



Newsletter

Monday 24th April 2023





Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new children and families to Brook and welcome back those who have returned. It is lovely to have you all here.

With best wishes,

Ellen Ranson-McCabe

NEWS: Attendance Update (Good =96%+)

	Year to Date 	Term 5 to date	Weekly
Whole School	94.1%	91.3%	91.3%
Little Acorns	92.5%	83.3%	83.3%
Saplings	94.4%	89.6%	89.6%
Young Oaks	95.1% 	96.9% 	96.9% 
Mighty Oaks	92.7%	89.3%	89.3%

STAFFING UPDATE: Farewells and Welcomes

Mrs Thompson is retiring from teaching at the end of the academic year after a long career in the profession. Mrs Thompson has worked at Brook now for 5 years and taught across KS1 and Early Years, meaning many children in school know her very well. We will very much miss Mrs Thompson and the dedication and ideas she brings to Brook but we wish her all the very best in her next adventures. Mrs Thompson may pop back to help us out with supply cover next year! This year Mrs Thompson has job shared with Miss Sharp and I am pleased to announce Miss Sharp will return full time in September to teach Little Acorns next year.

Miss Callan is leaving us at the end of this academic year to take up a teaching opportunity in Japan! Miss Callan has been a hardworking and passionate member of staff at Brook for the last two years. We are very excited for Miss Callan but will be sad to see her go. We hope she will come back and see us when she visits the UK!

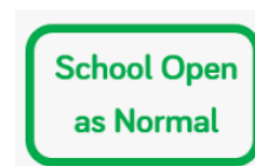


I am pleased to share we have recruited a new teacher for Saplings next year. Mrs Jones will be starting at Brook on 3rd July so she can get to know staff, families and, most importantly, children before September as well as work alongside Miss Callan. Miss Jones will also join us for our transition days across Term 6 so her new class can start to build their relationship with her.



I hope you will join us nearer the time in welcoming Mrs Jones to Brook and fond farewells to Mrs Thompson and Miss Callan in July.

IMPORTANT: STRIKE ACTION: I am pleased to confirm that school will remain open as usual on these dates and therefore there are no planned closures this term.



INFORMATION: The King's Coronation



On Friday 5th May we will celebrate the coronation in school. School Captains and the Young Leadership Team are busy planning an afternoon of games in Houses and we are learning some songs too.

Children are welcome to **dress up as royalty or wear red, white and blue** for the day. This is optional.

At lunch on this day, we will have a **whole school picnic**. Children can bring a packed lunch or you can book a school dinner in the usual way. Mrs Jenner, our lovely cook, will make up 'grab and go' lunch bags with hotdog, chips, cookie and veggie sticks which can be eaten on the field. No food will be shared at the picnic.

INFORMATION: Lunchtimes

We are trying something new at lunchtimes to ensure all children have something fun to do. Every day a member of staff or two will lead an optional activity. Any child can join in if they wish. Last week this was a great success! We saw dodgeball, netball and just dance as well as forest fun, parachute games and chinks. We continue to be lucky enough to have Mr Fraser with us on Monday and Friday lunchtimes too and he leads competitive games. We also continue to have our Treehouse club with Mrs Bridle every day.



REMINDER: Forest Adventures

This Wednesday, **Little Acorns** have their forest adventure day.



REMINDER: Mindfulness for Parents and Carers

Carolina Reinhardt has organised a Mindfulness event for parents and carers. This will take place on **Wednesday 26th April at 9.15am** in the school hall. Please come along!

REMINDER: Specialist Teacher Coffee Morning for parents and carers

Miss Lawson has organised a coffee morning which will be attended by **Amy Honey – a specialist SEND teacher** who works for the specialist teaching and learning service in Ashford. Amy will be there to introduce herself, her role and answer any questions you may have. This is also a great opportunity for parents and carers of children with SEND or additional needs to get together and share experiences.

The event is taking place on **Friday 5th May at 9.00 at school**.



REMINDER: Term 4 Winners!

House Points: Dragonflies (Blue) can wear non-uniform to school on Friday 28th April (this week) if they wish.

Diary Dates for the Year ahead – Updates/changes are highlighted.

Every effort will be made to keep these dates in place but please be aware they could change in unforeseen circumstances.

TERM 5		
Over the term	Year 2 SATs	
Tues 25 th April	Godinton House Trip – storytelling project	Mighty Oaks
Wed 26 th April	Forest School Day – Little Acorns	
Wed 26 th April	Mindfulness Class for parents/carers	9.15am
Wed 26 th April	Horticultural Project at Godinton House – session 2/6	AM trip. Pupils attending have been invited.
Thurs 27 th April	SCHOOL OPEN AS USUAL (NEU Strike)	
Fri 28 th April	Non-Uniform for winning house team	Dragonflies (blue)
Mon 1 st May	May Day Bank Holiday	
Tues 2 nd May	SCHOOL OPEN AS USUAL (NEU Strike)	
Wed 3 rd May	Forest School Day – Young Oaks	
Fri 5 th May	Coronation picnic and games	All pupils to have a packed lunch
Fri 5 th May	Parent/Carer coffee morning with STLS	9.00am
Mon 8 th May	BANK HOLIDAY	
Wed 10 th May	Godinton House Trip – storytelling project	Little Acorns
9 th – 12 th May	Year 6 SATs	
Tues 16 th May	Godinton House Trip – storytelling project	Young Oaks
Wed 17 th May	Forest School Day – Saplings	
Wed 17 th May	Horticultural Project at Godinton House – session 3/6	AM trip. Pupils attending have been invited.
Thurs 18 th May	Class Sharing Assembly – Saplings	9.00am – Parents of Saplings welcome to attend
Tues 23 rd May	Godinton House Trip – storytelling project	Saplings
Wed 24 th May	Horticultural Project at Godinton House – session 4/6	AM trip. Pupils attending have been invited.
Fri 26 th May	End of Term 5	
TERM 6		
Mon 12 th June	Term 6 begins	
12 th -16 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screen	
Fri 16 th June	School Walk	
12 th -23 rd June	Year 4 Multiplication Screen	
Wed 21 st June	Forest School Day – Little Acorns	
Wed 21 st June	Horticultural Project at Godinton House – session 5/6	AM trip. Pupils attending have been invited.
Wed 28 th June	Forest School Day – Mighty Oaks	
Fri 30 th June	Sports Day	Morning
3 rd – 7 th July	SEN/D Provision Review Meetings	Invitation only
Wed 5 th July	Forest School Day – Saplings	
Wed 5 th July	Horticultural Project at Godinton House – session 6/6	AM trip. Pupils attending have been invited.
Thurs 6 th July	Class Sharing Assembly – Young Oaks	9.00am – Parents of Young Oaks welcome to attend
Fri 7 th July	Year 6 Camp night and Mighty Oaks BBQ	Evening
Wed 12 th July	Forest School Day – Young Oaks	
Thurs 13 th July	Mighty Oaks Show	1.30pm

Fri 14 th July	Mighty Oaks Show	5.30pm
Fri 14 th July	End of Year Reports	
Wed 19 th July	Parents' Open Afternoon/Evening – all classes	3.15-5.00pm
Thurs 20 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Service	2.00pm
Fri 21 st July	End of Term 6 and the Academic Year	

Term dates 2022 – 2023 (current year)

TERM 5		
Mon 17 th April	Term 5 begins	
Mon 1 st May	Bank Holiday	
Mon 8 th May	Bank Holiday	
Fri 26 th May	End of Term 5	
May half term		
TERM 6		
Mon 12 th June	Term 6 begins	
Fri 21 st July	End of Term 6 and the Academic Year	
Summer Holiday		

Term dates 2023 – 2024 (September onwards)

TERM 1		
Thurs 1 st Sept 23	Staff Development Day 1/5	
Mon 4 th Sept	Start of Term – Children return	
Fri 20 th Oct	End of Term 1	
October half term (1 week)		
TERM 2		
Mon 30 th Oct	Staff Development Day 2/5	
Tues 31 st Oct	Term 2 begins	
Fri 15 th Dec	End of Term 2	
Winter Holiday (2 weeks)		
TERM 3		
Tues 2 nd Jan 24	Term 3 begins	
Fri 9 th Feb	End of Term 3	
February half term (1 week)		
TERM 4		
Mon 19 th Feb	Term 4 begins	
Thurs 28 th March	End of Term 4	
Fri 29 th March	Bank Holiday	
Spring Holiday (2 weeks)		
TERM 5		
Mon 15 th April	Term 5 begins	
Mon 6 th May	Bank Holiday	
Thurs 23 rd May	End of Term 5	
Fri 24 th May	Staff Development Day 3/5	
May half term (1 week)		
TERM 6		
Mon 3 rd June	Term 6 begins	
Fri 19 th July	End of Term 6 and the Academic Year	
Mon 22 nd July	Staff Development Day 4/5	
Tues 23 rd July	Staff Development Day 5/5	
Summer Holiday (6 weeks)		