



Headteacher

NEWSLETTER



As we reach the half-term break, I want to take a moment to celebrate the steady progress our pupils are making with our new behaviour curriculum. It's been great to see how quickly everyone has embraced the taught routines and practices. This fortnight, we've focused on refining our 'star sitting', 'excellent walking', and 'silent signaller', and the positive impact on our learning environment has been noticeable.

I also want to extend a special mention to our Year 2 and Year 6 pupils who recently completed their SATs. They approached these assessments with such maturity and resilience, and we are incredibly proud of their hard work and how well they represented our school.

Finally, I would like to wish all our families a lovely and restful half-term break. We look forward to welcoming the children back refreshed and ready for another exciting half term.

IN THE SANDY LANE SPOTLIGHT...



Kobi

FOXES CLASS
PRIDE AWARD



Mia

RABBITS CLASS
PRIDE AWARD



Erle

HEDGEHOGS CLASS
PRIDE AWARD



Henry

HUMMINGBIRDS CLASS
PRIDE AWARD



Emilia

KINGFISHERS CLASS
PRIDE AWARD

Bonnie

FOXES CLASS
PRIDE AWARD

Chene

RABBITS CLASS
PRIDE AWARD

Arianna

HEDGEHOGS CLASS
PRIDE AWARD

Whole Class

KINGFISHERS CLASS
PRIDE AWARD

Jackson

SWIFTS CLASS
PRIDE AWARD

Whole Class

ROBINS CLASS
PRIDE AWARD

Courtney

ROBINS CLASS
PRIDE AWARD

Whole Class

OTTERS CLASS
PRIDE AWARD

Oliver

OWLS CLASS
PRIDE AWARD

Ava

ZEBRAS CLASS
PRIDE AWARD

Samuel

ZEBRAS CLASS
PRIDE AWARD

taylor

MEERKATS CLASS
PRIDE AWARD

Ethan

PENGUINS CLASS
PRIDE AWARD

Whole Class

PENGUINS CLASS
PRIDE AWARD

Whole Class

TURTLES CLASS
PRIDE AWARD

Emilija B

GERMAN AWARD

Eden t

GERMAN AWARD

Lydia

GERMAN AWARD

Aswitha

GERMAN AWARD

Highly Commended by the British Council for
their 'Celebrate Speaking' poem entries in
German.



WE'RE SUPER PROUD OF YOU, WELL DONE!



OUR PRIDE, LIMITLESS TOGETHER

TERM 6 DATES



Term 6 Key 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!

Monday 2nd June 2025	INSET Day - School closed to all children
Tuesday 3rd June 2025	First Day of Term - All children back in school
Thursday 5th June 2025	SEND Coffee Afternoon (2pm - 3pm)
Monday 9 June to Friday 13 June 2025	KS1 Phonics Screening Week TBC School-wide Sponsored Read Week
Friday 13th June 2025	SLSA 'Marvellous Men Sale' in Eagles Classroom
Monday 16th June 2025	Kingfishers Class Assembly (2.30pm)
Tuesday 17th June 2025	Hummingbirds Class Assembly (2.30pm)
Thursday 19th June 2025	Reception Class Assembly (2.45pm)
Thursday 19th June 2025	Owls Class Assembly (2.15pm)
Friday 20th June 2025	Hedgehogs Class Assembly (lower hall) 2.30pm
Tuesday 24th June 2025	Year 6 Geography Field Trip (Afternoon)
Wednesday 25th June 2025	Year 4 and Year 6 'Euros Event' (9:15-12pm)
Thursday 26th June 2025	Years 1, 2 and 3 Sports Day (9.15am - 11.30am)
Thursday 26th June 2025	Years 4, 5 and 6 Sports Day (1.15pm - 3.10pm)
Friday 27th June 2025	Nursery and Reception Sports Day (9.15am - 11.30am)
Friday 27th June 2025	Hexagon Choir Performance (Afternoon & Evening)
Monday 30th June 2025	Foxes Sports Day (9.15am - 10.30am)
Wednesday 2nd July 2025	Transition Day 1 (Year 6's go to their new Secondary School and Year Groups have 'taster days' with their new Teacher)
Thursday 3rd July 2025	Transition Day 2 (Year 6's go to their new Secondary School and Year Groups have 'taster days' with their new Teacher)
Friday 4th July 2025	Year 4 Living Rainforest Trip
Saturday 5th July 2025	SLSA Summer Event
Monday 7th July 2025	'Year 6 Fiver Challenge' Sale (After School in the Middle Playground)
Tuesday 8th July 2025	'Year 6 Fiver Challenge' Sale (After School in the Middle Playground)
Tuesday 8th July 2025	Rocksteady Concerts All Day (details will be sent nearer the time)
Wednesday 9th July 2025	Rabbits Class Assembly (2.45pm)
Thursday 10th July 2025	INSET Day - School closed to all children
Friday 11th July 2025	INSET Day - School closed to all children
Tuesday 15th July 2025	Year 1 Trip to Windsor Castle
Tuesday 15th July 2025	Year 6 Production - First Showing 2pm
Wednesday 16th July 2025	Year 6 Production - Second Showing 3.30pm
Thursday 17th July 2025	Year 6 Leavers Disco (5 - 6.30pm)
Tuesday 22nd July 2025	End of Term Reward
Wednesday 23rd July 2025	Leavers Assembly 9am Middle Playground - Year 6 parents invited
Wednesday 23rd July 2025	Year 6 Final Farewell - Year 6 Parents welcome to wait on gate (1.45pm)
Wednesday 23rd July 2025	Last day of Term - Finish at 2pm

TBC: Year 6 in-school events funded by Fiver Challenge
TBC: Nursery Class Assembly

To Note: All children in Foxes Class are invited to take part in their class assembly. However, we understand that some children may find this experience overwhelming. As a reasonable adjustment, participation is optional, please liaise with Ms Allen about this.

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



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



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!

OUR PRIDE, LIMITLESS TOGETHER

SPOTLIGHT ON SEND



All children on our SEND register have pupil passports. Some children will also have an 'Individual Learning Plan' (ILP). An ILP helps everyone in a child's learning journey know what success looks like for each learner and track their progress. It ensures that any support is tailored to each learner's individual needs and ambitions.

On Wednesday 21st May 2025:

- all parents of children on our SEND register will receive letter confirming this.
- All children will also have a passport.
- Some children will also have an ILP.
- These will be given to you by the class teacher at the end of the day.

All parents of children who are not on the SEND register will receive an electronic message.

There will then be two coffee mornings. Coffee mornings will be a welcome and hello from me. Sharing information on the role of pupil passports and Individual learning plans.

There will be two SEND Coffee Mornings:

1. Friday 23rd May at 9am
2. Thursday 5th June at 2pm.

(Both will be held in the library)

Handle with Care

We want to ensure that every day is a positive learning experience for your child. We also understand that children, like all of us, have days when they might need a little extra support. To help us provide this support effectively, we're introducing a new initiative called 'Handle with Care'.

If there's a reason your child might need a bit more TLC, patience, and care on a particular day – perhaps they didn't sleep well, are feeling anxious about something, or have experienced a difficult morning – we invite you to share this information with their class teacher or the office. You can do this by using the phrase 'Handle with Care'.

This simple code lets our staff know that your child may need some additional sensitivity and understanding that day. It's important to note that this doesn't mean your child won't be expected to be ready, respectful, and safe. Rather, it allows us to be more attuned to their needs.



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FESTIVAL OF LANGUAGES



Certificate

This is to certify that
Year 6 from
Sandy Lane Primary School

was highly commended for their contribution to
our festival of languages in February 2025.

Celebrate speaking!

Signed

Vicky Gough
Lead for Languages
Schools | Education and Society
British Council



We are thrilled to share some fantastic news from the British Council!

We received word from the British Council this week that Lydia and Ashwitha (Year 6) have been highly commended for their entries into the 'Celebrate Speaking' section of the Festival of Languages this year. They wrote and recorded poems about winter, and their certificates were awarded in assembly last week.

We are incredibly proud of their achievements, and also of Maisie, Sienna, Arianna (Year 4), Ruby, Arnika and Taylor (Year 5) who put in brilliant entries!

It's wonderful to see their passion for language learning and their hard work being recognised.

TENNIS SUPERSTARS!

A massive well done to our Year 4 students who recently took part in a tennis event. They participated in several stations, each working on a different skill and earning points. They ended up coming 2nd, only missing out on 1st by 1 point! Well done, we are so proud of you!



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Absolutely thrilled to share some fantastic news about **Anabeth's** incredible achievements at the **UDO streetdance competition** in Torbay this weekend! Competing in the Under 12 Novice solos, Anabeth took first place! Not stopping there, she also triumphed in the Under 12 Hip Hop battles, winning that category as well. This phenomenal success means Anabeth has now qualified to compete at the World Championships in Blackpool this August in both solos and battles. Huge congratulations also go to Anabeth and her team, who qualified the previous week in their team category. Anabeth's dedication shines brightly, and we're especially proud that she hones her skills with Dancexite, led by Lowri Hughes, right here at school on Friday afternoons. What amazing accomplishments – well done, Anabeth!



Annabelle and Maisie participated in the "Triple Threat Groups Day," a qualifier for the All England Dance Regional finals, held at the prestigious Wycombe Swan theatre. Dancing on such a grand stage, Annabelle and her teams achieved fantastic results, earning an "outstanding" mark in the Junior Lyrical Small Group and an "honours" mark in the Junior Ballet Group. Even more exciting, both groups have qualified for the regional finals next year! It sounds like it was a truly enjoyable and valuable experience. Congratulations to Annabelle and her teams on these impressive achievements!



Eco WARRIORS

What fantastic achievements to celebrate this week! A huge well done to **Emily Rollings in Nursery** for earning a Bronze Award, and to **Riyad Filali Ansary in Year 3** for his brilliant Silver Award. We also send our congratulations to **Lucy Reed from Year 5**, the lucky winner of our latest prize draw! We are so proud of all your efforts.



SANDY LANE SPORTS DAYS!

YEARS 1,2,3 - 26TH JUNE

9.15-11.30



YEARS 4,5,6 - 26TH JUNE

1.15-3

EYFS - 27TH JUNE

9.15-11.30

FOXES - 30TH JUNE

9.15-10.30



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Nurturing a Love of Reading at Home

In our busy lives, finding quiet moments can feel like a luxury. However, one of the most valuable gifts we can give our children is the simple act of reading aloud to them every night. This cherished routine extends far beyond just a bedtime ritual; it lays a crucial foundation for their development and fosters a lifelong love of reading.

Benefits include:

- **Sparks Imagination:** Stories open doors to new worlds and introduce captivating characters.
- **Boosts Language Development:** Exposure to diverse vocabulary and sentence structures enhances their own communication skills.
- **Strengthens Bonds:** Creates a special, cozy connection and reinforces feelings of security.
- **Improves Listening Skills:** Helps children focus and absorb information.
- **Expands Understanding of the World:** Introduces new concepts, cultures, and perspectives.
- Cultivates a **Love of Reading:** Makes books a positive and enjoyable part of their lives.
- **Builds Literacy Foundations:** Supports essential skills for future reading success.



Connecting Our Community...



May half term fun at Bracknell Forest Family Hubs

Join us at one of our play and activity sessions. These sessions are free to attend, and no booking is required. Please be aware sessions may be busy.

- **Tuesday, 27 May – 10.30am to 11am**
at **The Oaks Family Hub:** Singing/storytime
- **Wednesday, 28 May – 9.30am to 10.30am**
at **The Rowans Family Hub:** Family play
- **Thursday, 29 May – 2pm to 3pm**
at **The Alders Family Hub:** Family play
- **Friday, 30 May – 9.30am to 10.30am**
at **The Rowans Family Hub:** Active play
(This session is for families with under fives.)



Email: early.help@bracknell-forest.gov.uk
Call: 01344 354382
Facebook: Bracknell Forest Family Hubs
www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/family-hubs



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ACTIVATE YOUR 2025 CAMPS!

LET'S COOK	NETBALL FEVER	STAR PERFORMERS
 14-16 Apr 11-13 Aug	 14-16 Apr 4-6 Aug	 18-20 Aug

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GEMS is for children and young people who are diagnosed with, or who may have, autism and/or attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). The service also supports parents and carers and is open to anyone living in Slough, Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead or Bracknell Forest.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS AND COURSES

Sensory Processing - Wednesday 4th June 7 to 8:30pm
Autism Course - Wednesday 11th, 18th & 25th June - 7 to 9pm
ADHD Course - Thursday 17, 24 June, and 1 July - 7 to 9pm
Sleep - Autism and ADHD - Tuesday 17th June - 7 to 9pm
Girls and Autism - Tuesday 10th June - 10am to 12noon
Adolescence - Wednesday 2nd July - 10am to 12noon
Managing Anxiety - Tuesday 8th July - 10 to 12noon
Empowering Calm - Tuesday 15th July - 10am to 12noon

Visit our website to book your space - www.Gems4Health.com



Get ready to pedal! Join our annual charity bike ride on Sunday, June 8th, starting and ending at Garth Hill College. Supported by the Avanti Cycling team and Bracknell Forest Council, choose from a 15-mile family-friendly route or longer 34/52-mile options through Berkshire's lovely countryside. All for a great cause – our Three Counties Cycle Ride has raised over £1 million for local charities since 1983! Find maps, photos, and sign-up details at <https://3ccr.org/>. The cycling fun continues afterwards at the Bracknell Cycle Festival in Bond Square with stunt displays and more. Let's have fun, stay healthy, help others, and celebrate cycling!

Mums in Mind **HOME START**
Bracknell Forest

If you are feeling **low**, **anxious** or **overwhelmed**, with a baby under 18 months old, this 6-week course is for you...

Giving a small group of mums the tools needed to build their confidence and self-esteem, to cope with the journey of motherhood.

Working alongside fellow mums and experienced members of staff who offer CBT techniques and ways of coping.

Who for: New mums struggling with their mental health
When: Starting June 2025
What time: 1.00pm - 2.30pm
Is there a cost: It is FREE to attend
What about my baby: Free onsite Creche provided
How do I Book: Email office@hsbf.org.uk

www.hsbf.org.uk Home-Start Bracknell Forest is a registered charity no 1160447

Daisy's Dream Wellbeing Walk **Saturday 5th July 2025**
Englefield House, Reading, 2 - 4 pm

What's Included:
Gentle Walk | Delicious Cream Tea
Children's Story Time | Live Music

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