them every night for the past 12 long awful years. Evelyne 5K

Your troubles are making me worried. I need to come and help but for the battle I would need: my determination; my strength; my bravery to defeat him and my brain to know what to do. Harper 5P

*The five pillars have five names: **Shahada** (Declaration of faith), **Salah** (Prayer), **Zakat** (Giving), **Sawm** (fasting), and **Hajj** (Pilgrimage).* Denver 5P

Today, I saw a prayer mat and a prayer hat. They are both used for praying. You can't bring the prayer mat in some places that are dirty but you can bring the hat anywhere. Moshin 5M

Dear mum, I miss your soft hugs, and you tucking me in. it is frightfully shocking being here for a week. It feels like a month without you. Whenever I look out of the window, I see something that's green. I asked someone what that was and they call me a ninny. At last, he told me that it's called a field. Jansu 6L

When I got to the countryside there was a lot of people with the green, old roots on the stone walls and the tall buildings. I moved in with my host family. They are very kind and now I work on the farm and grow plants! Isabella 6D

Dear mum, I longingly miss you. It's been a rough time at Cornwall. Everything is a bit discombobulated. I was shocked that milk came from cows! I am sorry for not having a chance to say one last goodbye but my teacher did not want us dilly dallying and mucking about.!" Omri 6D



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Junior Duke Awards:

A letter has been sent out inviting you to register for the Junior Duke Awards this year. Last year the school was abuzz with children completing life skills challenges, sharing their home cooked meals and proudly showing off their wide range of art and craft creations. If you feel ready to take on the challenge again this year, please do sign up. We will have until July to complete 10 challenges.

If your child would like to take part, please pay on Arbor in the clubs section and complete the link below so that I can order the correct material: [Junior Duke Participation 2026-2027 – Fill out form](#)

The closing date to pay online on Arbor is: Wednesday 30th September 2026



Next Week: Week of 28th September is Literacy Week with a Mr Men/ Little Miss Focus and a visiting Book Fair- see attached

Monday 28th September: Pupil individual photos. If you would like a photo with brothers and sisters together please come to the hall from 8am before school.

Monday 28th September 9:00am: Maths Workshop for Year 3 & 4 parents in the library with Miss Lally

Tuesday 29th September a.m.: Jack Mackay, author visiting Year 5 & 6

Tuesday 29th September 2pm: Gardening Club at Gardening Competition

Thursday 1st October 9:00am: Prospective parents' tour- places can be booked via the office.

Thursday 1st October 3.20-4pm: Book Fair Open for everyone in the Library

Friday 2nd October 9:00am: Prospective parents' tour- places can be booked via the office.

Further Ahead:

Monday 3rd October 9:30am: Year 6 NHS Height & Weight measurements

Tuesday 4th October a.m.: Year 3 Trip to St Jude's Church

Tuesday 4th October a.m.: Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 Nasal Flu Vaccinations

Thursday 5th October: Food Bank Aid talk for Year 4



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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	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)	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	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	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)	21 October 16 December 17 February 2027	4pm to 7pm

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

PERIOD: Monday 21st September - Friday 25th September

Class	3AH	3B	3G	4A	4JS	4S
ATTENDANCE%	92.17%	92.66%	98.52%	88.06%	90.0%	94.19%
PUNCTUALITY%	99.13%	97.71%	97.78%	98.39%	98.39%	99.03%

Class	5K	5M	5P	6A	6D	6L	Whole School
ATTENDANCE%	95.48%	86.13%	88.67%	91.67%	89.33%	85.33%	90.89%
PUNCTUALITY%	99.45%	98.71%	96.33%	99.33%	96.33%	97.67%	98.18%

Well done to **3G** for having the highest attendance this week.

Congratulations to **5K** for having the highest punctuality this week.

Mrs Lake