Newsletter

Monday 27th January 2025

Upcoming events this week:

- Year 5 swimming lesson (4 of 5) – Friday
- Young Oaks Class Assembly – Wednesday, 9am
- Mighty Oaks – onsite outdoor learning day, Thursday (forest school clothes)
- Young Oaks – onsite outdoor learning day, Friday (forest school clothes)
- Book Fair – all week

IMPORTANT: A note about our school

Brook has historically been a school with numbers on roll (children who attend) fluctuating anywhere from numbers in the 50s to the 80s.

We are currently in a period when birth rates are low both across Ashford as well as Kent and the UK. Many schools are experiencing lower numbers on roll than previously, and we are no exception. Governors and I are expecting this to be a temporary phase.

In addition to this, we have the usual number of children and families joining Brook from other schools or leaving Brook to join a different a school. With our historic low admissions at Brook, this has always been the case here as we always have spaces and currently, other schools also have spaces, making parental choice to leave or join, much easier. There are many factors to families leaving or joining Brook and they are often personal to each individual family.

I can assure you that currently, KCC have no plans to close Brook and we, as a school, have no current plans to make any changes to the structure of our school, for example, changing the classes or mixes of year groups. If this was to ever change, families would receive plenty of notice and you would be kept aware of such plans. As a member of the CARE Foundation Trust, we are well supported by other schools in the local area. It is worth noting too that, although we are funded by Kent County Council (KCC), the school building and site is owned by the trust, not KCC.

We are proud to have a team of excellent teachers and teaching assistants, a great curriculum, and a focus on high-quality teaching and learning. We are also proud to be a nurturing school and a school that provides a growing plethora of enrichment opportunities.

Whether we have 50 children or 100 children, as a team of staff and governors, we are dedicated and passionate about continuing to work hard for the education and happiness of all the children here. We continue to drive forward and will not cease our work to improve our school.

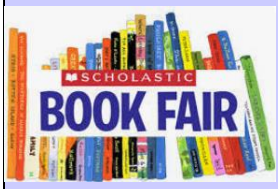
We are seeking to increase our reputation locally and ensure we are seen as not only as a school that nurtures all children but also a school that offers a high-quality learning experience whether your child has additional learning needs or needs an extra challenge to reach their full potential.

If you would like to support us further, you can post googles reviews, send in positive feedback we can use to quote on the website or adverts and share our social media posts.

My door is always open should you wish to discuss any of the above further.

Best wishes,
Ellen McCabe

INFORMATION: Book Fair



Our annual book fair is in school this week! Books will be sold after school. We receive a small percentage of any profit made to buy books for our school.

DIARY DATE: Young Oaks Class assembly

Young Oaks are holding a class assembly this Wednesday at 9.00am in the hall. Parents and Carers are very welcome to attend.

2024-2025 Calendar

Every effort will be made to keep these dates in place but please be aware, changes may occur.
Updates/changes are highlighted.

TERM 3 – 2024/25			
Week	**Day/Date**	**Event**	**Further information**
4	Wed 29th Jan	Class Assembly – Young Oaks	Hall, 9.00am
	Thurs 30th Jan	Environment-led learning – Mighty Oaks	On-site
	Fri 31st Jan	Environment-led learning – Young Oaks	On-site
5	Thurs 6th Feb	Environment-led learning – Saplings and Little Acorns	On-site
	Fri 7th Feb	Coffee Morning	9.00am, All welcome (library)
6	Mon 10th Feb/Tues 11th Feb	Parents' Evening Meetings	
	Tues 11th Feb	Safer Internet Day	
	Fri 14th Feb	Top up Swimming lessons start – 5 weeks	Some Yr5 and 6 (by invitation)
	Fri 14th Feb	Brilliant Brook Day – enrichment day	
	Fri 14th Feb	**End of Term 3**	

TERM 4 – 2024/25			
Week	**Day/Date**	**Event**	**Further information**
1	**Mon 24th Feb**	**Term 4 begins**	
	Fri 28th Feb	Top up Swimming lessons continue– 4 weeks	Some Yr5 and 6
2		Clubs start this week	
	Thurs 6th March	World Book Day	
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4	Thurs 20th March	Class Assembly – Saplings	Hall, 9.00am
	Fri 21st March	Music Concert	After school, All welcome, (hall)
5	Fri 28th March	Coffee Morning	9.00am, All welcome (library)
6	Fri 4th April	Easter Service – St. Mary's Church	9.30am, All welcome
	Fri 4th April	End of Term reports issued	
	Fri 4th April	**End of Term 4**	
Environment-led learning days will take place as usual this term. Dates TBC nearer the time.			
TERM 5 – 2024/25			
Week	**Day/Date**	**Event**	**Further information**
1	Mon 21st April	Bank Holiday	
	Tues 22nd April	**Term 5 begins**	
2		Clubs start this week	
3	Mon 5th May	Bank Holiday	
	Thurs 8th May	Class Assembly – Little Acorns	Hall, 9.00am
4	12th – 15th May	Year 6 SATs	
	Fri 16th May	Year 6 Fun Day	
	Fri 16th May	Coffee Morning	9.00am, All welcome (library)
5	Fri 23rd May	FUNDRAISER! Whole School Walk	
	Fri 23rd May	**End of Term 5**	
Environment-led learning days will take place as usual this term. Dates TBC nearer the time.			
TERM 6 – 2024/25			
Week	**Day/Date**	**Event**	**Further information**
1	**Mon 2nd June**	**Term 6 begins**	
	2nd – 13th June	Year 4 Multiplication Check	
2	w/c 9th June	Year 1 Phonics Screen	
	TBC	Transition begins	
3	Fri 20th June	World Music Day – Music Concert	
4	Fri 27th June	Sports Day and family picnic	
	Fri 27th June	FUNDRAISER! Summer Fair	
5	Fri 4th July	Mighty Oaks Camp Out	TBC
	Fri 4th July	SEN/D Provision Review Meetings	By Invitation
6	Fri 11th July	End of Term reports issued	
	Fri 11th July	Year 6 trip	TBC
	Fri 11th July	Coffee Morning	9.00am, All welcome (library)
7	Mon 14th July	Parents' Open Afternoon/Evening	3.30-5.00pm
	Tues 15th July	Mighty Oaks' Show	1.30pm
	Wed 16th July	Mighty Oaks' Show	5.00pm
	Thurs 17th July	Year 6 Forest Party	
	Fri 18th July	Year 6 Leavers' Service - St Mary's Church	Time TBC
	Fri 18th July	**End of Term 6**	
	Mon 21st July	Staff Development Day 4	
	Tues 22nd July	Staff Development Day 5	
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