

# THE GRYPHON

UK'S NEWEST IB SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of another vibrant week at school, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the many exciting events and achievements across our community.

We began the week with a fabulous assembly led by Mrs Childerhouse, who introduced Pride Month with thoughtfulness, inclusivity, and celebration. It was a powerful reminder of the importance of kindness, respect, and the strength of our diverse school community.

This week also saw a record number of school tours and taster days, and we are feeling very hopeful about welcoming a host of new families across various year groups this September. It's heartening to see such growing interest in what we do here at Brookes.

We have also been busy conducting successful staff interviews as part of our preparation for the transition to the IB curriculum. The new team members joining us will continue to enrich our students' learning experiences and uphold our commitment to delivering an exceptional and forward-thinking education.

Meanwhile, Year 11 students enjoyed a thoroughly deserved and relaxing day at High Lodge, a joyful celebration of the end of their GCSE journey, with just two exams left to go! We are incredibly proud of their hard work and resilience.

For our Junior School community, we held our final iBrookes parent and staff training session, focused on the PYP Exhibition and a useful introduction to our new learning platform, Toddle. Thank you to all who attended and contributed to these valuable sessions.

Finally, as we head into the weekend, I'd like to wish you 'Daddies' a wonderful Father's Day on Sunday. I hope you enjoy some well-earned family time together.

Looking ahead, next week is another busy one, with our Annual Sports Day taking place on Tuesday. The forecast is looking warm, so please ensure students are well-prepared with hats, sunscreen, and plenty of water—it's going to be a hot one!

Have a great weekend.

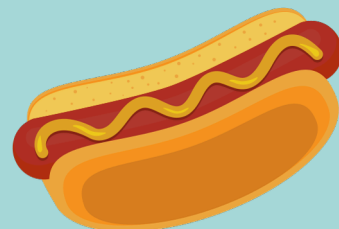
Paul Jackson  
Principal



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# BROOKES UK B-FEST



**ALL WELCOME**

**FRIDAY 27TH JUNE 3.30PM- 5.30PM**

**PIMMS TENT | DUCKS AND CHICKENS | REFRESHMENTS  
GAMES | INFLATABLE OBSTACLE COURSE | BBQ  
CAKE STALL | TRACTOR | RAFFLE**

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**MUSIC PERFORMANCES START AT 4PM**

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**PRE SALE OF TOKENS AVAILABLE FROM 24/6/24 FROM THE OFFICE**

# **Non Uniform Day**

**Friday 20th June**

**Donations greatly received**



**Lower School:  
Teddies, Toys, and Games  
(New & preloved)**

**Senior School:  
A bottle of ANYTHING!**



**Donations at the school  
gate on Friday**

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## Geography Comes to Life!

This week, our KS1 children had a fantastic Geography lesson where they explored how rivers are formed. The children learned that rivers often begin in the mountains and flow all the way to the sea, discovering the names of the different parts of a river along the way. They also found out that the River Severn is the longest river in the UK, and the River Nile holds the title for the longest river in the world!

**STARS** OF THE WEEK



**YEAR 5&6** Project



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## A LITTLE TREAT



## ACORN CLASS Plant to Plate



This week, our Reception children enjoyed a fantastic hands-on activity: making beetroot salad using beetroot they grew themselves in the school garden! From harvesting and washing to chopping and juicing lemons, the children were fully engaged in every step.

The experience supported fine motor skills, sensory exploration, and early cooking techniques – all while deepening their understanding of where food comes from. While not everyone loved the beetroot and goat's cheese combo, every child took pride in creating something from scratch.

Linked to the IB PYP theme How the World Works, this inquiry-based activity also fostered independence, collaboration, and curiosity.

Well done, Reception!



Date	Event
Mon 16th June	Final GCSE Exam
Tues 17th June	Sports Day
Wed 18th June	Yr7 Trip to Grimes Graves
Thurs 19th June	Backup Sports Day (Weather dependant)
Fri 20th June	Non-Uniform Day  Y3&4 Cricket Fixture
Mon 23rd June	Acorn Class trip
Tues 24th June	Family Golf Event
Fri 27th June	BFest pm
Mon 7th July	Move Up Day
Thursday 3rd	Prize Giving 14:00 (Tea and Cakes afterwards)
Weds 9th July	Term Ends 13:00 finish (No Clubs)

## Important Calendar Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please be aware of some important updates to our upcoming school calendar: Prize Giving Celebration will now take place on Thursday 3rd July, followed by a Community Afternoon Tea. Please note, there will be no after-school clubs on this day.

On the final day of term, school will finish at 1:00pm, and again, there will be no after-school clubs.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Warm regards,

# PUZZLES OF THE WEEK

## Rebus puzzles 4 Can you guess the words and expressions?



## UNIFORM SURVEY PLEASE COMPLETE

Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our ongoing commitment to reflect on and improve the experience of our students, we are currently reviewing our school uniform policy. Your views as parents and carers are incredibly important to us and will help guide any future considerations.

We would be grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete a short survey and share your thoughts on the current school uniform – including its practicality, affordability, inclusivity, and whether it meets the needs of your child(ren).

[Link to Google Form](#)

All responses will be kept anonymous and the survey should take no more than 5 minutes to complete.

Please submit your response at your earliest opportunity.

Thank you in advance for your time and input.



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