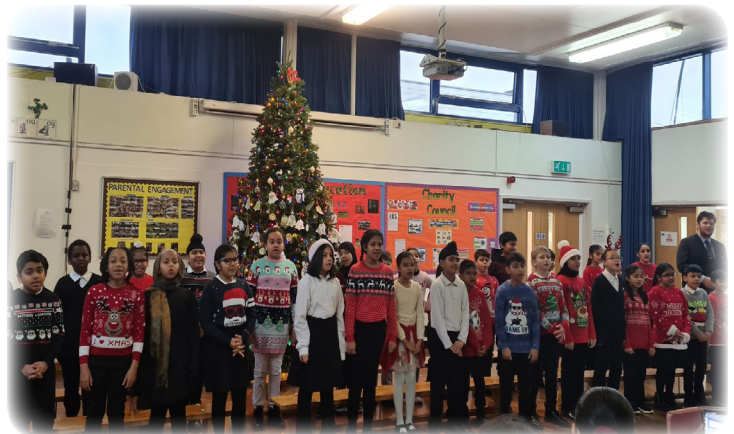




Year 1, 2, 3 4 5 and 6 Caroling and Tree Trimming

Last week, Brookside Primary's Year 1-6 pupils filled the hall with festive joy during our annual Caroling and Tree-Trimming Assembly! The children showcased their hard work and holiday spirit, performing beautiful carols that truly captured the magic of the season. As part of the celebration, each child added their unique decoration to our school tree, making it shine brighter than ever. A big thank you to all the parents, guardians, carers and families who joined us—you made the event even more special with your support and enthusiasm. Wishing everyone a joyful and festive season!



Charitable Deed

The Charity Council visited the Hillingdon Foodbank on Thursday 12th December to deliver the items collected from the School's Harvest Festival and World Food Day donations. Having the opportunity to give back to the community, the children learnt the importance of helping those who are less fortunate, particularly in these challenging times. The Foodbank was very appreciative of the huge amount of food and toiletry items our school was able to collect in support of the families in need. We would like to thank all staff, parents, guardians and carers for your support and kindness in donating items for our Harvest Festival celebration.



Jumper Fun

On Friday 13th December, Brookside Primary School was filled with festive cheer as we celebrated Christmas Jumper Day! The pupils and staff wore their most vibrant and festive jumpers, spreading joy throughout the School. From twinkling lights to reindeer patterns, everyone joined in the fun, with pupils encouraged to wear either their Christmas jumpers or any colourful alternative to mark the occasion. It was a heartwarming sight to see so much creativity and festive spirit on display!



Metropolitan Police Workshop

This week, we were delighted to welcome the Metropolitan Police to Brookside Primary School for a series of engaging and educational sessions tailored to each year group. Year 2 learned about the roles of police officers and how they help people, while Year 3 explored safe interactions through the Clever Never Goes workshop. Year 4 focused on personal safety, and Year 5 gained valuable insights on staying safe online, including privacy, cyberbullying, and responsible internet use. Year 6 tackled critical topics such as knife crime, gangs, and drug awareness. These sessions were interactive and informative, empowering our pupils with essential knowledge to stay safe both offline and online.



Keep Safe and look after your wellbeing this Christmas



Visit our website for support and advice on the below topics:

- ★ Winter Wellness Guide 2024
- ★ Online Safety
- ★ Mental Health Support
- ★ Self-Care
- ★ Parental Conflict
- ★ Bereavement

We wish you a Merry Christmas, and a safe and happy New Year!



Take a look at our website for information and support at home during the Christmas break. We are here to help support you through any challenging times that may arise at home. Visit our website for online support or keep in touch with us with our Lead Safeguarding Officers, contact details can be found on our website. We wish you a Merry Christmas, and a safe and happy New Year!

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Where To Find Support With Food This Christmas



For many people, the Christmas Day dinner is the big event of the holiday season the roast meat, copious amounts of side dishes, and not forgetting a pudding and drink to wash it all down with! But, this isn't realistic for many people this

year, as millions of households are struggling under the effects of the cost of living crisis. Here are just a few ways to find support with food this

Christmas: <https://livingmadeeasy.org.uk/advice-articles/support-with-food>

Parent Consultation

Parent Consultation meetings will be held on Monday 6th January and Tuesday 7th January 2025. All meeting times have been sent home with the pupils this week.

Recycle and Re-Use Household Items This Christmas!

Hillingdon council is committed to recycling as much of our borough's waste as possible, and they provide free recycling collections for residents. We encourage everyone to recycle more of the right things and help make Hillingdon a green and sustainable borough. Visit our website or the website below for more information on Recycling Collection points in Hillingdon:

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Recycle LIST...

- ★ CHRISTMAS TREES
- ★ FOOD WASTE
- ★ CARDS, WRAPPING PAPER AND CATALOGUES
- ★ OLD UNWANTED TOYS

Visit our websites to see where the Hillingdon Recycle Collection Points are this Christmas!

RECYCLE **RE-USE**

Encourage your children to recycle and re-use household items this Christmas and New Year!

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.

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**

BROOKSIDE	Week Commencing: Monday 6th January 2024	
PRIMARY	MENU 1	
WEDNESDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Macaroni Cheese	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Lightly Spiced Chicken Breast with Rice	Gluten/Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	Lemon Tart	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
THURSDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Roast Turkey with Onion Gravy, Roast Potatoes and Stuffing	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Roast Turkey with Onion Gravy, Roast Potatoes and Stuffing	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Cauliflower and Broccoli Cheese Bake	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Turkey Escalope with Potatoes and Gluten free Gravy	Gluten/Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	Strawberry Jelly	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
FRIDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Fish Fingers with Oven Baked Potato Wedges	
Meal Choice 2	Tomato Pasta Bake	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 3	Gluten free Fish Fingers with Gluten free Potato Wedges and Beans	Gluten/Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	Fresh Fruit Salad	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts

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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 10th	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

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