



**BROOKSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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January Newsletter

Dear Parents

A very happy new year to you and a warm welcome back to school on this wintery January day! 2025 has kicked off with a cold snap but I am glad that we have been able to open our doors and see our children return. I visited all our classes during the day and I was pleased to see how keen the children were to be back after what was a lovely Christmas for them all.

This sort of weather can have its downsides of course and although as a school we will always aim to open, you know from watching the news that occasionally schools will close during very snowy and disruptive conditions. We will only ever do this if members of staff simply cannot get to work – some of our teachers have a very long commute and come from a fairly wide radius. We had to close for a day last winter when we would not have had enough staff in school. If this were to happen, we would contact you via Parent Hub as soon as possible in the morning.

Staff had a very productive INSET day yesterday developing strategies for continuing to improve behaviour in school and enhancing our provision of reading, writing, maths and the wider curriculum. As headteacher, I am relentless in the pursuit of ever higher standards and quality and I am extremely fortunate to lead such a talented and dedicated team who share this ambition and want the very best for the pupils of Brookside Primary School.

Alongside this letter on Parent Hub, you will be able to view your child’s Learning Overview for the Spring A half-term. As usual, teachers will be very happy to discuss any aspect of this with you at a time of mutual convenience.

Next Tuesday, 14 January, we have the school photographer in to take class photographs which you will be able to order afterwards. I hope you decide to purchase one to capture this precious moment in the life of your child at school.

Yours sincerely,

Mr D Orme  
Headteacher

