

Welcome Back

Brookside is pleased to welcome all the pupils back to school. It was a smooth start to the academic year. Our Reception pupils and new Nursery starters have settled in very well during this transition period. Already, they have shown to be very resilient and responsible in their behaviour. We look forward to a very productive year as we inspire our pupils to 'Strive for Excellence' in all that they do. We look forward to continuing our work with parents, guardians and carers, to support in the development of each child.



Graduation at Brookside

On Wednesday 12th July, the school celebrated the achievements of year 6 with a very special graduation ceremony. This amazing event saw the children presented with certificates and awards to mark this occasion. Parents and other important guests were invited and were treated to the children reciting their reflections of their time at Brookside, as well as inspiring speeches made by Dr Sinclair and Ms Isaacs. There were also key speeches made by some of the pupils themselves. It was a momentous day for all involved and a truly magnificent event.



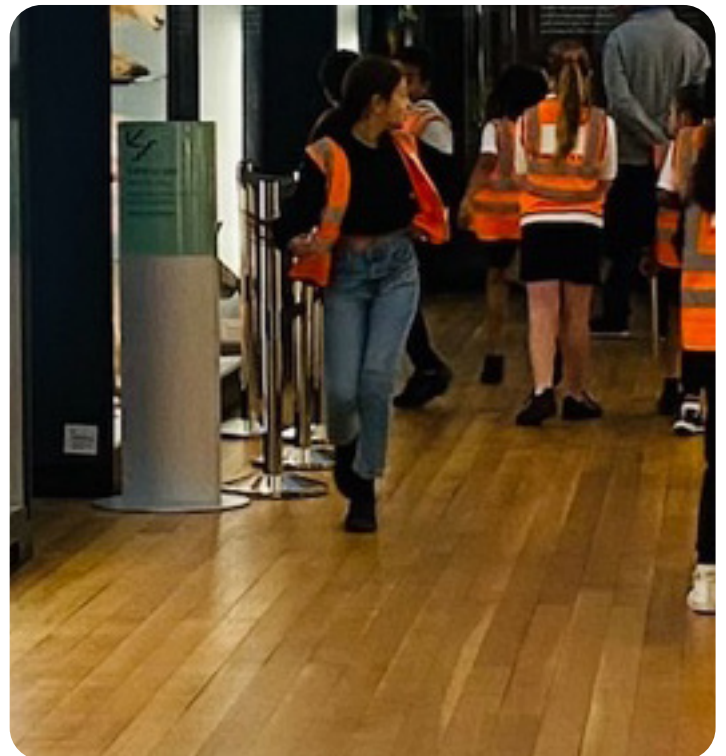


Term Dates - 2023 to 2024

The 2023 to 2024 term dates are detailed on our website and can be accessed via (<https://www.brooksideprimarysch.co.uk>). Please check these dates, as they will be particularly helpful to parents, guardians, or carers planning a family holiday and activities.

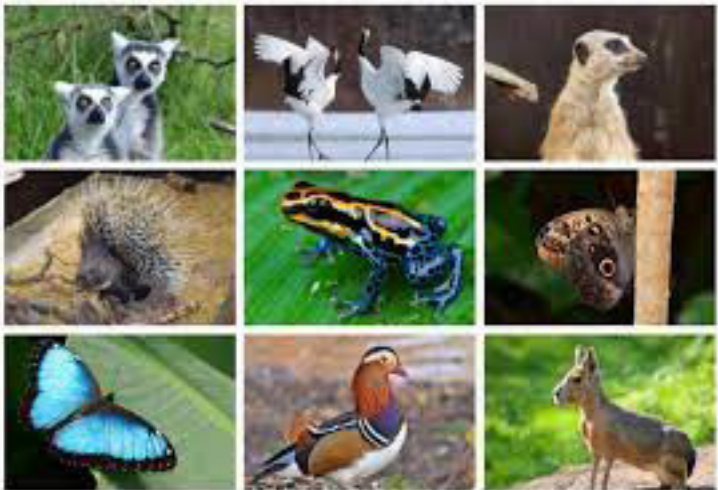
Tring Museum trip

As a part of the summer fun activity week, children from KS2 visited the 'Tring Natural History Museum'. This trip to the museum was motivational as it inspired children's curiosity about the natural world and explored the variety. The children enjoyed exploring the gallery activities closely tied to their science lesson. The Natural History Museum at Tring is a private museum of Lionel Walter, 2nd Baron Rothschild; today it is under the control of the Natural History Museum, London. It houses one of the finest collections of stuffed mammals, birds, reptiles and insects in the United Kingdom. The children had a wonderful experience.



Zoo Exploration

Our Key Stage 1 children had an amazing, engaging, and educational experience exploring the beautiful grounds of Hanwell Zoo during the Summer holidays. They enjoyed observing various wildlife, including the sacred ibis bird, leopard tortoise, ring-tailed lemurs, mandarin ducks, and porcupines, as well as horse-chestnut, maple, and holly trees. They had a blast in the zoo's awesome maze and playground after they were done exploring the zoo.



Year 6 Parliament Visits

The year 6 children will attend an assembly with the UK Parliament on Monday 11th September at 11:10am. This lively, interactive assembly will introduce pupils to what UK Parliament is and how it works. More importantly, they will learn what it means for their lives as citizens.

Booster Lessons – 25th September 2023

Booster sessions will commence on the 25th September 2023 and will be ongoing throughout the course of the term. Teachers invite targeted children to attend these booster sessions in order to help develop their understanding and knowledge in Mathematics, Reading Comprehension, Grammar, Phonics or Writing. Please be advised that booster sessions take place in the morning at 8:15am for Reception to Year 5 and 3:30pm in the afternoon for Year 6. In addition, fun clubs will proceed from 2nd October 2023, to ensure that each child gets a fair opportunity to participate in a fun club, fun clubs will be limited to one club per child. Therefore, please state your order of preference when signing up. Thank you.

Stay and Read

Parents, Guardians and Carers, you are invited to a reading workshop where teachers will model the expectations of reading at home. You will be required to sit with your child, read through, and be shown how you can complete the reading records. Teachers will go through a range of comprehension strategies that can be used at home, as well as, additional links for supporting reading.

School Uniform

School uniform plays a valuable role in supporting positive behaviour for learning. It is designed to instill a sense of pride, identity and belonging. All students are required to wear full school uniform when attending for normal lessons, school photographs, representing the school, and on educational trips and visits. Please communicate with the school if support with uniforms is needed. Please ensure that your child's school uniform is marked with their name so that we can quickly identify any items of clothing found and retrieve lost items.

Roald Dahl Day - Non-Uniform Day

Roald Dahl is one of the favourites when it comes to children's authors. We will be celebrating the famous author Roald Dahl's birthday on Wednesday, 13th September this year. We ask that on that day, the children dress up in a costume as one of the characters from his famous books. Roald Dahl's favourite colour was yellow so the children can dress up in all yellow if they prefer. This would be a great opportunity for the children to take an interest in talking about Roald Dahl's books. It would be fantastic to see a variety of both popular and more unusual characters, so really use your imaginations. We are asking for a donation of £1. Thank you for your continued support.

Attendance - Importance of Good Attendance

It is important that all children are in school by 8:30am for soft start to their day. Registration takes place at 9:00am. Therefore, we would like to remind parents, guardians and carers that it is important for pupils to attend school daily. Research shows that there is a clear link between the attendance rate of children at school and their level of attainment. Please support your child to attend regularly by ensuring that any medical or other appointments are organised out of school hours. The expectation of the governing body is that all children will achieve a minimum annual attendance rate of 96%.

Absence - Notifying Child Absence from School

If your child is unable to attend school, please let us know before 8:30am on the first day of absence (either by telephone, email or in person). If the school does not receive a communication by this time and the absence is unexplained, your child's teacher or a member of the school's administration team will either send a text message, or telephone you during the morning. The school is required to account for all student absences, therefore please ensure you provide the school with a written note signed by you, explaining the reasons for your child's absence once they return to school. The school can only authorise genuine absences. A doctor's note may be required in circumstances, such as extended periods of illness.

Free School Meals - Application Process

Free School Meals is a statutory means-tested benefit, which provides a child with meals at school for free. If you believe your child may be newly entitled to this benefit, or if they received it last year and you would like to reapply, please attend the School's Office and request an application form. The School's Office will also be able to advise any parents, guardians or carers who are unfamiliar with the process for claiming 'Free School Meals'. The Free School Meals benefit does not automatically renew; it must be applied for each academic year. It is important to note that until your child has been confirmed as receiving the Free School Meals benefit, their school lunches must be paid for

	Week Commencing: <i>Monday September</i>	
MENU 2		
MONDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Beef Meatball Pasta Bake	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Beef Meatball Pasta Bake	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Vegetable Pasta Bake	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Meatballs with Gluten free Pasta	Gluten/Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	Strawberry Mousse with Fresh Strawberries	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
TUESDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Lamb Koftas with Rice and a Yogurt and Cucumber Dip	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Lamb Koftas with Rice and a Yogurt and Cucumber Dip	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Creamy Pasta Bake	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Lamb Patty with Rice	Gluten/Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	Chocolate Sponge	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
WEDNESDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Baked Jacket Potato with Fillings <i>[sliced chicken, salad, coleslaw, tuna]</i>	
Meal Choice 2	Sweet Potato with Fillings <i>[sliced chicken, salad, coleslaw, tuna]</i>	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 3	Baked Jacket Potato with Salad and Beans	Gluten/Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	Fruit Tarts	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
THURSDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes, Stuffing and Onion Gravy	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes, Stuffing and Onion Gravy	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Vegetable Tart	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gluten free Gravy	Gluten/Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	Vanilla Cheesecake	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
FRIDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Fish Fingers or Battered Chicken with Oven Baked Potato Wedges	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Fish Fingers or Battered Chicken with Oven Baked Potato Wedges	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Vegetable and Cheese Pasta Bake	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Gluten free Fish Fingers with Gluten free Potato Wedges and Beans	Gluten/Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	Apple Pie	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
<i>Please note that all main meals are served with Fresh Vegetables of the Day</i>		

Water Bottles – Warm Weather

Research has shown how being well hydrated can enhance a child's performance in class and improve their well-being. We are all hoping for warm weather in the weeks ahead. Playing outside is particularly thirsty work and we would urge you to send your child to school with a labeled water bottle. Empty bottles can be filled with water in school and brought home for cleaning, at the end of each day.

School Uniform Labels

It has recently come to our attention that some children do not have their names written in items of their school uniform. Please ensure that your child's school uniform is marked with their name so that we can quickly identify any items of clothing found and retrieve lost items. Thank you.

		<h1>September 2023</h1>	
<h2>September</h2>			
Monday 4th September 2023		Parent Consultation EYFS & KSG1 1.00pm to 5.00PM	
Tuesday 5th September 2023		Parent Consultation KSG 2 1.00pm to 5.00pm	
Wednesday 6th September 2023		Term Begins	
Friday 8th September 2023		8:40am Stay and Read – Nursery AM PM	
Tuesday 12th September 2023		8:40am Stay and Read – Reception Classes	
Wednesday 13th September 2023		8:40am Stay and Read- Year 1 & Year 2	
Wednesday 13th September 2023		Non-Uniform- Roald Dahl Birthday	
Thursday 14th September 2023		8:40 am Stay and Read – Year 3 & Year 4	
Friday, 15th September 2023		8:40am Stay and Read- Year 5 & Year 6	