



BROOKSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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December Newsletter

Dear Parents

May I begin by reminding you of just how important each and every school day is to the children. The teachers build learning opportunities carefully, planning small steps so as to give pupils the best chance of acquiring new knowledge and skills. If your child is well enough, please make sure they attend school every day and on time at 8:45am. With regards to unauthorized holidays in term time, I referred in our October newsletter to the government's new system of fixed term penalties which applies now, firmly implemented by all local authorities: the first penalty notice issued to the parent for a pupil with 10 or more unauthorised absences within a 10-week period will be charged at £160 if paid within 28 days, reducing to £80 if paid within 21 days. A second penalty notice will be issued if there is a further such absence within 3 years of the first notice, but charged at a flat rate of £160 if paid within 28 days. In cases where the threshold is met for a third time within those 3 years, alternative action will be taken. Under statutory government guidance, this will include considering prosecution. Please do not book holidays during term time.

I hope you have had the chance to visit our website. We have a very full online calendar which lists all our events and dates which we have planned – right up until the end of the school year in July. The festive fun kicks off on the afternoon of December 10th with our Panto, *Snow White* (oh yes it does...!). Many of you have been sponsoring the children for their 'Reindeer Run' on Friday 12th December to raise funds for school. Many thanks for supporting us in this way which benefits all of our children. Other events:

Tuesday 9 th : Nursery Party	Thursday 11 th : Christmas Jumper and Dinner Day	Friday 12 th : KS2 Party (pm)
Tuesday 16 th : Early Years/KS1 Nativity (9:15am)	Wednesday 19 th : Early Years/KS1 Nativity (9:15am)	Thursday 18 th : KS1 Party (pm)

All the children can come into school dressed in their party clothes on their party days.

School finishes at 1:30pm on Friday 19th December (Nursery finishes at 12pm). We'll have non-uniform day on the last day for a voluntary £1 donation and the children can bring in a toy to play with. There will be no After-School Club that day. Staff have INSET training on Monday 5th January 2026 and **children return to school at 8:45am on Tuesday 6th January.**

As we approach the end of term, can I thank you for your continuing support and, as ever, thank our fantastic staff who do so much to care for and to bring alive the joy of learning for the children of Brookside every single day.

My very best wishes to you all, when the time comes, for a happy and peaceful Christmas.

Yours sincerely,

Mr D Orme
Headteacher

