



Brownsover Community School

Newsletter

Message from the Headteacher

Hello,

Happy New Year! After a very chilly start to the year and our unfortunate closure due to our boiler break down, it has been really lovely to eventually be able to welcome everyone back to a warm school. The children have all returned refreshed and ready to learn following our Christmas break. It is an absolute delight to see the children's values shining brightly and I can't wait to see all that they can achieve as they get back to their learning.

Our continent focus this term will be exploring locations using a globe, map and atlas. As always, we will be sharing our learning on google classrooms, so look out for this when you check for weekly homework and updates.

The start of the new year always provides a chance to reflect on the next steps in our school journey. I would really value your comments to support this and have set up a very short survey so that you can let us know what you feel we do well and what we could do better. Please do spare a minute to let us know your thoughts by clicking the link below by **Friday 17th January**:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfQBPdodNV3dhkyWA6IVwR597jCuVRC32fwtOBYxkAMzvKWLQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

We all know that good attendance in school has a positive impact on children's development in all areas, both academically as well as socially and

emotionally. As part of our on-going monitoring, every child's attendance is analysed regularly, and where this falls below 95%, parents are notified. The new year is a good opportunity to re-establish good attendance and punctuality habits and I would like to thank you all for your vital support in helping your children with this.

Finally, the weather has certainly become much colder this week. The snow and following flooding caused issues for lots of people at the beginning of this week. As the weather can be unpredictable at this time of year, we carry out daily risk assessments to ensure that the playground and school access points are safe to use, especially when it is icy or snowy. On occasions, we may have to close the playground access route, and if this is the case, children will be able to enter school via the main office entrance instead.

There are several ways to keep informed about school closures. You can visit Warwickshire County Council's website <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/school-term-dates-induction-days-training-days-holidays/8>, tune into the local radio or even follow the tweets from @wccschoolclosed (become a follower online at x.com/wccschoolclosed). As a school we will also endeavour to inform you via the school comms app as well as posting on the school website.

As always, many thanks for your on-going support, especially in Mrs Basnett's absence. I am sure that you will join me in wishing her well as she continues to rest and recuperate in order to be well enough to return. I know that she misses everyone, especially all of our super learners!

Kind regards,
Helen Westerby, Acting Headteacher



Parking - if you do spot dangerous parking/driving please visit the websites below to find the best route to proceed in making a complaint:

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/contact/af/contact-us-beta/contact-us/driving-vehicles-traffic/report-illegal-parking/>

Important Dates - *see our website for our full calendar*

- 7 Feb - 2.45pm Rock Up & Read
- 14 Feb - FABS Cake Sale
- 26 Feb - Next Newsletter
- 6 & 10 Mar - Parents Evening (In-Person)
- 17-28 Mar - Yr 1 Swimming
- 24 Mar - Rec Balance Bikes
- 28 Mar - FABS Mothers Day Gift
- 1 Apr - Reception Height & Weight Survey
- 4 Apr - 2.45pm Rock Up & Read
- 10 Apr - Easter Church Service TBC
- 1 May - Polling Day (School Closed)



Come and join us on a super learning journey...



Attendance

Please read this important information regarding school attendance. We know that this can be an emotive subject, but the Department for Education and the local authority have strict guidance for attendance and are clear about the impact of lost learning. We know that all children have some illness, but it is important we ensure children attend school as much as possible, particularly following the impact of the pandemic on social and emotional skills and academic learning for our young children, who may have missed out on nursery time, family time and usual interactions when they were younger, beginning life in a pandemic.

Every School Day Counts

Attendance Ladder

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It's good to be green!!

Our school is continuing to focus on attendance and punctuality are we are writing to remind you that we expect children's attendance to be at 95% - this is in line with government and Warwickshire County Council expectations too.

We currently have a number of children who are well below this attendance percentage and in some cases, it's impacting on their learning.

Every Minute Counts

LATENESS = LOST LEARNING

(Figures are calculated over a school year)

5 minutes late each day	3 days lost
10 minutes late each day	6.5 days lost
15 minutes late each day	10 days lost
20 minutes late each day	13 days lost
25 minutes late each day	19 days lost

Be at the classroom on time and ready to learn!

The tables shows the impact of absence on a child's time in school. We understand that children do get poorly and occasionally will need time off to recover. Teachers will send children home if they are not well enough to be in school, as we do not want illnesses spreading around a class.

THANK YOU SO MUCH to those families who have been working so hard to ensure children's punctuality and attendance is high or are working to improve their child's attendance.

THANK YOU for getting these important habits established early on in your child's life as it will make a difference to their futures.



Reception and Junior Applications for September 2025

If your child is currently in our Nursery or Year 2 class please make sure you have your applications in to Warwickshire County Council Admissions by 4pm on the 15 January 2025 to be considered in the first round of placing.

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/homepage/421/applying-for-a-primary-school-place>

Rock Up & Read Sessions (2.45pm-3.15pm on dates shown)

Come along and join your child for this fantastic reading session.

Each child can have a parent or carer join them to enjoy a book (please note due to classroom/library size and nature of the event we can not accommodate prams/buggies in the classroom - please use a baby carrier/sling or carry your baby in your arms).

Entry via the playground and in through your child's classroom door.

2.45pm-3.15pm - Session dates:

7 February

4 April

16 May

11 July

We look forward to seeing you there.

FABS Notices & Events

FABS upcoming events are shown below.

14 February - Cake Sale

We will be holding our usual end of half term cake sale, any cake (homemade or bought) donations can be handed in at the classroom on the morning of the 14th. Then all these fabulous goodies will be available for purchase at the end of the school day on the playground - so don't forget to bring along a few pennies if you fancy a scrumptious treat.

28 March - Mothers Day Gifts

Look out for your FABS order form coming home shortly and make sure you return it by the deadline listed.

More dates to follow.....

Don't forget if you can offer help in anyway the FABS team would be delighted to hear from you.





Parking

We have recently received complaints in the school office regarding the parking outside school.

Please could we ask

- that you are respectful of our neighbours
- do not park over/on their drives
- Leave enough room either side of their drive so that they can safely pull off their drive.

It is a very busy area at peak times but our neighbours do also have work and appointments to get to and often can't afford to be trapped on their own drive.

When the neighbours make contact with us regarding nuisance parking and aggressive behavior we always encourage them to make contact with the police as well.

There is usually plenty more parking available on Campion Way and this helps keep a safer more positive environment outside the school gate.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Metcalf Multisports Afterschool Clubs

www.metcalfmultisport.co.uk

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AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Brownsover Community School

Monday - Years 1, 2 & 5 Arrows Archery Club

Tuesday - Years 1, 2 & 5 Basic Gymnastics

14th Jan 3.15pm
To To
11th Feb 4.15pm

Contact: Ashley Metcalf
Mobile: 07792659978
Email: ashley@metcalfmultisports.co.uk

Scan the QR or follow the link below to sign up metcalf-multisports-limited.classforkids.io

Allsorts Magazine

Here is the link to the Nov/ Jan digital version of Allsorts magazine.

https://bit.ly/ALLSORTS_NOVJAN24

- you can **tap** straight to advertisers' websites too when viewing the mag on your phone (please mention allsorts).

There are lots of attraction to visit, services and articles to help your family.

You can view this issue at www.allsortsmag.com too or on the allsorts Facebook page.

Take care - Michelle Love (Editor).



Spring Term Parents Evenings - In Person Appointments

Evenings: 6 & 10 March 2025

Booking System will be live between: 14 February at 3.00pm - 5 March 10.00pm

Parents evening appointments will be in person and appointments can be booked from the 14 February when the system goes live. The earlier you log in and book the more likely you are to get your preferred time slot.

The parent login page for booking appointments is <https://brownsovercommunityschool.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

When logging in (see example below) please note that your information should match what is held on your child's SIMS record.

Parents' Evening System

Welcome to the Green Abbey parents' evening booking system. Appointments can be amended via a link from the email confirmation - please ensure your email address is correct.

Your Details

Title: Mr | First Name: John | Surname: Smith

Email Address: john.smith@gmail.com | Confirm Email Address: john.smith@gmail.com

Child's Details

First Name: Sarah | Surname: Smith | DoB dd/mm/yyyy: 26/11/2005

[Login & Continue](#)

Login

Please fill out all the details on the page. A confirmation of your appointments will be emailed to you.

Please use your child's "preferred" forename that matches our records (no abbreviations).

Date of birth – eg: 26/11/2005

For more instructions please visit our school website information page <https://www.brownsovercommunityschool.co.uk/parents-evening-appointments/>

Remember that this is an in-person appointment and you will be expected to attend the school site. Please be punctual and remember this is a 10 minute appointment only. Thank you



Brownsover Community School Calendar

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■ School Holiday
■ Public Holiday
■ Teacher Day 2 mandatory @ 3 school/2et
■ County Induction Day
■ Polling Day School Closure tbc

Please note: Boughton Leigh Junior School may on occasion book different Teacher Training Days

The 2025/2026 calendar is available at <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/school-term-dates-induction-days-training-days-holidays/3>

Events Calendar

Subscribe to the school calendar at our website and all our diary dates can be linked into your personal calendar.

<https://www.brownsovercommunityschool.co.uk/diary>

It will show all our trip dates and any events we have going on in school.

Newsletter dates are on the calendar but can also be found listed in the parent information board.

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Attendance Matters



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Family Information Service

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fis

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