

Newsletter June 2025

Dear Families,

This half term has been a very busy time and as parents, you have supported the PTA, Sporting events and the Junior Musical Festival. We could not attend these events if you did not support us and they provide such enrichment for the pupils. We would like to thank you for your ongoing positivity and support.

I would like to make you aware of Ten Ten resources which are used by our school to enrich our Catholic faith in school. They are particularly useful for our Celebration of the Word and Collective Worship and their parent newsletter is a lovely way of sharing this with you.

Please find below a link to the Ten Ten newsletter below:

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter>

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Philpott

We Pray for Peace

God of peace,
Show us how to put away
the weapons of war
and help us destroy the
tools of destruction.

Teach us to follow the
ways of justice
and walk with us the
paths of truth.

Challenge the weapons
of war,
and banish hatred and
division,
so that all your children
may sleep secure.

Amen

All About Absence!

As a school, we have a duty of care to know where each child is on any school day. Please inform us of any absence.

Take a look at this term's highest attendance and remember, good attendance is above 96%.

How does your child's class compare to other classes?

YR – 95.5 %

Y1 – 95.6%

Y2 – 96.6% **Well Done!!**

Y3 – 96.5%

Y4 – 96.1%

Y5 – 96.1%

Y6 – 95.8%



CELEBRATING SACRAMENTS



Congratulations the children who have made their First Holy Communion in June.



Also... huge congratulations to Peniella who was Baptised at the weekend.

CHURCH QUIZ NIGHT

St Joseph's church quiz night is on 13th September. All details in the parish newsletter. [St Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow Catholic Parish](#)
Time: 19.15-21.45, £5 per person, max 6 people per team, cash prizes!

It would be fantastic to have a strong presence from the school to support the church and come together as a community for a really fun night. Sign up via the link in the online newsletter or contact the church office!

PLASTIC FREE JULY

Our wonderful year 6 have been learning about plastic pollution around the world and instigating a discussion about what we can do and would like us to have a PLASTIC FREE JULY.

Evan says: “We have a duty, as part of our Catholic values to put Faith into action and therefore year 6 are appealing for you to support a Plastic-Free July in school.

Chloe told us: “Even though plastic has some positives, such as not requiring the use of animal products, the negative effects are too great and therefore, it is important we reduce the use of plastic.”

Phillip P reminds us: “Even though all might seem lost, we still have time to change and return to the right path. We can clean up our town, help marine life and reduce plastic pollution.”

Thomas urges us to: “Imagine a world where we have the fear our cities are drowning in a mountain of plastic”

Julia thinks: “we are a strong, determined community, so it is essential we work together to prevent this dreadful issue worsening.”

How can you support this?

1. **Limit plastic in lunch boxes**

- Reusable water bottles only
- Replace cling film with foil or reusable pots
- Limit plastic wrappers in lunch boxes
- Recycle or reuse what you can



There will be a class prize for the most committed class.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Bracknell Pride!

Congratulations to year 4's Kit who performed at the Lexicon during Bracknell Pride with his drama group. What a star!

Dancing News!

Some children had a wonderful time performing in their dance show at Camberley Theatre. Well done girls!



Well done to year 6's Irish dancer who came 2nd in the Hertfordshire championships feis. Amazing news!

Marvellous Martial Arts!

Congratulations to this year 4 child who has recently been awarded her BLUE BELT!



Anti-Bullying Assembly

On Monday 23rd, we welcomed staff from Storybrook into school. They lead an anti-bullying assembly for years 5 and 6. If you would like to find out about their work, head to: [Storybrook - Storyy Group](#)



COMMUNITY NEWS

House of Lords

We are very proud of Eesha's Mum, who went to the House of Lords to campaign for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. As part of Digley's Promise, she is fighting for SEND training to be made compulsory in Early Years. Well done, Su!



British citizenship

Congratulations to year 3's Krystian who recently celebrated his British Citizenship ceremony.



Fantastic Football!

Year 6's L has had a great football season at Tottenham hotspurs through dedication, growth, and hard work. His commitment has taken him on numerous tours, including an exciting trip to Spain, and he earned selection for the Junior Premier League Nationals at Loughborough. We're proud to share that he has been retained for another season - a well-deserved achievement! Well done L!



Year 2 Golf

It was a glorious day for year 2 at the Downshire Golf Course.

The children enjoyed a range of activities, learnt skills from the professional golfers working there and even watched some very cool tricks! A huge thank you to the parents who arranged the transport – we could not have attended without you!



PTA NEWS

Father's Day Keyring Event

It was a pleasure to see the children being really creative and thoughtful in the design of their keyrings.

They did a great job and we hope the recipients liked them. This event raised £290.32!



Sports Day Refreshments

The refreshments stall was a massive hit and raised **£150**. A massive thank you to Shane Johns from JJ Cheney Ltd for the kind donation of the delicious Fruit!



Please help us to raise money for St Joseph's Primary School, Bracknell while you shop online!

easyfundraising turns your everyday online shopping into FREE donations when you use them to shop with over 8,000 retailers such as eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Argos, ASOS and Booking.com. Retailers then make a small donation to say 'thank you' and easyfundraising gives those free funds to the cause.

Please register using this link – just click sign up -

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=366086&invite=JHGISA&referral-campaign=s2s&utm_campaign=web-referral

Plus, once you've raised your first donation, easyfundraising will give St Joseph's Primary School, Bracknell a £1 bonus donation!

There's no catch or hidden charges and the school will be really grateful for your donations.

Used uniform Sale

Our used uniform sale raised a grand total of **£117.90**.

Thanks for all your donations and for your Support at this event. Part of the money raised has been used to purchase new outdoor clocks for both KS1/KS2 playgrounds (a requested by the school outreach team)

Just a reminder that we also have a used clothes recycling bin in the school car park and the school gets money from this!



Upcoming events:

Ice Lolly Sale on Friday 18th July @ school pickup



JOB OPPORTUNITY

We are seeking to appoint a School Business Manager.

Do you know anyone with experience in this role?

Please share far and wide!

[Bracknell School | Current Vacancies](#)

DIARY DATES

WB	Tuesday 1 st July – Year 2 trip to Windsor Castle
30/06	Wednesday 2 nd and Thursday 3 rd – Transition Days
WB	Monday 7 th - WILDE DAY @ South Hill Park Y4,5,6
07/07	Tuesday 8 th – Y6 Play @ 2.30pm Wednesday 9 th – Y6 Play @ 6.30pm Friday 11 th – 9am Assembly to celebrate the Sacraments
WB	Tuesday 15 th - Y5/6 Candle Liturgy @ 2pm
14/07	Friday 18 th – Leavers Mass at Church 9.15am Friday 18 th - PTA Ice Cream Sale after school Monday 21st, Tuesday 22nd, Wednesday 23rd – Teacher Training days (School closed to pupils)

SCHOOL LUNCHES

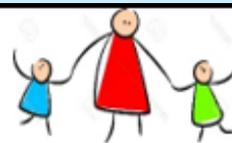
Please check your child's ScoPay account before the end of term!

Parent Support

Single Parent, Separated and Blended families – supporting children to cope with different family dynamics.

A 2-hour session looking at:

- Different family dynamics and how they can work.
- Parental conflict resolutions
- Being the best parent that you can be for your child



Please let me know if you would like to know when additional sessions are arranged

Parenting pre / early-teens in a Positive Way (aged 10 – 13)

A 2-hour session looking at:

- Gain insight into the impact of your parenting style!
- Positive techniques for managing older children's behaviour.
- Boosting your relationship and communication with your child.



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Parenting your older teenagers in a Positive Way (aged 13 - 16)

A 2-hour session looking at:

- How to listen so teens talk and talk so that teens listen
- Boundaries and impact around tech and social media
- Supporting teens to navigate the pressures that they face



Monday 9th June 2025

@ Bracknell Open Learning Centre

6.30 – 8.30 pm

Community Matters

On Wednesday 11th July, we welcomed The Community Matters Partnership into school. They brought a team of keen volunteers from Venture Life Group who are a local pharmaceutical company. They painted the fences in Sean's Garden, moved the library into Sean's Shelter, raked our woodchip delivery and helped move furniture into Year 1. We were amazed by how much they got done and are extremely grateful to them for giving up their time to come and support our school.

We are now hoping they will come again next year!





**LIMITED AFTERNOON SESSIONS STILL
AVAILABLE FOR SEPTEMBER 2025**

Register Today!

We provide a welcoming, caring and safe place where children learn through their play and grow in confidence.

Our highly qualified staff encourage children to explore and be active across our varied facilities which includes our extensive indoor setting, a covered patio, tarmacked playground and use of the school field and woodland areas.

We have a limited number of sessions available for 12 noon – 3pm term time only. These can also be topped up with afternoon clubs which finish by 6pm (this does incur additional charge).



**LARGE WOODLAND
PLAY AREA**

If you, or any of your friends, are interested,
for further information please either:

- visit our website <http://www.stjosephsbracknell.co.uk/about-footsteps/>
- contact us on 01355 425246
- email secretary@stjosephsbracknell.co.uk.

Please note that admission to the nursery does not secure a St. Joseph's Catholic school place; applications to St. Joseph's School must be made through the local authority.



Equipping lives 4 Good

Parents & carers

Upcoming workshops in Bracknell and online

Introduction to NVR Principles (online)

Tuesday 29th April - 9:30am - 11am
Wednesday 25th June - 7:30pm - 9pm

Anxiety - My Child and Me (online)

Wednesday 7th May - 7:30pm - 9pm
Tuesday 1st July - 7:30pm - 9pm

Therapeutic Parenting (Bracknell)

Monday 2nd June - 1pm - 2:30pm
Monday 7th July - 10am - 11:30am

Supporting your child with self injury behaviours (online)

Monday 23rd June - 1pm - 2:30pm

The Courthouse, Broadway,
Bracknell, Berkshire. RG12 1AE

At **Brakenhale School**, our values of Aim High, Be Kind and Take Responsibility permeate everything that we do. Our recent Ofsted inspection confirmed that our overall judgement is "Good" and that we provide "high expectations for student achievement", with a "calm and orderly atmosphere where students feel safe" - so please come along to experience our school.



Brakenhale School



Open Evening

Intake 2026/27

Thursday 10th July 2025 | 18:00 - 20:00
Thursday 9th October 2025 | 18:00 - 20:00

OPEN EVENING
10th July
click to book

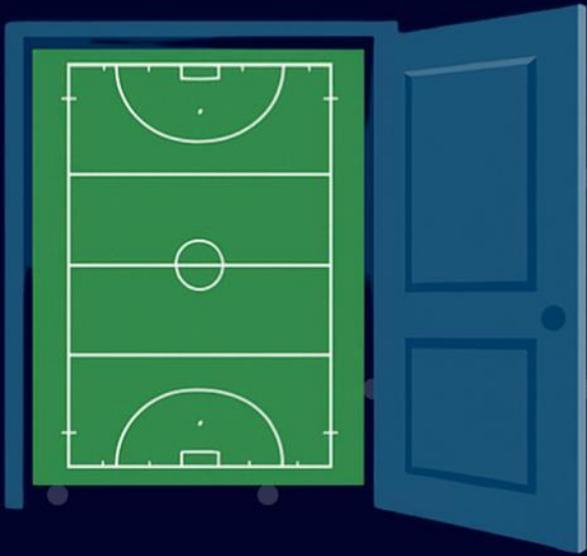


OPEN EVENING
9th October
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ACADEMY IN ACTION TOURS
During September and October

MAIDENHEAD HC OPEN DOOR SCHOOL OUTREACH



FREE SUMMER SESSIONS ALTWOOD SCHOOL

SUNDAYS 10:30 - 12:00

**(Participants must have shinpads and gum
shields)**



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**Hi,
I'm Rania Sammour.**

**I am your community connector
for the National Deaf Children's
Society in Berkshire.**

I'm here for you – offering support, sharing my experience, and helping you access local resources and services, including those from the National Deaf Children's Society, while also connecting you with other parents and deaf children in your community.

As a parent of a deaf child myself, I know how important it is to have the right support and people around you.

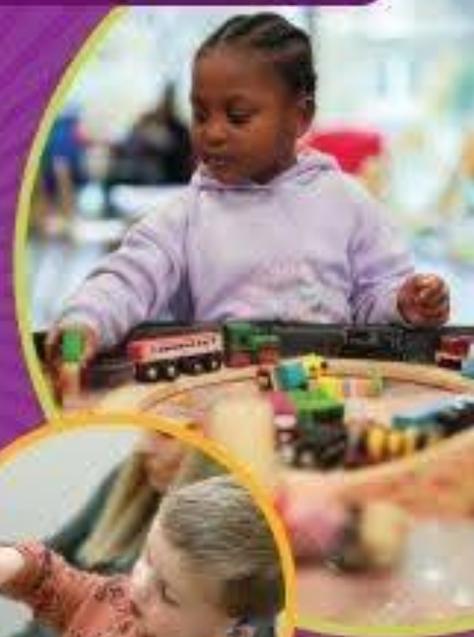
Our connection is on your terms – at your pace, in the way that works best for you. Whenever you need support, I'm here, and I look forward to connecting with you.

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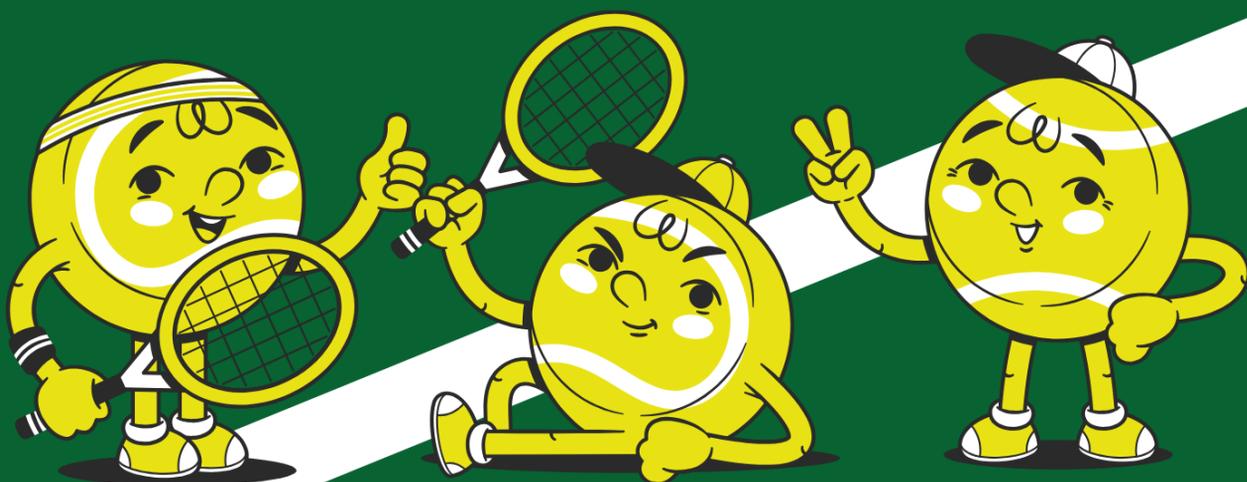


**5-16
YEARS**

SUMMER TENNIS CAMPS



6-21 AUGUST, 2025



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HAF SPACES AVAILABLE





GEMS

Autism & ADHD Support Service
Local Services



01753 373244 / 0800 999 1342
weekdays 9am to 5pm



<https://www.gems4health.com>



gems4health@nhs.net

GEMS is for children and young people who are diagnosed with, or who may have, autism and/or attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). The service also supports parents and carers and is open to anyone living in Slough, Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead or Bracknell.

Find out more

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS AND COURSES

**Managing Anxiety - Tuesday 8th July
10 to 12noon**

**Sensory Processing - Wednesday 9th July
7 - 8.30pm**

**Empowering Calm - Tuesday 15th July
10am to 12noon**

**Navigating School Avoidance - Tuesday 16th
September - 10am to 12noon**

Visit our website to book your space - www.Gems4Health.com



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