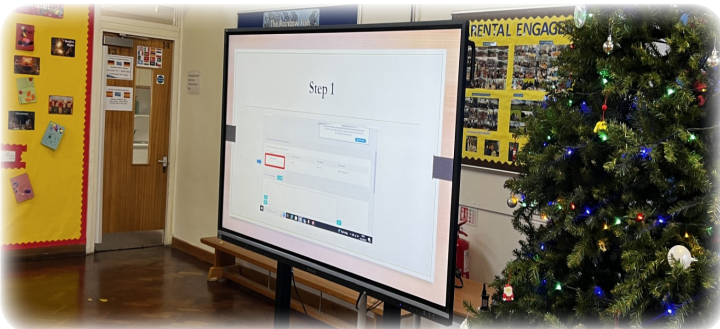




Early Essence Workshop

On Wednesday 27th November, parents, carers and guardians of Early Years had an enjoyable time learning about 'How Early Essence is taught in Nursery and Reception'. Ms Sinclair demonstrated the Read, Write Inc. Programme, including how letter sounds are introduced, handwriting formation and how Early Essence can be taught at home through segmenting and blending. Strategies were also shared on how phonics can be taught at home. The workshop had a great turnout and we appreciate the parents, guardians and carers participation.



Ten Pin Bowling

On Monday 2nd December 2024, six children represented Brookside in the Panathlon Ten Pin Bowling Competition. Pupils were incredible competitors, demonstrating not only their impressive bowling skills but also exceptional camaraderie and sportsmanship. The day was filled with many highlights and successes, and we are immensely proud of all the children who participated. They were a true credit to the School, showcasing the best of Brookside Primary in every aspect.



Pottery



This week, our Year 3 pupils unleashed their creativity in Design and Technology, producing outstanding pottery. They crafted a variety of pieces, including pots, cups, mugs, and more, all whilst demonstrating impressive skills and imagination. Well done Year 3!



Natural History Museum at Tring

On Thursday 28th November 2024, our Year 6 Canberra pupils had a fantastic day out at the Tring Museum as a reward for their exemplary behaviour this term. During the visit, the students explored fascinating exhibits, including the incredible collection of stuffed animals, rare specimens, and unique displays showcasing the diversity of the natural world. The trip was both educational and fun—a wonderful way to celebrate their hard work and teamwork this term.



Flu Immunisations - Year 5 and Year 6

The Flu Immunisation Team visited us on Tuesday 26th November 2024 and completed vaccinations upto Year 4. The team will be coming on Friday 13th December to complete all other vaccinations.

School Uniform - Cold Weather

Now that the weather is getting wet and cold, we will need to work together to make sure that our standard of uniform does not slip. Whilst it is helpful and sensible for children to come to school in warm coats, jumpers and even Wellington boots, they must have their full school uniform (including blazers) and black school shoes with them every day. Thank you.

Free Winter Half-Term Programme 2024/25



HILLINGDON

Winter Half-Term Programme

Targeted programmes for children and young people

Fun, free sessions and workshops for 8 to 24-year-olds who live, learn or earn in Hillingdon and may benefit from additional targeted support.

#DOSOMETHINGTHISHOLIDAY

Sessions are fun, free and provided on a referral basis.

The Hillingdon Youth Offer's Targeted Team is offering a fun-filled winter programme during the Christmas school holiday for the enjoyment and growth of children and young people in Hillingdon. Across the action-packed days, expect activities ranging from creative arts, STEM, sports to cooking aimed at fostering fun, creativity, teamwork skills and improved well-being. It is a fantastic opportunity for our young residents to learn new skills, make friends, and create lasting memories. Sessions are fun, free and provided on a referral basis.

Visit our website for more information on session times, and how to book: <https://www.therosedalehewensacademytrust.co.uk/free-winter-half-term-programme-2024/25>

Christmas Jumper Day - 13th December 2024

On Friday 13th December, all the children are invited to wear their favourite Christmas jumper to school! Looking forward to seeing lots of happy and excited children wearing their favourite Christmas jumpers to school on this day and helping this worthwhile charity make a difference to those in need! We thank you in advance for your generosity.

Primary School Admissions 2025

Primary School Admissions 2025. We would like to inform all parents, guardians and carers of children born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021 that the closing date for applications for Primary School places to be received by the London Borough of Hillingdon is Wednesday 15th January 2025. To ensure your application arrives on time and in order to give your child the best possible chance of being offered the school of your choice, we would advise that you submit your applications prior to the Christmas holiday period. Further information can be found on (www.hillingdon.gov.uk/primary). You will have received information with regard to applying for your child starting primary school via email.

Christmas Caroling and Tree Trimming

Next week, we invite you to come and watch Year 1 and above take part in the yearly Christmas Caroling and Tree Trimming. All dates and times are in the school calendar (please refer to the next page).

Christmas Meal - 18th December 2024

On Wednesday 18th December, we will be offering the children who wish to have a school dinner, a free traditional Christmas meal and a dessert. All information regarding Christmas meals is available on I Pay Impact.



CHRISTMAS MEAL Brookside Primary

Wednesday 18th December 2024

Mains

Roast Norfolk Turkey in Rich Onion Gravy
(Available in Halal and Non Halal)
Pork Chipolata wrapped in smoked bacon (Non Halal)

Vegetarian

Cheddar Cheese, Tomato and Basil Tart with a Onion Marmalade

All Main Dishes Served With

Roasted Rosemary and Thyme Potatoes
Sage and Onion Stuffing
Yorkshire Pudding
Honey Glazed Baby Carrots
Baby Buttered Brussels sprouts

Dessert

Rich Chocolate Cake with a Caramel Fudge Sauce
Fresh Fruits and Yoghurts





Week Commencing: *Monday 9th December 2024*

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

Please note that all main meals are served with Fresh Vegetables of the Day

Terms and Holidays

AUTUMN TERM 2024

Staff Training: **Monday 2nd September 2024**
(Half day) [Training – morning only]
 [Parent Consultation – afternoon and early evening]

Staff Training: **Tuesday 3rd September 2024**
(Half day) [Training – morning only]
 [Parent Consultation – afternoon and early evening]

Term Begins: **Wednesday 4th September 2024** *(All year groups)*

Half Term: **Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November 2024**

Term Ends: **Friday 20th December 2024**

SPRING TERM 2025

Staff Training: **Monday 6th January 2025**
(Half day) [Training – morning only]
 [Parent Consultation – afternoon and early evening]

Staff Training: **Tuesday 7th January 2025**
(Half day) [Training – morning only]
 [Parent Consultation – afternoon and early evening]

Term Begins: **Wednesday 8th January 2025**

Half Term: **Monday 17th to Friday 21st February 2025**

Term Ends: **Friday 4th April 2025**



December 2024 - January 2025

DECEMBER

Monday 9th 9:10a.m 2:40p.m	Carolling and Tree Trimming – Year 1 Year 2
Tuesday 10th 9:10a.m 2:40p.m	Carolling and Tree Trimming – Year 3 Year 4
Wednesday 11th 9:10a.m 2:40p.m	Carolling and Tree Trimming – Year 5 Year 6
Thursday 12th	Year 2 & Year 3 Metropolitan Police Visit
Thursday 12th 2:00p.m - 3:00p.m	Metropolitan Police Visit - Parent & Guardian Safety Presentation on Internet Safety
Friday 13th	Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 17th	Year 4 Metropolitan Police Visit
Wednesday 18th	Year 6 Metropolitan Police Visit
Wednesday 18th 2:00p.m - 3:00p.m	Year 5 & Year 6 Metropolitan Police Visit - Year 5 & 6 Parent & Guardian Presentation
Wednesday 18th	Christmas Meal
Thursday 19th	Christmas Classroom Parties
Friday 20th 11:45 a.m	End of Term - Early Dismissal - EYFS & KS1
Friday 20th 12:00 a.m	End of Term - Early Dismissal - KS2

January

Monday 6th 1:00p.m - 5:00p.m	EYFS & KS1 Parent, Guardian & Carer Consultation
Tuesday 7th 1:00p.m - 5:00p.m	KS2 Parent, Guardian & Carer Consultation
Friday 10th - 16th	SATs Week
Friday	NCMP Check
Monday 13th	Make Your Dream Come True Day
Monday 13th	Year 6 SATs - first set
Saturday 18th (Observed Friday 17th)	Winnie the Pooh Day