



Broadmayne First School and Nursery Newsletter

Be Kind, Be Safe, Be Respectful

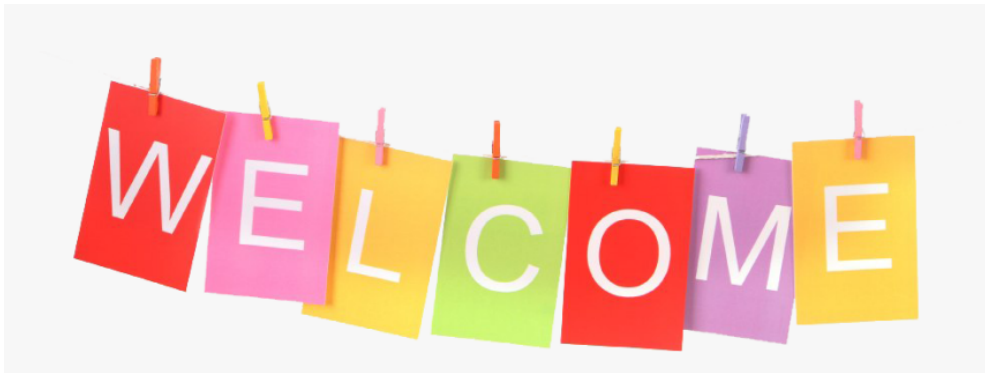
The value we are looking at this half term is: We are kind when we show Generosity
Our HeartSmart focus is: Get HeartSmart!
Our British Value is: Mutual respect and tolerance.

Things to remember:

- Maths Monday - 28th September
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a brand-new academic year! It has been a fantastic first two weeks of term, and we are so proud of how brilliantly all of the children have settled back into school life.



Walking around the classrooms and corridors, it has been wonderful to see everyone looking so smart in their uniforms and eager to learn. The children have returned showing our core school values in everything they do—consistently being kind, safe, and respectful. It is already clear that our

pupils are ready to fly high this year!

Our school has also undergone an incredible transformation over the summer break. You will notice our fantastic new fencing, as well as brand-new furniture in the Year 2 and Year 3 classrooms, and an updated toilet and cloakroom area. Beyond these physical changes, we are especially excited to share that we have now officially merged with the preschool to become **Broadmayne First School and Nursery**. We are thrilled about this new chapter and cannot wait to guide and support our children's learning journeys right from the age of 2 all the way up to 9 years old.

On a personal note, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for all the lovely comments and warm wishes I have received since returning back to work. I feel incredibly lucky to work in such a wonderful community alongside our brilliant children and supportive parents.



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Broadmayne First School and Nursery Open Day

To celebrate the official merger of Broadmayne First School and Broadmayne and West Knighton Preschool, we would love to show off our wonderful new school and nursery to the whole community!

- Date: Saturday 24th October
- Time: 11:00pm – 2:00pm
- Official Opening: 2:00pm

We warmly welcome all families, neighbours and community members to pop in, explore our refreshed classrooms and grounds, and see our fantastic new facilities.



Please help us spread the word! If you know any parents or carers looking for a nursery, or school place for their children, please invite them along—it would be lovely to welcome prospective families and share what makes our school community so special.

School Value: Kindness Through Generosity

This half term, our school focus is on demonstrating **kindness through generosity**, and our children have done a wonderful job exploring what this means in practice. In our assemblies, we have been discussing the different ways we can give to others—starting with being generous by sharing, and more recently, looking at how we can be generous with our time. A special well done goes to Grace in Year 4, who showed true generosity this week by giving up her own playtime to help someone who was feeling lonely find a friend to play with! Next week, we will continue this journey by focusing on how we can be generous through our speech, spreading positivity across the school using kind words and thoughtful compliments.



Become a School Ambassador!

As we work to promote our school and nursery, we are hoping to welcome more visitors to show them what makes our community so special! Since

Mrs Jordan-Gill and Mrs Dunford are sometimes busy and unable to take visitors on tours, we are looking for enthusiastic **School Ambassadors** to step into this important role.

If you think you would be a great representative for our school, we would love to hear from you! Simply record a short video explaining why you would make a brilliant ambassador and send it to the school office. These videos will be shared with class teachers, who will select six children to represent the school. We can't wait to see your applications! The closing date for applications will be Monday 5th October.



A Wonderful Start in Reception!



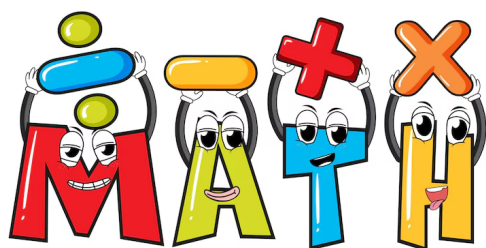
We are so proud of how brilliantly our Reception children have settled into school life! It has been a joy watching them adapt to their new routines, make new friends, and explore their environments with so much curiosity and enthusiasm. They are already flying high, demonstrating fantastic confidence and eagerness to learn every day. We cannot wait to see how their learning journey continues to unfold throughout the year as they continue to grow, discover, and shine!

A busy week in Nursery

In Squirrels and Owls this week, the children have been enjoying a wonderful variety of hands-on activities and storytime adventures. In Squirrels, they have settled into their new outside area, made new friends, and explored messy play with sand and water, all while bringing The Gruffalo's Child to life. Meanwhile, the Owls room has been busy learning all about pets, introducing a new number, shape, and color every day, and expressing themselves through music, Irish dancing, and interactive storytelling with Room on the Broom.



Maths Monday's and Multiplication Madness sessions



We are excited to invite parents to join us for Maths Monday, a fantastic opportunity to step into the classroom and participate directly alongside your child during their

maths lesson. Alongside these classroom sessions, we will also be hosting Multiplication Madness, where you can get a firsthand look at how we teach and practice our focused multiplication activities. It is a wonderful way to experience our approach to learning, gain insights into the strategies your children use daily, and discover how you can support their mathematical confidence at home. Please see the 'dates for the diary' section at the end of this letter for details of when these sessions are.

Harvest Festival Donations

As part of our theme of Generosity this half term, we are looking forward to visiting the church once again for our Harvest Festival. To help us prepare for this special occasion, we would be incredibly grateful for any donations of dry goods to support our collection. Parents and carers are invited to bring these items into school starting from Monday 5th October.



Broodmayne has clever staff!

Mrs Dunford passes her NPQ!

We are thrilled to share some wonderful news with our school community: Mrs Dunford has officially passed her National Professional Qualification for Special Educational Needs Co-ordinators (NPQSENCO)! Achieving this qualification reflects her hard work, expertise, and ongoing dedication to supporting all our children. Please join us in warmly congratulating Mrs Dunford on this brilliant achievement!



Mrs Barker is Elklan trained

Huge congratulations to Mrs Barker on successfully completing her Elklan training!

This fantastic achievement highlights her dedication to enhancing speech, language, and

communication support across our school community. Her hard work and specialised training will make a wonderful difference in supporting our pupils' learning, confidence, and development.

Please join us in warmly congratulating Mrs Barker on this brilliant accomplishment!

Keeping Your Arbor Account Up to Date

Please ensure that your details on the Arbor app are kept up to date. Please be reminded that the school will no longer be sending text messages and will be using the Arbor app messaging system. Moving forward, teachers will be using Arbor as our primary way to email parents directly. We will also be using the platform to manage and check consent forms for school trips, photograph permissions, and Forest School activities. Please make a habit of regularly logging in to check your account, update your contact details, and ensure all relevant permissions are completed so your child doesn't miss out on any opportunities!



Celebrating Chester's Marathon Achievement!

A huge congratulations to Chester, who was recently presented with his marathon wristband at junior parkrun!



Reaching this incredible milestone means Chester has run a total distance equivalent to a full marathon. It hasn't always been easy, and he has shown fantastic determination and perseverance to keep pushing forward, even when it felt tough.

We are so proud of your resilience and dedication, Chester—keep up the amazing effort!

A New Format for School Performances

We are excited to share an updated approach to our school performances this year! Going forward, Reception and Year 1 will lead our traditional Christmas Nativity, Year 2 and Year 3 will showcase their talents in a Spring Term performance, and Year 4 will take center stage for their special Leavers' performance in the Summer. By spreading our shows across the year, this new format ensures that smaller groups of children are involved in each production, giving every single child a wonderful opportunity to shine and be in the spotlight!



Can we rehome your unwanted house plants and wicker baskets?



We are currently updating our classrooms to create calm, inviting, and nature-inspired learning environments for our children, and we would love your help! Research shows that incorporating natural elements into the classroom helps reduce stress, improves focus, and enhances overall well-being. To help bring this soothing atmosphere to life, we are kindly asking for donations of healthy indoor house plants (such as pothos, spider plants, or peace lilies) and wicker or woven baskets of any size to use as plant holders or cozy storage. If you have any spare plants, cuttings, or baskets at home that you would be willing to donate, please drop them off at the main office—your generosity will make a wonderful difference in

creating a peaceful space for our students to learn and grow!

Back up Asthma Inhaler in School

We are now permitted to keep a spare asthma inhaler in school in case of an emergency. We are however only allowed to administer this with your written permission. If you wish the emergency inhaler to be available for your child, please complete the 'Emergency Asthma Inhaler' consent on your child's Arbor account.



Support for Young Carers



We are proud to support young carers within our school community. A young carer is a child or young person under 18 who helps look after a family member who has a disability, illness, mental health condition, or addiction. To help support these pupils, Miss Barnett is our dedicated Young Carer Champion and will be setting up a special Young Carers group to give children time to connect, share experiences, and enjoy fun activities together. If you feel your child may be a young carer and could benefit from joining this group or receiving

extra support, please get in touch with the school office.

Help Needed: Netball Posts Repair

We are looking for a handy parent or carer who could lend us a quick helping hand! Our school netball posts are currently missing a few nuts and bolts, and we would love to get them fixed so the children can get back to



using them safely. If you have the tools, expertise, or spare hardware to help us patch them up, please contact the school office. Your support in keeping our sports equipment in top shape for the pupils is hugely appreciated!

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Our whole school attendance last week was : 97.33 %

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
96.25	96.25	98.25	100	95.19

And lastly.....

Thank you to the wonderful parents who upgraded our seating areas on the field over the summer.

Thank you to the parents who say hello in the mornings or at the end of the day, it really does brighten up the day.

Thank you to the staff who have worked so hard over the last 2 weeks to ensure everyone feels happy, safe and secure in their new learning environments.

Thank you to the Nursery staff who have embraced the merger and changes and work extremely hard to create a wonderful learning experience for our nursery children.

Thank you as always for being a wonderful community and for always being supportive. Have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday.

Best wishes,
Mrs Jordan-Gill

26-27 Dates for the diary

Date	Time	Event
SEPTEMBER		
Monday 28th	9am	Maths Monday - Parents are invited into school to participate in their

September		child's maths session.
OCTOBER		
Week Beginning: Monday 5th October		Harvest Festival donations - please bring these in this week and hand to class teacher
Thursday 8th October		Guinness World Record for Reading Online
Friday 9th October		HELLO YELLOW DAY Wear Something Yellow to school Children visiting St Martin's Church for Harvest Festival
Wednesday 14th October	9:30 - 12:00	Year 2 children visiting Thomas Hardy for Author visit
Thursday 15th October	9:30 - 12:00	Year 4 children visiting Thomas Hardy for Author visit
Friday 16th October	9:00	Multiplication Madness - parents are invited in to watch and take part in our focused multiplication lessons
Monday 19th October		Safe and Healthy Me Week.
Friday 23rd October	2:40	Flashback Friday - Parents are invited into classrooms to learn about our learning this half term.
Saturday 24th October	11:00 - 2:00	Open Day - parents, families and friends are invited to come and see our wonderful school
Monday 26th October		HALF TERM
Monday 2nd November		INSET DAY Friendship Week
Tuesday 3rd November		Children return to school.
Wednesday 4th November	3:30 - 6:00pm	Parent Consultations
Monday 9th November		School Photo Day
Wednesday 18th November	3:30 - 6:00pm	Parent Consultations

Tuesday 24th, Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th November		Class visits to Christmas Through Trees at St Martins Church
Friday 27th November		Christmas Fayre
Friday 4th December	9:00	Multiplication Madness - parents are invited in to watch and take part in our focused multiplication lessons
Wednesday 9th December	2:00	Rock Steady Concert
Thursday 10th December		Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 11th December	1:30	Beauty and the Beast Pantomime
Tuesday 15th December	9.30	Reception and Year 1 Nativity Performance
Wednesday 16th December	1.30	Reception and Year 1 Nativity Performance
Thursday 17th December		Whole School Carol Service
Friday 18th December		Christmas Party Day