BROOKFIELD NEWS 10th July

Welcome to our Weekly Newsletter

Friday 10th July 2026

Another hot one! Again, thanks to everyone for supporting us over the heatwave, I know cancelling the buses in the afternoons has been difficult for many of you, but it helps me keep everyone safe and unfortunately our bus air con just can't cope in this heat! Again, please keep an eye on our Arbor app, I will update on there and any closures on the Hereford website - trying very hard not to close! Please also send your child in with suncream/ hats wand water bottles next week as it is forecast to be hot again.

This will be my last newsletter this year as next week will be the MET newsletter from all MET schools - there are lots of lovely photos from this term. Highlights from us this term - welcoming in new pupils, SATs and GCSEs (they were amazing!), the School Games and sports days, whole school trips to Little Owls and Lakeside.

Your child's reports have gone out this week, with details of their new teacher and support staff. It was genuinely a pleasure to read them all, and hear how proud of the children our staff are. I am constantly amazed by their achievements.

This year has been exceptionally busy and the building work has meant that there has been disruption for a large amount of time for our KS3 and KS4 pupils. The pupils have been wonderful - the amount of changes, plus having builders on site and moving from Gardners Hall/ Broadlands has been a huge amount to cope with, and they have done incredibly well.

They have yet again been an inspiration to us, and we are so proud of their achievements: from sitting SATs and GCSEs, taking part in School Games and county athletics, behaving beautifully when out in the community, to learning to self-regulate and build resilience.

Over the summer, there will be some more changes to the school. Teme building (where KS4 are currently located) will become the home of Defenders and Incredibles class and Yazor will remain as a primary building for our upper KS2 pupils. KS3 and KS4 will be based in Grandstand. There will be further building work completed across the site to ensure that the playgrounds and outdoor spaces are fit for purpose and the Arrow Centre will also be fully refurbished. In the Autumn Term, we hope to welcome you all in to see all our wonderful new spaces.

Your child's transport may change; this is controlled by the Local Authority, and drivers/ escorts will be in touch to discuss collection and drop off times in the summer. If you have not been notified of arrangements by September 1st, please contact and we will try our best to support with this.

Every year we welcome in new staff and pupils, and sometimes we say goodbye. This year is a very special goodbye as we wave off Jill Hurst, our Deputy Head who has been at the school for many years. Jill has had several roles, working as a teacher in primary, before becoming Assistant and then Deputy Head. She has known many of our pupils for their whole Brookfield experience! She will be missed and we wish her good luck for the future.

We welcome back Rhiannon Roberts and Lexi Dorsett after maternity leave and also welcome in our new Assistant Headteachers – Emily Tattum who, as many of you know, has been a teacher and English lead here at Brookfield for several years, and Jack Ross who joins us from Worcestershire where he was leading an SEMH Inclusion base.

Thanks again for working with me and the team to ensure this year we managed to stay open and for some kind of normality despite the building work. The pupils have done us, and you, proud and I am so lucky to work with such supportive and positive families.

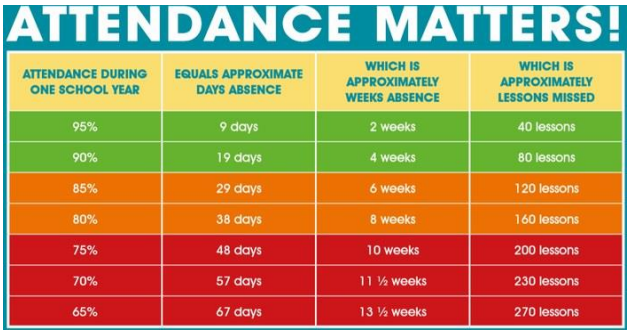
We will see you all in September, ready and raring to go for another exciting year at Brookfield!

If you have any questions, please do get in touch:

With best wishes

Michelle Parkes, Headteacher

Attendance 88 % Whole School



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

ATTENDANCE DURING ONE SCHOOL YEAR	EQUALS APPROXIMATE DAYS ABSENCE	WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY WEEKS ABSENCE	WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY LESSONS MISSED
95%	9 days	2 weeks	40 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	80 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	120 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	160 lessons
75%	48 days	10 weeks	200 lessons
70%	57 days	11 ½ weeks	230 lessons
65%	67 days	13 ½ weeks	270 lessons

Defenders 88.9%

Incredibles 88%

Avengers 87.8%

Titans 82.4%

Marvels 82.4%

7W 89.9%

8R 75.6%

Pathways 52.8%

Arrow 44.4%

9M 78.8%

9T 80.8%

10H 54.4%

Lakeside trip for secondary and Marvels

Marvels, 7W, 8R, 9M, 9T and 10H went off to the lakeside water park in Llandridnod Wells - it was such a great day! Don't tell anyone but they allowed us to jump in the lake it was so hot - although most of the paddleboarders 'fell off' on purpose! I am personally not speaking to half of Y10 after they ganged up on me in kayaks and splashed me until I was soaking! Everyone was really well behaved, and it was great to get out of the hot classrooms and get out on the water, they were really sensible, I was especially proud of a few people who were nervous - almost everyone had a go at something.

Great British Summer Savings

Rising prices can make life's little treats harder to afford, especially during the school holidays when costs build up for families. This Government is determined to help, and that is why last month the Chancellor announced the *Great British Summer Savings* scheme.

From 25 June to 1 September 2026, the Government is temporarily cutting VAT from 20% to 5% on children's meals in restaurants, children and family tickets to cinemas, theatres, concerts and exhibitions, and admission to a wide range of attractions. Combined with free bus travel during August for children aged 5 to 15 in England, families and young people will be able to enjoy experiences that make summer special, including visits to the kinds of cultural and educational attractions that enrich children's lives outside the classroom.

The public are ready to get behind the scheme and are keen to take advantage of the discounts available. As trusted pillars of their communities, schools play a vital role in connecting families with important information.

We need you to help spread the word. So please share details of the *Great British Summer Savings* scheme through your newsletters, school apps, and other communications to parents and carers, so that the families in your school community know about the experiences they can enjoy this summer for less.

This forms part of a broader effort by the Government to ease financial pressures on families. From ending the two-child limit and expanding free school meals, to rolling out free breakfast clubs and delivering 30 hours of free childcare, this Government is taking action to put more money back into parents' pockets and give every child the best possible start in life.

As part of this campaign, we have launched an **attraction finder** website which allows families to type in their postcode and find participating venues near them to make the most of summer savings. To use the attraction finder, please visit https://summersavings.gov.uk.

Businesses can find out more about the VAT reduction by visiting GOV.UK and searching 'Temporary reduced rate of VAT for family attractions'.

Yours sincerely,

RT HON BRIDGET PHILLIPSON MP

Secretary of State for Education

Parent News for Y7s up

Halo offer a discounted Teen pass for children aged 12+ for the summer

[Halo Leisure Teen Fit Hit Summer Pass]

Little Owls trip for Primary

Incredibles, Defenders, Titans and Avengers went on their annual trip to Little Owls Farm park - they had the most amazing day, I am so jealous, those slides look loads of fun - look at those smiles!

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Summer holidays are a wonderful opportunity for children to relax, explore new experiences and make lasting memories. While reading often takes centre stage, keeping up with writing can also make a huge difference to children's confidence and success when they return to school in September.

The good news is that writing doesn't have to mean sitting at a desk completing worksheets. Some of the best writing happens when children are having fun, being creative and sharing their experiences with others.

Here are some simple and enjoyable ways to keep writing skills active throughout the summer:

🌞 Keep a Summer Adventure Journal

Encourage your child to spend just a few minutes each day recording something memorable from their day. This could be:

A trip to the beach

A visit to family or friends

A favourite meal

Something funny that happened

Photographs, drawings and tickets from days out can also be added to create a treasured summer keepsake.

✉️ Send a Postcard or Letter

Children love receiving post, and they often enjoy sending it too. Whether writing to grandparents, friends or even their future teacher, letters provide a real purpose for writing.

Challenge them to:

Describe a day out

Recommend a book

Share a funny holiday story

📖 Create a Comic Book

For reluctant writers, comic strips can be a fantastic way to develop storytelling skills.

Children can:

Invent a superhero

Create an animal adventure

Tell the story of a family holiday

Speech bubbles and illustrations make writing feel less daunting while still building literacy skills.

🍽️ Become a Recipe Writer

Cooking and writing make a perfect combination!

Ask children to:

Write ingredients lists

Create step-by-step instructions

Invent their own summer smoothie or pizza recipe

They can even design a family recipe book.

🔎 Go on a Writing Treasure Hunt

During walks or visits, challenge children to:

List five interesting things they spot

Describe something using all five senses

Write clues for a treasure hunt

This develops vocabulary and observation skills in a fun and active way.

🎤 Become a Reporter

Children can interview family members about:

Their favourite childhood memories

Summer holidays from long ago

Interesting jobs or hobbies

They can then write a short newspaper article based on what they discover.

🎲 Play Story Games

Take turns adding a sentence to a story. One person starts and each family member adds the next part of the adventure.

For an extra challenge:

Roll a dice to choose a character

Pick a random setting

Include a mystery object

The sillier the story, the better!

📱 Use Technology Creatively

Many children enjoy writing when technology is involved.

They could:

Write a blog-style holiday diary

Create captions for photographs

Produce reviews of films, books or days out

Make a digital family newsletter

🌟 Remember...

The aim is not perfection—it's practice. A few minutes of enjoyable writing each week helps children maintain confidence, creativity and communication skills ready for the new school year.

Most importantly, celebrate effort, ideas and imagination. Writing should be seen as an opportunity to express thoughts, tell stories and capture memories. We wish all our pupils and families a happy, safe and creative summer holiday and look forward to hearing all about your adventures in September! MET ✍️🌞📚

Vacancies

To view the latest vacancies across Mercian Educational Trust please visit our website here: Vacancies - Mercian Educational Trust

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