

THE GRYPHON



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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

As we reach the end of another busy and productive half-term, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible progress our students have made. Their dedication, resilience, and enthusiasm continue to make us proud.

Another worthy acknowledgment goes again to our Year 11 cohort for their outstanding achievements in the recent mock exams. Their hard work and commitment have been exceptional, and we are looking forward to supporting them further in the coming months, building up to their final examinations.

I also want to commend all our students for their excellent sporting performances. Whether representing the school in competitive fixtures or engaging in extracurricular activities, their teamwork and determination have been fantastic to witness. Well done to all participants!

Further in this newsletter, you will find important updates on our key focus areas and developments within the school. These initiatives will continue to enhance our students' learning experiences and overall school environment.

As we head into the half-term break, I encourage everyone to take the time to rest, recharge, and enjoy the well-earned time away. We look forward to welcoming you all back for an action-packed run-up to Easter and the long-awaited arrival of spring.

There will be No After School Clubs or Late Care on Wednesday 26th

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable break.



Photo of the week

Best regards,

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

Paul Jackson

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OPEN DAY



SATURDAY, 8TH MARCH
10:00 - 14:00

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Forest & Food Tech

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Stars of the Week

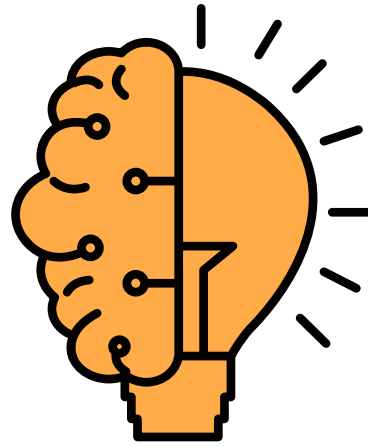


Last Weeks Brain Teaser

WHAT GOES UP
BUT
NEVER COMES
DOWN?

Correct answer is

YOUR AGE!



This Weeks Brain Teaser

You are in a dark room with a box of matches. Nearby are three things: a candle, an oil lamp and a log of firewood.

Which do you light first?

Join Us for an Important Parents' Meeting with Our Director, Charley King

We warmly invite all parents to an essential meeting with our Director, Charley King, to discuss the future plans for Brookes UK.

Register your attendance [here](#)


This is a fantastic opportunity to hear directly about our vision, upcoming developments, and how these changes will enhance your child's educational journey.

There will not be a live recording of this event.

 Date: Wednesday 26th February 2025

 Time: 18:00

 Location: Main School Hall

 Light refreshments will be provided

No After School Clubs or Late Care on Wednesday 26th

Whole School Focus on Uniform, Appearance & Equipment Starting After Half-Term

As we return from the half-term break, we will be reinforcing our school's uniform and appearance expectations to ensure all students take pride in their presentation. We appreciate the support of parents and carers in maintaining these standards, which help foster a sense of belonging, discipline, and readiness for learning.

To clarify our expectations:

- ✓ Hair – All students with long hair (excluding Year 11) must have their hair tied up.
- ✓ Skirts – Skirts must be worn at an appropriate length, just above the knee, and should not be rolled up.
- ✓ Make-up – Only students in Years 10 and above are permitted to wear subtle and natural-looking makeup.
- ✓ Uniform - Jumpers and Blazers (and Ties for Boys) must be worn throughout the day
- ✓ Equipment - All senior students **Must** bring to school adequate stationery for all lessons (pens, pencils, rulers, scientific calculator).
- ✓ Water Bottles - All students **Must** bring in their own water bottle.

We kindly ask for your support in ensuring that students come to school each day dressed appropriately and in line with our uniform policy. By working together, we can maintain high standards and a positive school culture.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please refer to our uniform policy on the school website or contact the school office.

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Date	Event
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	Bramble Class (Year 5&6) Parent Share Whole School 'Someone Special Tea'
25th March	Bluebell Class trip to Mountfitchet Castle
27th March	Easter Egg Hunt (more details to come)
28th March	Last Day of term School finishes @ 3:30pm No Afterschool Clubs
21st April	Easter Monday (No School)
22nd April	Staff Inset Training Day (No School)
23rd 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!



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

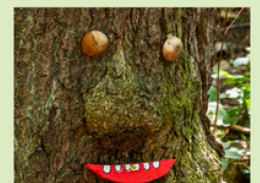
Saturday 8th March
09.30 - 11.30pm



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(1 FREE adult)
£5.00 per additional adult

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LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

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



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**£25,000
jackpot!**



**Support our school
and a chance to
win up to £25,000**

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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.

Each £1 ticket also gives you the chance to win £25,000 every Friday along with various other prizes.

We understand that everyone is busy, and finding time to support your school can be challenging. That's why The Parents Lottery makes it so easy to make a real difference. Purchase a ticket online in just a few steps and you'll be automatically entered into the draw. Every ticket sold helps us provide the enriching educational experiences our children deserve. Play The Parents Lottery today and help us empower the next generation.

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



Scan this QR code and enter our school name or postcode to join The Parents Lottery



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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The parents lottery

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