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Friday 13th November 2026

This Week:

Thank you to 6A for leading our whole school Diwali assembly on Monday, sharing the story and traditions of this colourful and very important festival. Thank you 6L for a superb class assembly sharing your learning about life in Britain during World War 2 and marking Remembrance with the whole school and your families. Your maturity, confidence, teamwork and thoughtfulness really impressed me. Your singing, dancing, acting, tech and lighting team and stage management were excellent. Everyone was totally absorbed in your presentation. Well done 6L!







In assembly, we also congratulated the classes with the **highest attendance and the best punctuality** last half term and awarded them the attendance trophy, an extra class ball for playtimes and extra Golden Time. Congratulations to 3G for the highest attendance at a very impressive 98.74%. Congratulations to 4JS for the best punctuality at 99.53%. Can any class beat them this half term or will they retain their trophies again? Remember every day counts and always aim for 8.40!

A Minute Silence: *This week the school did one minute of silence in 6Ls assembly. It shows that we remember about the soldiers in the wars that gave up their lives. Thank you to everyone who bought a poppy from 6L for Remembrance and to support The Royal British Legion Charity.* Lottie & Sophia 6L

On Monday 9th October, we went to Christ's College to look at micro-organisms for science. We looked at micro-organisms such as pollen and spider's legs. The teacher taught us how microscopes work and more about micro-organisms. We learning how to classify if something was alive using MRS GREN. When we looked through the microscopes, we were astonished by what we saw and it taught us a great deal. Jiya and Alex 6D





Girls Football Team Tournament: *When we arrived, we started to train and when we finished training & the bell rang, we formed a line. Once we were in our positions, we then started playing amazingly with great teamwork & in our first round we drew 0-0. Next round we won 1-0. We didn't shout at each other but we did support each other & cheered and after the games we shook the other team's hands. The next two rounds went well: 0-1 to them & 1-0 to us. Overall, we had a great day & we didn't make the quarter finals by one point but we had load of fun together.* Rafaela, Aya, Miray Year 6

We held our termly **fire drill** this week to make sure we can leave the building and account for everyone as quickly and quietly as possible. Mr Flanagan and I are confident that if there was a fire, everyone would know what to do.

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Also, This Week:

Thank you to all our parents and carers for two excellent parents' evenings this week. Our children thrive and achieve their best because we work together celebrating their many academic and personal achievements, having honest, collaborative discussions and aiming high. I am very proud of our wonderful children for their thoughtful letters, determination, quality work and of course grateful to our dedicated and highly skilled teachers and teaching assistants. Well done Brookland team!

On Thursday, a circus performer called Steve came to teach us circus skills such as plate spinning, diabolos, stepper vehicles and different magic tricks. In the morning, he did an assembly where he showed us super cool tricks and skills, many of which made us laugh and shout. We particularly liked how many plates he could spin in one go – 4! We then had a workshop with him for an hour, where we got to practise all the skills. In the afternoon, we performed a talent show for other children and adults to show off what we had learnt. It was the best day of Year 3 so far! 3G



Visiting Christ's College:

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Today, we went to Christ's College to learn how to play basketball. The year 9s taught us and it was so much fun! We got put in groups & did little tasks & challenges with our friends like shooting, dribbling and passing. Lila 5K



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Reading with the Infant School:

On Wednesday, a group of Y5 children read their Mr Men and Little Miss books to Elephant Class. Thank you to Elephant class for being such great listeners and book reviewers! *"I was a little nervous at the beginning but I didn't feel scared by the end. The Year 1s were really intrigued and asked me questions about my book. It was a little strange to return to the Infant school. I had lots of memories of Year 1!"* Lily *"I felt excited to share my book with the Infants. I had to be brave. I think they liked my story as they listened nicely. It was fun to feel like an infant again sitting on very small chairs!"* Vy *"I felt really confident returning to the Elephants because it was so much fun. The Year 1s thought my story was funny. It was unusual to be in my old classroom. I haven't been there for so long."* Zakary *"Going back to the Infant School was like being in Year 1 for the second time. The children loved my story: I read it seven times to three different groups!"* Daniel *"I felt happy and excited to share with Elephant class as it was lovely to read my story. The Year 1s really liked my pictures. I felt a sense of familiarity and reunion when we went back. Everyone was so friendly!"* Evangeline *"I really enjoyed reading to the Elephant class. They loved my story and could repeat it back to me. I felt so happy to return to the Infants."* Kiara





SEN Coffee morning for parents with our SENCO Miss Lucas:

All parents are invited to attend the SEN coffee morning next Tuesday.

At the meeting I will be sharing:

- How we support SEN in our school
- Pathways for additional assessment
- Barnet local offer website
- Our Brookland SEN offer

Date: Tuesday 17th November

Time: 9am

Location: Library

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Can you help?

We would like to make even more use of our fabulous library throughout the school week. To do this, we really need some more adult help with organising, tidying, managing the data base, signing out and in of books and cataloguing new or donated books. If you might be able to help or have another family member who could give some time, either as a one off or regularly, please would you email Miss Davies on reading@brooklandjnr.barnetmail.net. Thank you



Here are some extracts from Big Write this week which received Gold Star today:

In English, I have learnt about writing a performance poem. I am most proud of my work on performance poetry because I used good vocabulary. My target is to use capital letters correctly. In class, I have been reading 'People Need People' by Benjamin Zephaniah. Lara 3G

The start of year 3 has been great because we have golden time, snack time & fun homework. My favourite thing about being in year 3 so far is art, play time, golden time & homework. Stephanie 3G

The start of year 3 has been brilliant because we get Dojo Points when we finish our Dojo chart then we get rewards. My favourite thing about being in year 3 so far is reading chapter books. Lara 3G

What a day it has been! Today we went on a year 6 graduation trip to a theme park. The coach was buzzing with excitement. Everyone was gossiping about the Cosmic. Freya 5P

Finally, we reached the ride but we also heard the rumour. Did you hear, it broke & somebody sling shot to SPACE. Isabella 5K

Since 1 of every 5 schools in the cities were bombed or taken over by the military for the war effort, children were crammed into large temporary classes. There was a shortage of books, paper & supplies. This was because there was a lot of children in one school. Einat 6L

During the war children had to entertain themselves but it was hard because of all the children in the war needing games (all in different ages) to play with. Maya 6L

Yesterday morning in the Isle Berk Dragon Nursery Cave a group of 11-year-old boys went to get their dragons because they wanted to be in the Scary Hairy Hooligan Tribe. Only the bravest boys go there. Phillip 4A

In the sea below, most of the dragons would not do a dive because they hated the freezing water and snow. Sadly, some dragons continued the chase. Arya 4A

On Tuesday 10th October 37 BC on the Isle of Berk, Hiccup and the boys were trying to get an invitation to join the crew of the Hairy Hooligan Tribe and be one of their best soldiers. First, Hiccup and the boys have to get a dragon or, let's just says, it's the end of the road. A while ago some Vikings got stuck in the cave while going in to get a dragon. So, it will be dangerous. Presley 4JS

Hiccup's Big Leap in The Lake: *This may have included leaping into a nearby lake. Luckily, no one got hurt (well no severe injuries) because of their strong helmets. Gobber the Belch commented, "Horrendous try first and we'll see what the tribe members have to say!"* Avantika 4JS

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Next Week: Week of 16th November is Anti-Bullying Week – Break the Silence Focus

Anti-Bullying Week and Whole School Skipathon

Monday 16th – Friday 20th November: Skipathon Week to raise money for Anti-Bullying Cause

Monday 16th November: Wear Odd Socks if you would like to to celebrate all the wonderful ways we are different

Monday 16th November pm: Photos for our website being taken by our marketing company- smart uniform please (apart from the socks!)

Monday 16th November p.m.: Netball Team Tournament

Monday 16th November p.m.: Anti-bullying workshop for year 3 & 4

Tuesday 17th November 9am: SEN Coffee Morning for parents in the Library

Tuesday 17th November 6-8pm: Full Governing Body Meeting in JUNIOR School Hall

Wednesday 18th November: Holocaust Talk with year 6 by ex-parent Louise Forman

Wednesday 18th November p.m.: Anti-bullying workshop for year 5 & 6

Thursday 19th November 2:30 p.m.: Netball Team Match v Holy Trinity

Thursday 19th November 4-7pm: 4S parents evening in 4S classroom.

Friday 20th March 3:30 p.m.: Year 5&6 Mixed Football Team Match vs Brunswick Park @ Christ's College astro pitch

Further Ahead:

Monday 23rd November: 6D cooking all day

Tuesday 24th November : 6A WW2 Class Assembly; parents warmly invited and please stay for coffee if you can.

Thursday 26th November: Year 4 trip to Natural History Museum

Thursday 26th November: Year 5 & 6 Mixed Football Team & Girls' Football match vs Chalgrove

Friday 27th November 09:00am-12:00pm: Year 5 & 6 Mixed Football

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

PERIOD: Monday 09th November – Friday 13th November

Class	3AH	3B	3G	4A	4JS	4S
ATTENDANCE%	95.60%	99.05%	100%	91.61%	90.60%	97.64%
PUNCTUALITY%	96.0%	99.33%	98.15%	99.68%	99.66%	98.65%

Class	5K	5M	5P	6A	6D	6L	Whole School
ATTENDANCE%	97.0%	92.9%	94.33%	89.0%	99.64%	96.55%	**95.14%**
PUNCTUALITY%	97.33%	98.06%	95.0%	94.67%	91.79%	94.90%	**96.72%**

Well done to **3G** for having 100% attendance this week.

Congratulations to **4A** 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	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)	• 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	• 9 December • 10 February 2027	4pm to 7pm
High Barnet, Stapylton Rd car park	Area immediately to the right of carpark entrance (EN5 4LR)	• 16 December • 17 February 2027	4pm to 7pm