

THE GRYPHON



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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

What a fantastic week at Brookes!

There has been an incredible buzz of excitement, energy and achievement across the school.

One of the highlights of the week was the Young Voices concert at the O2 Arena, for our KS2 children. They truly sang their hearts out, joining thousands of other young voices in an unforgettable musical experience. The enthusiasm, joy, and sheer talent on display were remarkable! A huge thank you to Mrs. Gale and Mrs. Holdaway for their dedication and hard work in making this such a memorable and rewarding experience for our children.

Our KS3 Forest School lessons went to Kings Forest for an adventurous discovery walk. The children had a brilliant time exploring nature, learning about the woodland environment, and embracing the great outdoors. It was a wonderful opportunity for hands-on learning, teamwork, and a real appreciation of the world around them. Thank you to Mrs Nightingale.

A big thank you to our amazing PTA for organising a very well-attended PTA Coffee Morning. It was so lovely to see so many parents taking time out of their busy mornings to enjoy a hot drink and a catch-up with others. Events like these help strengthen our school community, and we are grateful for the support and engagement of our families.

A huge well done to all our pupils for their participation and enthusiasm this week—whether through singing, exploring, or engaging in the classroom. The positivity across the school has been truly inspiring, and we look forward to more exciting learning opportunities ahead!

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend. One more week until half term.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Jackson'.

Paul Jackson



Photo of the week

Young Voices

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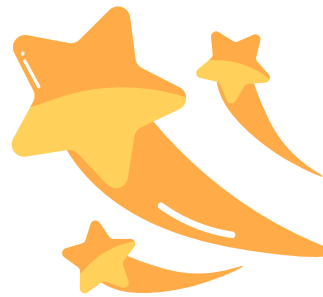
Forest School Walk

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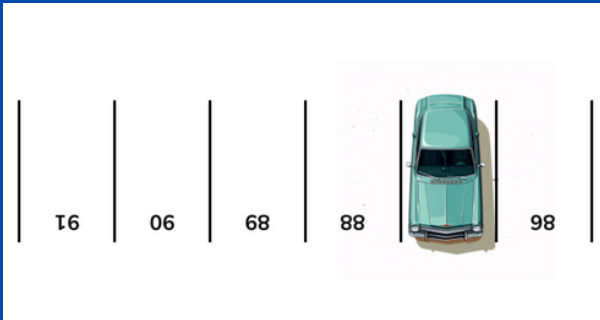
Stars of the Week

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LAST WEEKS BRAIN TEASER ANSWER

What number should go in the space where the car is parked?



ANSWER IS

87

Brain Teaser

WHAT GOES UP
BUT
NEVER COMES
DOWN?

Correct answers to
Mr Jackson
for 2 House Points



Resilience

The well-being of young minds is the foundation for their growth, learning, and future success. A healthy mind fosters resilience, creativity, and emotional intelligence, empowering children to navigate challenges with confidence. Prioritising well-being in education ensures that every child thrives, both academically and personally.

Our Mental Health Team are available should the students need a little extra support.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's wellbeing or mental health please contact our team.

Miss Carter - pcarter@uk.brookes.org

Miss Nunn - hunn@uk.brookes.org



Mr. G. Ellis

**Won four caps for
Scotland Rugby Union in 1997**

Ahead of the Mens 6 Nations match between Scotland and Ireland on Sunday, Mr Ellis was recently interviewed by the Times Newspaper. Read this fantastic double page article and join us in celebrating the phenomenal achievements of our Director of Sport.



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Staff in the Spotlight

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Date	Event
13th Feb	Junior School Parents Evening
14th Feb	Junior School Celebration Assembly *Last Day of Half Term*
26th Feb	Parents Evening with Charley King
4th March	Acorn Class trip to Stowmarket food museum
7th March	World Book Day (Junior School Theme Julia Donaldson)
8th March	OPEN DAY 10 - 2pm PTA Forest School Event
12th March	British Science Week off timetable Yr10/11 Geography Field Trip
14th March	KS2 trip to Duxford
19th March	Junior School Hare & Tortoise production
20th March	KS2 Swimming Gala
21st March	Whole School Someone Special tea
25th March	Bluebell Class trip to Mountfitchet Castle
28th March	Last Day of term School finishes @ 3:30pm No Afterschool Clubs
21st April	Staff Inset Training Day
22nd April	Summer Term Starts

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Brookes PTA Family Forest School Saturday

KS2 & KS3
(Year's 3-11)

Saturday 8th March
12.30 - 2.30pm



Tickets

£10.00 per child
£5.00 per adult

Tickets can be purchased by completing the google form sent by email or shown in our Facebook link.



LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

Den Building, Donuts, Hot Chocolate, Forest Games, plus many more fun Forest School activities!



Brookes PTA Family Forest School Saturday

Early Years & KS1
(Reception, Year 1 & 2)

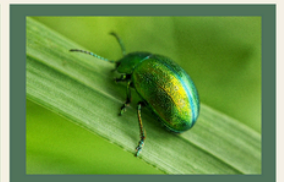
Saturday 8th March
09.30 - 11.30pm



Tickets

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(1 FREE adult)
£5.00 per additional adult

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Den Building, S'mores, Hot Chocolate, Forest Faces & Mud Monsters, plus many more fun Forest School activities!



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Be part of something special!

Join The Parents Lottery and help us create a thriving school community. Every ticket you buy funds vital projects, from library books to new playground equipment, helping to enrich the lives of our children.

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How to play

1. Choose the school you'd like your tickets to support by entering the name or school's postcode
2. Decide how many entries you'd like and fill in your details to sign up
3. You've now entered next month's weekly draws, good luck!



**£25,000
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**Guaranteed
prizes
every week**

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Support our school



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How does it work?

There will be various prizes up for grabs each week including the chance to win the **£25,000 jackpot!** Keep your eyes on the Friday weekly draw to find out if you'll be a winner this week. **And remember 60%*** of each ticket you purchase goes to your chosen PTA/school.

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