

# Brookfield Park Primary School



## Newsletter

W/B 4<sup>th</sup> May

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### Headteacher Update

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

It's been brilliant to see so much exciting learning happening at school this week, and I wanted to share some of the highlights with you and pass on a few important things for families.

Our Year 3 pupils had a fantastic trip to the local library recently for a Peter Pan workshop. They got stuck into some really engaging activities that sparked their love of reading and storytelling, and staff were genuinely impressed by how well they behaved throughout the visit—they were a real credit to the school. These trips make such a difference in broadening our pupils' horizons and bringing classroom learning to life in the wider community.

Year 6 continue to do an amazing job preparing for their SATs assessments. The focus and effort they're showing is really commendable, and we're confident their hard work will shine through in their results. We know this is a big moment for them, and we're here to support them all the way. Science has been a real highlight across the school this term too. Our pupils have been learning both indoors and outdoors, exploring scientific ideas in really practical and hands-on ways. This approach helps them develop genuine curiosity and a real understanding of the world around them.

As we head further into the summer term, there are a few things I'd like to draw your attention to. Attendance is really important to us, and we're aiming for 96% across the school this term. We need everyone pulling together—pupils, families, and staff—to hit this target, as it's crucial that all our children get the most out of their education and help us celebrate a rise in attendance this summer. Please keep an eye on your child's attendance and let's work together on this.

Please see the poster below for Lancashire's Earth day menu where they will be teaming up with the Spud Brothers to offer a special Earth Day menu. It's a great way to celebrate our commitment to the environment while enjoying some tasty, nutritious food.

One last thing—Year 6 families should have had a letter from Mrs Allard about SATs week arrangements. We're putting on a special breakfast for our Year 6 pupils so they can come in early, relax, and catch up with their friends before the tests. It's all about getting them in the right headspace to approach their assessments with confidence.

Thanks so much for all your support.

*SJ Whiteside*

*Head teacher: Mrs Sarah-Jane Whiteside, **Bed (Hons)***

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# Attendance

For week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026 Please see below last week's class attendance figures.

Well done to our winners – MAPLE

 <b>The Nook</b>	69.23%
 <b>Little Acorns</b>	93.72%

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.

 <b>Big Acorns</b>	92.63%	<p>In line with DFE expectations and statutory guidance, please remember that <b>school cannot authorise any term time holidays</b> unless the <b>circumstances are exceptional</b>. 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.</p> <p><b>Let's all work towards improving our attendance scores and improving everyone's attendance</b></p> <p>We want to celebrate an improvement in our whole school attendance <b>by the end of summer term so we need everyone's help.</b></p> <p>Our attendance <b>currently</b> sits at <b>91.6%</b>. We have lots of work to do but I believe we can try and get much closer to <b>96%</b></p>
 <b>Oak Class</b>	88.18%	
 <b>Hazel Class</b>	92.63%	
 <b>Maple Class</b>	96.43%	
 <b>Holly Class</b>	94.74%	
 <b>Beech Class</b>	94.29%	
 <b>Willow Class</b>	93.50%	
<p><b>Whole School Attendance</b> 93% (Target 96%)</p>		

# The Nook



**We have been focusing on mini beasts, the colour red and the shape circle.**





This week, our topic in Nursery has been mini beasts and our book of the week is **The Very Hungry Caterpillar**. We have made caterpillar pictures, patterns out of cotton reels, bug houses and insects out of play dough.



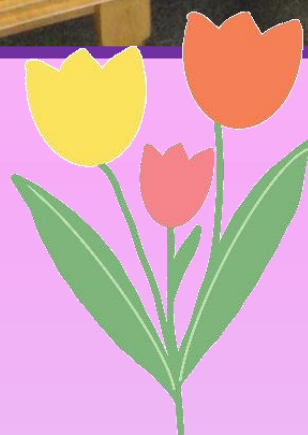
Reception are loving our new Rugby PE lessons, especially when the sun is shining!



Our topic this week is plants!

We have been learning what helps a plant to grow and how it changes through the life-cycle.

We have matched Level 3 phonics words on flowers to the correct plant pot with the corresponding digraph.



Midstream are helping us to bring our garden to life. They brought us some pea plants and lovely bluebell flowers for us to grow. We can't wait to look after the plants and help them to grow.





*Year 1 have learned lots of multiplication and division in maths this week.*





*Year 1 have been learning how to program using a Beebot in computing.*



# *Year 1 experienced being on a ships deck for our story in English.*



*Year 1 have been learning about famous nurses in history.*



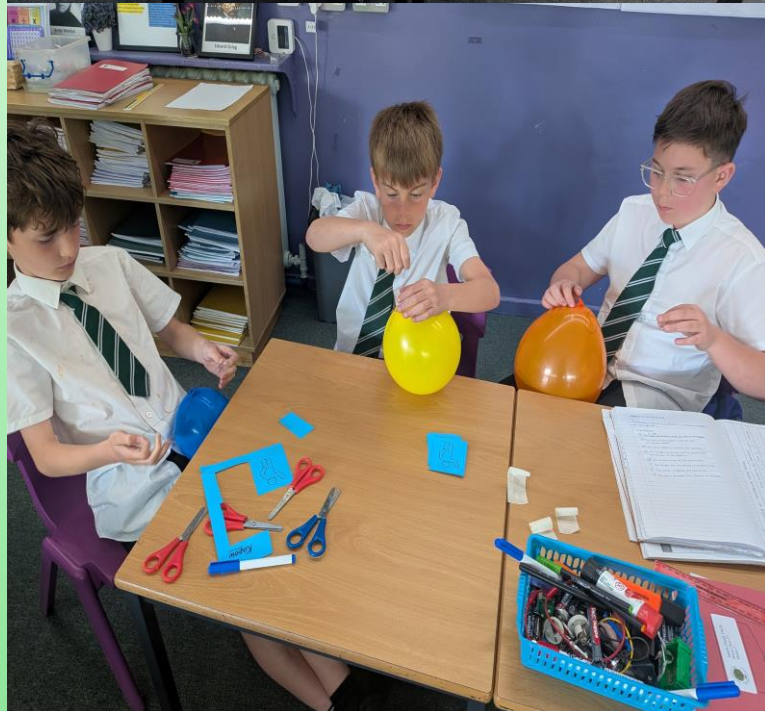


**Year 3 have had a great time exploring plants, their functions and seed dispersal in Science this week.**

Year 4 are in training to be taxonomists and have enjoyed being outside for science again this week. Observing characteristics of different birds and classifying them.



# Year 5 have been investigating air resistance .



All of the classes  
love to have a  
jigsaw on the go.  
The children who  
visit the nurture  
room have  
completed one this  
week



3:15 club  
celebrated  
St George's  
day this  
week  
making  
moveable  
characters



# Brookfield Park Weekly Award Winners



Well done to this week's super swimmers

Well Done to our Pupil of The Week Winners



These pupils always look smart and wear their uniform with pride



Well done to Parris House and Lowry House. This week's joint house point winners represented by both Captains

Congratulations Parris and Lowry House



Maple Class attendance winners!

Well Done to Maple Class for winning last weeks' Attendance Trophy with 96.43%

## Dates For your Diary

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May – Bank holiday, school closed

11<sup>th</sup> May – 15<sup>th</sup> May – SATs Week

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May – Hazel Class Library Visit

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May – KS1 & KS2 Sports Day

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – CFWS Family Drop in for parents 9am-11am

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Summer term 1 ends

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Summer term 2 begins

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June – Summer Show

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June – Summer Show

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July – Leavers Assembly

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July – End of Term, Summer Holidays

Who has a Birthday in  
**MAY**

**Happy Birthday to....**

Skylar and Ivy, in Little Acorns  
Primrose and Joseph in Big Acorns  
Arlo and Oliver in Oak Class  
Maisie in Hazel Class  
Kevin and Kade in Maple Class  
Freddie in Holly Class  
Jaxon in Beech Class



## School Dinner Menu

The Menu for W/C 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026

<b>Monday</b>	Bank Holiday – School Closed
<b>Tuesday</b>	Salmon fishcake, diced potato and vegetables Cheese whirl, diced potato and beans Jacket potato choice
<b>Wednesday</b>	Gammon with rosti potato and vegetables Mascarpone pasta Sandwich choice
<b>Thursday</b>	Chicken curry, rice and a naan Sandwich choice picnic Jacket potato choice
<b>Friday</b>	Hot dog, chips and peas or beans Pizza, chips, peas or beans Jacket potato choice



# BREAK TIME *Multi-Activity* CAMPS

Designed to offer  
SEND children  
**engaging** &  
**enjoyable**  
experiences.



Scan to book!

EVERY MONDAY 5-7PM

📍 **BROOKFIELD PARK PRIMARY, SKEM**

EVERY TUESDAY 4-6PM

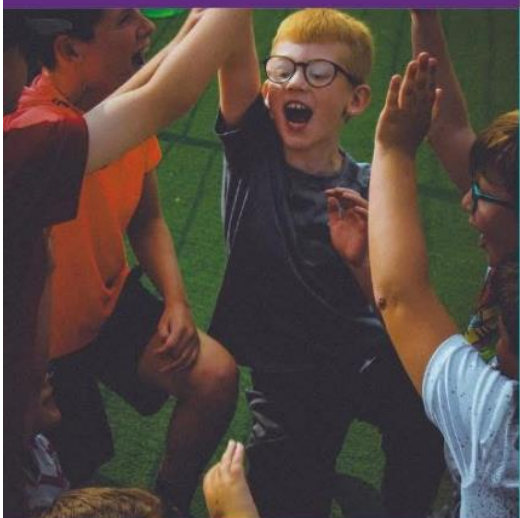
📍 **LORDSGATE PRIMARY, BURSCOUGH**

EVERY THURSDAY 5-7PM

📍 **BUCKSHAW PRIMARY, CHORLEY**

EVERY SATURDAY 10AM-2PM

📍 **COPPULL PRIMARY, CHORLEY**



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be won, etc**



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# HAPPY EARTH DAY

22nd April



## **Earth Powered Potatoes with a Choice of Filling**

Mild Chicken

*or*

Vegetarian Curry

*or*

Tuna Mayo &  
Rainbow Vegetables

*or*

BBQ Beans & Cheese  
*served with*  
Crispy Onions, Coleslaw  
& Salad Selection

*or*

Jacket Potato  
*with standard fillings*

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Oaty Cookie & Milkshake

*or*

Fresh Fruit

## **INTRODUCING...**

# **SPUDBROS**

Coming to your school soon.....?



The One Stop Shop is a monthly drop in where families can access support from different services under one roof.

We offer a warm welcome, refreshments and an opportunity to get help with:

- Housing
- Finance
- Employment advice
- Family Support
- Home safety
- Mental health support
- Accessing food banks
- SEND
- Access to learning
- Emotional Health and Wellbeing
- Children's Health advice
- Early years support
- Local services



Drop in on the first Thursday of the month, between 9.30am 'til 12pm at:

**Skelmersdale Family Hub and The Zone**  
**Yeadon**  
**Skelmersdale**  
**WN8 6NL**

Between the Concourse and the Library

Tel: 01695 651350



**SKELMERSDALE**  
**FAMILY HUB**  
**AND THE ZONE**  
**WEST LANCASHIRE**



[lancashire.gov.uk](http://lancashire.gov.uk)



# SERVICES HERE TO HELP

**Job Centre Plus** 

**Lancashire Talking Therapies** 

**Compass Bloom** 

**West Lancashire Borough Council** 

**Health Visitor & School Nurse** 

**Wigan Athletic** 

**Queenscourt Hospice** 

**Barnardo's**  *Changing childhoods. Changing lives.*

**Lancashire Autism Pathway Navigator**  
 Our Vision: To provide the best mental health, learning disability, autism and community based services for the populations we serve. 

**Council Voluntary Service** 

**Energy Project Plus** 

**CAMHS**  **CAMHS**  
 Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services

**Birchwood**  **BIRCHWOOD**  
 a different way

**Homestart** 

**Liberty Centre** 

**Lancashire Key Working Service** 

**Victim Support** 

**NEST** 

**Further Education** 

**Police & Fire Service** 

**Representatives from....**

- Elm Tree Community Primary School** 
- West Lancashire Community High** 
- Kingsbury Primary School** 
- Hope High School** 

# Welcome to our Breakfast Club

We are open from 7.45 and there is no need to book

Breakfast Club | Brookfield Park Primary School



## Are you in need of after school provision?

### Try our 3.15 Club

Activity Club-3.15pm Club | Brookfield Park Primary School

Please note: sessions must be booked by Thursday for the following week.



# PLAYGROUP

Come along to our weekly playgroup for lots of fun, play, singing, crafts and make new friends.



**Venue:** Brookfield Park Primary School

**Location:** Main Hall

**Date:** Every Tuesday (*term time only*)

**Time:** 09:15 – 11:15

**Cost:** £2.00 per session (*Includes tea, coffee, juice and toast*)

Everyone welcome!

