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Dates for your Diary

October
Monday 26th - HALF TERM

November
Wednesday 11th Parent Consultations
Thursday 12th Parent Consultations
Thursday 12th Year 3 and Year 6 Bible Giving
Friday 13th Children in Need
Wednesday 18th Acorns Parents Phonics Meeting 2.45pm
Thursday 26th – Flu Vaccination Catch up

December
Friday 4th – Occasional Day SCHOOL CLOSED
Wednesday 9th – Christmas Dinner, Jumper and Pantomime Day
Thursday 10th – KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal @ 9.30am children welcome
Thursday 10th – KS1 Nativity @ 2.00pm
Friday 11th – KS1 Nativity @ 2.00pm
Monday 14th – Rock Steady @ 10.00am
Wednesday 16th – Christmas Fayre 15.30 – 17.30
Friday 18th – Last Day of Term School closes at 13.15

Dear Parents and Carers,

Cross Country

Despite all of our organising, the weather defeated us and DSSN cancelled the event. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Secondary Applications

Please remember that the deadline to make secondary school applications is 31st October 2026.

https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/school-admissions/secondary-and-upper-schools/secondary-and-upper-school-places.aspx

Walking Home Alone

Due to the darker evenings, after half term if attending club, the children in Year 4 & 5 need to be collected from school. Children with permission walk to home may still do so at 315pm.

SEN Assembly

Our SEN staff delivered a very engaging assembly aimed at reminding our children that there are many different types of amazing children in our school. The children learnt a bit of sign language and a song about the days of the week. We have included a link to this - you may want to sing it with your child.

It was so refreshing to see how enthusiastic all our children were and how much they already know about different needs in our school.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=36n93jvjkDs

Residential Deposits

Please remember that the deposits for the Years 4,5 & 6 Residentials are due by Friday 30th October, these do need to be paid so that we can confirm numbers. Thank you.

Acorns Parents Phonics Meeting

On Wednesday 18th November 2026 @ 2.45pm there will be a Phonics Meeting for Acorns Parents. We look forward to seeing you there.

Parent Consultations

Parent Consulations are Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th November. These are now available to book on the Arbor parent App. The booking system for these close at 9.30am the day before the consultations.

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Headteacher Surgeries

The Headteacher's Surgery offers parents and carers an opportunity to meet with myself and another member of my team to discuss your child's education and experience of school. Whatever the reason, a surgery slot will give you time to talk effectively about issues that are important to you.

I want to work closely with parents and carers to create a well ordered, caring environment where all our children are happy, secure and reach their full potential.

Headteacher's surgeries will take place on a Thursday afternoon. Parents and carers can attend at any time between 2.00 - 4.30pm, however an appointment must be confirmed in advance. If would like to arrange a meeting, please contact the school office.

Pantomime time – Wednesday 9th December

We are pleased to confirm that they have secured a special price for a performance of "Dick Whittington" here at school on the afternoon of Wednesday 9th December. This is always an enjoyable and festive day at school for the children combined with school Christmas Lunch.

Usually, the price of a pantomime ticket is £19-£25 but subsidised priced tickets can be bought from the PTA for your child at just £4.00 each using your Arbor account (Trips). Unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate the children in Pips class, unless they are here for 30 hours or normally attend the afternoon.
Children are welcome to wear their Christmas Jumpers for this festive day in school.

Attendance

This terms whole school's attendance so far is 93.19%, the DFE expect this to be 95%. That is a **t**otal of 3225 learning hours lost. To get to 95% next term we need to halve the number of absences, and, we work need to work together to reach this. There are 105 children in school that currently have 98% or above attendance, congratulations. Do not be disheartened, if your child has not achieved this, attendance percentages can grow as we go through the academic year. Come on Brockswood!!!

We completely understand that winter brings plenty of coughs and colds. The official guidance from the NHS states that if your child has a minor cough, cold, or runny nose, but does **not** have a high temperature and feels well enough, they should still come to school.

Please do not take time off for holidays, special treats, or medical appointments that can be made after school. The local authority attendance team and Ofsted hold us to account.

The children who have been in school all week and on time and have been drawn as these weeks in it to Win it Winners, are;
Nursery Rosie
Reception Eva
Year 1 Joy

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Year 2 Shay
Year 3 Jesse
Year 4 Navasagi
Year 5 Bhargava
Year 6 Sia

As previously mentioned, we have been working on celebrating good attendance as a whole class as well as individually. The classes who achieved 95% over the half term, received their reward today. Next terms whole class target will be increased to 96%.

Class	***%***
The Nest	*77%*
Blossom	*83%*
Pips	*94%*
Acorns	*88%*
Cherry	*94%*
Beech	*96%*
Maple	*95%*
Willow	*95%*
Rowan	*96%*
Oak	*95%*

We are always looking at ways we can celebrate good attendance, please watch out for new celebrations as we work together as a team improving this throughout the year.

Well done to Fire house, who received a belated treat for their efforts at sports day in the summer.

We hope you all have a restful and fun-filled half term.

Warm Wishes,

Mrs G Dalton
Headteacher