Newsletter

Friday 21st November 2025

A Small School on a Big Adventure

Upcoming events next week:

- Outdoor Learning Day **onsite** – Mighty Oaks, Tuesday (forest school clothes please)
- Own clothes in exchange for a raffle/tombola donation (Christmas treats, bottles, chocolate etc) – Friday
- Stay and Play session for prospective families – Sept 26 YrR, Wednesday 2pm-3pm

INFORMATION: PSHE and RSE policy and curriculum

We have reviewed our policy for Relationships and Sex Education (RSE), as we do every year, and this is attached for consultation with parents and carers. The policy will go to the full governing body on the 4th of December for ratification. If you have any comments regarding the policy, please email the office before the 4th. Key changes to the policy for this year are highlighted.

In addition to the updated policy, we have reviewed our curriculum for PSHE (Personal, social and health education) and RSE and we are now using a scheme called Kapow. ***Although RSE is covered in every year group, the sex education aspect of this is only taught in Year 6. Sex Education is the only aspect that parents and carers are able to opt their child out of. Year 6 parents will be notified prior to starting any of this learning.*** Attached is a parent guide to the RSE aspects of PSHE taught in every class over this year.

INFORMATION: Seasonal Weather

Now that we are starting to experience some wintery weather, it is a good time to share our procedures in the event of any heavy snow:

As a rurual school, heavy settled snow can cause disruption to our day to day school life. Most of the staff here can only get to school by car and have to travel. Many children also can only arrive by car. If we know that heavy snow is forecast, we will grit as much of the drive and playground as we are able to in advance.

In the event of heavy settled snow, we will firstly assess school site for safety and assess how many members of staff are able to safely get to Brook. Once we have risk assessed, we will decide whether the school will be open or closed.

Once a decision has been reached, we will use a range of communication methods to share this with you as early as we can – class dojo, email and text message. If the school is open, it is likely that attendance at school will be a decision for parents to make as to whether you are able to safely get your child to school. If school is closed, teachers will provide learning activities for home learning via class dojo.

In previous years, we have been lucky to have enough staff to open or partially open and staff will do all they safely can to aim to provide the same if we experience snow this winter.

Pupils being prepared for all weather – Just a reminder that we try to go outside at playtimes in all weathers. Please ensure your child has the correct clothing for this in school (coats with hoods, scarves, hats, gloves etc).

DIARY DATE: Christmas Fair and Raffle

This year our Christmas Fair will take place on the last day of term (Friday 19th Dec) at 2pm. Parents and families are invited to collect your child at 2pm to enjoy the fair together. All money raised goes straight back into the school for playtime and PE equipment.

There will be a raffle draw at 2.30pm! Mrs Baker is busy organising prizes for this! Tickets will be available to purchase soon.

In preparation for the fair, we will be holding two own clothes days in exchange for raffle and tombola prizes (Christmas food, chocolate, bottles, biscuits etc). These will take place on:
Friday 28th November
Friday 12th December

Mrs Baker would like to share this with you all – if you can help, let us know!

Christmas Raffle Prize Donation

Brook Community Primary School are holding their annual Christmas Raffle in December in the hope of raising much needed funds for the school, we are looking for local businesses such as yours to kindly donate a raffle prize.

The monies raised from our Christmas raffle will be used for the children at the school for a little extra that is out of reach of the school budget. The money raised from this year's raffle will be used to support further activities for the children to use during breaktimes and lunchtimes, resources to enhance the children's forest school experience, sensory and nurture resources.

If you are able to assist with a raffle prize, we are happy to collect this from you. If you could please email us on office@brook-ashford.kent.sch.uk and we can make these arrangements with you.

Many thanks in advance.

Yours Faithfully

Shelley Baker

Calendar

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

TERM 2 – 2025/26			
Week	**Day/Date**	**Event**	**Further information**
5	Wed 26th Nov	Stay and Play 1 for Prospective Families	New intake Sept 2026
	Tues 25th Nov	Environment-led learning – Mighty Oaks	On-site
	Fri 28th Nov	Own clothes in exchange for Christmas prizes	Christmas food, chocolate, biscuits, bottles
6	Wed 3rd Dec	Stay and Play 2 for Prospective Families	New intake Sept 2026
	Wed 3rd Dec	Environment-led learning – Young Oaks	On-site
	Tues 9th Dec	Environment-led learning – Saplings	On-site – change of day
7	Wed 10th Dec	Stay and Play 3 for Prospective Families	New intake Sept 2026
	Fri 12th Dec	Own clothes in exchange for Christmas prizes	Christmas food, chocolate, biscuits, bottles
8		***No clubs this week***	
	Mon 15th Dec	LA and Saplings Nativity	2pm, school hall
	Tues 16th Dec	YO and MO Christmas Show	2pm, school hall
	Wed 17th Dec	Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day	
	Fri 19th Dec	Christmas Service - St. Mary's Church	9.30am, all welcome
	Fri 19th Dec	BRILLIANT BROOK DAY - Enrichment	Tolerance theme
	Fri 19th Dec	Christmas Fair and raffle	2.00pm
	Fri 19th Dec	End of Term reports issued	
	Fri 19th Dec	***End of Term 2***	

Key dates for the year ahead:
19th – 21st Jan – Mighty Oaks residential
2nd April, 9.30am - Easter Service at Church
26th June – Sports Day and Summer Fair