



Message from Mrs Fellows

Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful break over the Easter period.

Can you believe that it is the summer term? Although it is the term I love as we countdown to the summer holiday, it is also the busiest as there is always so much to do. We will do our best to keep you on track and let you know as soon as possible about any events that are taking place.

We must ask that you check the School Life app and make sure it's working for you. Often parents will say they didn't know about things but when asked, they haven't read the newsletter and do not have SchoolLife; these are our main forms of communication.

BROOKBITES

Have you seen our new menus for this term? Below is the new menu for next week. Please sit down with your child to talk through the new choices and book them at least 48 hours in advance.

Week 2

Brook Primary Menu

Monday

Sausage Toadies

- ✓ Jacket Potato with Assorted Fillings
- ✓ Sandwich Filled With Cheese

Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Peas

Chocolate & Beetroot Muffins

Tuesday

Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice & Naan Bread

- ✓ Cheese & Potato Pie
- ✓ Jacket Potato with Assorted Fillings

Mixed Peas, Sweetcorn

Jammy Tart

Wednesday

Roast Day

Roast Chicken with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

- ✓ Quorn Cottage Pie
- ✓ Jacket Potato with Assorted Fillings

Hot Chicken Bap

Seasonal Mixed Vegetables

Ice Cream Roll

Thursday

Chicken Wrap

- ✓ Jacket Potato with Assorted Fillings

Sandwich Filled with Ham

Herby Diced Potatoes, Peas, Sweetcorn

Strawberry Mousse with Mini Shortcake

Friday

Pizza Day



- ✓ Mozzarella & Tomato Pizza
- ✓ Vegan Pizza Roll
- ✓ Jacket Potato with Assorted Fillings

Chips, Baked Beans, Garden Peas

Ice Cream Cups

DAILY

Fruit Pots
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Jelly Pots
Cheese & Biscuits
Salad Bar



<u>Dates calendar</u>	
Thursday 27 th April & Tuesday 2 nd May	Possible strike days - please be prepared as there may be class closures. We will update you as soon as we can.
Monday 1 st May	May day Bank holiday
Friday 5 th May	Kings Coronation day at school! Box meals will be available to purchase.
Monday 8 th May	Kings Coronation Bank holiday
Tuesday 9 th - Friday 12 th May	Year 6 SATS week
Monday 15 th - Friday 26 th May	Year 2 KS1 SATS will be taking place
Tuesday 16 th May	School photos - more details to follow
Thursday 18 th May	Census day - please support us and book your child a school dinner as this helps us secure funding for the school.
Monday 29 th May - Friday 2 nd June	Half term week
w/c 12 th June	Year 1 phonics screening week
Wednesday 14 th - Thursday 15 th June	Reception loved ones lunch - more details to follow
Thursday 6 th - Friday 7 th July	Sports days - more details to follow
Thursday 13 th July	Brookfest!
Friday 21 st July	Final day of term! Beach day and box meals
Monday 24 th - Tuesday 25 th July	Inset days - school closed to pupils

Year 6 SATs

We have just **3 weeks** left until the Year 6 SATs tests in the week of Tuesday 9th May. It is essential that all Year 6 pupils come to school every day and on time in the run up to and during the SATs week. We are not at liberty to do a SATs test on another day for an individual pupil but we can delay the start of a test for all pupils by a short amount of time in an emergency situation. If such an emergency occurs, parents should contact the school ASAP and let us know the situation, otherwise we are reliant on all parents and pupils attending at the correct time during this important period. If a child is absent without contact during a test then we will have to proceed without them and they will not be awarded a test level for that subject. Please call if you have a problem during SATs week. Our thanks for your continued support.



KS1 SATs tests - Year 2

These will follow on from KS2 tests in May and form one element of the teacher assessment.



Express & Star

Stourbridge Glass Museum

12 of our Y5 children went to the official opening of the Stourbridge Glass Museum on Wednesday and were lucky enough to meet HRH Duke of Gloucester (cousin of the late Queen EII).

We were also mentioned in the Stourbridge News and Express & Star.

Pupil achievements!



We would like to say a huge well done to Walter from our Butterflies pre-school for his fantastic achievements over the Easter holidays! Walter was a Tiny Tots Winner at the Scánlon Feis Irish Dance Competition and also successfully passed his IDTA Rosette Examinations in Ballet, Tap and Theatre. This is a fantastic achievement—well done Walter!



We would like to congratulate Mrs Hill and her family on the birth of their beautiful baby boy Theo! We can't wait to meet him!

A huge well done to our mixed football team! We have now finished the league and we would like to say a huge thank you and well done for their hard work, determination and efforts. Also a huge thank you from the support of our parents!



Girls football team—we have made it into the semi finals! More details to follow.

Our school eco-council are trying to help people within the local community. We are working with Mary Stevens Hospice in Stourbridge to help collect recycling. The hospice uses the collected recycling to raise funds. Children recycle within school, but if you have any items you wanted to send in (see attached posters) then we can put them with our current school collections.



Brook Primary School **Eco Council** are trying to be more environmentally friendly. We are collecting old stationary. There will be a **box in every classroom** for you to recycle them.



For stationary collections please ensure that **only plastic writing instruments** are included. School collections often included many items that could contaminate the delivery and result in no funds being allocated to Mary Stevens Hospice. **Worst offenders are plastic circular counters and glue sticks.**



Brook Primary School **Eco Council** are trying to be more environmentally friendly. We are collecting crisp packets. At lunchtime, there will be a **box in the dinner hall** for you to recycle your empty packets. All packets need to be **empty** and pressed **flat**. Scrunched up packets will not be accepted.



Please be mindful, we do have children with nut allergies within our school, so please recycle these elsewhere.

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What is the minimum age to legally use WhatsApp in the UK?

In the UK you need to be 16 to legally use WhatsApp.

How can parents monitor their child's WhatsApp?

WhatsApp is secure and encrypted so it cannot be intercepted. You can, however, set up a second device allowing you to participate in their chats and conversations. You can access the information and guide on the parentshield.co.uk website [here](#)

What precautions can Parents take?

- * Use a child-safe mobile network
- * Check a child's phone regularly to see what Apps are installed
- * Use Parental Controls to restrict app installation to chosen apps
- Set privacy settings on any chat applications to restrict sharing with known contacts only

Why is WhatsApp dangerous?

By default WhatsApp allows unrestricted sharing of voice, text images and videos with any other user anywhere in the world.

Personal information, profile picture, and even location can easily be shared with hundreds of strangers.

Why is ParentShield different?

ParentShield intercepts and BLOCKS any WhatsApp (And Snapchat, and Signal, and Telegram!) setup verification SMS messages and informs parents instantly.

<https://parentshield.co.uk>

Attendance %
w/c 20/03/2023

6HT AND 4LF were the highest attendees in KS2 and 1ZH were the highest in KS1.

Well Done!

Rec SD	93.93%
Rec H/W	94.33%
1CR	91.38%
1ZH	96.67%
2EB	94.67%
2HD	95%
3RT	92.40%
3W/H	92.40%
4AC	94.67%
4LF	96.67%
5C	94.29%
5HI	95.33%
6AH	88%
6HT	96.67%
School Total	93.67%
Target	96+%



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Brook Buddies



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Brook Buddies runs every morning and evening. Why not join us for breakfast or some after school fun? Our session times & prices are below:

Breakfast club:

8:00am-8:45am - £3.50

Afterschool club:

Half session 3:20pm-4:45pm - £5.25

Full session 3:20pm-5:45pm - £8.00

All bookings must be made by Thursday of the week before you require childcare.

Please note: (Summary from Brook School policy)

Parents should collect their child promptly at the end of a session otherwise you will be charged a fee of **£10.00** to cover staff costs if they are **more than 10 minutes late**. If this situation arises more than three times in one term, their child's place at Brook Buddies may be forfeited!

Buddies parents please note:

If you need an emergency place—this needs be paid on Parent Pay no later than 3pm.