



Brookland Junior School News



Friday 23rd October 2026

This Week:

In assembly this week, we held our first **Head Teacher Award Assembly** of the year to celebrate the many ways that all Brookland children have put our Brookland Values and our Learning Skills into action this half term and to hear from the teachers about who they have chosen for this special award and why. Congratulations to all the award winners and thank you for helping everyone around you be their best selves too! A total pleasure to have afternoon tea with you all!



Thank you to Miss Roghey for all her work organizing a Black History Month, escape room style challenge for the whole school this week helping us to learn more about people who have helped shape Britain through music, sport, writing, activism and community. We have enjoyed working together to build our historical enquiry and code breaking skills too. Thank you also to Mr Knight for another fascinating and lively Black History Assembly extravaganza this afternoon. As always, it is wonderful to see our children celebrating their own identity and their confident and respectful curiosity to learn about different experiences, backgrounds and identities at the same time. We are very fortunate to be able to learn and grow together in such a uniquely diverse community; did you know between us we speak at least 42 different languages!



At the heart of Brookland's community, happiness and success is the pride we share in our inclusive, respectful ethos and the trust we place in each other to model our Brookland Values at all times. I know our parents, staff and children's deep commitment to our core school aim, "Each and every family equally valued and respected in our community" and am always moved by their determination to promote and protect our very special Brookland community. Can I take this opportunity to remind everyone that political or provocative slogans or symbols are not acceptable on the school site so we can ensure every child, parent, staff member and visitor to our school continues to feel emotionally safe, welcomed and know that they belong here.

Yesterday we said a heartfelt **thank you to Mr Kirk** for all he has done as a member of the teaching assistant team for the last 4 years and congratulated him on his achievements and qualifications whilst at Brookland. We wish him every happiness and success in his next chapter as he takes on the challenge of setting up a new nursery in the role of SENCO.



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Also This Week:

Well done 5P for your excellent **Vikings class assembly!** Your families and the whole school were so impressed with your brilliant singing, confident and entertaining acting, tech and lighting crew and your wonderful team work! We learnt a lot about the Vikings too- no horns on the helmets!



On Tuesday 20th October, **Year 3 visited St Jude on the Hill.** The trip is linked to our RE curriculum. We were greeted by Rev Ellie and Rev Ben. They gave us a tour of the church and explained to us who designed and built the church, the ceremonies that take place and what makes St Jude special. We were also incredibly lucky to see restoration in action as the amazing art work in St Jude was being cared for and restored to its original beauty. Some of the children were even lucky enough to ring the bell. Our thanks goes out to St Jude Church, Rev Ems, Rev Ellie and Rev Ben for a wonderful and interesting visit.

Azlan, from 3G, stated *"I really enjoyed seeing the amazing art work on the ceiling."* Maya, from 3AH said *"I liked all of the artwork and enjoyed learning about and seeing the font."* Rojan, from 3B, said *"I enjoyed looking at the font and spotting animals in the artwork and angels in the stained glass."* The year 3 Team were very impressed with the children for their listening, participation and behaviour on their first trip.



Jelly Beans:

Please note that Jelly Beans will be closed on **Monday 2nd November** for staff training. If your child usually attends Jelly Beans on Mondays, or if you were planning to book a session on this date, please make alternative childcare arrangements. Thank you for your understanding.





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Thank you so much to our new PA team for organising 2 hugely popular **movie nights** and thank you to all the parents and teachers who came to help. As you can see, the children had a great time!!

Movie Night:

Eleni, from 3G, said *"I thoroughly enjoyed the film night and PJ party on Tuesday because I could bring my blanket, have snacks, be with my friends and watch a movie. Also, I got to stay up later than usual. I loved it!"* Maya and Sofia, from 3AH, said *"We didn't wear PJs because we wore our Halloween outfits and we were given snacks and drinks. During the film, we all got to huddle together during the film. It was amazing and fabulous!"* Aysu, from 3B, said *"I really liked the film, especially the bit when they went to Gru's house. I got to wear my PJs and hang out with my friends. It was such an exciting evening."*

We watched Despicable Me original for Movie Night. There was a tuck shop & some spooky decorations. The great thing was that some people have never watched the movie so everyone was excited. You were allowed to bring one plushie/toy, one pillow & one blanket. You also got a party bag filled with popcorn, juice, glowsticks. A parent drew a heart on your hand so they knew you were there. Olivia

The movie night, I thought it was amazing. The food was for the movie. You got popcorn and a Kinder bar. The school hall is very good for movie nights. We could wear Halloween costumes if we wanted. The movie was 2 hours. We were all excited. We still needed to be extra sensible. There were also goodie bags. Zachary & Adam 5P

On Wednesday evening, year 5 & year 6 had a movie night. The PA provided snack bags and a drink. There was also Pick & Mix for £2.00. When more people arrived, they told us the rules & started the movie. We watched Goat & were excited & ready. We started the movie at six & time went by really quickly then it ended at 8:00. Everyone was having a blast! When the movie finished, we all had a lot of fun. Thank you to the PA for providing us with snack bags & the spooky decorations. Indy, Shai & Jansu 6L



It was brilliant to see so many parents who were able to pop in to classes this morning to play maths games with the children. I hope you had fun!





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Anglo-Saxon Day:

Today was Anglo-Saxon Day. We dressed up as Anglo-Saxons, decorated our bags and then went to the hall. A visitor taught us about Anglo-Saxon life, including their battles with the Danes. We learned how the Anglo-Saxons made a deal with the Danes to get the north and east of England back. We took part in lots of exciting activities. We made clay bowls, candle holders and rune tiles. We learned about Anglo-Saxon medicine and smelled different herbs. We also made bracelets, rings and keychains. Using chalk, salt and water, we made ink and wrote with quills. One of our favourite activities was being an archaeologist. We carefully brushed away soil to find artefacts, drew them and then used a catalogue to discover what they were. It was a fantastic day and we learned lots about life in Anglo-Saxon times. Our favourite part was making crafts and exploring the artefacts. By 4A



Holiday Activities:

[KidsFun.London](https://www.kidsfun.london/) is a new directory of hundreds of family days out and activities in the Capital - including [91 free event and activity ideas](#). As it's been built by a Brookland parent, it has a strong North London emphasis and might provide some fun ideas for October half term.

Well Done:

Theodore and family for completing the **Great Ormond Street Hospital Charity Family Festival and Fun Run**, the RBC Race for the Kids, on 10th October 2026. "Although it was called a race, we walked the 5k course to help raise money for the new Children's Cancer Centre at Great Ormond Street Hospital (GOSH). It was the first time we had ever taken part in an event like this, and we were delighted to raise an amazing **£790** for such a wonderful charity. We are incredibly proud of Theodore. A 5k walk is quite a challenge for a child, but he completed it with ease and a smile on his face throughout. We personally know several people who have been helped by Great Ormond Street Hospital, which made supporting this cause even more meaningful to us. We hope that the money we raised will help, in some small way, to support the incredible work carried out by Great Ormond Street Hospital and contribute towards the new Children's Cancer Centre."





Here are some extracts from Big Write this week:

As he stared at the huge Titan, he stopped and then charged at Grendel and grappled on to his killing claws & tightened his grip on the foul fiend as sweat was flooding out of his hair. Thomas 5P

Dear Diary, What a fight! Yesterday I fought a monster named Grendel who was terrifying. No soldier can even fight with him. I can't believe that I fought with him. I came to our local country to help them. Karen 5P

Victory at last!! Wow! What a night last night was. Yesterday evening, while everyone in The Great Mead Hall was sleeping, I was the only one awake waiting for ferocious ravenous Grendel. Kiana 5M

Just then Grendel burst in. My eyes opened wide, I almost choked on my tongue and my eyes rolled back. Once again, he shattered the door into smithereens. Averie 5P

The storm blew away the leaves from the tree. The storm flew away from the town like a tiny bee. Two storms met & decided to be side by side. Bella 4S

As soon as I stepped into the outside, I heard PITTER, PATTERN. I felt the rain tap my shoulder. Tina 4S

The howling wind destroyed the farmers' crops. It destroyed the tall towering trees of the children's school. Samantha 4A

The rain cried from the cold, icy, sky while the whirling wind rushed by. The muddy puddles danced with a splash and spin, as the silvery, sparkling sky tumbled in. Hiba 4A

The storm started as loud as a vulture, the storm of misery. So dark & gloomy, I can feel the knocking on my skin, a blood curdling scene. Oliver 4A

I can hear: the winding wind howled in my ears, the whistling whirling wind bit my ears. Awstin 4JS

This is classical London weather. The loud thunder roars angrily as loud as a hungry hurricane. The rumbling rain cackles evilly at the poor people below. Lira 4JS

We think the table will create the least friction because it's the smoothest. We think the bubble will create the most friction because it's bumpy. Noah M 5M

In the darkness of February 1941, Budmouth Point, Devon, two young girls (who did not wish to be named) pulled the refugees' boat ashore and saved 32 souls (credit to them). Maximus 6D

At approximately 3am, overnight on a dark Wednesday on 19th February 1941 a small light was flashing, a boat was pulled to safety on the beach at Budmouth Point. Hari 6D

In the late afternoon, the women pulled and tugged to get the boat to safety, to the shore. A mix of physical and mental strength. Once the boat had got to safety, all of the refugees came out of the boat. They thanked the heroes. Rihaan 6A

Esther Jenkins who was one of the spectacular young women pulling the boat was reunited with her beloved father, Dr Wirth. Noah P 6A



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Talking to your child about what they do online:

We have just completed our Autumn 1 Online Safety (Digital Literacy) units across all year groups. Pupils have learned, at an age-appropriate level, about what information to keep private online, how to recognise that not everything seen online is real, the importance of limiting screen time and learning how to be a positive digital citizen. Earlier in the term, we had an online safety assembly reinforcing these messages as well as being critical thinkers about generative AI.

The best way to help keep our children safe and prepared for the online world at home is through regular, open conversations. Try asking about their favourite games, videos, or who they are messaging on apps like WhatsApp (if they have their own devices) as a normal part of your family routine.

By approaching their digital world with interest rather than worry, we can help to create a safe space where they feel comfortable turning to you, if they ever run into something upsetting or confusing.

Establishing clear digital boundaries and consistent online routines helps to keep all our children safe and happy.

I have added a link from National Online Safety from our website about encouraging open discussions about young people's digital lives:

<https://www.brooklandjuniorschool.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=984&type=pdf>

Mr Khan Assistant Head



ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

PERIOD: Monday 19th October - Friday 23rd October

Class	3AH	3B	3G	4A	4JS	4S
ATTENDANCE%	90.0%	96.19%	99.26%	90.97%	95.0%	87.42%
PUNCTUALITY%	99.20%	96.19%	99.63%	98.71%	99.67%	99.45%

Class	5K	5M	5P	6A	6D	6L	Whole School
ATTENDANCE%	94.67%	91.29%	93.67%	92.67%	97.14%	93.45%	93.35%
PUNCTUALITY%	99.0%	99.03%	97.67%	98.0%	97.86%	97.93%	98.57%

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

Congratulations to **4JS** for having the highest punctuality this week.

Mrs Lake



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Next Week:

Week of 26th October is Half Term Holidays - School Closed

Friday 31st October: Deadline for Y6 secondary school online applications for Sept 2027

Further Ahead:

Monday 2nd November: Back to School everyone!

Monday 2nd November 3.45: Year 5/6 netball team match v Kerem School at Lyttleton Park

Wednesday 4th November 9am: Writing workshop with Miss Davies in the Library for all parents

Friday 6th November 3.30: Year 5/6 mixed football team match v Brunswick Park School at Christ's College

Parent Consultations

Our children thrive and achieve their very best because our families and teachers work closely together to celebrate successes, set targets and explore any challenges at home or school with honesty and trust. Parent consultations happen in November and in March and are individual private conversations between parents/ guardians and class teachers as well as a chance to look at the children's work and read the letter the children have written to you about their learning. We do expect all our families to attend these consultations. You can book a 10 minute time slot on Arbor for either Tuesday 10th November or Thursday 12th November between 4 and 7pm. The booking will go live at **6pm on Monday 2nd November** and will close on Monday 9th November at midnight. If you are not able to make these times, please contact your class teacher through dojo or email the office to arrange a different time and date at the start or end of the school. If you are not able to come into school at all then a phone call or Teams is also possible.

Monday 2nd November: Signing up for Parents Consultation opens at 6pm and the deadline is Monday 9th November at 11:59pm.

Tuesday 10th November 4pm-7pm: Parents Teacher Consultation

Thursday 12th November 4pm-7pm: Parents Teacher Consultation





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