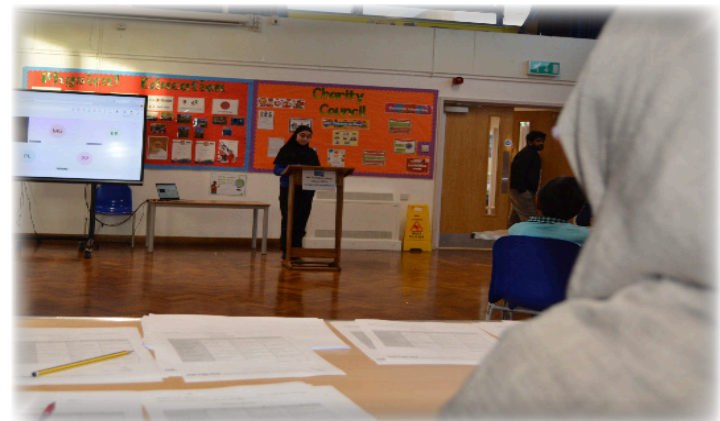


**UK Parliament Week and Pupil Voice Week**

As part of UK Parliament Week and Pupil Voice Week, our pupils had fantastic opportunities to engage in thoughtful discussions and structured debates. KS2 pupils explored a range of “big questions”, including “Animals should not be kept in zoos” and “Technology in the future will cause more problems than it will solve.” Working in teams, they presented confident arguments both for and against each statement, demonstrating critical thinking, excellent speaking skills, and respectful listening. Their debates were scored overall, and pupils showed maturity, enthusiasm, and a strong understanding of how democratic dialogue works. Our Year 1 pupils also took part by holding their own class debates, practising turn-taking, sharing ideas, and learning how to express opinions in a supportive environment. It was a wonderful week celebrating pupil voice, confidence, and the values of democracy across the school.





### Science in Action

In Year 3, the pupils investigated the properties of three different types of rocks through a hands-on science experiment. To test hardness, they gently attempted to scratch each rock with a screw to see which surface marked most easily. They then placed the rocks in water to observe whether they floated or sank. Finally, the children added a small amount of acid to each rock to look for reactions such as fizzing or bubbling. Through these engaging tests, the pupils made careful observations and compared the unique properties of each rock, developing both their scientific understanding and their enquiry skills.



### Road Safety Week: "Be the Brightest School" Non-Uniform Day

Following Road Safety Week (Monday 17th–21st November 2025), our school continued to raise awareness by taking part in a special non-uniform day on Friday 28th November 2025. Pupils were encouraged to come to school wearing bright, eye-catching colours to promote the message of being visible and staying safe, especially during the darker winter months. The day was a wonderful success, with pupils across the school proudly showcasing their vibrant outfits while learning more about the importance of road safety. Thank you to everyone who took part and helped us shine a light on keeping our community safe.



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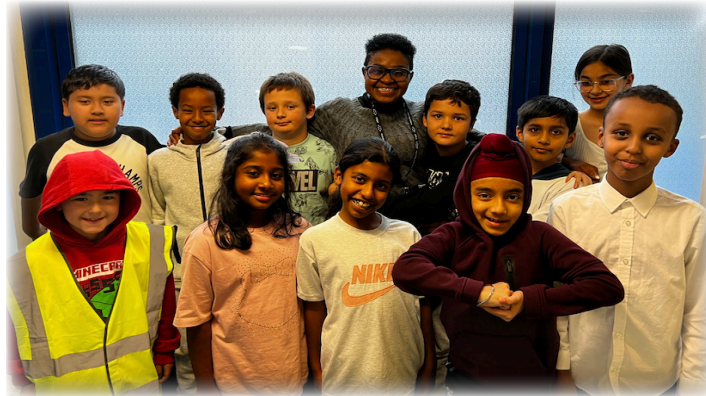
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**CHRISTMAS MEAL  
Brookside Primary School**

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

**Mains**

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

**Vegetarian**

Mini Quiche Selection  
Vegetable Goujons

**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



**Primary School Applications – September 2026  
Intake**

We would like to inform all parents, guardians, and carers of children born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022 that the closing date for applications for Primary School places to be received by the London Borough of Hillingdon is 15th January 2026. Further information can be found at: [www.hillingdon.gov.uk/primary](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/primary). You will have already received information regarding how to apply for your child to start primary school via email. However, if you experience any issues or require further support, please speak with the school office or your child's class teacher.

**Reception Nativity - Tuesday 16th December 2025**

We are delighted to invite the parents, guardians, and carers of our Reception pupils to join us for the Reception Nativity. This special performance will take place on Tuesday 16th December 2025 at 2:30 p.m.. Come and enjoy as the pupils share their performance, celebrating the joy of the season. We look forward to welcoming you to this heartwarming event!

**Frosty Fair - Cake Sale Donations Needed**

We are kindly requesting cake donations for our upcoming Frosty Fair on Thursday 18th December 2025. If you are able to contribute, please send your cakes to the school office by Wednesday 17th December 2025.

**Frosty Fair – Thursday 18th December 2025**

We are excited to invite all parents, guardians and carers to our upcoming Frosty Fair on Thursday 18th December 2025. This will be a small but festive winter event featuring a bouncy castle, a cake sale, and a selection of other fun, seasonal activities for our school community to enjoy. Please note that this will be a cash-only event. As part of our preparations, we are kindly requesting cake donations. If you are able to contribute, please send your cakes to the school office by Wednesday 17th December 2025. We are also offering presale tickets for face painting:

EYFS: Monday 15th December 2025

KS1: Tuesday 16th December 2025

KS2: Wednesday 17th December 2025

If you would like to purchase a presale ticket for your child to have their face painted on these dates, please contact the school office



**End of Term – Friday 19th December 2025**

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	<p><b>Week Commencing: Monday 8th December 2025</b></p>
	<p><b>MENU 2</b></p>

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 (sliced chicken, salad, coleslaw, tuna)	
Meal Choice 2	Sweet Potato with Fillings (sliced chicken, salad, coleslaw, tuna)	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
<p><i>Please note that all main meals are served with Fresh Vegetables of the Day</i></p>		

AUTUMN TERM 2025	
<p><b>Staff Training:</b> (Half day)</p>	<p><b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025</b> [Training – morning only] [Parent Consultation – afternoon and early evening]</p>
<p><b>Staff Training:</b> (Half day)</p>	<p><b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025</b> [Training – morning only] [Parent Consultation – afternoon and early evening]</p>
<p><b>Term Begins:</b></p>	<p><b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2025 (All year groups)</b></p>
<p><b>Half Term:</b></p>	<p><b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025</b></p>
<p><b>Term Ends:</b></p>	<p><b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025</b></p>

<b>December 2025</b>	
December	
Monday 8th to Sunday 14th	Computer Science Education Week
Monday 8th 9:10 a.m	Reception Carolling and Tree Trimming
Tuesday 9th 11:00 a.m	Nursery AM's Carolling and Tree Trimming
Tuesday 9th 2:45 p.m	Nursery PM's Carolling and Tree Trimming
Wednesday 10th 8:30 a.m	Open Book Morning - Year 5
Wednesday 10th 9:10 a.m	Year 1 Carolling and Tree Trimming
Wednesday 10th 2:45 p.m	Year 2 Carolling and Tree Trimming
Thursday 11th 8:30 a.m	Open Book Morning - Year 3
Thursday 11th 9:10 a.m	Year 3 Carolling and Tree Trimming
Thursday 11th 2:15 p.m	Open Book Afternoon - Year 4
Thursday 11th 2:45 p.m	Year 4 Carolling and Tree Trimming
Thursday 11th	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 12th 9:10 a.m	Year 5 Carolling and Tree Trimming
Friday 12th 2:45 p.m	Year 6 Carolling and Tree Trimming
Monday 15th	EYFS Face Painting
Tuesday 16th 2:30 p.m	EYFS Nativity
Tuesday 15th	KS1 Face Painting
Wednesday 16th	KS2 Face Painting
Wednesday 17th	Open Book Morning
Wednesday 17th	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 18th	Christmas Classroom Parties
Thursday 18th 3:15p.m - 4:00 p.m	Frosty Fair

