

# THE GRYPHON



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Dear Parents and Brookes Community,

It's been another busy and productive week at school! Here's a quick look at some of the highlights:

## 🌹 Remembrance Day Assembly

This week, our school community came together for a poignant and respectful Remembrance Day assembly. Students and staff reflected on the sacrifices made by so many, with thoughtful contributions from across the school. Thank you to everyone who participated in making this such a meaningful occasion.

## 🏒 Year 7 & 8 Hockey Match

Congratulations to our Year 7 and 8 hockey team for their fantastic performance this week! The students displayed excellent teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship, making us all very proud.

## 👤 Parent-Teacher Meetings

We have been delighted to host three highly successful Parent-Teacher meetings, providing a valuable opportunity to discuss progress and achievements. Thank you to all the parents and guardians who attended and engaged in these important conversations.

## 🧦 Odd Sock Day for Anti-Bullying Week

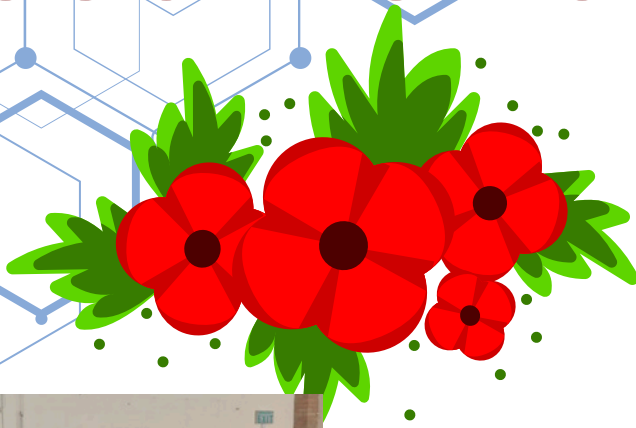
Students stepped up to celebrate individuality and kindness on Odd Sock Day as part of Anti-Bullying Week. The colourful socks and positive messages filled the school with energy and highlighted the importance of acceptance and respect, which culminated with a perfectly delivered Junior School, 'Elmer the Elephant' themed, assembly.

Thank you for your ongoing support and for helping us make these events so impactful. We look forward to sharing more updates in the coming weeks!

Warm regards,

Paul Jackson  
Principal

# Lest we forget



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**Christmas Jumper Day**

**£1**

Save the Children.

**Wed 11th Dec**

**SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER**

**SANTA RUN/WALK**

**09:30 MEET  
10:00 START**

**REGISTER HERE**

**PUT ON YOUR TRAINERS AND SANTA SUIT**

**JOIN US FOR A FUN-FILLED MORNING FOLLOWED BY MINCE PIES AND A WARM DRINK**

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On behalf of the PTA We are having a

**Non Uniform Day**

**FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER**

We ask that you bring in an item for the hampers that we will raffle off on the evening of the Winter Showcase

The themes for this year are:

- Twas the night before Christmas
- Movie night
- A Cosy Christmas
- A Crafty Christmas
- Let's get cooking
- Game night
- A Chocoholics delight
- A very Berry Christmas
- Mistletoe and Wine
- The Pamper Hamper

**13th December 2:30pm**

**CAROLS AT ST GILES CHURCH RISBY VILLAGE**

Please join us for a festive carol service

**RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE**

**COSY CHRISTMAS CRAFT ROOM**

**BROOKES AND CHERRY TREES PTA**

**CHRISTMAS FAIR**

**FRIDAY DEC 6TH 3PM- 5.30PM**

**CAKES**

**REFRESHMENTS**

**GIFT STALLS**

**GAMES**



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England Rocks? Brookes UK Rocks!

Pupils from Bramble and Fern Classes took part in Times Tables Rockstars England Rocks challenge on Wednesday and absolutely rocked it!

Brookes started the day 1645th out of 4449 participating schools, and within 2 hours had rocketed up the charts.

Brookes finished **58th** Nationally. An awesome job all round.







Christmas is fast approaching and we have started to make decorations in Forest School. Some of the students in Year 1 are making Christmas trees using sticks found in the Forest School grounds.

Other students have made wooden Christmas ornaments by cutting slices of wood and decouping with festive napkins.



Well done to our Year 9 students for building this woodwork bench from items found in the Forest School area.

# Forest School



# Teddy Bears Sleepover

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Last Friday, the children in Bluebell class brought their teddy bears in for a picnic and sleepover. The children decorated their biscuits with white icing and sprinkles, before sharing them with their teddy bears. Next they brushed their bears teeth and put them to bed. On Monday, the children couldn't believe it when they discovered that their bears had not stayed at school all weekend, but instead had gone on an adventure! This week the children have been extra busy writing about what their bears got up to. They were very proud when Mrs Gale gave them gold stickers for doing such amazing writing!

## HOUSE POINT TOTAL



688



483



535

# Stars of the Week

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## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Date	Event
Friday 22nd Nov	Newmarket Lights Yr 3 - 6
Wednesday 27th Nov	Past Yr 11 GCSE Certificate Eve TBC
Friday 29th Nov	Non-Uniform Day Christmas Hamper Donations
Saturday 30th Nov	Santa Run 09:30
Wednesday 4th Dec	Yr 11 Art Mock
Thursday 5th Dec	Reception & KS1 Nativity
Friday 6th Dec	PTA Christmas Fair
Tuesday 10th Dec	Winter Showcase
Wednesday 11th Dec	Class Christmas Parties Christmas Lunch Christmas Jumper Day (£1 Save the Children)
Friday 13th Dec	Carol Service - Risby Church 2:30pm Term Ends 3:30pm

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