

Brocks Hill News



Welcome to May!

I hope this newsletter finds you well and that you are enjoying these brighter days and hopefully, some warmer weather.

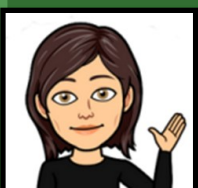
May , brings lots of exciting opportunities for our children such as a Y1 school trip to the zoo, sports competitions, visit to Houses of Parliament to name but a few. I am sure you will join me in sending thanks to all the staff that work so hard to organise these events. Please see upcoming dates for further information.

On the 8th of May , schools in the UK will be marking the 80th anniversary of VE Day. While not a public holiday, schools have been encouraged to commemorate the day with various activities and events. Children are invited to come to school dressed in outfits to reflect the time period (1945) or wearing red, white and blue.

Pupils in Year 6 will be sitting their SATs soon. I know that the pupils and the teachers have worked extensively to prepare for these tests and that the pupils are more than ready to showcase their skills and knowledge. I wish them every success and have every confidence in their ability.

Attendance at Brocks Hill continues to improve and we thank you for your support with this. Please can I take this opportunity to remind you that term time holidays will not be authorised and are likely to incur a fine from the Local Authority.

Enjoy the Bank holiday!





Important dates for this term

- **5th May** **Bank holiday (school closed)**
- **7th May** **Foundation stage I can Read workshop**
- **8th May** **VE day celebration lunch**
- **12th to 15th May** **Key stage 2 SATS week**
- **16th May** **Class 1 Assembly 9.30am**
- **19th May** **Houses of Parliament trip**
- **20th May** **New Starters Induction day**
- **26th May** **Half Term**
- **2nd June** **School Opens**
- **13th June** **Class 4 Assembly 9.30am**
- **23rd June** **9.30am Foundation stage Sports day**
- **24th June** **9.30am Years 1 and 2 Sports day**
- **25th June** **9.30am Years 3 and 4 Sports day**
- **26th June** **9.30am Years 5 and 6 Sports day**
- **1st July** **3.30pm FoBHS Key stage 1 Disco**
- **2nd July** **3.30 FoBHS Key stage 2 Disco**

Attendance

As you will be aware, schools are not able to authorise term time holidays. Changes were made by Leicestershire County Council to the Penalty Notice for unauthorised leave during term time. Please see guidance below. Any term time holidays will be subject to these new rules.

Penalty Notices for unauthorised absences: What you need to know about the changes.

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for unauthorised absences that occur after 19th August 2024.

5 Consecutive Days of Term Time Leave.

Penalty Notice fines will be issued for term time leave of 5 or more consecutive days, and for fewer days where this has happened before.

10 Sessions of Unauthorised Absence in a 10-week period.

Penalty Notice fines will be considered when there have been 10 sessions of absence in a 10-week period.

Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notice fines will be issued to each parent, for each child who was absent.

For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave will result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child when paid within 28 days.

Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

Second Offence (within 3 years)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child when paid within 28 days.

(No option to pay at £80 level)

Third offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or irregular attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued. The case will proceed to the Magistrates' court.

Magistrate's fines can be up to £2,500 per parent, per child.



Please consult your school's attendance policy and speak with your school if you are thinking of taking your child out of school during term-time. It is likely you will need to make a written request to take your child out of school and any leave of absence will need to be agreed by your Headteacher before it is taken.

Dance

From classroom to stage, our year 6 girls shine at the Dance Festival! Working alongside South Wigston High School students. They explored dance, creativity, and teamwork culminating in a spectacular performance for our proud parents.



Little Chefs

Year 4 have been working on preparing and eating their Tudor inspired pottage. They used their chopping, dicing and peeling skills.



Art Exhibition

Thank you for coming in to see our amazing Art Exhibition. Look at how talented our pupils are!



WaterAid Cake Sale

A huge well done to Mrs Street and the school Parliament for organising the WaterAid cake sale in collaboration with Beauchamp College. We raised over £250 and Beauchamp raised over £1000!



VE DAY

80TH ANNIVERSARY

MEAT

Traditional Fish and Chips
Served with Garden Peas

VEGETARIAN

Fishless Fingers and Chips
Served with Garden Peas

DESSERT

Orange Jelly with
Mandarin Segments

Shortbread Fingers

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NEURODIVERSITY

NEWSLETTER

MAY 2025

What is neurodiversity?

Neurodiversity is a word used to describe the different thinking styles that affect how people communicate with the world around them. **Neurodivergence** is the term for when someone's brain processes, learns, and/or behaves differently from what is considered "typical". Some neurodivergent conditions include:

- Dyslexia
- Dyspraxia
- Dyscalculia
- Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
- Autism Spectrum Condition (ASC).



Common signs of neurodiversity in children and young people.

Neurodivergence is very complex and will vary for every child and young person, however some of the common differences include;

- **Social Challenges:** Struggle to initiate or maintain conversations. Prefer to play alone, or struggle to understand social cues, such as body language or tone.
- **Difficulty Communicating:** Challenges with understanding jokes or sarcasm, may take things very literally. Often a lack of eye contact can be a sign.
- **Repetitive Behaviours & Interests:** They may have a deep, passionate interest in one or a few topics. They may have repetitive movements or routines, such as hand flapping, rocking or repeating certain behaviours continuously.
- **Sensory Sensitivities:** These can include being overly sensitive to bright lights or loud sounds, textures of clothes or certain smells. They may avoid crowds or busy places or appear overwhelmed by noises or visuals in certain settings.
- **Attention & Focus Issues:** Some children may have trouble staying on task or get easily distracted. Some children may act without thinking, making decisions quickly or getting easily distracted.
- **Motor-skills and Coordination:** Some children may display clumsiness or difficulty with fine motor skills, such as difficulty with handwriting, using utensils, or participating in sports.
- **Emotional Regulation Challenges:** Neurodivergent children may have trouble managing their emotions, leading to meltdowns, shutdowns or outbursts. Feelings of frustration if things are not going as expected. Some children might experience higher rates of anxiety or depression due to feeling 'different.'
- **Difficulty with Reading, Writing or Maths:** Some children may struggle with reading, spelling, numbers and organising their thoughts.

Neurodiversity advice & support

There are a number of services and charities that can offer advice and support.

Click on the logos to head straight to their websites!



The
Children's
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Childhood Neurodiversity: What
You Need to Know as a Parent
or Carer (NHS)

YOUNGmINDS

Mental Health Awareness Week



This year, Mental Health Awareness Week will take place from 12 to 18 May 2025. The theme for 2025 is 'Community'. Being part of a community is vital for our mental health and wellbeing. We thrive when we have strong connections with others and supportive communities around us. Communities can provide a sense of belonging, safety, practical and emotional support during challenging times, and a shared sense of purpose.

Reference: The Mental Health Foundation

Click [here](#) to a host of groups, clubs and organisations to help you find your community.

Key Dates

- NATIONAL WALKING MONTH
- DEAF AWARENESS WEEK 5-11TH MAY
- SCREEN FREE WEEK 5-11TH MAY
- MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK - 12-18TH MAY
- WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK 19-23RD MAY



FIND OUT MORE HERE!



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Supporting South Leicestershire Schools to provide opportunities for all young people