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Dates for your Diary

September
Friday 4th - 1st Day of Autumn Term
Friday 11th – Oak Class Trip to RAF Hendon
Monday 21st – Year 6 Residential Meeting 15.30 Oak Class
Wednesday 23rd – Beech Class Trip to Woodside Animal Park

October
Monday 26th - HALF TERM

November
Wednesday 11th Parent Consultations
Thursday 12th Parent Consultations

December
Friday 4th – Occasional Day SCHOOL CLOSED
Wednesday 9th – Christmas Dinner, Jumper and Pantomime Day
Friday 18th – Last Day of Term School closes at 13.15

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Brockwood Primary and Nursery School! It has been so lovely to see the children today – we have truly missed them.

Free School Meals

Free school meals have expanded in September 2026 for students in England. Eligibility now includes all households on Universal Credit, split into two tiers:

- **Targeted FSM:** Families earning £7,400 or less annually. These students receive free meals and trigger extra disadvantaged funding (like Pupil Premium) for their schools.
- **Expanded FSM:** Families earning more than £7,400 annually. These students receive free school meals only.

Alongside this expansion, transitional protections—which allowed students to keep their meals even if household circumstances changed—will end. For official guidance and details on how to reapply or check your status, visit; **https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx**

Year 5 Swimming

The swimming programme for Year 5 will start Monday 7th September and run throughout the Autumn Term and Spring Term. This will give the children the best opportunity to achieve their learning goals in swimming under national curriculum guidelines.

Rowan class have been allocated the Monday afternoon session from 13.00-13.30. The children will be travelling by coach to and from Everyone Active Hemel.

Children are required to bring suitable swimwear (no bikinis or shorts beyond the knee), a towel and a swimming hat. Hair that is shoulder length, or longer, must be tied back in an elasticated hair band.

For this, school has heavily subsidised the transport but we do require a contribution of £5.00 per child, per lesson, a total of £70.00 for the autumn term (half the price of lessons outside of school). Please give consent and make this payment using Arbor, in clubs. This can be paid in full or £5.00 per lesson.

Personal Details on Arbor

Please take the time you check your child's Arbor profile and update any details that are out of date.

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Reminders

As school we are proud of all of our children and their achievements. We always promote high expectations and want every child to achieve their best. Please can I ask your support with the following, to ensure we are working as a team.

Uniform: Please ensure that children are wearing the correct uniform and are not wearing any jewellery. Please ensure PE shorts are an appropriate length for school. Indoor shoes are also essential.

Cycles: Please ask all children, including younger siblings, not to ride in the playground and when entering and exiting the school site.

Smart watches: Please remember that the children are not allowed to wear SMART watches in school.

Healthy Snacks: Please be mindful when providing your child's snacks. Snacks should be healthy and encourage the children to enjoy the healthy snack we pay for and provide at snack and break times.

Allergies: There has been a big change in the DFE's guidance on Allergies in schools. Children have been spoken to in assembly today and they are aware that they should not share food. Please remember that we are NUT FREE school and do have children in school with severe allergies. We are therefore not able to distribute celebratory birthday snacks on your behalf.

Mobile Phones

Mobile phone use is not permitted on the school playground, this is for safeguarding purposes.

Our happy community remains at the heart of everything we do, and we look forward to working together with you as a team. We believe partnership between school and parents is essential, and we are grateful for your continued support as we move forward together.

Here's to a wonderful year ahead.

Mrs G Dalton
Headteacher