BROOKFIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

OUR SCHOOL MISSION

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H HEALTHY AND HAPPY

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TEAM Together Everyone Achieves More ♡

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A place where every child can shine ♡

Brookfields Parent Newsletter 23.10.26

Message from Interim Head of School:

As we reach the end of a very busy and successful half term, I would like to take a moment to reflect on all that has been achieved and to thank our pupils, staff, parents and wider community for their continued support.

We were delighted to welcome our new Reception children to Brookfields this September. We welcomed a cohort of 60 children, and I would like to recognise the fantastic work of our Early Years team, who have worked tirelessly to support our youngest learners in settling into school life. We also welcomed our Nursery cohort as well who have settled in extremely well. It has been wonderful to see the children grow in confidence and embrace the opportunities available to them.

This half term has been filled with exciting learning experiences across the school. Pupils from different year groups took part in Bikeability sessions, developing their cycling skills and road safety awareness. Our Year 4 pupils enjoyed a visit to Cadbury World, while Year 3 began their swimming lessons and took part in a fascinating Stone Age workshop delivered by Portals to the Past, bringing their learning to life in an engaging and memorable way.

Providing enriching experiences for our pupils remains a key priority, and we will continue to offer a wide range of opportunities throughout the year. Looking ahead to next half term, we have plenty to look forward to, including the Year 6 residential visit and a variety of educational visits and experiences planned for many other year groups.

During October, our children also took part in assemblies and reflective gatherings linked to Black History Month. Pupils across the school proudly showcased their learning, and we would like to thank everyone who attended. We received a great deal of positive feedback from families, with many requesting more opportunities to celebrate and share learning in this way. We were delighted to hear this and will certainly be looking to provide more of these occasions in the future.

This half term has also seen a number of parent workshops take place, helping to strengthen the partnership between home and school. Next half term, we look forward to welcoming

many of you to our Parents' Evening, which will provide another valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress and development.

Finally, I would like to say how grateful we are for the support we continue to receive from our parents and the wider community. The positive relationships we have with our families play a vital role in helping our children thrive, and we cannot thank you enough for your ongoing encouragement and support.

On behalf of everyone at Brookfields, I wish you a restful and enjoyable half term break. We look forward to welcoming you back for Autumn 2 and another exciting half term of learning and success.

Miss O'Rourke

Safeguarding

At Brookfields, the safety and wellbeing of our children is always a priority. We encourage all families to regularly talk with their children about how to stay safe when out in the community, including when visiting local parks and recreational areas.

Some simple ways children can help keep themselves safe include:

- *Staying with friends or trusted adults and avoiding isolated areas.*
- *Letting a parent or carer know where they are going and what time they will be home.*
- *Avoiding conversations with strangers that make them feel uncomfortable.*
- *Knowing who their trusted adults are and seeking help if they feel worried or unsafe.*
- *Moving away from situations that do not feel right and reporting concerns to a trusted adult immediately.*

Recently, I shared correspondence with our Year 6 families regarding concerns raised by some of our children about incidents taking place in a local park. Please be assured that I

have liaised with the police and our local PCSOs to help support and promote the safety of our children within the community.

In school, we have spoken with pupils about these concerns and continue to ensure that safeguarding and personal safety are taught through our curriculum across all year groups. This helps children develop the knowledge and confidence they need to recognise risks and make safe choices.

As always, we value working in partnership with our families. If you feel there is anything further we can do to support our children and community, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you for your continued support in helping to keep all of our children safe.

Attendance



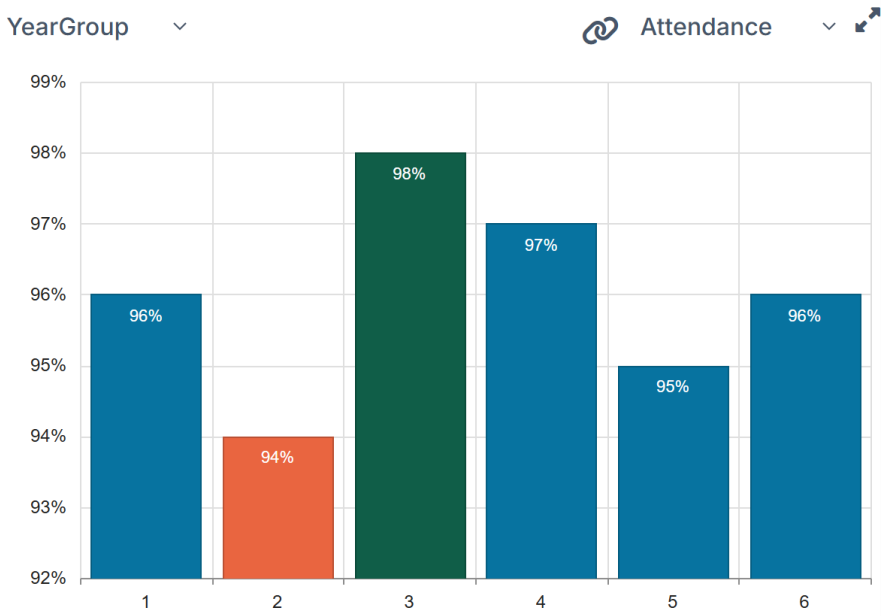
Thank you to all of our parents and carers for continuing to work in partnership with us to ensure that children are in school every day and arrive on time.

Regular attendance is essential for children's learning, wellbeing and success. Just as importantly, being in school each day helps our pupils to build friendships, feel connected to their classmates and develop a strong sense of belonging within our school community.

At Brookfields, we want every child to feel that they belong, are valued and are an important part of our school family. Your support in ensuring that children attend school regularly helps us to achieve this.

Thank you for your continued support in helping every child thrive at Brookfields.

If you are experiencing difficulties with your child's attendance or need any support, please do not hesitate to contact us. We understand that families can face challenges from time to time, and we are here to work alongside you to offer support, advice and guidance wherever we can. By working together, we can ensure that every child is able to benefit from all that school has to offer and continue to feel a valued part of our Brookfields community.



Handwriting and Pencil Grip

At Brookfields, we are continuing to place a strong focus on developing pupils' handwriting and pencil grip. Clear, fluent handwriting is an important skill that supports children in communicating their ideas confidently and successfully across the curriculum.

To support this, all pupils have timetabled handwriting sessions where they develop their letter formation, presentation and writing fluency. These regular opportunities help children to build confidence, accuracy and stamina in their writing.

Please see the QR code below, which will give you access to our online handwriting platform and activities that can be used to support learning at home. We have also included guidance images for both left-handed and right-handed pupils to help encourage the correct pencil grip.

Thank you for your continued support. By working together, we can help our children develop strong handwriting habits that will benefit them throughout their education.

Pupil Login:

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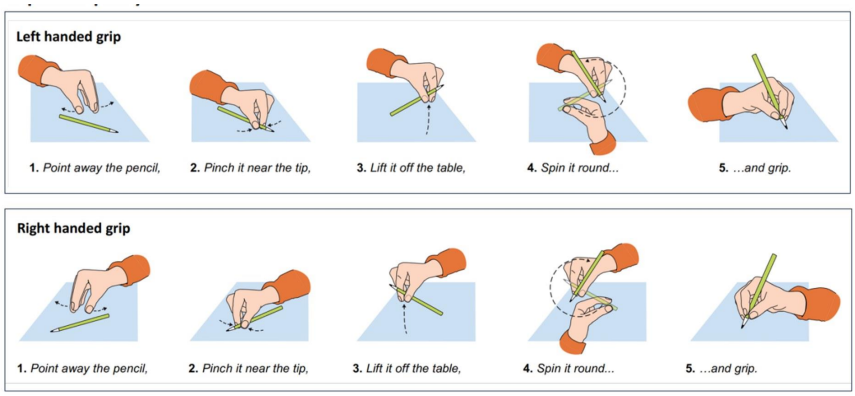
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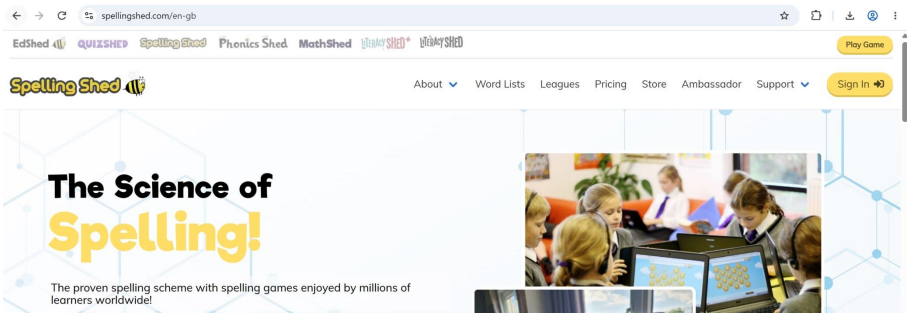
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Spelling Shed



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*At Brookfields, we use **Spelling Shed** across Key Stage 2 to support children in developing their spelling knowledge and confidence. The platform provides engaging activities that help pupils practise the spelling patterns and words they are learning in school.*

Your child can also access Spelling Shed at home to continue practising and reinforcing their learning. Regular use can make a significant difference to their spelling accuracy and confidence in writing.

Your child's login details should be available in their reading record. If you are unable to locate these or need any assistance accessing the platform, please speak to your child's class teacher, who will be happy to help.

Thank you for supporting your child's learning at home.

Celebrating Our Diverse Brookfields Community

There is something I would really like to shine a light on and celebrate here at Brookfields.

We are a school community rich in diversity, and I truly believe this is one of the things that makes Brookfields such a special place to be. As someone who grew up in the North of Ireland, I understand how important cultural identity is and the value of having the freedom to be who we are. It is something I am passionate about celebrating, and I see examples of this every day within our school.

Our community is made up of families from many different cultures, backgrounds and ethnicities, all coming together to create something really special, Brookfields. I feel incredibly proud to be part of a school where diversity is not only recognised but embraced and celebrated.

One of the most inspiring things to witness is how our children support one another. When a child joins our school speaking a different language, there are often other pupils ready to welcome them, translate for them and help them feel included. Seeing this happen in classrooms, on the playground and around the school is truly heart warming. It reflects the kindness, empathy and respect that our children show each day.

We are fortunate to have a large number of bilingual and multilingual pupils at Brookfields. Some of our children speak three or more languages, which is an incredible skill and something that should be celebrated. In fact, across our school community, we have more than ***55 different languages*** *represented.*

Over the past few weeks, I have found myself reflecting on just how amazing this is, particularly as I have watched many of our bilingual children settle so confidently into school life. Their resilience, determination and willingness to embrace new experiences have been wonderful to see.

Whenever people ask me about the pupils I have the pleasure of working with at Brookfields, this is one of the first things I share. ***Our diversity is one of our greatest strengths****, and****d I am immensely proud of the vibrant, inclusive and welcoming community we have built together.***

Thank you for helping to make Brookfields such a special place where every child belongs, is valued and can thrive.



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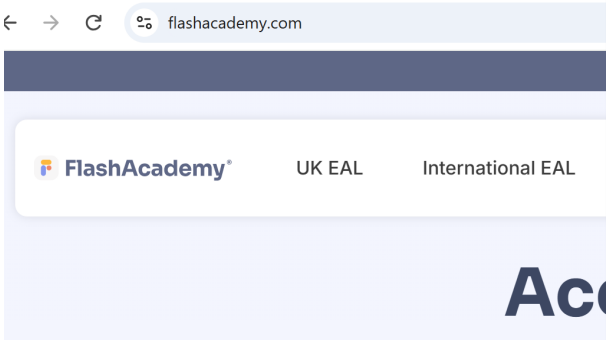
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*At Brookfields, we use **FlashAcademy®** to support our bilingual and multilingual pupils in developing their English language skills. The platform helps us assess pupils' proficiency in English and provides personalised learning activities tailored to their individual needs. One of the key benefits of FlashAcademy® is that it enables children to access learning in both English and their home language, helping them to understand new concepts and vocabulary while building confidence in the classroom.*

Pupils can also access FlashAcademy® at home to continue their learning. If you would like your child to use the platform at home, please speak to their class teacher, who will be happy to provide login details and further information.





We will continue to share updates and important information through the calendar on our school website. Please do check it regularly to ensure you are aware of any upcoming events, activities and key dates.

November 2026 month week today

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Teacher Training	3 Pupils Return to	4	5 Nursery 'Stay an	6 Celebration Ass	7
8	9 Diwali Performa	10 Theme Day: Wo	11 Y6 Residential	12 Y6 Residential	13 Celebration Ass Y6 Residential	14
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29	30	1	2	3	4 Celebration Ass	5
6	7	8 Music Concert Y	9 Early Years Caro	10 Christmas Jump	11 Teacher Training	12

The safety and wellbeing of our children remains our highest priority at Brookfields. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, and we encourage all members of our community to share any concerns, however small they may seem. By working together and acting promptly, we can ensure that every child is safe, supported and able to thrive. If you have a safeguarding concern, please contact our Safeguarding Team at **safeguarding@brookfields.create.org.uk.** No concern is too small.