# BROOKBURN NEWS

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Mon 15 Dec 2025**
9:45am School Tour for Reception / Nursery 2026 Admissions

**Tue 16 Dec 2025**
9:10am - Years 1 & 2 Christmas Play for Parents / Carers

**Wed 17 Dec 2025**
9:10am - Years 1 & 2 Christmas Play for Parents / Carers
School Christmas Lunch
Wear Christmas Jumpers
**No** Swimming Lesson for Y4

**Thu 18 Dec 2025**
Y5/6 - Brookburn's Got Talent

**Fri 19 Dec 2025**
1.40pm - Years 3-6 Winter Sing-a-long for Parents / Carers
2pm - School Closes

**Mon 5 Jan 2026**
Return to School for Spring Term

**Fri 9 Jan 2026**
Curriculum overviews sent to parents/carers

**Thu 22 Jan 2026**
9:10am Inclusion Coffee Morning in Training Room

**Mon 2-6 Feb 2026**
Place 2 Be Mental Health Week

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the festive season arrives and we come to the end of another busy and rewarding term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of our school community.

I am incredibly proud of all that our children have achieved this term, and this would not be possible without the strong, positive relationship we share with you as parents and carers. Your encouragement at home, your partnership with our staff, and your involvement in school life make a tremendous difference to our children's learning and wellbeing.

On behalf of everyone at the school, I wish you and your families a happy, peaceful, and restful holiday filled with special family time. We look forward to welcoming our children back refreshed and ready for the new term ahead on the 5th January 2026.

Best wishes,

Jen Holden
Headteacher



## Thank you and Farewell

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Hughes, our lunchtime organiser and Dolphins playworker and Ms Porter, LKS2 teaching assistant, who will both be leaving us at the end of this term.

I am sure you will all join me in wishing them all the best for the future.

## Manchester Healthy Schools Online Training

Don't forget to take a look at the online training on offer for parents through Manchester Healthy Schools.

Some of the courses available include:

- An introduction to emotion coaching on 14th January.
- Keeping your children safe online on 10th February.
- Promoting Positive Self-Image and Self-Esteem in a digital age on 22nd April
- The Teenage Brain on 2nd May.

Take a look at what's on offer by viewing the courses on their padlet:

CLICK HERE

## End of Term Events

A reminder of some end of term activities taking place:



**Year 1 & 2 Play**
**Tue 16th December**
**Wed 17th December**
**9.10am**



**Year 3-6**
**Winter Sing-a-Long**
**Fri 19th December at 1.40pm**

## Volunteers Needed!

Can you offer an hour a day to help marshall our school streets road closure?
We are looking for volunteers any day of the week from 8:15-9:15am and/or 3pm-4pm.

Please get in touch if you help by emailing:
activetravel@brookburnpta.com
Thank you in advance.

## Reminder - Apply for your child's Reception Place NOW!




The deadline to apply for your child's Reception place to start in September 2026 is fast approaching.
Make your application before the **deadline** of **Thursday 15th January.**
For more info and to make your application, visit manchester.gov.uk/admissions.

If you are not a Manchester resident, please contact the local authority in which you reside to apply.

## Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumpers Wednesday 17th December

Chef Julie and the team will be serving up a Christmas feast on Wednesday for those children who have a school meal.
Unfortunately, this year we are unable to offer a Christmas dinner for children on packed lunch however, the children will still be able to join in the fun and festivities.
**All children can come to school wearing their Christmas Jumper.**

Roast Turkey
or
Country Vegetable Pie

Roast Potatoes
Brussels Sprouts
Peas & Carrots
Sage & Onion Stuffing
Yorkshire Pudding
Gravy
Cranberry Sauce

Christmas Biscuit

# Sports Update

## Year 6 Boy's Football 3rd December at CHS

*match report written by Alban, Nate and Seb D*

At the football tournament, the more matches we played, the better we got. Fortunately, the weather conditions weren't as bad as last time.
In the first match it was 0-0 against Beaver Road.
In the second match it was 1-0 due to an unlucky refs decision.
Even though we didn't get calls our way it was still fun to go.

## Girls and Boys Futsal 8th December

Both girls and boys teams travelled to Platt Lane Sports Complex this week to compete in a futsal tournament. The children played really well and were fantastic representatives of the school.

Thank you to everyone who helped to transport the children to the venue and stayed to offer support.

# Kindness Advent Calendar

This month in school, we are focussing on kindness with a special advent calendar. Each day we are encouraged to show kindness with a different activity every day.

| Week/Date | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Week 1 Dec 1 - 5 | Help a friend or a family member with their school work or a job. | Say "thank you" to an adult in your family or at school. | Share a smile with someone who looks lonely. | Write a kind note to a classmate. | Pick up litter in the playground. |
| Week 2 Dec 8 - 12 | Compliment someone on something they've done well. | Help tidy up the classroom or your bedroom without being asked. | Listen carefully when someone is talking. | Invite someone new to join your game or group. | Draw a picture to brighten someone's day. |
| Week 3 Dec 15 - 19 | Say kind words to your family at home. | Offer to help an adult at home or at school. | Share your favourite book with a friend or sibling. | Write a thank-you card for someone who helps you. | Give a genuine compliment to a member of another class. |

# Parents guide to keeping kids healthy

Now is a good time to familiarise yourself with the symptoms of some common illnesses so that you can make an informed decision whether your child is well enough to attend school.
The UK Health Security Agency have produced a guide for parents where you can find info on common childhood illnesses, steps you can take to prevent them and ways you can help to stop them spreading.
Vist: https://ukhsa.blog.gov.uk/2024/09/04/a-parents-guide-to-keeping-kids-healthy-this-school-year/

| Week Ending | Top Score | Most Improved | Class of the Week |
|---|---|---|---|
| 28.11.25 | Harriet 2SD | Aaisha 4KW | 4KW |
| 05.12.25 | Dylan 4KW | Alfie 4MS | 3MC |

# Term Dates 2026-2027

Our term dates for 2026-2027 have been agreed and can be found below and on our website: https://brookburn.manchester.sch.uk/parents-carers/term-dates/

**Term Dates for Academic Year 2026 - 2027**

| | | | |
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| **Autumn Term 2026** | | | |
| Tuesday | 1st September 2026 | School Closed – INSET Day | 8 |
| Wednesday | 2nd September 2026 | School Starts | |
| Friday | 23rd October 2026 | School Finishes | |
| **Half-Term Break** Monday 26th October 2026 – Friday 30th October 2026 | | | |
| Monday | 2nd November 2026 | School Starts | 7 |
| Friday | 18th December 2026 | School Finishes | |
| **Christmas Holidays** Monday 21st December 2026 – Friday 1st January 2027 | | | |
| **Spring Term 2027** | | | |
| Monday | 4th January 2027 | School Starts | 6 |
| Friday | 12th February 2027 | School Finishes | |
| **Half-Term Break** Monday 15th February 2027 – Friday 19th February 2027 | | | |
| Monday | 22nd February 2027 | School Starts | 5 |
| Thursday | 25th March 2027 | School Finishes | |
| **Easter Holidays** Friday 26th March 2027 – Friday 9th April 2027 | | | |
| **Summer Term 2027** | | | |
| Monday | 12th April 2027 | School Starts | 7 |
| Monday | 3rd May 2027 | School Closed – Bank Hol | |
| Thursday | 6th May 2027 | School Closed – INSET Day | |
| Friday | 28th May 2027 | School Finishes | |
| **Half-Term Break** Monday 31st May 2027 – Friday 4th June 2027 | | | |
| Monday | 7th June 2027 | School Starts | 6 |
| Friday | 16th July 2027 | School Finishes | |
| Monday | 19th July 2027 | School Closed – INSET Day | |
| Tuesday | 20th July 2027 | School Closed – INSET Day | |
| **Summer Holidays** | | | |