



Headteacher

NEWSLETTER



Update from Ms. Parkhouse

As we reach the end of another fab half term, I want to take a moment to reflect on some of our recent highlights and express my gratitude for your continued support:

A Productive Visit from Peter Swallow MP

We were delighted to recently welcome our local MP, Peter Swallow, to Sandy Lane. It was a highly productive visit where we engaged in some crucial discussions regarding SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) and what universal provision truly means for our pupils. We also had the opportunity to share Sandy Lane's ongoing school improvement journey and discuss the upcoming SEND reform plans. We are incredibly grateful for his time and interest in our school community – thank you, Peter!

A Huge Thank You to the SLSA!

I would like to extend a massive, public thank you to our fantastic PTA, the SLSA, for hosting such a wonderful Summer Fayre last weekend. We are so incredibly grateful to everyone who helped behind the scenes, attended, donated, volunteered, and supported the event through their purchases and contributions. It was a spectacular community event, and your ongoing generosity helps make wonderful opportunities like this possible for our children and the wider school community.

Coffee Mornings: A Growing Success

It has been wonderful to see a fantastic increase in the turnout at our recent parent coffee mornings. Thank you so much to everyone who has attended. This has evolved into such a valuable forum for sharing ideas, asking questions, and connecting with one another. Your voice and engagement are vital to making Sandy Lane the best it can be.

Year 6 Superstars

A massive well done to our Year 6 pupils! They have conducted themselves with the utmost maturity throughout their SATS assessments. They truly embodied our PRIDE values and represented Sandy Lane incredibly well. We could not be prouder of them.

Important Reminder & Half Term Wishes

Please remember that this Friday is an INSET day, so school will be closed to pupils.

I wish all of our families a wonderful, relaxing, and safe half term break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed for the final stretch of the school year!



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Key Dates

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



Term 6 Key Dates

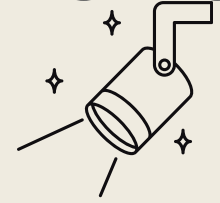
Whilst we endeavour to ensure that you get as much notice as possible for all school key dates, there might be times when this isn't possible. Thank you in advance for your understanding when this does happen!

Monday 1st June	School reopens for all pupils - First Day of Term 6
Friday 19th June	Choir Performance at The Hexagon
Monday 22nd June	Y6 Fiver Challenge Sale on the middle playground 3:15 - 4:00
Tuesday 23rd June	Y6 Fiver Challenge Sale on the middle playground 3:15 - 4:00
Tuesday 23rd June	Foxes Sports Day 9:15 - 10:30 Dolphins Sports Day 2:00 - 3:00
Wednesday 24th June	Year 5 & 6 Sports Day 9:15 - 11:45 Year 3 & 4 Sports Day 1:00 - 3:15
Thursday 25th June	EYFS Sports Day 9:15 - 11:15 Year 1 & 2 Sports Day 1:00 - 3:15
Tuesday 30th June	School Nurse Drop in 9:30am - 11:30am (To book, please contact Office)
Wednesday 1st July	Transition Day
Thursday 2nd July	Transition Day-Y4 Field Trip
Monday 6th July	Inset Day - School Closed
Tuesday 7th July	Hummingbirds Class Assembly 2.45pm
Wednesday 8th July	Kingfishers Class Assembly 2.45pm
Thursday 9th July	Koalas Class Assembly
Tuesday 14th July	Rocksteady Concert for Parents
Wednesday 15th July	Y6 Performance at 2:00
Thursday 16th July	Y6 Performance at 3:30
Tuesday 21st July	EYFS Teddy Bears Picnic
Tuesday 21st July	School Nurse Drop in 9:30am - 11:30am (To book, please contact Office)
Monday 20th July	Y6 Leavers' Disco 5:00 - 6:30
Wednesday 22nd July	Y6 Leavers' Assembly
Wednesday 22nd July	Last day of Term 6 for All Pupils - School Closes at 2pm
Inset Day Tuesday 1st September 2026 School reopens on Wednesday 2nd September 2026	



SENCO
Mr Walsh

Spotlight on SEND



Individual Learning Plans (ILP's)

Our class teachers are currently reviewing the Individual Learning Plans (ILPs) for all children on our school SEND register. These plans ensure that our pupils receive the tailored support they need to thrive in the classroom.

Please see the timeline below for how and when these updated plans will be shared with you:

For Children in Nursery up to Year 5

By Friday, 12th June, you will receive a pack containing your child's reviewed current ILP (showing the progress they have made against their targets) as well as their new ILP for the upcoming period.

- Please check your child's book bag on this date, as these will be sent home as paper hard copies.

For Children in Year 6

On Friday, 12th June, Year 6 parents will receive a copy of their child's final reviewed ILP.

- Please note that as our Year 6 pupils prepare for their transition to secondary school, no new ILPs or targets will be set for the remainder of this term. However, all current reasonable adjustments and support structures will remain fully in place in the classroom to ensure a smooth and successful end to their time at Sandy Lane.

- If you have any questions regarding your child's ILP or progress, please do not hesitate to contact their class teacher or our SEN team.



FSW
Mrs Hurley

Safeguarding at Sandy Lane

Staying Safe Online: A Note on Social Media

We have recently noticed a significant increase in pupil WhatsApp groups, as well as a rise in unkind or inappropriate comments being shared on Snapchat. Although these apps help people stay connected, they are legally designed for ages 13 and above. If you grant your child permission to use them, they require close parental monitoring to ensure safety. "We kindly ask all parents and carers to regularly supervise and monitor their children's phone and app usage to ensure their online interactions remain positive and respectful.

For practical advice, step-by-step safety guides, and handy tips on how to monitor your child's device effectively, we highly recommend visiting the [Internet Matters](#) website or checking out the resources available on [NSPCC's Online Safety Hub](#). Thank you for your continued partnership in keeping our children safe online.





Scooter and Cycle Safety



We have recently received an important safety update from the Education & Learning team at Bracknell Forest Council. They shared news of a serious head injury involving a six-year-old child in the local area who fell from her scooter while not wearing a helmet.

Thankfully, the child has made a full recovery and has no long-term injuries. However, this incident serves as a powerful reminder for all of us.

In light of this, we are asking our school community to reinforce the importance of safety when children are out on their wheels.

Whether your child is riding a bike, scooter, skateboard, or rollerskates, promoting consistent helmet use is the single most effective way to reduce the risk of serious injury.

1. Check the Fit: Ensure the helmet sits level on the head (not tilted back) and the straps are fastened snugly.
2. Lead by Example: If you cycle or scoot with your children, wearing a helmet yourself sets a fantastic example.
3. Every Ride Counts: Even short trips to school or quick scootaround sessions in the garden require protection.

Julia Supporting the Community!

At Sandy Lane, we love celebrating the fantastic achievements of our pupils both inside and outside the classroom. We want to share a wonderful story of community spirit and environmental awareness.

One of our brilliant pupils, Julia in Reception, recently took part in her very first official Bracknell Litter Picker event! These volunteer-led events take place every Saturday across different areas of Bracknell, helping to keep our local environment clean, green, and safe for everyone.

Julia's parents shared that she has a deep love for nature. constantly asking insightful questions about plants, animals, the weather, and the soil. Inspired by this passion, she was incredibly eager to join the volunteers. Over the weekend, she spent two whole hours walking, collecting litter, and filling bags. Her energy and determination were so exemplary that local neighbours stopped to give her words of gratitude (and even a well-deserved homemade cookie!). In fact, when it was finally time to head home, Julia didn't want to stop!

Julia's parents are incredibly proud of her, and so are all of us here at school. We hope her hard work inspires other families to look after our local environment.

Well done, Julia! You are a fantastic role model for us all.

Want to get involved? If you and your family would like to join a local tidy-up, you can find out more by searching for the Bracknell Litter Pickers group online to see where their next Saturday event will be held.





National Numeracy Day



We are excited to share that toorrow (20th May 2026) is National Numeracy Day! Numeracy is a foundational skill, and this brilliant annual event and is all about building confidence with numbers for children of all ages, from Nursery right up to Secondary School.

As a school, we love finding fun, creative ways to bring maths to life, and National Numeracy Day is the perfect opportunity to show that numbers aren't just for the classroom - they are everywhere!

How You Can Join In At Home

Being confident with numbers helps children with everything from problem-solving and money management to cooking and sports. You don't need to be a maths expert to help your child feel good about numbers! Here are a few quick ways to celebrate at home:

- Kitchen Maths: Involve your children in weighing ingredients, measuring liquids, or timing the oven when cooking dinner.
- The "Number Hunt": For younger children, look for numbers on road signs, house doors, or supermarket price tags while out for a walk.
- Game Night: Play board games that involve rolling dice, counting spaces, or keeping score (like Monopoly, Snakes and Ladders, or Yahtzee).

Find Out More & Access Free Resources

Whether you want to boost your child's confidence or even brush up on your own everyday maths skills, there are fantastic free activities, games, and tip sheets available for families.

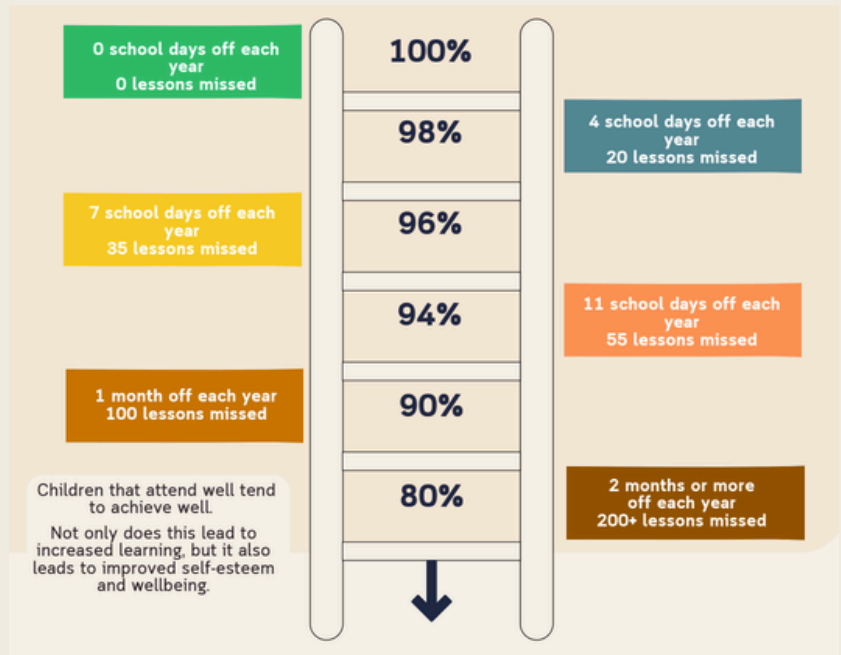
👉 Visit the official website to get involved: nationalnumeracy.org.uk/numeracyday. Let's work together to help our children become confident, number-savvy learners!



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Attendance Matters

- Absence should only occur when your child is far too ill to attend.
- If your child is suffering from Colds, Headaches, Tiredness or Sore throat we would suggest that you administer paracetamol or ibuprofen and bring them into school.
- If their condition deteriorates, we will always call you.
- Family holidays and day trips must be arranged outside of school hours.
- Medical or dental appointments should be arranged outside of school hours, if this is not possible supporting evidence should be provided please.

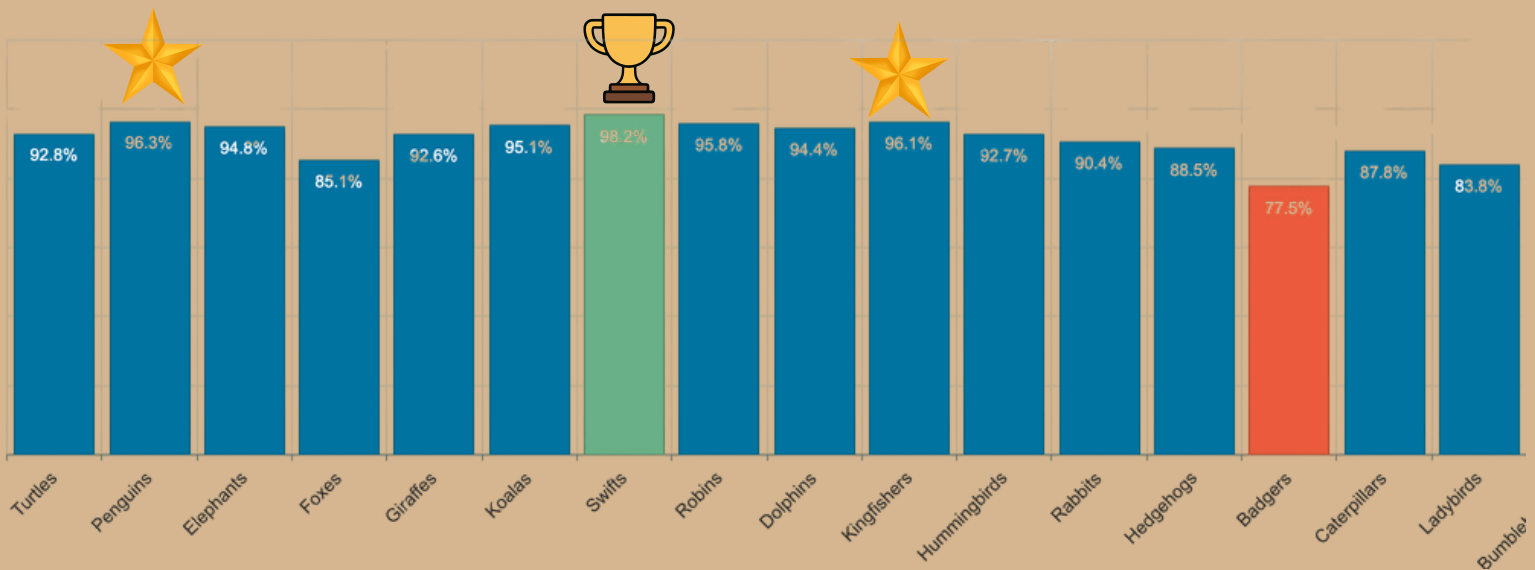


This Fortnight in Figures...

Date Range: 04/05/2026 - 18/05/2026

WHOLE SCHOOL

92%



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Connecting Our Community...

Supporting Your Children Workshops 2026












To book a space email Inge.Taylor@bracknell-forest.gov.uk

Each course is a **standalone 2-hour session**, is universal (not specific for SEND), and is for the adults supporting **not** the children themselves so **please arrange childcare if needed**

Once you have completed an enrolment form your space will be confirmed

Please only book if you are **going to be able to attend** to avoid other parents missing out.

All sessions unless stated otherwise take place at **The Bracknell Open Learning Centre**

Supporting Children to Overcome their Anxious Thoughts and Worries Exploring how anxiety affects primary aged children using simple, effective techniques to support them to overcome their Anxious Thoughts & Worries.	
Monday 8th June 2026	6.30 – 8.30 pm
Managing Behaviour in a Positive Way Supporting parents of primary aged children develop positive behaviour strategies and handle challenging behaviours with confidence and care.	
Monday 22nd June 2026	6.30 – 8.30 pm
Parenting your pre / early-teens in a Positive Way (aged 10 – 13) An insight into parenting, looking at positive behaviour strategies, different ways to strengthen communication / connection with your pre-teen child.	
Let me know if you would like to be on the list for future dates	
Parenting your teen in a Positive Way (aged 13 – 16) A session focused on using positive approaches to guide teenage behaviour, building stronger communication and connection during the teen years.	
Let me know if you would like to be on the list for future dates	
Encouraging Resilience – Keep Calm and Bounce Back Gain practical tips, leaving you inspired and equipped to help primary aged children bounce back stronger; no matter what life throws their way	
Thursday 4th June 2026	6.30 – 8.30
Transition to secondary school Gain practical tips, share experiences, and learn how to support your child through the exciting, sometimes challenging transition to secondary school.	
Tuesday 2nd June 2026 (@ Owlsmoor School for Owlsmoor parents)	9 – 11 am
Thursday 4th June 2026 (@ The Pines School for The Pines parents)	9 – 11 am
Monday 8th June 2026 (@ St. Michael's EH for St. Michael's parents)	9 – 11 am
Tuesday 9th June 2026 (@ Meadow Vale for Meadow Vale parents)	9 – 11 am
Monday 29th June 2026 (@ Bracknell Open Learning Centre)	6.30 – 8.30 pm
Transition: Reception to Year 1 and beyond The move from Yr R to 1 is a big step in your child's learning journey. Session helps parents understand what the transition involves and how to support.	
Thursday 25th June 2026 (fully booked – let me know if you would like to book for future sessions)	6.30 – 8.30 pm
A healthy night's sleep Support for parents of primary aged children to gain practical tips to help children build healthy, lasting sleep habits	
Let me know if you would like to be on the list for future dates	
Reducing Sibling Rivalry A supportive session giving parents of primary aged children the tools to strengthen sibling bonds and create a calm, connected family environment.	
Let me know if you would like to be on the list for future dates	
Family Dynamics Family life comes in many forms for primary aged children. Session offers practical guidance navigating varying dynamics.	
Let me know if you would like to be on the list for future dates	
To book a space or get further information email Inge.Taylor@bracknell-forest.gov.uk	
Each toolkit is universal (not SEND specific) aimed at primary aged children & not suitable for younger siblings to attend and will be held at the Bracknell Open Learning Centre	
Once you have completed an enrolment form your space will be confirmed	
Please only book if you are going to be able to attend to avoid other parents missing out.	
EBSA (Emotionally Based School Avoidance) A 2-week toolkit (you are expected to attend both sessions)	
Week 1 – parent only session looking at - What EBSA is, how to support your child to build 'being in school' resilience and what you can expect schools to do.	
Week 2 – parents + child (need school's permission for child to attend) looking at supporting children to challenge 'What if's?' produce resilience tools and next steps.	



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Autism & ADHD Support Services
East Berkshire

Virtual Coffee Morning: Eating and food

Friday 22nd May - 10:00 - 11:00am

Join our online informal discussion.

What to expect?

Respectful and supportive discussion including:

- What works for your family at meal times
- What are your concern areas around eating
- How do you support your child with eating
- How you handle food centric activities and celebrations
- Eating out

25 spaces
available!

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/awaiting assessment/diagnosed)

To book your place contact GEMS:

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Information for Young People

NHS Berkshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

Welcome from the Bracknell Immunisation team

We are a skilled Immunisation team working across Bracknell, delivering vaccinations to children aged 5-16 (Reception to Year 11) in schools and community venues across Berkshire. We have extensive experience supporting children who may be anxious or have additional needs. Our team can book clinics, check vaccine status, and provide advice and information. If you have any questions, please contact us using the details below.

We can provide home visits too!

- Meningitis ACWY due in Year 9
- Flu vaccine due in Reception up to Year 11
- Tetanus/Diphtheria and Polio due in Year 9
- Human Papilloma Virus due in Year 8
- Measles/Mumps and Rubella - 2 doses

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Virtual Coffee Morning - Family, siblings and homelife

Friday 19th June - 10:00 - 11:00am

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Join our online informal discussion to cover the following areas:

- Creating a home that works for everyone's needs and rhythms
- Supporting sibling bonds
- Navigating family tensions with empathy and realistic expectations
- Letting go of 'perfect' parenting

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

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Connecting Our Community...



Half Term Events

Sun 17th May

Family Fun Day: Pikemen & Musketeers

Travel back in time to a Civil War campsite! Take part in hand-to-hand combat drills, watch musket drills, and see cannon fire. Adults £8, children £6.



Tue 26th & Wed 27th May

Discover & Make: Victorian Toys

Make a string-powered 'Jumping Jack' puppet, and try out other Victorian era toys. Best for children aged 4 - 11. Pre-book. £4.75 per child.



Fri 29th May

Forest School

Outdoor play, natural crafts, campfire cooking & more. For ages 18mths - 5 years. Pre-book, £8.90 per child.

Book at wycombemuseum.org.uk

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The Abbey Upcoming Events



Senior School & Sixth Form Open Morning
Saturday 9 May

Discover why an all-girls education empowers success. Explore our outstanding facilities and vibrant community.



K-Pop Dance Workshop
Saturday 9 May

Does your daughter love K-pop as much as we do? Join us for a K-pop workshop on Saturday 9 May. Open to girls in Years 4-7!



Cricket Masterclass
Saturday 9 May

Give your daughter the chance to step onto the pitch. Open for Years 4-6 to develop new skills and confidence with new friends!



Senior School Taster Day for Year 7 2027
Wednesday 17 June

Our event allows you the opportunity to experience first hand the outstanding facilities and spaces on offer. Taster day for students in Year 5 looking to start Year 7 2027.



Abbey Flavours - Music and Modern Foreign Languages
Monday 29 June

Year 4 students: Explore interactive sessions, engage in hands-on activities, and enjoy a sit-down school dinner.

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Good afternoon,

Please could you kindly share with parents and carers who fall within our criteria.

We are pleased to announce we have just released new dates for our AuDHD and Interoception workshops.

<p>AuDHD</p>	<p><i>Hosted by Parenting Special Children</i> This neuro-affirming, strengths based, interactive workshop is designed to help parents/carers better understand the unique experiences of AuDHD (Autistic and ADHD) children and young people. Exploring AuDHD strengths and challenges, Practical strategies for home and school, Reframing so called 'difficult' behaviours, Supporting child's self-esteem and self-advocacy.</p>	<p>Dual pathway Support For parents & carers of primary & secondary school aged children.</p>	<p>Online: Tuesday 30th June 2026.</p>	<p>7 - 9pm</p>
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Booking link : <https://parentingspecialchildren.co.uk/events/audhd-workshop-berkshire-east-june-2026/>

<p>Interoception</p>	<p><i>Hosted by Parenting Special Children</i> Interoception helps you to understand and feel what's going on inside your body. Those who struggle with the interoceptive sense may have trouble knowing when they feel tired, hungry, full, thirsty, hot or cold. Having trouble with this sense can also make self-regulation a challenge. Helping with self-regulation, Recognising hunger/Always hungry, Toileting, Making a connection with emotions.</p>	<p>Autism & ADHD Support For parents & carers of primary & secondary school aged children.</p>	<p>Online: Tuesday 30th June 2026.</p>	<p>7 - 9pm</p>
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