



# Newsletter April 2026

Dear Families,

As we return from the joy of Easter, we step into this new term renewed by the hope of the resurrection and the promise of fresh beginnings.

May the light of Christ continue to guide our learning, our friendships, and the way we care for one another each day. Let's carry the spirit of Easter into our classrooms and our school community as we grow together in faith, hope and love.

As a reminder, please keep an eye on your class Microsoft Teams or Padlet for key messages from your teachers.

For any class questions, please contact your class teacher.

Mrs Philpott



A Prayer by Khioney in Year 3.

*Dear Heavenly father,*

*Thank you for the blessings that we have.*

*Please remember the poor because they are suffering from hunger and thirst.*

*Please help the poor to be equal like all of us and not get ignored.*

*Amen*

## ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance at school is vital for children's learning, confidence, and wellbeing.

Year R – 95.1%

Year 1 – 97.2%

Year 2 – 96.6%

Year 3 – 96.8%

**Year 4 – 97.4%**

Year 5 – 96.4%

Year 6 – 96%

Whole School – 96.5%



## Not feeling 100%?

If your child is well enough to be in school but not quite 100% and requires paracetamol, we can provide this for them. Just complete the permission form.



**With any sickness or diarrhoea, please think of others and follow the 48 hour rule.**



Diary Dates	Class	Event
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	All	St JOSEPH'S FEAST DAY – WALK TO CHURCH (School Uniform)
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	All	BANK HOLIDAY
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 2	Pizza Express Visit
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 & 5	History Workshops in school
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	All	Mufti Day – bring a bottle for the adult tombola
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	ALL	FAMILY DAY @ 2pm – 4.30pm on school field
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6	KS2 Sats Week
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	All	Class Photos
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	All	SPORTS DAY
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	All	MAY HALF TERM
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	All	INSET DAY/ Teacher Training Day
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Year R	Class Assembly @ 9am
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1	Phonics Screening Week (Mon – Fri)
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3	Parent workshop - Kaboom Maths
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1	Class Assembly @ 9am
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Choir	Junior Music Festival - performance
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 Girls	9am Mother & Daughter Session (60 mins)
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2	Class Assembly @ 9am
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 & 4	@ 9am – Celebrating First Holy Communion
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6	Year 6 Performance @ 6.30pm
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6	Year 6 Performance @ 2pm
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	All	Transition Day – visit new class
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	All	Transition Day – visit new class
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	All	Science Day
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 4,5 and 6	SHP Wilde Day
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Year R, 1,2,3	In school prayer space session with the Kerrith Centre
Week of 6 <sup>th</sup> July -10 <sup>th</sup>	All	SPORTS WEEK
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6	Class retreat at Church – all day
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5 & 6	Candle Service @ 2pm
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	All	Leavers mass @ Church am Time TBC
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	All	END OF TERM

# Families of Faith

✦ APRIL ✦

## Prayer Corner



Loving Father, during this season of Easter, we lift our hearts in joy and gratitude.

Fill our homes with the joy of Your resurrection and let love and togetherness be the foundation of our family.

Amen

The start of April also marks the start of Holy Week. Scan the QR code to help you understand what happened on each day from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday.



## Good News from the Gospel

**5<sup>th</sup> April** - We hear the message that scripture has been fulfilled and Jesus has risen from the dead and is alive.

**12<sup>th</sup> April** - Thomas didn't believe that Jesus was alive until he saw the wounds in his hands and feet. We may have times of doubt, but Jesus is always there for us.

**19<sup>th</sup> April** - Two disciples were walking to Emmaus when Jesus joined them. Only when they shared a meal and he broke the bread did they recognise who he was. Sometimes we don't recognise Jesus at work in those around us.

**26<sup>th</sup> April** - Jesus is the good shepherd caring for us His sheep.



## Family in Faith Action

At Easter we celebrate the new life given to us through Christ's death and resurrection. When you go out spot all the signs of new life. That might be babies, lambs, bulbs flowering and trees bursting into bud.

Perhaps you could plant some seeds or bulbs and take care of them and watch them grow during the 50 days of the Easter season.



## Saints to Inspire

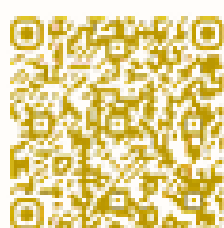
### St. Mark 25<sup>th</sup> April

Saint Mark was a follower of Jesus and the author of the Gospel of Mark. Tradition says that he was born in Jerusalem and the son of the woman whose house the apostles hid in after Jesus' death and where the Holy Spirit fell at Pentecost. He was the cousin of St. Barnabas close to St. Peter and St. Paul. It was St. Peter's teachings that the Gospel of St. Mark is based upon. He became the first bishop of Alexandria and is considered the father of Christianity in Africa.

He was martyred in AD 68.

Legend says that St. Mark was thrown to the lions but instead of attacking him they slept at his feet. In Venice on St. Mark's Day people eat Risi e Bisi or Rice and Peas

**Why not try making it**



## 21<sup>st</sup> April - National Tea Day

The slogan of the day is "Brew More. Do More." and the aim is to inspire special and heart-warming moments with tea.

**Why not invite someone to join you for a cup of tea that day or make a cup for someone with love**



# MATHS DAY!

Maths Day was a burst of colour, creativity, and enthusiasm, with children turning up in everything from geometric shapes to measuring tapes! The effort everyone put into their costumes was genuinely impressive, and it was wonderful to see so much upcycling with cardboard, old clothes, and recycled materials transformed into brilliant mathematical masterpieces. The day was filled with puzzles, challenges, and laughter, but what made it truly special was the shared celebration of imagination, hard work, and sustainability. Fun!





# SWIMMING IN SCHOOL



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It was amazing having the swimming pool on site for three weeks and observing ,not only the progress the children made , but the fun they had! All parental contributions are greatly appreciated.

# MINI MARATHON 2026

We are proud of the pupils who took part in the Mini Marathon 2026. It was a unique opportunity for children and young people to cross the iconic TCS London Marathon Finish Line and receive a Mini Marathon medal. There was a one-mile route for children in Reception and KS1 and a 2.6K route for the older children. Well done to everyone who participated



# CONGRATULATIONS



You might remember the school entered the Pride of Bracknell competition "What I Love About Bracknell Forest" ?

We were delighted to hear a Year 3 child has received an award at the Pride of Bracknell Forest 2026 as her design was selected was awarded **3rd place**. We are very proud of her and delighted she enjoyed a very special evening at the Awards ceremony.



J won a £25 Amazon voucher for herself and £250 for the school! Incredible.

Well done to E who achieved his marathon wristband at Bracknell junior parkrun, having completed 21 runs! Coincidentally this was achieved on the day of the London marathon! Excellent!



ST JOSEPH'S PTA

# UPCOMING EVENTS 2026



**MAY 22**  
SPORTS DAY  
REFRESHMENTS

**MAY 10 FAMILY FUN DAY**  
Looking for a day full of laughter, fun, and lasting memories? Bring the whole family to Family Fun Day



**JUN 19 FATHER'S DAY**  
children will have the opportunity to create a personalised gift for Dad or a loved one

**HOT CHOC/ ICE-LOLLY SALE DATES TBA**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT !**

**The Spring Disco raised  
an amazing £814.38**

# Online Safety



## Are your parental controls effective?

Information on parent controls can be found at

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

and

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/>

## Year 6 Drama

Please find below details for the second term of the Youth Theatre that is running at **South Hill Park Arts Centre**.

While the programme is advertised as being for “11 years and over,” we are delighted to confirm that **Year 6 pupils are welcome to join**, even if they are not yet 11, as long as they are in the school year.

The brand-new term kicks off next Wednesday 22nd April with a final performance on Wednesday 8th July in a professional theatre.

This is a fantastic chance for young people to:

- Develop confidence and creativity
- Learn performance and stagecraft skills
- Work with experienced theatre professionals
- Make new friends in a supportive, artistic environment



For further details or to express interest, please visit:

<https://www.southhillpark.org.uk/shp-events/wilde-sparks-youth-theatre/>

# Upcoming Events



**GEMS**

Autism & ADHD Support Service  
East Berkshire

Please visit our website to book your space - [www.Gems4Health.com](http://www.Gems4Health.com)

MAY  
**05**

7 PM TO 9 PM

*3 Part Autism Course*

MAY  
**13**

10 AM TO 12 NOON

*Empowering Calm*

MAY  
**18**

7 PM TO 9 PM

*Understanding  
Emotional Regulation*

JUNE  
**03**

10 AM TO 12 NOON

*PDA - Demand  
Avoidance*

JUNE  
**09**

7 PM TO 9 PM

*Sleep - Autism and  
ADHD*

JUNE  
**10**

10 AM TO 12 NOON

*Managing Anxiety*

JUNE  
**10**

7 PM TO 9 PM

*3 Part ADHD Course*

JULY  
**01**

10 AM TO 12 NOON

*Barriers to School,  
Can't go, Not won't go!*

TBC  
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7 PM - 9 PM

*AuDHD & Interoception  
workshop coming soon*



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Children

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# DO YOU VISIT BRACKNELL LIBRARY?



2026 is the National Year of Reading so what better time to get acquainted with one, or all 9, of your [local Bracknell Forest libraries](#).



Looking for something different to do on rainy days, in your spare time, after school and during school holidays? **Head to your local library!**

## Library membership is free!

Visit any branch with 2 x proof of ID (personal ID with signature and address ID required) to sign up for an [e+ card](#) or ask to have library membership added to your existing e+ card.

ID examples: passport, bank card, driver's licence

## Digital Collection

Our [digital collection](#) includes:

- [BorrowBox](#) – Borrow 4000+ e-books and 2000+ e-audiobooks
- [PressReader](#) – Borrow digital newspapers and magazines from the day they are published.

## Programs

Our [website](#) and Facebook page will keep you updated with the programs we offer:

- Regular children's programs (eg. Bounce & Rhyme, Storytime, eco-craft, Gamezone, Toddler Takeover, Lego Engineers)
- School holiday and one-off events
- Special events (eg. Summer Reading Challenge)
- Adult programs

## Physical Collection

Our [physical collection](#) includes:

- Books (picture books, large print, graphic novels, manga, dyslexic font texts, non-fiction, textbooks, early readers)
- DVDs
- Audio Books
- Multilingual texts and language course resources
- Local history resources

We are the only borough offering community members special **Open+ Access** to their local library – This allows registered library users who sign up to the program to access libraries outside of regular staffed hours.

	Branch	Open+ hours
Ascot Heath Library	Harmans Water Library	Monday to Friday - 8am to 8pm Saturday - 8am to 6pm Sunday - 10am to 6pm
Binfield Library	Sandhurst Library	
Birch Hill Library	Whitegrove Library	
Great Hollands Library		

Look out for upcoming special events including Easter School Holiday activities and the Summer Reading Challenge beginning in July!

We hope to see you enjoying your local library one day soon.

