



Newsletter October 2025

Dear Families,

As we reach the October half-term break, we'd like to thank all our pupils, parents, and staff for a fantastic first half of the term. The children have worked incredibly hard and shown great enthusiasm in their learning, from exciting classroom projects to sporting events, school trips and creative activities. It has been wonderful to see so many smiles and achievements across the school. We wish everyone a safe, restful and enjoyable half-term break, ready to return refreshed for more learning adventures next term!

With warmest regards,
Mrs Philpott

We pray for our families

Dear Lord,

Bless our families to remain faithful to You in all seasons.

Help us to trust You deeply, serve You willingly, and walk in obedience to Your Word.

Let our hearts never grow cold or distant but be ever burning with love for You.

Strengthen us when tempted, lift us when we fall, and restore us with grace.

Make our homes a place where faith is nurtured, prayers are spoken, and Your name is glorified.

Amen.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2025



Monday 10th to
Friday 14th November

ODD SOCKS
DAY 2025
Monday 10th November

#OddSocksDay

#PowerForGood

Bracknell School Nursing Referral
Form



School Nursing Team

This is a NEW link & QR code to refer into the Bracknell School Nurse team.

Parents can seek support for : behaviour, sleep issues, hearing, medical, diet and any medical concerns.

<https://forms.office.com/e/91y3r8uPNp>

Parent Information

Diary Dates	Class	Event
Monday 3 rd November	All	INSET DAY/ Teacher Training Day
Thursday 6 th November	Year 5 girls	STEM DAY
Friday 7 th November	Year 6	Oakwood Assembly @ 9am (Y6 parents welcome to attend)
Tuesday 11 th November	Year 4	Remembrance Assembly @ 9am (Y4 parents welcome to attend)
Wednesday 12 th November	Whole School	SCHOOL PHOTOS
Wednesday 12 th November	Invite only	IEP Meetings
Friday 14 th November	Year 5	Trip to the Portrait gallery, London
W/B 17 th November	Year 1-6	Open Afternoon/ Book Looks
Wednesday 19 th November	Invite only	IEP Meetings
Friday 28 th November	Year 5	Christingle Service (Y5 parents welcome to attend)
Friday 5 th December	Year 3	Advent Assembly (Y3 parents welcome to attend)
Saturday 6 th December	Whole School	Christmas Fayre 2 – 5pm
Thursday 11 th December	Year R/1/2	NATIVITY @ 2pm
Friday 12 th December		NATIVITY @ 2pm
Wednesday 17 th December	KS2 (Y3,4,5,6)	Carol Concert at Church 6pm
Wednesday 17 th December	All	School Christmas Lunch
Thursday 18 th December	All Pupils	Last day of term
Friday 19 th December	Whole School	INSET DAY
Monday 5 th January	All	INSET DAY/ Teacher Training Day
Thursday 15 th January	All	Culture Day
Thursday 29 th January	Year 1	Trip to Milestones Museum, Basingstoke
Friday 22 nd May	All	SPORTS DAY
Monday 1 st June	All	INSET DAY/ Teacher Training Day

Parenting Special Children (GEMS) are running a new workshop:

NEW AuDHD	<i>Hosted by Parenting Special Children</i> This neuro-affirming, strengths based, interactive workshop is designed to help parents/carers better understand the unique experiences of AuDHD (Autistic and ADHD) children and young people. Exploring AuDHD strengths and challenges, Practical strategies for home and school, Reframing so called 'difficult' behaviours, Supporting child's self-esteem and self-advocacy.	Autism & ADHD Support For parents & carers of primary & secondary school aged children.	Online: Tuesday 2nd December	7 - 9pm
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Booking link : <https://parentingspecialchildren.co.uk/events/audhd-workshop-berkshire-east-dec-2025/>

Our workshops and courses are available to families who reside or is registered at a GP practice in East Berkshire , Slough, Windsor, Maidenhead and Bracknell.

PE NEWS

Yr 3 & 4 Netball Skills Festival

On Monday 6th October, pupils from Year 3 took part in a netball festival with other Berkshire schools. The children participated in drills focusing on passing, defending and shooting. After a demonstration mini match, they played three mini-matches against different teams. They showed excellent teamwork and sportsmanship.

Well done to Aria, Kylie, Joella, Maya, Zim and Poppy.



Yr 3 & 4 Mixed Football Competition

A group of children from Year 4 represented St. Joseph's in the Yr 3 & 4 mixed football competition. They battled their way to the tournament final after a nail-biting semi-final against Crown Wood School, ultimately securing victory with a golden goal. The dramatic win set up a clash with Uplands School in the final, but the team's inspiring journey ended with a hard-fought 3-1 defeat. The team gave it their all, demonstrating resilience, determination and sportsmanship.

Well done Matej, Edward, David, Luca, Theodore, Evelyn, Primrose, Lilia, Eesha, Chriselle, Emilia, Emile and Pascal.



Y2 Trip to Windsor Castle



Year 2 enjoyed their trip to Windsor Castle. It was very exciting to travel on the 703 bus from Bracknell and there was much excitement when they drove past Legoland! The class enjoyed seeing the Queen's dolls house and learnt lots about the history of Windsor Castle and its features.



Year 5 Trip to the Library



FOOTBALL NEWS

Congratulations to our school football team who played their first match against Foxhill School. They came away with a 2-1 win. We are all very proud!



YEAR 2 LEARN ABOUT DIWALI



Our year 2 class have been learning about Diwali. They learnt the story of Rama and Sita and got to explore significant parts of the Diwali traditions. The children even got to sample some traditional foods.

Orla said: "We got to draw diya lamps and Mrs Saxena taught us about the importance of Diwali. She made us food such as sweets, rice pudding and puffies. I loved tasting everything that she made the sugar sweets were the best!"



CONGRATULATIONS



Our school congratulate Bjorn who celebrated the Sacrament of the Eucharist over the summer. How special!



SWIMMING SUCCESS

Mimi and Zaza completed stage 3 swimming last week, and can successfully swim 10 m.
Amazing progress girls!

SCHOOL UNIFORM

WINTER UNIFORM

Winter school uniform is expected from **1st October**.

Blue Polo top with grey skirt, pinafore, shorts or trousers.

White, black or grey socks or grey tights.

Reminder about shoes:

We expect children to wear black school shoes not trainers.



PE DAYS

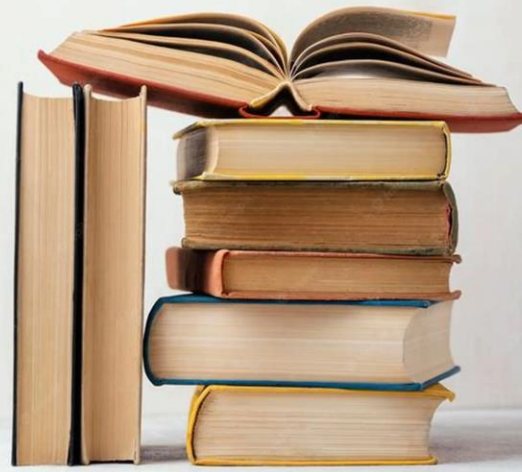
Please wear school PE kit: navy tracksuit and royal blue top with black or white trainers.

No jewellery should be worn on PE days

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to The following children who completed the Summer Reading challenge.

Hebe, Emrys, Orla, Zim
Charlotte, Chriselle, Sophie K,
Luca, Bertie, Ffion, Carys.



Mini Maestros

Come and try a fun, live music class for ages 0-7 at
your local music centre in Bracknell!

BRACKNELL MUSIC CENTRE

Ranelagh School
Ranelagh Drive
Bracknell
RG12 9DA

SATURDAY

Preschool & Reception - 8.55am - 9.25am
Year 1 - 10.05am - 10.45am
Year 2 - 10.50am - 11.30am



To find out more visit our website www.berksmusictrust.org.uk
or email admissions@berksmusictrust.org.uk for a FREE taster session!

OUR SCHOOL HAS BEEN ADOPTED FOR NOVEMBER



YOUR SCHOOL HAS BEEN ADOPTED

by your local Everyone Active Centre

WHAT IS THE ADOPT A SCHOOL PROGRAMME?

Everyone Active's Adopt a School programme is a brilliant opportunity for both Everyone Active and local Schools to work together in an effort to get the local community more active.

WHAT IS AVAILABLE TO YOU?*

During the 2 week period that your school is adopted, a variety of perks will be available to **parents/guardians, school pupils & school employees**, these will include the following:

- FREE Swimming** for School Pupils (Aged 10 & under)
- FREE Junior Gym & Swimming** for Pupils (Aged 11-15)
- FREE Membership** for Parent/Guardians (Aged 16+)
- FREE Membership** for School Employees (Aged 16+)

*Please note, the offers may vary by centre depending on the facilities available at your local centre.

Your adopting centre:

Bracknell Leisure Centre
Bagshot Road
RG12 9SE

Scan here
for more
information on
the programme:



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LOOK...



ADOPT A SCHOOL PROGRAMME

FREE SOFT PLAY SESSION
AT BRACKNELL LEISURE CENTRE

Session Information

Date	27/11/25
Time	16-00-17.30
Max Spaces	56

- T&C's apply
- Spaces are first-come first-served
- Maximum of 2 adults, 2 children per booking
- Minimum of 1 adult must attend per booking
- All children attending must be pupils of the selected school

REGISTER HERE



Survey Closes: 26 / 11 /2025

School: St Joseph/White Grove

More info on our Soft Play facilities: www.everyoneactive.com/bracknellplayworld/

Bracknell Leisure Centre
Bagshot Road, Bracknell RG12 9SE
T | 01344 454 203



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five to thrive

Parents Session

St Joseph's School staff have recently been trained in a new approach to support children in the setting.

To enable consistency for your children we would like to offer you a short session to introduce the programme to you and how you can use this to support behaviour at home.

Tuesday 2nd December 2025
9am

Please let the staff know if you would like to attend.



ECO AWARDS



Eco Rewards offers rewards and incentives for schools, in Bracknell Forest to encourage residents and students to choose greener travel and healthy lifestyle options.

Your child can collect a fob from our Eco warriors and track their walks over half term.

5 ways to wellbeing

Health
in Mind

Looking after your mental health is just as important as your physical health. Research by the New Economics Foundation has found there are five ways to look after your mental wellbeing:



Connecting with the people around us is a great way to remind ourselves that we're important and valued by others.

- Arrange to meet people regularly
- Reach out to someone
- Take time to get to know your neighbours



By making sure we are regularly moving our bodies, we can look after our mental and physical health at the same time.

- Go for a walk during your lunch break
- Try activities that bring our focus to the mind-body connection, like yoga or tai chi



Taking notice of our thoughts, emotions and surroundings is a great way to stay present and pay attention to our needs.

- Take up a mindful hobby e.g. knitting
- Write down three things you feel grateful for



Learning new things is a good way to meet new people and boost our self confidence, which in turn improves our mental health and wellbeing.

- Try out a new recipe
- Join a class or learn a new language
- Learn something new about the people around you



Research has found a link between doing good things and an increase in wellbeing.

- Try and do one kind thing every day
- Become a Health in Mind Hero by giving your time through volunteering/ fundraising

www.health-in-mind.org.uk



Health in Mind is a charity registered in Scotland SC004128 and a company limited by guarantee, registered in Scotland SC124090. The registered office is 40 Shandwick Place, Edinburgh EH2 4RT

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GIRLS BASKETBALL CAMP



QUALIFIED COACHES



ACCEPT CHILDCARE VOUCHERS



OFSTED REGISTERED

Play. Learn. Grow. Join the Cobras this Halloween.

Join us for the All Girls Halloween Basketball Camp with **Coach Steve Pearl!** Enjoy one thrilling day of basketball fun, skill-building, and exciting games this Halloween.

Please bring a few Snacks & Water Bottle, a Basketball if you have one.

£24 A DAY

GIRLS
HALLOWEEN CAMP
27TH OCTOBER



AGES: 5-16 YEARS GIRLS
1PM - 5PM AT
KINGS ACADEMY, BINFIELD,
RG42 4EX

WWW.COBRASBASKETBALLCLUB.COM

How Every Child Can Thrive by Five – a TED Talk.

"What if I was to tell you that a game of peek-a-boo could change the world?" asks seven-year-old Molly Wright, one of the youngest-ever TED speakers.

Breaking down the research-backed ways parents and carers can support children's healthy brain development, Wright highlights the benefits of play on lifelong learning, behaviour and well-being, sharing effective strategies to help all kids thrive by the age of five.

She's joined onstage by one-year-old Ari and his dad, Amarjot, who help illustrate her big ideas about brain science. It is a very interesting watch

To find out more, head to:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aISXCw0Pi94>



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COBRAS BASKETBALL CAMP



QUALIFIED COACHES



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OFSTED REGISTERED



Play. Learn. Grow. Join the Cobras this Halloween.

Get ready for a spooky good time on the court! Join us for 2 thrilling days of basketball fun, skill-building, exciting games, and new friendships this Halloween

Please bring Packed Lunch & Water Bottle, a Basketball if you have one.



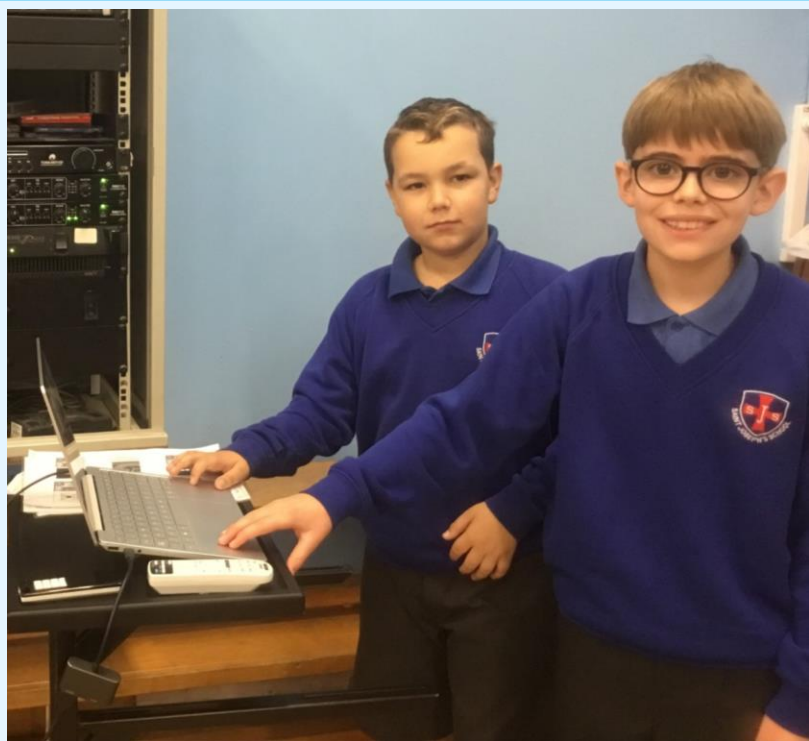
£38 A DAY
HALLOWEEN CAMP
29TH OCTOBER
30TH OCTOBER



AGES: 5-16 YEARS
10AM - 4PM AT
KINGS ACADEMY, BINFIELD,
RG42 4EX

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PUPIL LEADERSHIP



We have a big focus on Pupil Leadership in school and on Friday 3rd, we were very proud of Rory and Declan who led with excellent IT skills.



Thank you to year 6 for being stewards and tidying our school environment.

The House Captains and Vice Captains enjoyed a fun lunch meeting in the headteacher's office!

JUNIOR PARKRUN

What is Bracknell junior parkrun?

A free, fun, and friendly weekly 2k event for juniors (4 to 14 year olds). Nearby Saturday parkrun events can be found [here](#).

When is it?

It is held every Sunday at 9:00am.

Where is it?

The event takes place at Great Hollands Recreation Ground, South Road, Bracknell, RG40 3EE. See [Course page](#) for more details.

What does it cost to join in?

Nothing - it's free! but please [register](#) before you first come along. Only ever register with parkrun once and don't forget to bring a **scannable** copy of your barcode ([request a reminder](#)). If you forget it, [you won't get a time](#).

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Year 6

To

Year 7

It's time to apply for a
secondary school place

Read
the
guide

Apply
online

Receive
your
offer

The admission process to apply for Year 7,
September 2026 is now open.

The application process is open from
12 September 2025 – 31 October 2025

Bracknell Forest residents only

For more info

www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/applyforsecondary

Open for
admissions
2026



OCTOBER TENNIS CAMPS



Farley Wood Community Centre, Turnpike
Road BRACKNELL RG42 1FW

28th & 30th October

9:30-11:30 Red/Orange ball
(4-10 year olds)

11:30-13:30 Green/Yellow
ball (age 10+)

info@latika.co.uk



PARENT WORKSHOP

NEW PDA - Demand Avoidance	<i>Hosted by The Autism Group</i> This one off workshop will allow you to explore what PDA really means and how anxiety drives demand avoidance. Learn practical and compassionate strategies to reduce pressure, build trust and support autistic children and young people with a PDA profile in home and school settings.	Autism support For parents & carers of primary & secondary school aged children.	Online: Tuesday 11th November 2025.	10am to 12noon
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Booking link : <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/pda-demand-avoidance-tickets-1794621564409?aff=oddtcreator>

If this is not what you are looking for we have a variety of other workshops available, please view our website to view our full range. <https://www.gems4health.com/workshops/>



ChatHealth



Berkshire Healthcare
Children, Young People and
Families services

Do you have a 5-19 year old?

We can offer advice and
support on many topics like:

- ✓ Sleep
- ✓ Behaviour
- ✓ Bullying
- ✓ Parenting
- ✓ Healthy eating
- ✓ Bedwetting
- ✓ Dealing with medical conditions in school
- ✓ Emotional health & wellbeing



Text a school nurse
for confidential advice and support

07312 263194



cypf.berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk



We might inform someone if we were concerned about your safety but we would usually speak to you first. Your messages are stored and can be seen by other health care staff who follow the same confidentiality rules. We aim to reply to you within one working day and you should get an immediate message back to confirm we have received your text. Texts will only be seen between Mon-Fri 9am-4.30pm. If you need help before you hear back from us contact your GP, nearest walk in centre or dial 111. Our text number does not receive voice calls or MMS picture messages. We support messaging from UK mobile numbers only (which does not include messages sent from landlines, international mobile numbers and some 'number masking' mobile apps). To prevent the health professional from sending messages to you, text STOP to our number. Messages are charged at your usual rates.



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Come and try an instrument for free and learn about lessons at our music centres, schools and other opportunities we offer!

WOKINGHAM MUSIC CENTRE

Emmbrook School
Emmbrook Road, Wokingham RG41 1JP

Wednesday 15 October

Brass/Woodwind

4.30-5.15pm | 5.15-6.00pm



**CLICK HERE OR
SCAN TO BOOK**

www.berksmusictrust.org.uk

admissions@berksmusictrust.org.uk

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FREE FOOTBALL SESSIONS



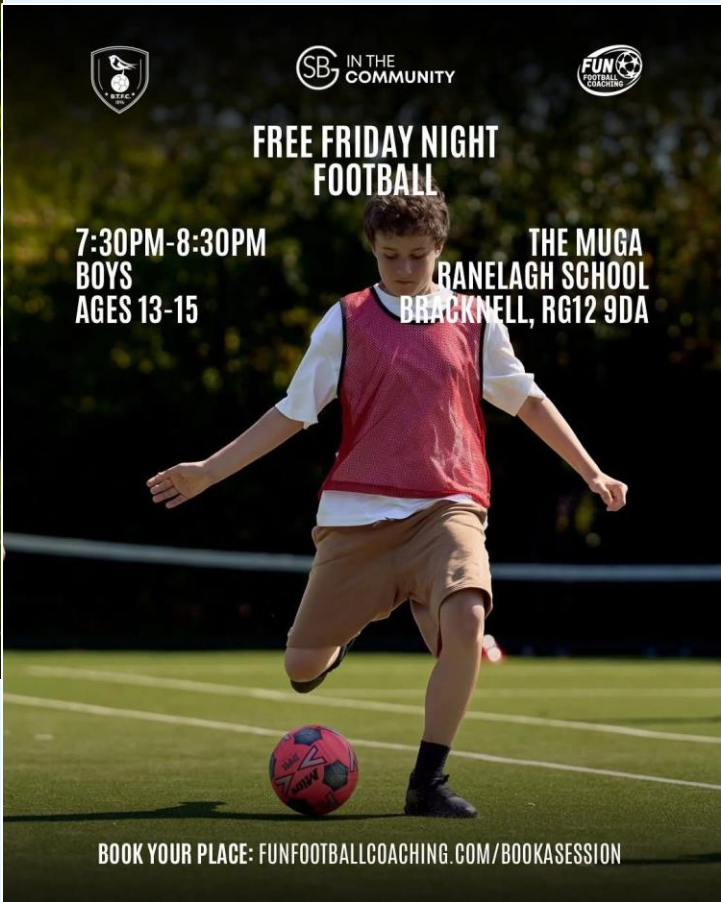
  

FREE FRIDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

7:30PM-8:30PM
GIRLS
AGES 13-15

THE MUGA
RANELAGH SCHOOL
BRACKNELL, RG12 9DA

BOOK YOUR PLACE: [FUNFOOTBALLCOACHING.COM/BOOKASESSION](https://funfootballcoaching.com/bookasession)



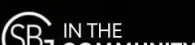
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BOYS
AGES 13-15

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FREE FRIDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

6:30PM-7:30PM
MIXED SESSION
AGES 9-12

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BRACKNELL, RG12 9DA

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**Football and
Multi-Sports activities**

Locations

Cox Green Leisure Centre
Dedworth Middle School
Holy Trinity, Sunningdale
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**OCTOBER
Half Term
Mon 27 - Fri 31**

**£25 per day, 10am to 3pm
£3 early drop off at 9am**

For details contact :
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