

# Headteacher NEWSLETTER



## Year 6 SATs – Good Luck!

Next week is SATs week for our fantastic Year 6s! The tests will run from Monday 13th to Thursday 16th May, and here's what's coming up for them:



**Monday – Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling, Tuesday – Reading, Wednesday – Maths (Arithmetic and Reasoning), Thursday – More Maths (Reasoning).**

We know how hard our Year 6 pupils (and their amazing teachers!) have been working to get ready, and we're so proud of them. A huge good luck to you all – try your best, stay positive, and remember how brilliant you are. You've got this!

## IN THE SANDY LANE SPOTLIGHT...



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FOXES CLASS PRIDE AWARD

CATERPILLARS CLASS PRIDE AWARD

RABBITS CLASS PRIDE AWARD

HEDGEHOGS CLASS PRIDE AWARD

HUMMINGBIRDS CLASS PRIDE AWARD

*Aiden*

FOXES CLASS PRIDE AWARD

*Whole Class*

LADYBIRDS CLASS PRIDE AWARD

*George*

RABBITS CLASS PRIDE AWARD

*Leo*

HEDGEHOGS CLASS PRIDE AWARD

*Ibrahim*

HUMMINGBIRDS CLASS PRIDE AWARD

*Whole Class*

SWIFTS CLASS PRIDE AWARD

*Max*

SWIFTS CLASS PRIDE AWARD

*Filip*

ROBINS CLASS PRIDE AWARD

*Joyah*

ROBINS CLASS PRIDE AWARD

*Blakely*

OTTERS CLASS PRIDE AWARD

*Jairvik*

OTTERS CLASS PRIDE AWARD

*Douglas*

OWLS CLASS PRIDE AWARD

*Khaleesi*

ZEBRAS CLASS PRIDE AWARD

*Scarlett*

ZEBRAS CLASS PRIDE AWARD

*Jack R*

MEERKATS CLASS PRIDE AWARD

*Arnika C*

MEERKATS CLASS PRIDE AWARD

*Frankie*

PENGUINS CLASS PRIDE AWARD

*Lola*

PENGUINS CLASS PRIDE AWARD

*Navya*

TURTLES CLASS PRIDE AWARD

*Harry*

TURTLES CLASS PRIDE AWARD

*Christian F*

GERMAN AWARD



## WE'RE SUPER PROUD OF YOU, WELL DONE!



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# TERM 5 DATES

Whilst we endeavour to ensure that you get as much notice as possible for all school key dates, there might be times when this isn't possible. Thank you in advance for your understanding when this does happen!



Tuesday 22nd April 2025	INSET Day - School closed to all children
Wednesday 23rd April 2025	First Day of Term - All children back in school
Thursday 24th April 2025	Y5 Swimming Starts
Wednesday 30th April 2025	Nursery, Reception & Foxes Farm Visit - On Site
Monday 5th May 2025	Bank Holiday - School closed to all children and staff
KS2 SATs Week	Week beginning 12th May
Thursday 15th May 2025	Y3 Hampton Court Trip
Wednesday 21st May 2025	Class Photos
Friday 23rd May 2025	Non School Uniform Day (in exchange for 'Rainbow Raffle Gifts')
Friday 23rd May 2025	Last day of Term - Finish at normal time



[Click here for a handy printable for the fridge!](#)

## We're Now Live on Social Media! 📱🎉

We're excited to share that you can now follow us on social media! Stay up to date with all the latest news, photos, and celebrations from across the school. From classroom highlights to special events – it's the best way to stay connected with what's happening day to day.



**GIVE US A FOLLOW AND JOIN THE JOURNEY!**  
(CLICK THE PLATFORM YOU WISH TO FOLLOW)

## Our Behaviour Policy – Now in Full Swing!

Earlier this term, we relaunched our Behaviour Policy and shared a video showing what this looks like in action across the school. Now, as we head into Week 3 of Term 5, we're pleased to say the policy is fully implemented and making a real difference in creating a calm, consistent, and supportive environment for all our pupils.

We're proud of how positively the children have responded, and we truly appreciate your continued support in reinforcing these expectations at home.

📄 You can now view the finalised Behaviour Policy here:

👉 [Click to view the policy](#)

Together, we're helping every child to thrive – both in learning and in behaviour.

## SITE SAFETY - BIKES/SCOOTERS



### A Polite Reminder

For everyone's safety, we kindly ask that bikes and scooters are not ridden on the school site. Please make sure they are pushed sensibly once inside the gates.

This helps keep our pathways safe and calm for all children, parents, and staff.

**Thank you for your support and understanding!**



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# SPOTLIGHT ON SEND



**My name is Mr Walsh and I am the New SENCo. Thank you for the warm welcome that I have been given. I thought that I would take this opportunity to explain the SEN support at Sandy Lane Primary.**

## **What is the difference between universal provision, SEN support and EHCP provision?**

### **Universal provision:**

Universal provision means that every child receives the foundational support they need to succeed. This includes quality teaching, engaging lessons, and an inclusive classroom where all students feel supported. Schools use adaptable teaching methods and resources to help each child learn, while keeping an eye out for any extra needs that might arise.

### **SEN support:**

SEN (Special Educational Needs) support is designed to help children who have additional learning needs but do not have an Education, Health, and Care Plan (EHCP). SEN support is a step-by-step approach that includes targeted support within the classroom, with teachers adapting lessons and using special resources to meet individual needs. Schools often involve a SENCO (Special Educational Needs Coordinator) who works with teachers and parents to create a tailored plan for the child. This might include extra help from teaching assistants, small group work, or specific strategies to help with learning, social skills, or emotional needs. SEN support is regularly reviewed to make sure the child is progressing and that adjustments can be made to provide the best help possible.

### **EHCP provision:**

An EHCP is a legal document that outlines support for children with significant SEND. For children who need more than what's provided through general SEN support, an EHCP outlines the types of help they will receive at school—this could be one-on-one support, sessions with speech or occupational therapists, or access to special equipment.

To put it into context, the UK government reported in the academic year 23/24 that 13.6% of children in UK primary schools receive SEN support. Only 4.8% have an EHCP. This is the equivalent to 4 children on SEN support and 1 child with an EHCP in a class of 30.



# A CELEBRATION OF SPORT!



A massive well done to our Sandy Lane students who recently represented the school at **Eton College Aquatics Centre**. After coming first in the Bracknell Forest Panathlon event, they participated in the county event representing Berkshire where they came 3rd! We are so proud of them!



## Ballet Success for Maisie in Otters Class! 🐾

A huge well done to Maisie in Otters Class, who recently competed in the Imperial Ballet Awards Final for Grade 2 ISTD Ballet at Elmhurst Ballet School in Birmingham. Maisie was selected from over 500 entries to be one of just 25 finalists after submitting a filmed audition earlier this year. She danced beautifully at the live finals, making her family – and all of us – incredibly proud. Well done, Maisie! 🌟





# Eco WARRIORS



Can your school win the trophy?

## Eco School of the Year Competition 2025!

Calling all eco-heroes!  
Your school is counting on you to help secure the Bracknell Forest Award for 2025!

Together, we can create a positive impact!

Register for Eco Rewards today and report your green journeys when you walk, cycle or take public transport to school

Register via our App or online.  
Free to join and you can also win prizes, certificates and rewards

[www.ecorewards.co.uk/bracknell](http://www.ecorewards.co.uk/bracknell)

### Exciting News for Sandy Lane!

Eco School of the Year Competition – Let’s Go for the Win!  
We’re so excited to be taking part in the Eco School of the Year Competition 2025 – and this time, we’re aiming to take the top spot!

Sandy Lane is already one of the best-performing schools in Bracknell Forest, and with your help, we can go even further and win the Eco School of the Year trophy in June 2025!

From November 1, 2024 to May 31, 2025, we’ll be tracking:

- The number of active participants
- The total green miles
- And the points we earn as a school community

The more we walk, cycle, scoot or park-and-stride to school, the better our chances! The school showing the biggest improvement across these areas will take home the trophy – and we know Team Sandy Lane can do it!

♥ Let’s show everyone what Sandy Lane is made of! Not only will we help the planet and boost our wellbeing, but we’ll also put our school in the spotlight where it belongs.

Watch this space for updates – and let’s make Sandy Lane the greenest and greatest in Bracknell Forest!

[www.ecorewards.co.uk/bracknell](http://www.ecorewards.co.uk/bracknell)

## Supporting Your Children – Free Parent Workshops

Bracknell Forest is offering a fantastic series of free, 2-hour workshops for parents and carers covering a wide range of topics – from managing behaviour and supporting anxious children, to sleep routines, resilience, sibling rivalry, family dynamics, and helping children transition through key school stages.

Sessions are aimed at adults (not children), are held locally, and places must be booked in advance.

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SUPPORT

Topics include:

- Helping children with worries and anxiety
- Building resilience
- Positive parenting techniques for all ages
- Supporting children through school transitions
- Managing sleep and routines
- And more!

! Most sessions are held at Bracknell Open Learning Centre, with some school-specific options too.

✉ To book, email your full name to [Inge.Taylor@bracknell-forest.gov.uk](mailto:Inge.Taylor@bracknell-forest.gov.uk).

➔ [Click here to view the full flyer and dates.](#)

Please book only if you're able to attend – places are limited and first come, first served!

## Where can I get advice and support for my child?



### Early years settings, schools and colleges

Provides information on where to get additional help if you feel your child requires it.

### Local Offer

Provides information about SEND provision expected to be available locally across education, health and social care for children and young people in the borough who

- have SEN
- are disabled,
- including those who do not have Education, Health and Care (EHC) plans.

### Family Information Service (FIS)

Provides an impartial information and signposting service relating to childcare and other services that support parents and carers of children and young people up to the age of 20 (25 with additional needs).

Works with organisations and professionals who support families.

### Information, advice and support service (IASS)

Provides impartial and confidential information, advice and support about the legal rights of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) to parents and carers and to children and young people themselves.

### Parent Carer Forum (PCF)

Provides the chance to be listened to and influence partners to design the services that are needed. Bracknell Forests PCF is an independent group which empowers families to access these services and advocates for inclusion for all.

### Where to find it

Visit your school website

Visit [www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/localoffer](http://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/localoffer)

Visit [www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/FIS](http://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/FIS)  
Or call 01344 353133

Visit [www.bracknell-forestiass.co.uk](http://www.bracknell-forestiass.co.uk)  
Or call 01344 354011

Visit [www.bracknellpcf.com](http://www.bracknellpcf.com)



## Virtual Coffee Morning Emotional Dysregulation - Meltdowns - Shutdowns

Friday 9th May - 10am to 11:15am

20 spaces  
available!

Join our online informal discussion to  
cover the following areas:

- Share what dysregulation, meltdowns and shutdowns look like in your home.
- Talk about what helps your child (or doesn't!) when emotions run high.
- Have an open space to share strategies, struggles, and small wins.



Please note this is not a workshop but support group for parent/carers and any medical advice should be sought from your medical practitioner.

### Sign Up Today!

Available for families who reside in or have a registered GP in East Berkshire with a child who is Autistic/ADHD (suspected/pathway/diagnosed)

To book your place contact GEMS:



Gems.4Health@nhs.net



0800 999 1342



# Bear cubs



## Ages 5 to 10

First and third Monday of the  
month - 4pm to 5pm

- 7th April - Lego Fun - Dedworth Library, Windsor
- 21st April - Easter Monday - No session
- 5th May - May Bank Holiday - No session
- 19th May - Big on Bouncing - Slough (fee applies)
- 2nd June - Story Time - Langley Library
- 16th June - Picnic in the Park - Bracknell

\*Please note activities may be subject to change

### Registration:

Gems.4Health@nhs.net  
0800 999 1342

### Criteria:

Children with or likely to have  
ADHD and/or autism and  
living in East Berkshire



For more information: Call 0800 999 1342 or visit [www.Gems4Health.com](http://www.Gems4Health.com)

## Bracknell Forest's Family Services Directory and Additional Needs Info Hub (SEND Local Offer)



Providing free, impartial information and advice about Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and all other family matters.

- SEND information all in one place - how to access services and support including Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs)
- Education, childcare and early years funding
- Leisure and holiday activities
- Advice and support services
- Brokerage service for those struggling to find childcare

Family Information Service: [fis@bracknell-forest.gov.uk](mailto:fis@bracknell-forest.gov.uk)

01344 353133

[www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/localdirectory](http://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/localdirectory)



Where can I get help  
with an EHCP?

Where is my nearest  
baby clinic?

I'm struggling with my  
child's behaviour - where  
can I get help?

How do I apply for  
childcare funding?

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## DANCEXITE

We're very happy to announce that we have a few spaces opened up in our popular Street Dance After School Club.

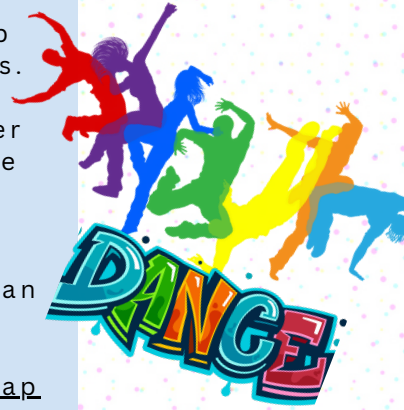
Day: Friday  
Time: 3:20-4:20pm  
Who: Dancers from year 2 upwards  
Cost: £5.50 a session (Term Block Booking)

The class focuses on teaching authentic street dance and hip hop moves, whilst helping the dancers grow their confidence and skills. Each term we finish off with a showcase for the parents, with a Dancer of The Term Award, as well as Dancer of the week, Improver and Freestyle Award. This term the club dancers will also have the opportunity to be involved in the Dancexite annual showcase in Edgbarrow School on June 28th.

We will be starting This Friday - either message Dancexite or you can click below to enrol your child:

<https://app.classmanager.com/portal/dancexite/enrolment/classes/april-july-25-sandy-lane-primary-school-street-dance-club>

Best wishes,  
Lowri  
07711160179  
dancexite@gmail.com



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barracudas.co.uk  
01480 467 567

Trustpilot

Community Learning is offering a selection of great courses for parents and carers this term: Coming up this term we have courses in:

baby massage  
paediatric first aid  
yoga for mum and baby  
a good night's sleep  
developing self-confidence  
working in a school

All courses are open to adults over the age of 19 and are running at Bracknell Open Learning Centre.

Courses can be booked online at: [www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/community-learning](http://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/community-learning) or email us at: [community.learning@bracknell-forest.gov.uk](mailto:community.learning@bracknell-forest.gov.uk)

**BRACKNELL TOGETHER WALK 2025**

ONLY £10 ENTRY PER TEAM

Rotary Club of Easthampstead

Walk with us and raise funds for your favourite charity

Every penny you raise goes to the charity of your choice!

WIN a share of £1000 cash for your cause!

SUNDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2025  
SOUTH HILL PARK ARTS CENTRE

Register and Information  
@ bracknelltogetherwalk.org

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