

Brookside Newsletter



Friday, 27th March 2026

Dear Parents,

As the spring term concludes today, we can reflect with immense pride on the dynamic few months that have just passed. It has been a busy and eventful term, filled with new discoveries in learning and meaningful achievements for every one of our children. It was wonderful to see so many of you during this week's parents' evening sessions, and I am sure you were able to feel equally proud of your children's progress and the impressive pace of learning they have maintained.

The West End come to Brookside!

The rafters are still ringing following Y3–4's magnificent production of *High School Musical*. We are bursting with pride at this spectacular achievement and the determination shown by every child. A standing ovation is truly deserved for our performers and dedicated staff—it was quite simply out of this world.



During February, our Y5–6 pupils were equally impressive on stage with *The Amazing Adventures of Super Stan*. The children delivered their lines and songs with confidence and energy

Trophy Success for Y3–4

Congratulations to our team of boys and girls from Y3–4, who were crowned trophy winners at the Equals Trust football tournament. We are all very proud of the determination and excellent team spirit shown by the children throughout the competition. This was a brilliant achievement for our young athletes.



BFG Fundraising & Support

A big thank you goes to our BFG team for their hard work and dedication in organising recent school events. They hosted wonderful discos for the children and provided refreshments during our school performances, adding greatly to these occasions. We are also very grateful for the BFG's subsidy of the live theatre performance of *Pinocchio*. This was an important

and thoroughly enjoyable experience for our children, and we greatly value the time and energy our volunteers devote to enriching our school year.

World Book Day & Red Nose Day

It was wonderful to see such a vibrant range of costumes as we celebrated World Book Day and Red Nose Day. Whether dressed as superheroes, favourite book characters, or in bright and imaginative colours, the children brought a great deal of fun and spectacle to both occasions. We are delighted to share that over £350 was raised for Red Nose Day—a brilliant achievement. A heartfelt well done to all our children for their enthusiasm and generosity.



Brookside Noted in Parliament

It was amazing to hear Brookside discussed so enthusiastically in the Houses of Parliament. James Naish, MP, highlighted the successes of our Brookside approach to learning, combining classroom excellence with the creativity, adventure, and immersion in play offered by our OPAL approach. I hope you have had the opportunity to watch the OPAL video shared on our social media—it is something we are incredibly proud of. Enormous thanks go to Zoe Fellows and Richard Bailey for producing such an outstanding piece of work.

We also warmly welcome Mrs Lana Smith to our team of Play Leaders. Mrs Smith joins a dedicated team made up of Mrs Pearce, Mrs Brammall, Mrs Morey, Mrs Dodds, Mrs Traynor, Miss Astill, Mrs Shipman, Mrs Goodwin and Mr Morey.

Dates for the Diary

- Monday 13th April – Start of summer term
- Week commencing Monday 11th May – Year 6 SATs
- Week commencing Monday 25th May – Half-term break
- Monday 8th June – INSET day

Finally, I hope you and the children have a wonderful and restful Easter break. Thank you for your continued support throughout what has been a very productive and hard-working term. I look forward to seeing the children return to school on Monday 13th April.

Enjoy the holiday,

Gary Kenny

(Head Teacher)