



# Brookfields Parent Newsletter

## 1/05/26

### Message from Head of School:

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*Dear Parents and Carers,*

*First and foremost, I would like to say a huge thank you for the warm welcome and support you have given me as I have taken up my new role as Head of School. Your kindness, encouragement and the many lovely messages I have received have been truly invaluable. I feel genuinely honoured by the support from our school community.*

*It has already been a busy half term in school, and this past week has been especially full. We were delighted to welcome members of the Create Trust Central Team in school this week, who commented on just how amazing our community is. Many of you also had the opportunity to meet Mr Dyson, our Interim CEO, during parents evening, and I know he thoroughly enjoyed meeting everyone.*

*Thank you to everyone who attended Parents' Evening. We were very proud to see that over 82% of our children had a parent or carer attend, which really highlights the strong partnership we share. I also know that additional meetings have taken place outside of these evenings to support parents and carers who were working or unable to attend. Please do remember that you can always speak to your child's class teacher to arrange a meeting if you were not able to come along.*

*In Early Years, we are currently working with Early Excellence, and they visited us this week. They shared many wonderful compliments about our fantastic Early Years team and the excellent work they are doing with our youngest children. We are also pleased to share that we have had our highest Early Years intake for several years, with Reception places for September filling up very quickly. We do still have a few places available, so if you have not*

*yet completed your form, please speak to the school office who will be more than happy to help.*

*Thank you once again for your continued support. I wish you all a lovely Bank Holiday weekend.*

*Warm regards,*

*Bernadette O'Rourke*

*Head of School*

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## **Timetables Champions**



A huge well done to our Times Tables Champions for this week! You have all worked incredibly hard and should be very proud of yourselves for being selected to represent your classes.

You showed fantastic bravery by competing in front of the entire school, and your effort and determination really shone through.

Keep up the hard work, everyone — it could be you next week!



1 - A big congratulations to:

Year 1 - Alexis and Yousef

Year 2- **Cairo** and Aran



2 - A big congratulations to:

Year 3 - Sulayman and Ahmad

Year 4- Yasir and Muayaid

Year 5- Mercy and Omar

Year 6- **Sulayman** and Nikesh



3 - Please remember to keep practising TT Rock Stars this week! Regular practice really helps build speed and confidence with times tables.

- **KS1 focus:** 5 times tables
- **KS2 focus:** 4 times tables

*Let's see lots of great effort this week. Keep practising and doing your best!*

## Compass coffee morning



We would like to invite you to join us for a School Coffee Morning on **Tuesday 19th May, from 9:00am to 10:00am**, held at school.

This informal coffee morning is an opportunity for parents and carers to come together, enjoy a hot drink, and **learn more about the support available to families through our work with Compass.**

Compass is a service that works alongside schools to support the emotional wellbeing and mental health of children and young people, as well as offering guidance and support for parents and carers. They provide advice, early help, and signposting to ensure families can access the right support at the right time.

During the coffee morning, a representative from Compass will be available to:

- Explain what Compass is and how it works with our school.
- Share information about the support available for children and families.
- Answer questions in a relaxed and confidential setting.

There is no expectation to share personal experiences. This is simply a chance to find out more, meet other parents and enjoy a friendly conversation over tea and coffee. We hope you will be able to join us and take advantage of this opportunity. All parents and carers are very welcome. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

We look forward to seeing you.

## Year 6 SATS Week

Thank you to everyone who attended the parent workshop this week for SATs. If you have any further questions please do come and see me. The power point was sent by message and can also be accessed on the school website on the year 6 page under SATs.

Remember a free Year 6 Breakfast club will be available daily at 8am. Please ensure that your child is in school on time every day.

The timetable for the week is below.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Miss Ledbury

The KS2 test timetable is as follows:

Date	Test
Monday 11 May	English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 1: questions
Monday 11 May	English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 2: spelling
Tuesday 12 May	English reading
Wednesday 13 May	Mathematics Paper 1: arithmetic
Wednesday 13 May	Mathematics Paper 2: reasoning
Thursday 14 May	Mathematics Paper 3: reasoning

## SEND Updates

### SEND Reforms: Online Sessions for Parent Carers

#### Tuesday 5 May and Thursday 7 May 2026

Birmingham City Council, working together with the Birmingham Parent Carer Forum and SEND Socials, is inviting **parent carers** to take part in online discussion sessions about the new **SEND Reforms**.

These sessions are a chance for parent carers to:

- Find out more about the proposed SEND changes
- Share their views and experiences
- Have their voices heard as part of the reforms

The sessions will be held online, and parent carers can choose which date works best for them.

Schools are kindly asked to **share the poster below with families** so parent carers are aware of the opportunity and can book a place if they wish.

You can share the poster through:

- School newsletters
- Parent communication apps
- Email
- Other usual school communication channels

 **SEND Reforms – Parent Carer Sessions Poster:**

<https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/SEND-Reforms-Poster.pdf>

The poster includes all session details and links to register.

Thank you for helping us make sure parents and carers are supported to have their say.



**THE SEND REFORMS**  
AN OPEN CONVERSATION


**CALLING SEND PARENT CARERS!**

Join us at one of our upcoming online sessions to share your views on the new SEND Reforms published by the Department for Education.

Places are limited so please book in good time!

Based on what you know about the reforms so far, you will have the opportunity to:

- Say what you think is positive about the proposed reforms
- Highlight what in your view has been overlooked
- Discuss how we can work together to implement the reforms
- Raise concerns and ask questions

<p><b>1</b></p> <p> Tuesday 5th May</p> <p> 09:30 - 11:00</p> <p><b>BOOK NOW!</b></p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p> Tuesday 5th May</p> <p> 18:00 - 19:30</p> <p><b>BOOK NOW!</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p> Thursday 7th May</p> <p> 12:30 - 14:00</p> <p><b>BOOK NOW!</b></p>
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## Safeguarding Updates - Road Safety



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*We wanted to share that we continue to be in regular contact with our local MPs to explore further signage on the road outside school, to help improve safety for our whole community.*

*You may also have spotted that the yellow lines outside school have recently been refreshed, which is a positive step forward. Thank you for your continued support, feedback and engagement around this. If you have any advice or suggestions about how we can further support road safety as a school, please do speak to a member of staff outside in the morning — we very much welcome your feedback and support.*

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## Online Safety

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***▶ YouTube is hugely popular with young people, but features like Shorts and recommendations can expose young people to inappropriate content and online risks.***

*Even some videos that look like cartoons are not always suitable for children, so it's important to regularly check what your child is watching and to keep parental controls in*

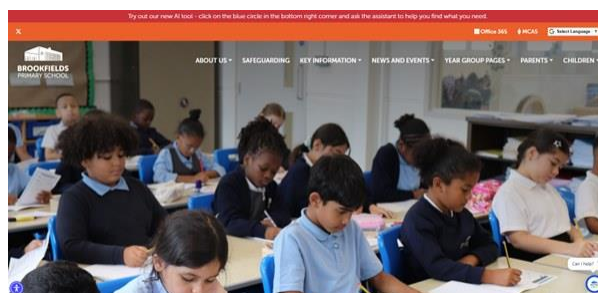
*place where possible. Monitoring your child's online activity and talking to them about staying safe online can make a big difference.*

*If you have any worries or would like advice, please remember you are always welcome to speak to a member of staff for support or guidance around online safety.*

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**School Website - [www.brookfields.bham.sch.uk](http://www.brookfields.bham.sch.uk)**



*We are currently working on updating our school website to make it easier for families to access key information.*

To support with navigation, we have added **a new AI tool** designed to help you find what you need much more quickly. We hope this will be a helpful addition and will support families to access information easily and efficiently.

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## Attendance and Punctuality

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Below is this week's attendance. We continue to work closely with families to make sure children are **in school every day and arrive on time**, as this really helps them settle well and get the most out of their learning.

We understand that sometimes things can be challenging. If you are having any difficulties linked to attendance or punctuality, **please don't hesitate to reach out to Mrs Kacem**. She is always happy to listen and offer support where needed.

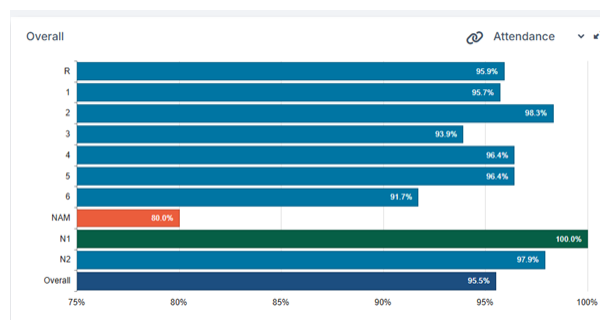
**Working together, we can give every child the best possible start to their day.**

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## Reminder: Atom Learning



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We work in partnership with Atom Learning, the leading online Key Stage 2 learning and 11+ preparation platform, to provide children in **Years 3-6 who are eligible for Pupil Premium with free Atom Home accounts**. Atom Home is normally £575.90 per year. Atom Home provides Key Stage 2 learning resources, helping children build exam technique, subject mastery and academic confidence. If your child is aged between 7 - 11 and has been eligible for free school meals at any point in the last six years (please check with the school office if you are not sure), please fill in the form by clicking the button below. [Access free 11+ preparation and KS2 learning](#)

For other families, there is a five-day free trial of Atom available:  
<https://atomlearning.com/11-plus>

(Please press the Ctrl key and click to access the links)

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## Key Dates:



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Monday 11th May - Thursday 14th May 2026: Y6 SATs week

*Tuesday 19th May - Compass Parent Coffee Morning*

*Wednesday 20th May - Sports Day*

*Monday 1st June 2026: Year 4 MTC begins*

*Monday 8th June 2026: Y1 Phonics Check Begins*

**Recognition Assembly - every Friday morning**

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