



**WELCOME
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A message from Mrs Fellows

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Welcome back everyone, I hope you've had a wonderful summer break!

The start of the academic year is always a proud moment for me as I welcome 400 children back to school looking smart in their uniforms and with huge smiles on their faces, as they are enthusiastic to start their new school year.

There are some children who find starting back at school more difficult, but I'm sure that they'll be skipping in soon. The autumn term is always a busy one with lots going on, so I'm looking forward to seeing you all at our assemblies, events or maybe just on the playground at the beginning or end of the day.

Please remember that I'm always around so please just ask if you need any help or support as we will be there for you, if we can.

Water Bottles - We encourage our children to bring water bottles into school. Drinking plenty of water keeps the body hydrated, which equals happy and bright children! Not only does it boost mental and physical performance, but water is vital to a child's development and general well-being, for a variety of reasons.

We have noticed a lot of children coming to school with highly-concentrated squash and juice. Consuming too many sugary drinks and fruit juices can lead to dental problems. Water is kind to little teeth, and helps keep them healthy and strong.

Please encourage your children to bring water to school and NOT squash. Water helps the brain to function, keeps children energised, and boosts concentration, which can all help our clever children excel in the classroom.



Reading allows us to be transported from our own world to another. Between the pages of a book, we can become immersed in the lives of fictional characters and learn about a culture entirely different from our own.

We can also learn new words and phrases, experience a range of emotions, and acquire skills and knowledge.

Please make time to read with your child at least 3 times per week- it is so important and will really help your child.

When reading with your child simply make a quick note in their reading record too- we love to celebrate our children who read lots at home!



Postcards- We wanted to say a huge thank you to the families who sent postcards to school from their holidays. These are going to be used to make a display in school. If you have any postcards at home, it's not too late to send them.



End of the day pick up

When collecting the children at the end of the day, please stand back from the teacher dismissing. It makes it much easier for the teacher to see the parents who are collecting. When parent crowd around, it is extremely hard to keep our children safe and to monitor who is collecting.

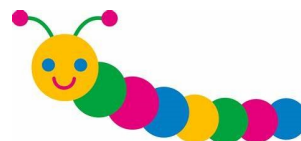


DIARY DATES: 2023 - 2024

Wednesday 6th September 2023	Children return to school
Monday 9th & Wednesday 11th October 2023	Parent's evenings - more details to follow
Friday 27th October 2023	End of term
Monday 30th October - Friday 3rd November 2023	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Monday 6th November 2023	Children return to school
Thursday 9th November 2023	Brook fireworks!
Friday 22nd December 2023	End of Term
Monday 25th December - Friday 5th January 2024	CHRISTMAS BREAK
Monday 8th January 2024	INSET DAY - School closed to children
Tuesday 9th January 2024	Children return to school
Friday 9th February 2024	End of Half Term
Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February 2024	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Monday 19th February 2024	Children return to school
Friday 22nd March 2024	End of term
Monday 25th March —Friday 5th April 2024	EASTER BREAK
Monday 8th April 2024	INSET DAY - School closed to children
Tuesday 9th April 2024	Children return to school
Monday 6th May 2024	MAY DAY - School closed to children
Friday 24th May 2024	End of Half Term
Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May 2024	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Monday 3rd June 2024	Children return to school
Friday 19th July 2024	Children break up for Summer holidays at the end of the day
Monday 22nd July 2024	INSET DAY - School closed to children

Brook Caterpillars

We are very excited to announce that we have introduced two SEND support and inclusion hubs here at Brook called 'Brook Caterpillars'.



These hubs have been developed to support the needs of our more complex SEND children and ensure that they can access their mainstream classroom alongside their peers as well as receiving more individual and smaller group work to support EHCP targets, nurture and social skills.

These hubs are to develop supported inclusion and children will be in class as much as they are able but with the knowledge that we are there to support them if needed.

These hubs will be led by Mrs L Humphries and Miss C Jones/Mrs A Wilson and overseen by Miss S Nicklin.

New staff welcome!

You may have noticed a few new faces around school—please say hello and give them a big Brook welcome!



Mrs Bishop has joined us as our new Reception teacher!

Miss Hartill has joined us in the new Key stage 1 Hub!



Mrs Fakira has joined us to work in the Key stage 2 Hub!

Mrs Turner has joined us permanently as our catering assistant in the kitchen!



Miss Page has joined us as the new Year 5 class teacher.

Miss Jones has joined us in the new Key stage 1 Hub!



Uniform- Most of our children have started the year beautifully presented in full school uniform. But can we please remind you of our uniform expectations for both school and PE.

The Brook Primary Uniform

Children at Brook Primary School wear our uniform, as requested by the Governing Body.

We have tried to keep the uniform as economical as possible.

Items with our school logo can be purchased from:

Totally Uniform Shop, 806 High Street, Kingswinford, DY6 8AB

Telephone: 01384 270498, Email: info@totallyuniform.co.uk

Online: <https://www.totallyuniform.co.uk/>



Children are encouraged to wear:

- Grey trousers (long or short) or a grey pinafore/skirt
- Blue check/gingham dress – summer only, optional
- Royal blue sweatshirt/cardigan/fleece
- Light blue shirt/blouse, long or short sleeved.
- A royal blue school tie with silver stripe
- Sensible shoes (**no trainers or high heels**)
- A small bag and satchel for books and personal effects



PE Kit:

Pumps. Slip-on pumps are preferred for Reception children.

Black or navy shorts

White T-shirt

Children need a suitable string bag to keep P.E. kit in with name or initials on for identification purposes.

Children may wear a plain blue/black tracksuit for outdoor games in the winter months.

Children in Years **3 and 4** need a swimming costume, towel and swimming hat.



We have high expectations of pupils' appearance.

Also it is so important that you label your children's clothes. Last year we had bags and bags of lost property with no names on!

We often have irate parents who are understandably upset when clothing is lost but often it is not labelled and this makes finding it very difficult.

School Dinners - Unfortunately, we have noticed a huge increase in food costs and when completing our end of year finances, we have had to review some of our charges.

Unfortunately, this does mean that from 1st October, the price of a school meal will increase from £2.40 to £2.50 per meal. Also please remember that you must order them on time every day. When a dinner isn't ordered, your child will be offered a sandwich, which is a huge shame as we prefer our pupils to have a healthy hot meal.

School Meals



Pupil achievements



The Little Princess Trust
Thank you! 

Sofia Warr

for your fantastic support
and for raising

£660.00

Your wonderful support makes a real difference to children affected by hair loss and also helps fund vital research into childhood cancers



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The Hamish Torrance Building
22-25 Berrington Street, Hereford, HR4 0BJ
Registered Charity No. 117660



Over the summer, inspired by a poorly little girl who lost her hair through illness, Sofia decided she wanted to donate her own hair.

So she braved the chop and had 30cm of her beautiful hair cut off and donated it all to The Little Princess Trust who make wigs for children and fund research into childhood cancers. She also managed to raise a whopping £660 for the charity! She was in the top 20% of fundraisers for that month.

This is an amazing thing to do Sofia - well done!



Are there any keen gardeners out there?! With Mr Bowater leaving us at the end of the summer term, we are looking for some keen gardeners to help keep our garden flourishing.

We were wondering if any of our parents or even grandparents are keen gardeners and would help us by volunteering their time to help keep our garden going.

We have squash and marrows ready to pick! Mrs Fellows has been in the garden today picking apples with some of the children- they are scrumptious.

If you would like to volunteer some time, please let the school office know.



Please see below the planned PE days for each year group. Children are to come to school in their PE kits on their PE days, but they must be in FULL PE kit.

Butterflies - Tuesday

Reception - Friday

Year 1 - Tuesday & Wednesday

Year 2 - Monday & Wednesday

Year 3 - Tuesday & Thursday

Year 4 - Monday & Friday*

Year 5 - Tuesday & Thursday

Year 6 - Thursday & Friday



* Swimming will start on Friday 15th September for class 4F. This class will be swimming each Friday for 6 weeks, then they will swap with class 4D. Swimming caps are compulsory and these can be purchased via Parent Pay for £1. Please complete the form sent home if your child would like to wear goggles.



Brook Buddies



Brook Buddies parents it's that time again! If you require a place at Buddies please remember you need to fill in a new parent pack please. These are available from Buddies or the main school office

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 to be paid on Parent Pay no later than 3pm.