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Brookes UK Weekly Highlights

What an incredible week we've had at Brookes UK, filled with enriching experiences, celebrations, and remarkable achievements!

We began the week with a fabulous Senior Assembly led by Mr. Ellis, who explored the theme of happiness. His thought-provoking reflections encouraged students to consider the importance of joy and well-being in our everyday lives.

Our Junior School children were captivated by a fantastic performance of "The Hare and the Tortoise" brought to life by the talented New Wolsey Theatre group. The production highlighted the values of friendship and resilience, leaving our young audience both entertained and inspired.

On the sporting front, our Year 5 & 6 netball team displayed exceptional teamwork and determination, securing a brilliant victory against South Lee. Meanwhile, our Year 7 & 8 football team played with heart and resilience in their match, also, against South Lee. Despite the loss, it was undoubtedly their best performance to date, showcasing commendable growth and unity.

We also celebrated the aquatic talents of our students at the annual KS2 Swimming Gala. The event was a fantastic display of individual talent and team spirit as children demonstrated their developing skills and sportsmanship in the water. A huge well done to all participants!

Adding to the excitement, our Year 5 & 6 students impressed us with their WW2 topic. The students showcased their creativity and historical understanding through imaginative models of Anderson and Morrison shelters. We saw some wonderful creations including lego, gingerbread, cake and cardboard models. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm and dedication shining through.

To conclude this vibrant week, the whole school community gathered for our much-loved "Someone Special Afternoon Tea". It was a delightful occasion, where families and friends enjoyed a classic cream tea, celebrating the special connections that make Brookes UK such a warm and inclusive place.

Looking ahead, we are thrilled to welcome Mr. King and Mr. Downey next week, who will be providing valuable support as we continue preparing for the launch of the IB curriculum. Exciting times are ahead, and we remain committed to offering our students the very best educational experience.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to making this week so memorable. Here's to another fantastic week at Brookes UK, our last one before the Easter holidays!



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iBrookes Schedule

PARENTS			
Date	Time	Title	Description
Friday 7th March	09.00	Introduction to the IB COMPLETED	Learner Profile Structure of the IB What is PYP What is MYP
Wednesday 26th March	18.00	MYP Overview THIS WEEK	Candidacy and Accreditation Process Subject Groups Global Contexts Key Concepts Criteria based Assessment Interdisciplinary Learning Candidacy and Accreditation Process
Friday 28th March	09.15	PYP Overview THIS WEEK	Units of Inquiry 6 Subject Areas 6 Transdisciplinary Themes Collaborative Planning Criteria based assessments
Wednesday 30th April	TBC	MYP Assessment	Types of assessment Service as Action Community Project Personal Project
Friday 2nd May	TBC	PYP Maths and English	Programme of Study Teaching approaches Assessment
Wednesday 7th May/ Friday 9th May	TBC	ATL Skills & Inquiry Based Learning	Approaches to Learning Approaches to Teaching International Mindedness
Wednesday 11th June	TBC	PYPX and Action	PYP Exhibition Action based learning Sustainable Development Goals
Friday 13th June	09.00 (Year 9 students to join)	MYP eAssessments and Projects	Criteria for eAssessments Schedule of assessments Community Project Personal Project
Wednesday 9th July	TBC	Preparation for 2025/2026	What happens next

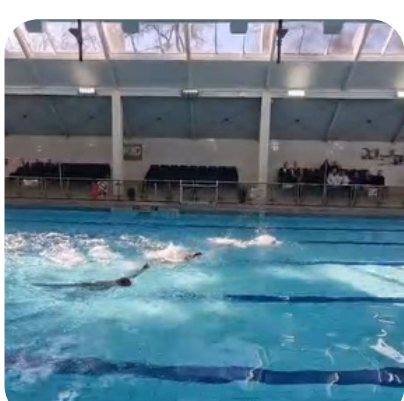
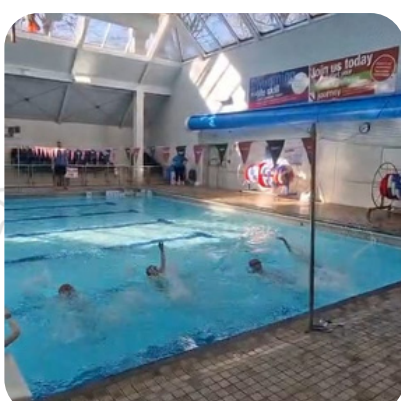
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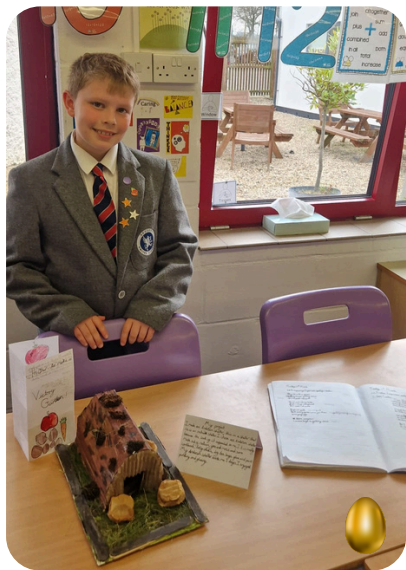
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Date	Event
24th March	Mr King and Mr Downey in school
25th March	Bluebell Class trip to Mountfitchet Castle
26th March	2nd iBrookes Parent Session MYP Overview (Junior & Senior Parents Welcome) 18:00 in the Main Hall
27th March	Easter Egg Hunt 3:30 pm *No Afterschool Clubs* Late Care as normal
28th March	3rd iBrookes Parent Session PYP Overview (Junior Parents) 09:15 in the Science Lab
28th March	*Last Day of Term* School finishes @ 3:30pm No Afterschool Clubs No Late Care
21st April	Easter Monday (No School)
22nd April	Staff Inset Training Day (No School)
23rd April	Summer Term Starts

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EASTER EGG HUNT 2025

FAMILY FUN

THURSDAY
27TH MARCH
3:30PM

ALL FAMILIES WELCOME
THE HUNT BEGINS AT 15:30
EITHER JOIN YOUR CHILD OR ON YOUR OWN



Someone Special Tea

THIS WEEK

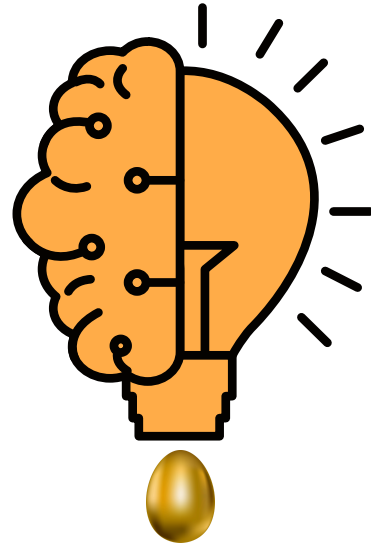


Last Weeks Brain Teaser

What kind of lion
never roars?

Correct answer is

Dandelion



This Weeks Brain Teaser

Why shouldn't
you tickle an
Easter egg?



Brookes PTA 'EASTER BINGO NIGHT'

Thursday 27th March
5.00 - 6.00pm

Great Prizes and Family Fun
Tickets £3 per person



The event will be held in the school hall.
All proceeds towards the PTA fundraising.
Tickets can be purchased using the google form link
found in this email or PTA Facebook link.



BROOKES BAKE OFF

Do you have a flair for baking?

Categories are:



Year 7- Traybakes



Year 8 - Cupcakes

Year 9- Biscuits



Staff - Loaf cakes

Parents/carers - Swiss roll

THURSDAY 1ST MAY

3.30-4.30PM



Let Miss Nightingale know if you wish to enter

Happy
Easter

Pink bunny ears and paw prints.



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