

July 2025

Headteacher's Update

As this year draws to an end, I want to thank all families for their continuing support for the school in whatever form that has taken over the course of the year. We have had generous donations of both time and of money, support and understanding when things have gone awry, championing and celebrating when things have gone well and a shared determination to be part of the continuing drive to offer our pupils the breadth of opportunity and experience we know they deserve and need to achieve our aspiration for all our pupils to be prepared for positive and fulfilling lives as healthy and engaged individuals.

Time to say Goodbye.....

At the end of this 50th Year we are saying Goodbye to our leavers, and it is humbling to think back over all the many young people who have had an unforgettable impact on the Brookfields Community. To mark this milestone, we are welcoming back retired Heads and staff to share the celebration of our pupils' achievements with us. We hope that those leaving us on Tuesday enjoy seeing some familiar faces in the crowd as they move onto their next adventures.

Our leavers this year are: Mia from the Exploration Strand-we wish you well Mia in your many years of education ahead, Ramy who leaves us to take up a place at Sunfield School in Clent, Donovan, Tom and Oli, and who are going onto college for Year 12 and Sophie who is going into employment at IKEA. Our Year 14s'; Ben, Amy, Destiny, Alfie, Katie-May, Chyler, Bradley, Lily, Freya, Viktor, David, and Danny are going on to college or day centre placements - they will all be very much missed by staff and peers alike.

Staff leaving this term will also be very much missed and 2 who are retiring, Sophie McKim and Sara Spence are no exception to that. Sophie has been here for 16 years and Sara for 27 years. Both have been extraordinary in the years they have been at Brookfields, and I truly do not know what we will do without them!

Other staff leaving us are Tom Lynch and Kev Castell who are 2 of our site team. Neither have been with us for long but both had had a really positive impact in the short time we have had them in the team, and we wish them both well in their next venture. Ash Sayer, our Family Support Worker is leaving us to finish her Social Worker accreditation. Ash will be working for the Disabled Children's Team within West Berkshire so I am sure that we will still see plenty of her.

I would like to thank ALL staff at the school who have contributed so much towards facilitating our pupils' achievements, many of which you will read about in the next few pages. It has been a very busy term as we have moved from being part of the Local Authority to being part of the Multi Academy Trust (MAT) that we have formed with Addington School and Manor Green School.

We have already seen the benefit of the collaboration as the MAT Executive Team have stepped in to help with Premises and Finance work and all the alterations required to comply with the new Fire Safety regulations that will be going on over the Summer Break. We have also come together to appoint a Head of our Therapy Hub, Miriam Gulliford, and look forward to seeing the benefit that this will bring to our pupils once it is up and running.

It has been lovely this past year for pupils to be able to access some new facilities such as the Ridgeline Trust in Reading which has been a real success for pupils. It is accessible over the Summer Break and details can be found at the end of the Newsletter. Other highlights of the year for me have included the Duke of Edinburgh expeditions and overnight trips. It is always lovely to see pupils out of the school environment and see their characters really come to the fore with natural leaders emerging and strong friendships being developed. All pupils in MacArthur, Scott and Coleman classes will be accessing the DofE skills and activities as part of their Curriculum offer this coming year which we feel will be really beneficial for them. Pangbourne House, our Life Skills Centre has also been well utilised this year with many classes going down for a weekly visit and learning to generalise skills learnt in the classroom to real life experiences. Other highlights have been the Sports Days, both because it is lovely to see pupil participation and enjoyment but also seeing our Sports Leaders take charge and support our Primary Sports day so effectively-their growth in confidence has been great to see.

Finally going to see the MakeSENse production 'Wish it' was an amazing experience. So many of our pupils past and present were the stars of the production, and it is truly awe-inspiring to see MakeSENse staff, some of whom are Brookfields ex-pupils, being employed and seamlessly supporting our current pupils with skill, sensitivity, good humour and unlimited patience.

Work experience has been another hit this year with pupils visiting IKEA, The Furniture Project and a firm favourite, the Butterfly Café experiencing and participating in ASDAN qualifications while learning how to make Barista style coffee. Our new School Improvement Partner was really impressed with the range of activities and experiences our pupils are exposed to throughout their Secondary Education and was delighted to hear pupils talk so positively about what they wanted to do when they were ready to leave. Her glowing report can be found on our website which you can access through this link <https://www.brookfieldsschool.org/>

There are some changes that will be brought in alongside the Government Guidance relating to the use of Mobile Phones for Yr12-14 pupils in September. Continuing our initiative to keep Mobile Phone use to journeys to and from school but acknowledging too that our pupils leave us to go into a less protective world there will be a letter via SchoolComs before term starts to Parents/Carers of our 6th Formers to explain what we are proposing.

Thank-you to all of the Brookfields Community for sustained commitment to the school this year, it has felt a very long one at times but there have been many successes along the way too which make the hard work and effort worthwhile. As we go into the 2025-2026 School year, I wish you all a wonderful Summer break, stay safe and I look forward to welcoming you back in September.



Kind regards,
Catherine Bernie
Headteacher



Primary

Exploration Strand

We have had such a busy term in Exploration! The pupils this term have been learning all about 'Cultures'. Last term the pupils explored and engaged with texts such as 'The Enormous Turnip' and 'Our Class is a Family'. The pupils have experienced a range of activities from handprint painting to create turnips, sensory play exploring the stages of a plant from seed to vegetable and digging and planting vegetables in our imaginative play, as well as in the allotment in their Forest School sessions.



Our pupils have been looking at patterns using concrete tools such as animals and vegetables, exploring capacity using water, foam and sand and exploring 'more' and 'less'. This term the pupils have been engaging with the texts 'Walking in the Jungle' and 'Dear Zoo', looking at the concept 'gone' using jungle animals to support sequencing the order of the story. Going on a sensory journey through the jungle, hopping, jumping and balancing. Exploring different pets; finding them in the cardboard boxes and engaging in fancy dress as animals. As well as playing 'Zookeeper says ... "stomp like an elephant, roar like a lion"'. Some classes have been also engaging in phonics activities, exploring some of the first initial sounds through exploratory play.

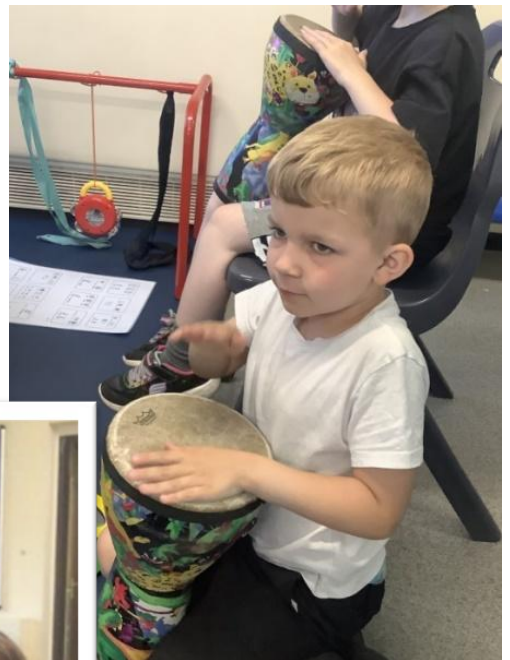


Pupils have enjoyed our exploring food sessions and cooking where we have experimented with different ways to use utensils whilst also exploring the different shapes, smells and textures of the food. Some of the pupils have made different food from around the world from Eton Mess to Salsa and Guacamole to Pizza. Developing their practical skills whilst also accepting sharing the different ingredients. Their Art sessions have been a combination of inside and outside exploration using spray water paint to make different marks, as well as foam paint to use a different texture. They have also enjoyed water play in the hot weather – learning to keep cool and applying sunscreen.



The exploration classes also had fun this term celebrating Pride by making rainbows in a multitude of ways from using spray water on tissue paper to make a pattern, using all the colours of the rainbow, to a rainbow scavenger hunt looking for all the different colours.



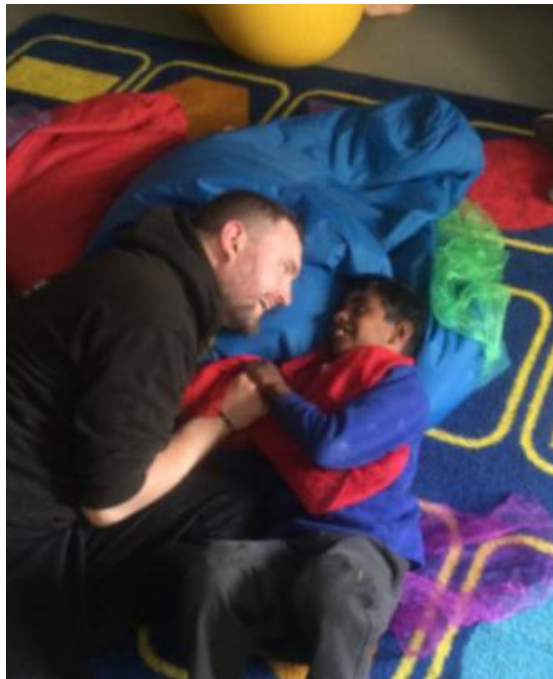




Classes have been visiting our Forest School to observe the summer season, seeing flowers blooming and exploring making different potions using the grass and mud. Some of our pupils have continued to go to weekly climbing sessions at Adventure Dolphin Centre in Pangbourne and have been successful in facing the heights of the climbing wall and the transition offsite, as well as practicing turn taking.



It was also lovely to see all the children access the variety of different activities on Sports Day, supported by our Sports Leaders. It really was an active and fun day for all the children.



One of the highlights of the term were the trips offsite. All classes went on a school trip to either Thames Valley Adventure Park or Swings and Smiles, they were such exciting trips and the pupils were able to transition to and from the minibus and enjoyed spending the day exploring the fun equipment at either site.



Well done to all the pupils on what has been an extremely busy and exciting term. I hope that you all have a great Summer break and I look forward to seeing the children back after the holidays ready for their new classes on Thursday 4th September 2025.

Tamsin Banfield, Lead for Primary Explorers and all the Explorers staff team.

Orange Class

What a fantastic summer term we've had in Orange Class!

This term, we explored the topic of *Cultures*, taking part in exciting activities that helped us learn about the wider world. We tried different foods from around the globe, listened to music from various countries, and enjoyed engaging in new sensory experiences.



Our love for stories continued as we explored them through sensory storytelling, which our learners enjoyed. The children have also enjoyed their regular sessions, including swimming, Sing and Sign, Make Sense, Drama, Forest School, and Explore PE.





These sessions continue to support the pupils learning and development in fun and meaningful ways.



The sunny weather brought even more opportunities for sensory play, especially water activities! These helped us stay cool and regulated while having lots of fun outdoors.



All our learners have made *amazing* progress this year. We are so proud of every one of them and know they will continue to flourish and grow in their new classes. Wishing you all a restful and happy summer break!

With warmest wishes,

Felicia and The Orange Class Team

Engagement Strand

This term **Palmer Class** have been making the most of the weather and our topic, 'Cultures', being busy engaging in physical activity, tennis skills and swimming have been the highlights.

Alongside this we have seen the culmination of our Forest School sessions with all students now being able to transition to our onsite Forest School and engage in treasure hunting, digging and tomato planting.



In the classroom students have explored animals through play and art, exploring their sounds and characteristics.

Students have developed their understanding of community and how to interact with each other, building engagement and enjoying sharing activities together.

In the kitchen the focus has been on early skills and following simple recipes, students have made Lassi and fruit smoothies, where they were encouraged to make choices to select the ingredients they wanted to personalise their smoothies.



We wish you a lovely summer and look forward to seeing you in September.

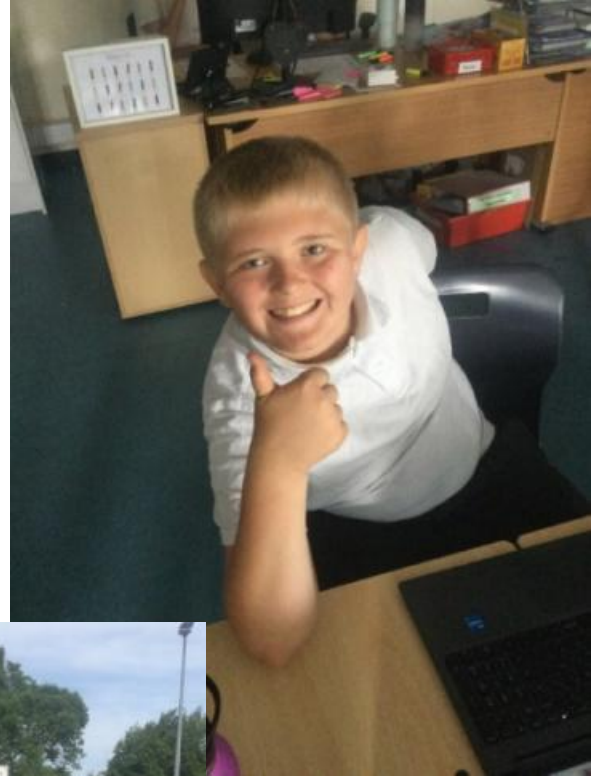
Kirsty, Jane and the rest of the Palmer Class Team.

Tarrant Class pupils have been incredible at welcoming me to their class as a trainee teacher. It has been a pleasure to get to know them all and support them in furthering their learning both in and out of the classroom.

To start the term, we visited Pizza Express as part of a Way2Work workshop facilitated by Julie and Lucy. This was a great experience for the pupils to learn about the origin of the Margherita Pizza as well as the restaurant itself. Many pupils showed great engagement and asked some very stimulating questions to the staff leading the workshop. This positive experience was rounded off beautifully as the pupils were able to make their own pizzas and take them home to eat!



As the term went on, we started to explore the topic of 'Survival'. Pupils enjoyed fictional stories about survival through 'The Wild Robot', as well as focussing on real life survival education as we incorporated plenty of 'Bear Grylls survival school' videos to support their understanding and recognise essential components of how to survive in the wild. Throughout the term, the team have provided both written and practical opportunities for pupils to showcase their increased understanding of how they would survive and even escape a desert island by building their own rafts and putting them to the test! It has been great to see pupils express their creativity and imagination so freely and collaboratively to produce such excellent pieces of work.





Though pupils have been challenged academically, it has also been amazing to support them through the social and emotional challenges they face as every young person does. Pupils have enjoyed periods of social focus by initiating games with one another such as UNO, Monopoly, foosball, puzzle making and of course KAHOOT! These periods of turn taking, accepting losing and generally having fun have hopefully created some brilliant memories for them to take away from a very positive year in Tarrant Class.



As the term has come to an end, the pupils have showed great maturity and respect to one another when dealing with the extreme heat and embracing a very hot sports day which was

awesome. Lots of cheering and supporting one another really underpinned the amazing friendships the pupils have built and sustained over the academic year and which we hope for them to strengthen in the future. As I have said, it has been an absolute pleasure working with each and every one of the pupils in Tarrant class this term and I wish them the greatest successes next year as they start their new chapters.

From the team and I, thank you for such a great time working with you all and carry on being brilliant!

Tom, Courtney, Wendy, Kamila, Aishu, Tarrant Class Team

Columbus Class has enjoyed a wonderful, action-packed term! With so many activities and new experiences, the weeks just seemed to fly by. As we look back, let's celebrate all the fantastic things we accomplished together.

A Fun-Filled and Memorable Term!

We spent time learning about our community, exploring both the similarities and differences in culture, religion, food, clothing, and the important roles each of us plays. These discussions helped us appreciate the rich diversity around us and our unique contributions.

Our focus on financial awareness was made even more engaging by our bi-weekly trips on the No. 16 bus to the supermarket, where we purchased items from our shopping lists. It was a delight to see everyone enjoying themselves and taking part with so much enthusiasm.



Our weekly visits to Pangbourne House gave us the chance to build independent living skills. We learned about gardening, practiced domestic chores, and, best of all, had a fantastic time cooking! From making delicious pizzas and Chinese stir-fry to baking biscuits, creating fruit kebabs, preparing healthy salads, and icing cupcakes - everyone got involved and had fun in the kitchen.





We also took part in the Mencap “Walk-a-Mile in My Shoes” event at Forbury Gardens, braving a very hot summer’s day. Everyone completed the walk with determination and returned home proudly wearing their participation medals!



What an incredible term it has been—full of learning, teamwork, and unforgettable memories. Well done, Columbus Class!

Cheryl Otty, Vicky, Mark and Neawarun – The Columbus Team

Henson Class. What an amazing and busy year Henson class has had. Starting the year with a Henson Class baby Congratulations Vicki, to gaining a new student. Henson Class has worked hard, built lovely rapports, had fun and has made some beautiful memories to cherish. Some of the students have been fortunate to access offsite Work Experience in Newbury at The Furniture Project. The students have worked hard to mend furniture, take furniture apart, follow instructions, and maintain a high level of professionalism in the workplace.



Visits to Pangbourne House (Brookfields Life Skills Centre) have been a great success.





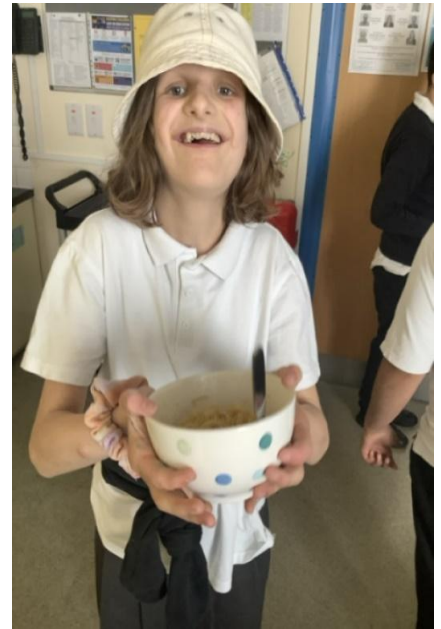
Henson Class pupils have also enjoyed outings to the local Cotswold Park this term.



Henson Class students have worked hard all year in their timetabled activities; Make SENSE Theatre sessions, Cooking, Maths, Phonics and Topic. It has been such a privilege to help them learn and grow both academically and personally.

I hope all the students have great summer and a well-deserved rest!

Louise Field and the Henson Class Team

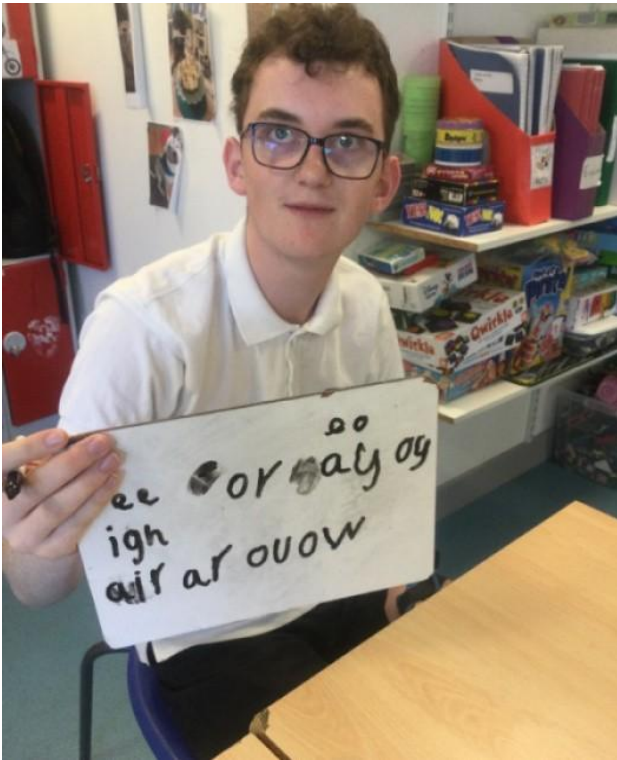


Well done
Henson Class!



Coleman Class are ready for the Summer holidays after all working so hard and making fantastic progress this term! The pupils are always so engaged in all that is on offer to them both in class, around the school and at off-site activities. One of the highlights of the term was a class trip to Ufton Court to join the Duke of Edinburgh group. The pupils had the opportunity to take part in Archery, Low Ropes and a team activity to build a swing. The sun was shining and it was lovely to come together as a whole class and celebrate the fantastic friendships that have been built over the year. Other highlights have also included swimming lessons at The Meadway Pool, visits to Pangbourne House (Brookfields Life Skills Centre) to engage in a range of activities – including gardening and cleaning tasks and a Health Reach workshop where the pupils explored different job roles in the NHS.





We hope you all have a well-deserved summer holiday,

Jess and The Coleman Team

Livingstone Class. During the Summer Term, Livingstone Class has been busy exploring the topic Cultures through a range of exciting and engaging activities.

Pupils took part in Tac Pac, Sensory Story lessons, and Sensology, where they explored various countries and experienced different cultures, foods, and spices through all their senses.

Their physical development was supported by weekly Swimming and Rebound Therapy sessions. Additionally, they had access to Pangbourne House, where they had the wonderful opportunity to practise their independent living skills in a real-life setting. Activities such as gardening, cleaning, washing up, and preparing simple meals like sandwiches and pizzas helped them develop essential life skills.



For seven weeks, pupils also visited the Ridgeline Trust Therapeutic Garden once a week, where they engaged in a variety of gardening tasks such as planting, watering, and exploring different herbs, among other activities. In the last four weeks of the term, Livingstone Class visited Dinton Pastures weekly, where all pupils thoroughly enjoyed the adventure playground, particularly the swings and zip wire. These offsite visits provided valuable opportunities for pupils to develop their transitioning skills, communication, and regulation within the community—all while having a lot of fun.





To celebrate their progress and achievements, Livingstone Class went on an end-of-year trip to 4 Kingdoms Adventure Park and Family Farm, where they enjoyed a train ride, tractor ride, bouncy pillow, and explored both indoor and outdoor activities.

It has been a fantastic term, and we are incredibly proud of the progress each pupil has made.

Well done, Livingstone Class! Have a fantastic Summer break!

Ola Tarczynaka and the Livingstone Class Team.

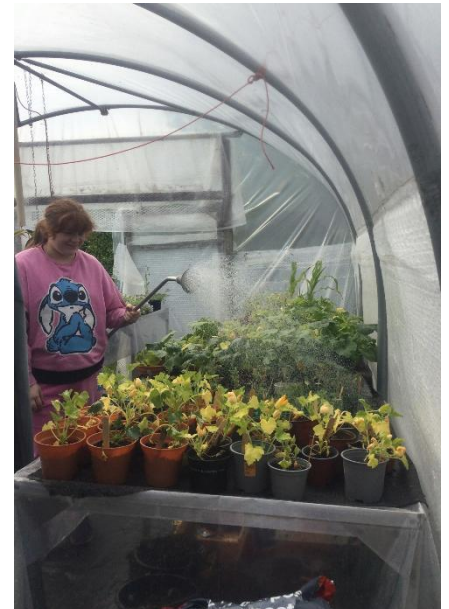
Pathway to Employment

Since April 2025 53 students have had work-based placements at 16 different venues totalling over 914 hours between them.



This term we have had placements at Butterfly Café, IKEA, Flint House dining room, Flint House polytunnel, Berkshire Music Trust, Thames Hospice Superstore, IVM garage, Ridgeline Horticulture, Little Robins, Brookfields Market Garden, Newbury Community Furniture Project, Visa, Royal Windsor Flower Show, Englefield Tea Rooms, Laithwaites and Brookfields Early Years.Department.

Learning from Employers first-hand about work, employment and the skills that are valued in the workplace is invaluable. It allows the students to start to build on their employability and communication skills and self-confidence. This provides them with a meaningful insight into the types of jobs that are available.





Student Employee of the Month Awards

Employee of the Month



April

Dylan

Dylan has been very quick to learn the set tasks in the Flint House dining room. He is conscientious and diligent making sure his work tasks are correct. He naturally has good communication skills and is always keen to interact with the customers as if "do you enjoy your meal" and "it was your first day here". He is a popular member of the team and several residents have commented on how friendly and welcoming he has been. Well done Dylan April 2025



Employee of the Month



May

Lewis

Lewis has shown real enthusiasm for his placement in the poly tunnel and is naturally skilled at working in this environment. He is a quick learner and can complete the set tasks with minimal support. He is a very helpful member of the team, supporting and encouraging his friends.

Well done Lewis! May 2025



Employee of the Month



June

George embraced the challenge of trying 3 very different work experience placements at Vets, Flint House and Englefield Stores. He was able to articulate, compare and give feedback about each venue and adjust his behaviour to each working environment. George listened to the feedback given and was able to demonstrate he had understood by maintaining a more professional manner towards the end of the placements. He enjoyed interacting with people and showed how he is starting to manage his emotions and develop a new level of maturity in the workplace.

Well done George! June 2025



Employee of the Month

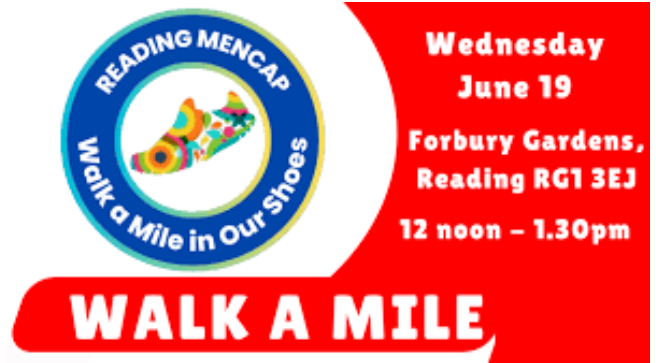


July

Ben

Ben has been fantastic for his knowledge of the curriculum and his enthusiasm for the project. He showed a real interest in the work and was able to take on more responsibility as the project progressed. He was a good support for his friends and was always happy to help them with their work. Well done Ben! July 2025





A group of Brookfields students joined other young people to celebrate Learning Disability Week, showcasing supported employment, alongside some businesses that employ people with learning disabilities. The students took part in a 1 mile sponsored walk to help raise funds for Reading Mencap. Lots of fun was had by all.



At Brookfields we have developed a strong enterprise culture and have been working closely with Laithwaites who donate timber wineboxes for us to upcycle. The students prepare and paint the boxes, add rope handles and learn skills such as teamwork design skills, marketing and business management.

At the Royal Windsor Flower Show in June 2025 the students were able to sell the finished products.

The students met Sophie, The Duchess of Edinburgh and Alan Titchmarsh and told them all about our enterprise.



The students also caught a glimpse of the King, who was in attendance.

Market Garden News



Brookfields Market Garden students also entered The Agricultural Challenge 2025. Coming first in three categories and Second overall.

In addition to planting and growing vegetables and herbs this year, the students have been planting flowers and creating beautiful hanging baskets All proceeds go back into the enterprise project.



Employer Encounters

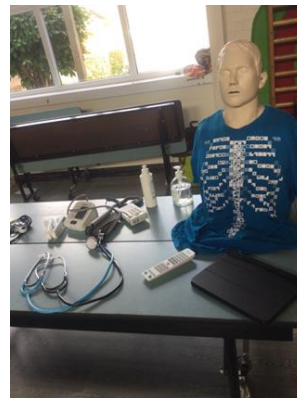
Reading Football Club Industry Linked Careers workshops

The first workshop based at school looked at all the different jobs within a football club and routes you can take into football coaching. The students then went to the Reading Football Club for a tour of the stadium. The final workshop was a practical session which involved planning a warm-up drill and delivering it to the group.

Health Reach Workshop

This workshop held at school explored some of the many different job roles in the health service.

Students had the opportunity to do a hands-on practical activity using health equipment provided by The University of Reading Health Reach education team.



Pizza Express

Students were given the chance to knead the dough and top their creations with passata, mozzarella and basil and make their very own Margherita Pizza. Whilst they were cooking the students did a quiz learning about all the different ingredients.



Reading Buses Tour

The students had a tour of the bus depot, were shown the control room and live traffic updates on the screens. They then had the opportunity to go through a double-decker bus wash and travel around the town centre on chartered bus.



Baylab



The students visited Baylab in Green Park, Reading. They took part in a workshop learning about the digestive system. Baylab staff also came to school to deliver a workshop on Bees and Honey. The students learnt about the importance of bees and their role in pollinating flowers, fruits and vegetables.



SEND Alumni

We are creating a Wall of Fame for our past pupils. We would love to celebrate their achievements and successes and hear about their journey after leaving school. We would like to inspire our current students by sharing stories and talking about exciting opportunities, so they can envision their own futures after Brookfields.



It just remains for us to thank you for your continued support. We look forward to working with parents/carers and students again next year.

If you would like any further information or have any new ideas on how we could work together, we would love to hear from you.

Please contact:-

jgrant@brookfields.w-berks.sch.uk or bellman@brookfields.w-berks.sch.uk

Have a lovely summer and good luck to all the students who are leaving us.

Julie Grant and Lucy Bellman, Careers Team

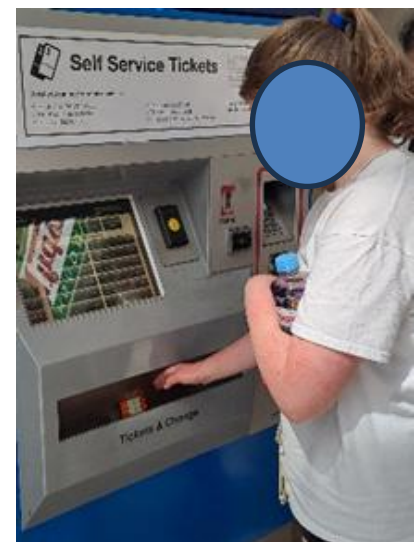


Independent Travel Training

It's been another busy and exciting term for our young people embarking on their travel training journeys. This term we have been working with more students getting out and about in the community, learning how to travel safely and confidently using public transport. During each travel training session, students practice road and personal safety, navigation, planning a journey, problem solving and communication. Students are also able to develop their functional skills in real life situations and engage in purposeful and meaningful experiences. All the skills they learn through travel training will help our students to become more independent and confident, and open more opportunities going forward.



A highlight for some of our students this term has been the train travel experience where they learnt about how to be safe in the busy train station environment, listening to public announcements at the station and how to keep themselves and their belongings safe. They were able to purchase a train ticket from the self-service machine, navigate their way around the station to locate the train platform, practice waiting safely on the platform and boarding the train safely.



The summer term is always a busy one with students preparing for their onward journey after Brookfields. Many of our leavers have been practicing their travel journey to and from their future destination. We have had several successful transition visits to Reading College and Newbury College, together with visits to internship destinations. Our leavers, who are able to travel independently, have been planning and practicing their route by bus and train so that they are confident with their travel going forward.

If you would like more information about independent travel training at Brookfields, please get in touch at cgingell@brookfields.w-berks.sch.uk

Wishing you all a restful and happy Summer break.

Cathy Gingell - Preparation for Adulthood / Travel Training

Sports Days June and July 2025

It was lovely to see so many parents, carers and other family members supporting pupils at our two Sports Days this term. It was amazing to have dry weather so that the Primary Sports Day could go ahead as planned on 27th June! We postponed The Secondary Sports Day due to the wet weather forecast for the 26th June. The Secondary Sports Day was held on the reserve date of 10th July. It was a very hot day! Thank you to everyone who attended. All pupils engaged well with the activities that were set up around the school.

Denefield School students and Brookfields Student Sports Leaders helped to set up and run the activities which was great! A huge THANK YOU to the Denefield PE GCSE students for helping. They were excellent role models.

Thank you also to Mark Gillespie, our Specialist Music and Art LSA for providing the great background music and the microphone to announce the races.

The 'Sensory Run' was a huge success too with pupils being engaged in the different activities placed around the track. Well done to all Primary and Secondary pupils!

We would like to wish all parents, carers and pupils a wonderful summer break!

Tor Carter, Head of PE and Matt Rosier PE Co-ordinator.

PE News

During the week of Monday 16th - Friday 20th June we were proud to support **Drowning Prevention Week**, an important campaign that helps keep children safe around water during the summer and beyond. As the weather gets warmer, many families will spend time near pools, lakes, and the sea, making it vital for everyone to know how to stay safe.

Drowning is one of the leading causes of accidental death in children, but with the right knowledge, many of these tragedies can be prevented. Throughout this week, children across our school took part in activities to help them understand the dangers of water and learn how to stay safe. They learnt simple but essential rules such as always swimming with an adult, never entering water to help someone in trouble, and knowing how to call for help.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all our teachers and staff who have supported Drowning Prevention Week, ensuring our pupils receive these lifesaving messages in an engaging and age-appropriate way. By taking the time to share this knowledge, they have helped our children build confidence and awareness that could save lives.

We also encourage parents and carers to continue these conversations at home, reminding children about the risks around water and encouraging safe behaviour during the summer holidays. Together, we can help reduce the risk of drowning and give our children the freedom to enjoy the water safely.

Sarah Vine, Swimming Instructor



Parent Teacher Association (PTA) News

Thank you for continuing to support the Brookfields Parent Teacher Association (PTA) this year. We are always looking for more parent volunteers to join the PTA so do get in touch if you're able to offer your support.

Date for your diary
Friday 7th November 2025
PTA Quiz Night at Brookfields



You can email the PTA direct on brookfieldspta@gmail.com or contact Charlotte Wilshire: cwilshire@brookfields.w-berks.sch.uk

Governor News

A Message from the Chair of Governors

As we reach the end of another academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of the governing body for their hard work, dedication, and support over the past twelve months.

It has been a busy and rewarding year, marked by several key milestones—not least our successful transition to academy status at the beginning of March. This has been a significant step for the school, and I am incredibly proud of the way the staff, leadership team, and wider school community have embraced the change. Governors have played an important role throughout the process, ensuring that decisions were made in the best interests of our pupils.

Many of us have had the pleasure of visiting the school on various occasions during the year. These visits are always a highlight, giving us the chance to see first-hand the vibrant learning environment, meet with staff and students, and deepen our understanding of the school's daily life.

On behalf of the governing board, thank you to everyone who has worked so hard to make this year a success—from the senior leadership team and staff, to pupils and families. It's a privilege to support such a committed and inspiring school community, and we look forward to continuing this work in the year ahead.

Warm regards,

Christine McLean
Chair of Governors

If you have any questions about the governing board, please do not hesitate to contact:-

Charlotte Wilshire, Clerk to the Governors. cwilshire@brookfields.w-berks.sch.uk

The Governing Board of Brookfields School

Holiday airport information

If you are taking your child on holiday in the Summer break here are some links with some useful airport information. (e.g. Gatwick has opened a Sensory Room in their North terminal).



<https://www.gatwickairport.com/passenger-guides/special-assistance.html>

<https://www.heathrow.com/at-the-airport/assistance-and-accessibility/non-visible-disabilities>

<https://www.airport-parking-shop.co.uk/blog/uk-airports-need-step-assistance-autism/>

Support for Families during the holiday

Our Senior Family Support Worker Ashley Sayer will be leaving us to start her new career in Social Care in September after successful completion of her Social Work degree. Ash has supported families in Brookfields for 12 years and I'm sure you will join the school in wishing her the very best in her new venture.

Wendy Rosser and Ash Sayer will be available throughout the Summer Holidays to support with any concerns you may have.

**Advice and support from
Brookfields staff**

Family Support Workers

Ashley Sayer

0751 624 1989

Wendy Rosser

0746 965 0696

Monday to Friday 10am – 4pm

Please feel you can contact Ash or Wendy during the holiday. However, if your child is displaying seriously challenging behaviours and someone is at risk, you must contact the police.

You can call 999 in an emergency, or dial 101. On that number you will talk to the police directly. They will discuss with you the best course of action.

Emergency at home during the holiday

Call 999 if someone is at risk. Call the police on 101 for their help

Out of hours Duty Social Worker 01344 786543

Support for Families

The Local Offer sets out provision which is available for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), aged 0 to 25, including education, health and social care services.

West Berkshire - <https://directory.westberks.gov.uk>



Pop-in and Play Picnic at Brookfields playground



Brookfields
Specialist SEN School



Mondays 28th July, 4 August, 11 August, 18 August
Tuesdays 29th July, 5 August, 12 August, 19 August
11.30 am-1.30pm

We understand summer holidays can be long and sometimes a break from the home or a chance to meet with friends and other families would be welcome so come and join us in the safe and familiar place of our KS2 playground area.

All family members welcome.

Please contact Wendy 07469 650 696 / wrosser@brookfields.w-berks.sch.uk or Ashley 0751 624 1989 to confirm your space and so we can let you know if any sessions have to be cancelled due to the weather (hopefully not)!

- Pack your own picnic or snacks (nut free please)
- Parents will be responsible for their own children at all times
- A first aider may not be available, please bring your own first aid supplies

Hope to see you but if we don't have a safe and happy summer holiday.

NEW Multi-Sports sessions are starting fortnightly in Newbury for children/young people with additional needs aged 5 to 18 years. Sessions will be for 1 hour after school at £4 per child per session. We are finalising the venue/day and time. If you would like to read more information about that club, you can do so here:

<https://asdfamilyhelp.org/index.php/events/multi-sports/>

If you might be interested in a space for your child from September, please join the waiting list here: www.tinyurl.com/ASDFHMultiSports

NEW Teen Club sessions are going to be starting in Newbury once a month.

For an idea about what Teen Club will be like, you can read about our Wokingham Teen Club here: www.tinyurl.com/teen-club

If you think your young person might be interested in signing up, please join the waiting list here: www.tinyurl.com/ASDFHTeenClub

Reading - <http://www.reading.gov.uk/sendlocaloffer>

Family Information Service/SEND Local Offer

Brighter Futures for Children

Reading Borough Council

0118 937 3777 (opt 2)

www.readingfis.org

Information can also be found here

[SEND Local Offer - Newsletter](#) | [Reading Services Guide](#)

Short Breaks for the Summer holiday can be found here - [Reading Directory | SEND Short Breaks \(all ability activities\)](#)

SEND Local Offer 16+ Guide - [SEND Local Offer 16+ Guide](#) | [Reading Services Guide](#)

Please keep visiting the SEND Local Offer for updates on local services

www.readingsendlocaloffer.org



Barton Rovers FC thrilled to announce the launch of our new Disability Football Training Sessions at **The Avenue School, Tilehurst!** Thursdays starting on 19th June – hurry and grab a place! If you're aged **11 - 16** and have a SEN disability, come and join us for an hour of fun, football, and friendship in a supportive and inclusive environment!

Led by experienced, SEN-trained coaches, these sessions are designed to be safe, enjoyable, and tailored to meet the needs of every individual. Whether you're new to the game or already love a kickabout, everyone is welcome. Our coaches are here to help you build confidence, improve skills, and most importantly make friends and have fun!

Established in 1982, Barton Rovers FC is one of the largest youth football clubs in Reading, with over 400 registered players. As a 2 Star Accredited Club, we are known for our commitment to fair play, sportsmanship, strong organisation, and the development of youth football.

We uphold high standards of attitude and behaviour both on and off the pitch.

Register your interest here: <https://www.bartonroversfc.com/disability-football/>

The East Family Hub Summer Timetable July 22nd – September 5th 2025



Play in the Parks

Sessions are open to all ages. Join staff for a fun filled session. Please dress for the weather and bring plenty of water and a healthy snack.

Monday 11th August – 10-11am
Story Walk in Linear Park
interactive walk with stories and activities.
£2.80 per family

Friday 15th August 10-10:30am
Rhyme time in Linear Park
This session is free of charge.



Gardening Club

Wednesday 6th & 20th August - 10-11:15am
Gardening Club at East Family Hub
gardening activities for parents and carers to enjoy together
£2.80 per family



Universal Sessions at the Hub

7th, 14th and 21st August – 10-11.30am. Stay, Play & Learn at Theale Village Hall
£2.80 per family

Thursdays 24th & 31st July, 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th August and 5th September
Newbies & Feeding Support Group at East Family Hub
A group for parents/carers with children under the age of 1, to meet and socialise with other parents with young babies. Breast Feeding support also available. Please note we cannot accommodate older siblings.
£2.80 per family

Booking Information

All sessions are to be booked in advance.

Scan the QR code, click on Calcot and search your event.

If cost is a challenge to you attending or if you feel you would like some extra support, please speak to a member of the team in confidence, or call 0118 9456157 Monday-Friday between 09.00 - 15.30

Scan me



The East Family Hub, Curtis Road, Calcot, RG31 4XG. Tel: 0118 9456157
Email: familyhubs@westberks.gov.uk



Join us on WhatsApp!



The East Family Hub offers a range of services to support families, parents and carers of children aged 0 to 19 years old (0 to 24 for children with special educational needs and disabilities).

We work directly with children 0 to 5 years old and signpost services for families with 5 to 19 year olds.



Simply scan this QR code, hit follow and turn on notifications to receive the latest updates from our services



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Reminders to parents and carers

Uniform

If your child is moving on to Secondary please note that to mark the change from Primary to Secondary, pupils wear a black jumper when they join Year 7.



Secondary Jumper

This can be purchased through Price and Buckland and can also be purchased, reasonably priced, at large supermarkets and online.

Secondary pupils can wear either a black school jumper with the school logo on, or a plain black one. Please be advised that this must be a jumper or sweatshirt, hoodies will not be allowed as part of the school uniform.



The uniform jumper for all Primary pupils is blue.

6th Formers continue to be able to wear their own smart but casual clothes.

To order Brookfields School uniform with the school logo: - <https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/brookfields>



Primary Jumper

School Meals from September 2025

'Dolce Schools Catering' will continue to supply school dinners for Brookfields School <https://www.dolce.co.uk/parents/>



For your child to have school meals you need a **SchoolGrid account**.

If your child is in Key stage 1 (Reception, Year 1, Year 2) they will receive a Universal free hot meal each day. This will automatically be set up on your SchoolGrid account as free. If your child is already eligible for Free School Meals this will also be set up on your account. The cost of a school meal from Year 3 to Year 14 will continue to be **£2.73** per day and **payments must be made online**.



Dolce <https://www.dolce.co.uk/parents/> If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Dolce Customer Care on 01942 707709 or by email to customercare@dolce.co.uk

SchoolGrid is the Software provider used by Dolce. If you experience any technical issues with access to SchoolGrid please contact 01506 300310 or email support@schoolgrid.co.uk

Keeping in Touch By text and email



Please make sure the mobile number and email address we hold for you are **always up to date**. You can check and change these details by sending an email to:- office@brookfields.w-berks.sch.uk

You can also download the *School Gateway App*

Apple iPhone users, download the app here: schoolgateway.co.uk/iosdownload

Android phone users, download the app here: schoolgateway.co.uk/androiddownload

Your login details will be automatically generated using the contact information we have, so please make sure the mobile number and email address we hold for you are correct.

Brookfields School Term Dates and Inset Days 2025 / 2026

Term 1	Thursday 4 th September 2025 to Thursday 23 rd October 2025	36 days
<i>Holiday</i>	<i>Friday 24th October to Monday 3rd November</i>	
Term 2	Tuesday 4 th November 2025 to Thursday 18 th December 2025	33 days
<i>Holiday</i>	<i>Friday 19th December 2025 to Friday 2nd January 2026</i>	
Term 3	Monday 5 th January 2026 to Friday 13 th February 2026	30 days
<i>Holiday</i>	<i>Monday 16th February 2026 to Friday 20th February 2026</i>	
Term 4	Monday 23 rd February 2026 to Friday 27 th March 2026	25 days
<i>Holiday</i>	<i>Monday 30th March 2026 to Friday 10th April 2026</i>	
Term 5	Monday 13 th April 2026 to Friday 22 nd May 2026	29 days
<i>Holiday</i>	<i>Monday 25th May 2026 to Friday 29th May 2026</i>	
Term 6	Monday 1 st June 2026 to Tuesday 21 st July 2026	37 days
Total		190 days

Public Holidays	
25 th December 2025	Christmas Day
26 th December 2025	Boxing Day
1 st January 2026	New Year's Day
3 rd April 2026	Good Friday
6 th April 2026	Easter Monday
4 th May 2026	May Day Bank Holiday
25 th May 2026	Spring Bank Holiday

Staff Inset Days for Next Academic Year

Tuesday 2nd September 2025
 Wednesday 3rd September 2025
 Friday 24th October 2025

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