

Broughton Community Schools

Newsletter



Friday 26th September 2025

Dear parents and carers,

It amazes me how quickly time goes when we are back in school and I can't believe we are already at the end of September - summer now feels a long way away! It can be tough coming back to school, it can be even harder for our younger ones starting in reception or even in Years 1, 2 and 3 - this is just because they are still so young and the change can throw them. Even as adults we can struggle at times with similar changes and sometimes it just takes some time, some consistency and lots of reassurance. Having said that, I am impressed with how well the children are doing across the schools so well done parents for getting them ready for the return to school.

Over the past week or so we have had trials for our football and cross country invite teams. It has been lovely to see so many girls and boys coming along. Ultimately, we do have too many runners and footballers for the squads so there will be some that miss out. This can be tricky for children and we will do our best to remind them that all of those who take part should be commended and not getting in now does not mean it is never going to happen. We did realise that we did not quite get this right for those who were not successful and we will make sure we improve on this next time.

We also have our clubs list coming out, this is another opportunity to sign your child/ren up to some free after school activities. Please bear in mind that should you sign your child up to this and they are successful in getting a space that they should make sure they attend the club.

An important part of our development plan as a school this year is really getting the children to remember and recall what our vision is for Broughton Schools. As parents you also might not be familiar with it, however our shortened motto/vision is that we want to ensure every child **THRIVES** in school. The word **THRIVES** is an acronym for the words below -

T – Teamwork and Belonging
H – Health and Wellbeing
R – Reading for Pleasure
I – Innovation
V – Vocabulary and Oracy
E – Enrichment
S - Sustainability

These words are our drivers in school and we want all children to be familiar with them and particularly referring back to THRIVES where they can. I will leave you with that and wish you a lovely weekend!

Mr Charlie Reed

Important notices

Christmas card competition

The schools have been sent the following information about a competition to design the Christmas card that our local MP, Laura Kyrke-Smith, will sound out this year. If your child would like to enter a design, please hand it in to your child's class teacher by Monday 3rd November.

We're inviting pupils from local primary schools to take part in our annual Christmas card competition.

The theme for 2025 is: 'A visit from Santa'

We'd love children to imagine Santa visiting our town and villages. They can include any Aylesbury landmark or local scene with a festive twist. Traditional or imaginative, we're looking for colour, creativity and Christmas cheer!

Size: A4 (portrait or landscape)

Prize - The winning design will feature on Laura Kyrke-Smith MP's official 2025 Christmas card, sent locally and to Westminster.

Food bank collection

Broughton Community Schools will be supporting the Aylesbury Vineyard harvest food bank collection again this year. They rely hugely on the support of schools and churches at this time of year as their stock levels drop a lot over the summer period.

The Aylesbury Vineyard will be coming to collect the food we have donated on Friday 17th October. Please give any donations to the office or your child's class teacher before then.

Breakfast and After School Club Bookings

The Online Booking forms for Breakfast and After School Club will be live on the Wrap Around Care page of our website by 10am on Monday morning <https://www.broughtoncommunityschools.com/wrap-around-care/>



Dates for your diary

Infant School dates

Wed 1st Oct - Open Classroom (3.15 - 3.40pm)
Fri 3rd Oct - Drama Workshops Rec, Yr1 & 2
Mon 6th Oct - Year 1 Library Visit
Mon 13th Oct - Year 2 Library Visit
Tues 14th Oct - Parents Evening 3.30-6.30pm
Thursday 16th Oct - Parents Evening 3.30-6.30pm
Mon 20th Oct - Year 1 Trip to Bekenscot
Wed 22 Oct - Open Classrooms (3.15-3.40pm)
Fri 24th Oct - Break up for Half Term

Junior School dates

Wed 1st Oct - Open Classroom (3.15 - 3.40pm)
Fri 3rd Oct - Drama Workshop Year 3
Mon 6th Oct - Year 6 Trip to Bletchley Park
Wed 8th Oct - Year 3 Library Visit
Mon 13th Oct - Parents Evening 3.30-6.30pm
Wed 15th Oct - Parents Evening 3.30-6.30pm
Wed 22 Oct - Open Classrooms (3.15-3.40pm)
Fri 24th Oct - Break up for Half Term

Infant School Certificates

Our school value for this half term is responsibility.

Reception

19.09.25

Wesley - For being a very responsible member of Rhino class

Jude - For being responsible, helpful and a super tidier.

26.09.25

Nova - For always looking after the classroom

Haniya- for always looking after our classroom and being a super tidier!

Year 1

12.09.25

Abaad - for a great first week at Broughton

Tilly - for being a responsible member of the class and always ready to learn.

19.09.25

Maya - for great listening and being responsible

Albie - for having a positive attitude to learning and following instructions.

26.09.25

Ava - for always being responsible, kind and helpful.

Silvia - for looking after our school environment and keeping our classroom tidy.

Other certificates:

Handwriting - Aisha, Finn, Evelyn, Jeshua, Nehrakha, Tia

Year 2

12.09.25

Santi - for always listening well to instructions and being ready to learn.

Jack - for excellent behaviour and being extremely responsible in class.

19.09.25

Aliyah - for always being such a responsible pupil by working hard, listening well and helping others.

Evie - for being a responsible member of the class, always working hard and excellent behaviour.

26.09.25

Harrison - for caring and looking after people in school, so responsible all the time.

Other certificates:

11 Club: Aadhav, Alfie, Colby, Eddie, Maya, Isaiah, Samuel, Santi, Tommy, Nevada, Francesca, Tobias, Felix, Bhuvan, Katie, Ralph, Jack, Bruno, Zavian, Elias & Alexander

Handwriting: Poppy-Mae, Liliana, Elias &

Class Attendance Award

Week 1 - Hippo Class & Rhino Class - 100%

Week 2 - Koala Class - 99.3%

Week 3 - Koala Class - 99.3%

Lunchtime Superstars Award

Week 1 - Koala Class

Week 2 - Kiwi Class

Week 3 - Rhino

Lunchtime Stars of the week

Week 1 - Macey, Gracie-Lou, Izabela, Juliette

Week 2 - Myla-Rose, Arthur, Luca, Evie, Liliana, Maya W

Week 3 - Maisie, Meredith, Abard, Tilly, Osman, Elias

TEAM POINTS LEADERBOARD	
1st	Red
2nd	Blue
3rd	Yellow
4th	Green

Junior School Certificates

Our school value for this half term is responsibility.

Year 3

12.09.25

Stanley- excellent start to Year 3 and being responsible for his work.

Zainab- for taking responsibility for whole class resources.

19.09.25

Otis- For settling well into year 3 and taking responsibility for his own learning.

Joshua S- for always being ready to learn and engage in lessons.

26.09.25

Safiya - for being committed and enthusiastic about her daily reading.

Amelia- taking responsibility for her her own learning and settling into Broughton so well.

Other certificates: 99 club- 22 club Jackson

Team points- Bronze- Jackson

Year 4

12.09.25

Isla-Rose for being a responsible lunch monitor.

Abigail - For being very responsible by helping tidy our classroom.

19.09.25

Jack - For being responsible by always setting a positive example to others.

26.09.25

Lyla for showing great responsibility in her learning.

Casey - For being responsible for his learning and always having a positive attitude.

Other certificates:

33 club - Hafsa

Year 5

12.09.25

Ensuring every child THRIVES

Jacob - For making a fantastic start to the new school year with a fantastic attitude to his learning.

Nicholas - For being responsible for his learning and fully participating in lessons.

19.09.25

Beau - For taking responsibility for her learning and asking for help when needed

Dolly - For making a great start to year 5 and always being fully engaged and ready to share her insightful observations.

26.09.25

Amber - For working hard in class, contributing well and taking responsibility to catch up on her work when she needs to.

Anayah - For always setting a good example with her learning and being an excellent role model.

Other certificates:

Bronze - Finley

66 club - Ruben

Year 6

12.09.25

Aydin - for being responsible for his own learning.

Heather-Rose - for being a responsible member of the class and making a great start to Year 6.

19.09.25

Abi - for showing responsibility, creating her own power point presentation to encourage others to become peer mentors.

Isabella - for taking her responsibilities as a friend seriously and helping a new member of our class to settle in.

26.09.25

Maisie - for taking responsibility for her work in all subjects, particularly a fantastic start on her climate change report.

Osazuwa - for showing an in-depth understanding of our responsibility to take care of our planet when writing a report on climate change.

Other certificates:

Bronze team points - Esmé, Jayden and Naomi

Bronze team points - Emerson

Class Attendance Award

Week 1 - Year 4 Narwhal (98.6%)

Week 2 - Year 5 Panda (99.6%)

Week 3 - Year 4 Turtle (99.3%)

Times tables Rock Stars Champions

Class of the week - Week 1 - Year 3 - Penguin

Player of the week - Week 1 - Henry - Year 3 Penguin

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What's been happening in Year 2?

We have all settled well into our new classes and have been working hard.

Our English topic is reading a book called 'Look Up' which is about a girl who loves space and she aspires to be like Mae Jemison, the first African-American astronaut.

In one of our lessons we looked at what you need to be able to do to become an astronaut. We tried out some of the exercises.



Find out what's been happening in Year 6 in a fortnight!

SEND support at Broughton





I am Mrs Kitchen the Inclusion Manager across both the Infant and Junior sites of Broughton Community Schools. Welcome to our section of the newsletter for families of pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). If you need to contact me, you can do so via the school offices by telephone on 01296 423276 (Juniors)/ (01296) 415642 (Infants) or by email:

office@broughton.bucks.sch.uk office@broughtoninfant.bucks.sch.uk



This Week's Focus: Therapies



 Speech and language therapy	Occupational therapy 
<p>Speech and language therapists can advise and help with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● attention and listening skills ● play skills ● understanding and using spoken language ● recognising and producing speech sounds ● using language socially ● communicating, for example, using signing and symbols ● fluency / stammering. <p>SALT resources, webinars and advice sessions</p>	<p>Their aim is to help your child get the most from their lives and achieve their potential. Children and young people may need help with certain activities. We help to develop participation skills in self care, productivity and leisure. This might include things like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● eating, drinking and washing (self care) ● using classroom tools such as a pencil or scissors (productivity) ● playing in the park with friends (leisure). <p>PT resources, webinars and advice sessions</p>

BHT THERAPY LINK

THERAPY ADVICE AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

This is a new confidential messaging service for parents, carers, young people and professionals to get advice and support from the NHS CYP Integrated Therapies team for:

•Occupational Therapy

•Physiotherapy

•Speech and Language Therapy. Just send a text message to 07312 263754, scan the QR code or click the link: [Live Chat](#). A Children and Young People's Therapy Link Worker will reply to the message within 2 working days. The messaging service is available Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm (excluding bank holidays).



At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit nationalcollege.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

Top Tips for... MANAGING SCREEN TIME

According to the latest stats, people aged between 8 and 17 spend four hours on digital devices during an average day. Obviously, a new year is ideal for fresh starts and renewed efforts – so lots of families are trying to cut down their combined screen time right now, creating more moments to connect with each other and relying less on gadgets to have fun. Our top tips on reducing screen time are for everyone, so you can get your whole family involved in turning over a new leaf this year!

BUY MILK

GET OUT AND ABOUT

If the weather's decent, spend some time in the garden or go for a walk. Even a stroll to the local shop would do: the main thing is getting some fresh air and a break from your screen.

TRY A TIMED TRIAL

When you're taking a screen break to do a different activity or a chore, turn it into a game by setting yourself a timer. Can you complete your task before the alarm goes off?

GO DIGITAL DETOX

Challenge yourself and your family to take time off from screens, finding other things to do. You could start off with half a day, then build up to a full day or even an entire weekend.

LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Let your family see you successfully managing your own screen time. You'll be showing them the way, and it might stop some of those grumbles when you do want to go online.

AGREE TECH-FREE ZONES

Nominate some spots at home where devices aren't allowed. Anywhere your family gathers together, like at the table or in the living room, could become a 'no phone zone'.

HOLD A SCREEN TIME AMNESTY

As a family, agree specific windows when it's OK to use devices. This should help everyone to balance time on phones or gaming with enjoying quality moments together.

BE MINDFUL OF TIME

Stay aware of how long you've been on your device for. Controlling how much time you spend in potentially stressful areas of the internet – like social media platforms – can also boost your wellbeing.

'PARK' PHONES OVERNIGHT

Set up an overnight charging station for everyone's devices – preferably away from bedrooms. That means less temptation for late-night scrolling.

SWITCH ON DND

Research shows that micro-distractions like message alerts and push notifications can chip away at our concentration levels. Put devices on 'do not disturb' until you're less busy.

TAKE A FAMILY TECH BREAK

Set aside certain times when the whole family puts their gadgets away and enjoys an activity together: playing a board game, going for a walk or just having a chat.

SOCIALISE WITHOUT SCREENS

When you're with friends, try not to automatically involve phones, TVs or other tech. Having company can be loads more fun if your attention isn't being split.

WIND DOWN PROPERLY

Try staying off phones, consoles, tablets and so on just before you go to sleep. Reading or just getting comfy in bed for a while can give you a much more restful night.

Meet Our Expert

Minds Ahead design and deliver the UK's only specialist postgraduate mental health qualifications. They also provide training and support to education organisations and local authorities – empowering school leaders and staff with the knowledge and tools to shape their settings into inclusive communities where the mental health of pupils and personnel is prioritised.



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National Online Safety

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Let's talk: Children and Smartphones

Convened by Aylesbury MP Laura Kyrke-Smith

Come to an evening of talks & discussion about the impact of smartphones on childhood. Expect open, non-judgemental conversation.


Hear from professionals representing education, medicine, psychology & policing, and from a local teenager.

A discussion and Q&A session will follow the presentations.

Understand the latest evidence and how we can work together to support our children.

When
Monday 6th Oct 2025
7.30pm - 9pm

Where
Aylesbury High School, HP21 7SX



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All venues are Early Years registered and children aged 4 and in reception can attend.

Prices start from £35.10 a day!

Looking for something exciting this October half-term? Our multi-activity holiday clubs are packed with fun, energy, and variety for children of all ages!

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