

Brookfield Park Primary School



Newsletter

16th October

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Headteacher Update

Dear parents/ carers,

It has been a busy and rewarding half-term so far, and I am delighted to share some of the many happenings across Brookfield Park Primary School.

Music has been filling our corridors and classrooms in recent weeks. Pupils in Year 5 have been drumming, while Year 4 pupils have been learning the glockenspiel. It is wonderful to hear such enthusiasm and to see pupils growing in skill and confidence as musicians.

I am also pleased to report that the handwriting of many pupils has improved significantly. Through our handwriting scheme, Letter Join, pupils are developing fluency, consistency and pride in the presentation of their work. This progress reflects the commitment of both pupils and staff, and I am sure you will be very proud of the improvements which you will see when you get the opportunity to look at their books.

Our Year 6 pupils have been enjoying some practical learning in the kitchen. They made creamy cheese dip and guacamole, and they enjoyed eating the results even more than making them! This was part of their wonderful Wednesday rewards, which they are working hard to earn each week.

The children are looking forward to the Halloween discos next week. Full details can be found on the poster below.

Pupils will have their individual photographs and photographs with siblings taken on Wednesday. If you would like a younger sibling to join an older sibling for a photograph in school, these will take place at 8:30 in the hall.

School finishes on Thursday at 3:15 pm for the half-term break. Please remember school is closed for staff training on Friday 23rd October

We return to school on Monday 2nd November at our new, earlier start time of 9:45 am.

Remember doors open at 9:40 so that children can be in their seats ready to learn at 9:45am. Please make use of the free breakfast club which begins for any pupil who wishes to attend at 8:15am and that the paid breakfast club begins at 7:30 and will remain at £3.00.

Thank you for your continued support of our wonderful school. Have a lovely weekend.

Yours Sincerely

SJ Whiteside

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Attendance

Please see below for class attendance figures for the week beginning 5th October.

Well done to our **winners – BEECH!**

 The Nook	67.21%
 Little Acorns	87%

Children attending our 3 year old and 2 year old provision are not yet school age so attendance is not statutory, however we like to see children encouraged to attend all of their sessions to set them on the right path to be good attenders as they reach compulsory school age.

 Big Acorns	91.30%	In line with DFE expectations and statutory guidance, please remember that school cannot authorise any term time holidays unless the circumstances are exceptional . Each case will be looked at individually. Where the holiday is taken as unauthorised and the pupil’s attendance is of concern, it is likely to result in parents being fined.												
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 Willow Class	81.67%													
Whole School Attendance 91.32% (Target 96%)		If you haven’t already, please get the free Studybugs app, or register on the Studybugs website, and use it to tell us whenever your child’s ill and unable to attend school. Get the app or register now (https://studybugs.com/about/parents)												

Dates For your Diary

Wednesday 21st October –Individual and sibling photographs

Wednesday 21st October some KS2 girls attending a football festival at Burscough Dynamo ground

Wednesday 21st October – Year 1&2 Library visit

Thursday 22nd October – Halloween disco

Thursday 22nd October –Autumn term 1 ends at 3.15pm

Monday 2nd November –Autumn term 2 starts at 8.40am

Monday 16th November – Odd socks day (for anti-bullying week)

Thursday 19th November – Y5 Library visit

Friday 20th November – Children in Need day, own clothes & donation

Tuesday 8th December – Nativity Performances at 10am and 6pm

Monday 14th December – Christmas dinner



Happy Birthday to everyone who has a birthday in October...

Oliver and Noah in Little Acorns

Jaxon and Elijah in Big Acorns

Hunter and Elyana in Oak

Maxwell in Maple

Sofia, Iyzack., Penny and Noah in Holly

Lunch Menu Week Commencing Monday 19th October

Monday 19 th October	Chicken pitta, mixed rice and peas Tomato pasta bake Jacket potato
Tuesday 20 th October	Salmon fishcake, diced potato and vegetables Cheese whirl, diced potato and beans Jacket potato
Wednesday 21 st October	Gammon, hash bites and vegetables Mascarpone pasta Sandwich choice
Thursday 22 nd October	Hotdog, chips and peas Pizza, chips and beans

HAPPY HALF TERM!

The Nook

We have been enjoying celebrating Halloween! Doing lots of arts and crafts and looking at colours and shapes we are using.





Reception have enjoyed exploring the Season of Autumn. We have noticed changes in our weather and environment – the leaves have changed colours and are falling off the trees. We went for a leaf hunt and create some beautiful leaf prints using paint. We then listened for sounds in each colour name. What can you hear in red, orange, yellow and brown?

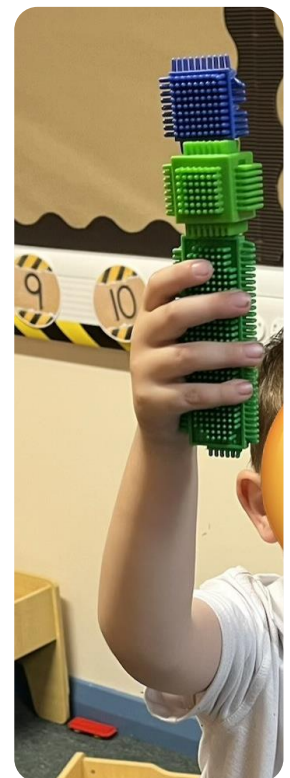


In breakfast club the children made a bus then said they were going to Wigan to buy some snacks



The older children playing a word game

3:15 club children working together to make the train track and they made a firework and a robot





*Oak have been
looking at
number bonds in
maths this week.*





Oak class have learned all about the artist Sam Cox (Mr Doodle) this week.



Brookfield Park Weekly Award Winners



Well done for
being good role
models to keep
themselves safe
these children

Well Done to
our
Pupil of The
Week
Winners



Well done to
Shakespeare
House
This week's
house point
winners



Well Done to
Beech Class
for winning last weeks' **Attendance Trophy** with an excellent
97.89%



HALLOWEEN DISCO

Thursday 22nd October
Halloween dress up

EYFS & KS1: 9.15AM-10:00AM
£3 (including dress up,
snacks and a drink)

KS2: 10:30AM-11:15AM

£2 (including dress up)
bring extra for tuck shop



**BBC
CHILDREN
IN NEED**



**We're raising
money!**

Friday 13th November 2026

**Bring £1 and wear sporty
non-uniform for a fun-run for
children in need!**



**SCHOOL
ADMISSIONS
PRIMARY**

APPLY NOW!
at lancashire.gov.uk/schools

School and Academy places September 2027

You must apply if your child has a 4th birthday between 1 September 2026 and 31 August 2027.

You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school, or the school is linked to your child's nursery.

If you're a non-Lancashire resident apply through your own local authority.

Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website or get a copy from them.

CLOSING DATE
15 January 2027

School transport



If travel cost is an important factor in your school preference, search 'school transport' at lancashire.gov.uk or scan the QR code.



lancashire.gov.uk





SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PRIMARY SOUTH

**Do you have a child starting
primary school in September 2027
and living in Lancashire?**

Closing date: 15 January 2027

You must apply even if a brother or sister is already at the school,
or the school is linked to your child's nursery.

Apply for a school place now by scanning
the QR code or visit lancashire.gov.uk/schools



If travel cost is an important factor in your school preference,
please check the guidance on our website, or call 01772 532109.

**Have
your say**

*Between 1 October and 31 January schools are consulting with
you to make sure admission arrangements meet future needs.
To find out more please visit www.lancashire.gov.uk/schoolplaces
and click 'school admission policies'.*

lancashire.gov.uk

