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**Reminder** - If you need newsletters or policies translated, please contact the office.

The following dates are a small fraction of the term and diary dates the school have arranged. Please check our website for future dates, events, Insets and term dates: [Broom Barns Primary School » Diary Dates](#)

Thu 3rd April 2025	Nursery Last Day of Term
Thu 3rd April 2025, 5:00pm - 6:30pm	Easter Family Disco – all children must be accompanied
Fri 4th April 2025	Nursery Closed
Fri 4th April 2025	Reports go out
Fri 4th April 2025, 1:30pm	Children Finish at 1.30pm End of Term
Mon 7th April - Mon 21st April	Easter Break and Bank Holiday
<b>Tue 22nd April, 8.50am</b>	<b>Children return to school at 8.50am</b>



## New Payments on Parent App

Parents/Carers using the Arbor Parent App can now use the basket feature that was previously exclusive to the Arbor Parent Portal.

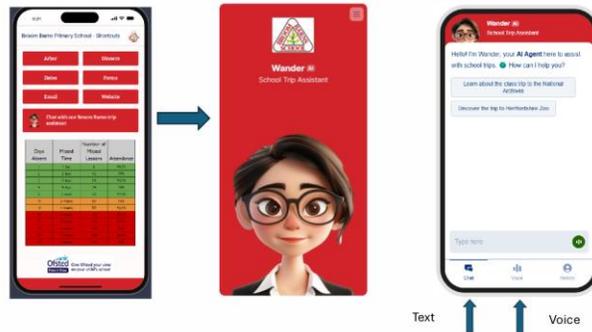
# Broom Barns Shortcut App

<https://eu.jotform.com/app/250513723827355>

Please save this app to your phone or tablet as it will link you to our most popular websites e.g. Schoolgrid (dinner), Arbor, our website etc.

You can also ask our AI assistant, Wonder, questions 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, such as 'When is the Year 4 trip?' or 'How much are school dinners?' or

'When is the Year 1 assembly?'



Text ↑ ↑ Voice

**We hope you find this new resource helpful and get answers to your questions quickly.**



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## Free School Meals - Update

Please note that the process of ending the protection of FSM eligibility from Universal Credit began on the Tuesday 1st April 2025.

Any pupil with a start date for FSM after 31st March 2025 will not be protected from Universal Credit and can be assigned an end date for FSM depending on their circumstances.

Any pupil with a start date for FSM between 1st March 2018 and 31st March 2025 (inclusive) will continue to be protected from Universal Credit until the end of their current phase of education, e.g. primary in Year 6 or secondary in Year 11, at which point they can be assigned an end date for FSM depending on their circumstances.

## Easter Raffle Winners

Odyssey £50 voucher	Poppy Y5
Book & pen set	Jasmine YR
Ball	TJ
Woody's Play Barn day out	JJ Y3
Tape Art set	Maahi Y4
Barbie bumper puzzle	Gracie Y2
Twirl egg	Kacper Y2
Crème egg	Sonny Y2
Mini eggs	Lillia Y5
Ninja Turtle Mega Boks	Hudson YR
Star Wars	Oliver YR
Bunny soft toy & sweets	Eloise Y1
Rabbit pad, pen, stamps etc	Tallulah Y1
Chick pad, pen, stamps etc	Stanley Y3
Squishmallows set	George YR
Sewing chick	Vaanya Y6
Sewing rabbit	Lola Y1

## Think Pharmacy First

Did you know that Pharmacies can now offer NHS clinical appointments with medication available if required for four clinical conditions particularly relevant to school age children? Earache (Children aged 1-17) Sore Throat (over 5s) Infected Insect bites (Over 1s) Impetigo (Over 1s) Visit your local pharmacy for more information.

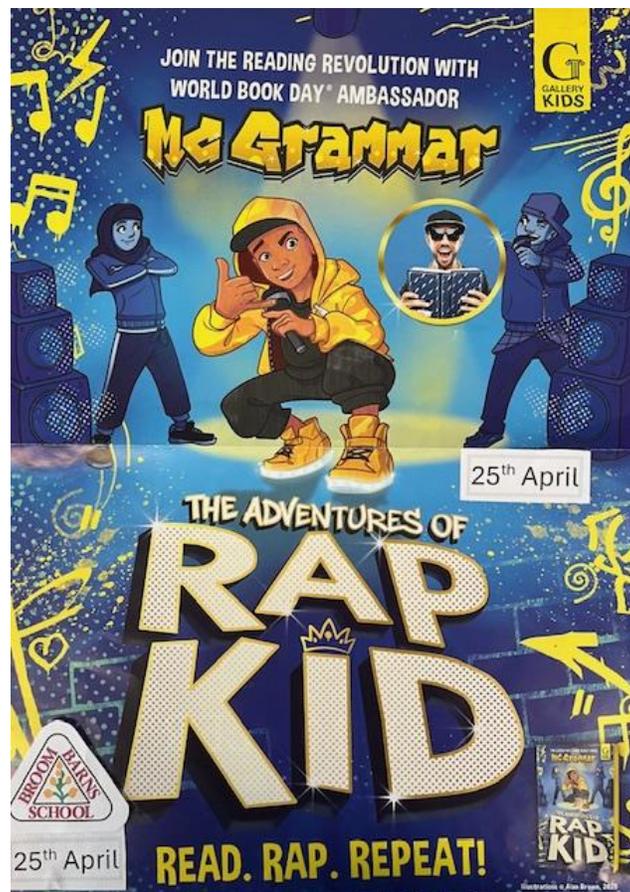
To find a local pharmacy see: <https://www.nhs.uk/service-search/pharmacy/find-a-pharmacy>



Paid for by the School

We are really pleased to inform you MC Grammar will be visiting the children on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2025. This visit has been paid for by the school.

In addition to being a rapping teacher, he is also an English advisor from London. To find out more please visit his website; [MC Grammar | Home | Music & Lessons | England](#)



# New Dish for 2025

**Mega Mondays**

**Tasty Tuesday**

**Roast Wednesday**

**Try It Thursday**

**Fishy Fridays**

## CHOICE SUMMER

V = Vegetarian | VG = Vegan | GF = Gluten Free  
 For full allergen information please refer to our website. All products are prepared in a kitchen that handles products containing gluten. If your school has asked to include meat meals. These dietary options will show on Schooldo at the point of selection. Menus are subject to change. Refer to Schooldo for any menu changes.

### WEEK 1

Weeks starting:  
 21st Apr, 12th May, 2nd Jun,  
 23rd Jun, 14th Jul

Margherita Pinwheel (V)  
 Authentic Vegetable Curry & Steamed Rice (VG) (GF)  
 Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)  
 Green Beans, Sweetcorn  
 Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread  
 Fruit Ice Lolly (VG)  
 Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

Chilli Con Carne with Nachos & Steamed Rice (GF)  
 Summer Pesto Pasta (VG) ★  
 Soft Roll with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)  
 Peas, Carrots  
 Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread  
 Chocolate Cookie (VG)  
 Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

Roast Chicken (GF)  
 Vegetable Burrito (VG)  
 Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)  
 Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Savoy Cabbage, Gravy  
 Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread  
 Fresh Melon Slices (VG)  
 Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

Hand Stretched Peppertoni or Sweetcorn Pizza with Garlic Slice (V)  
 Indian Butter Chicken & Rice (GF) ★  
 Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)  
 Sweetcorn, Carrots  
 Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread  
 Cherry & Apple Crumble & Custard (V) ★  
 Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

Breaded Fish Fingers or Salmon Fishcakes  
 Italian Tomato Pasta (VG)  
 Soft Roll with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)  
 Chips, Peas, Baked Beans, Ketchup  
 Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread  
 Snickerdoodle Cookie (VG) ★  
 Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

### WEEK 2

Weeks starting:  
 28th Apr, 19th May, 9th Jun,  
 30th Jun, 21st Jul

Hand Stretched Margherita or Pineapple Pizza (V)  
 Mild Bean Chili with Nachos (VG)  
 Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)  
 Baked Potato Wedges, Sweetcorn, Green Beans  
 Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread  
 Strawberry Mousse (V) ★  
 Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

Summer Pastitsio (A Greek Bolognese Pasta Bake) ★  
 Plant Based Pasta Bolognese (VG)  
 Baguette with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)  
 Sweetcorn, Carrots  
 Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread  
 Homemade Shortbread (VG)  
 Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

Roast Chicken (GF)  
 Quorn Gali (V)  
 Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)  
 New Potatoes, Carrots, Peas, Gravy  
 Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread  
 Red Velvet Brownie (V)  
 Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

Oven Baked Sausages  
 Creamy Cajun Pasta Bake (V) ★  
 Baguette with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)  
 Mashed Potatoes, Sweetcorn, Cabbage, Gravy  
 Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread  
 Jelly & Fruit (VG)  
 Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

Breaded Fish Fingers  
 Crispy Dippers (VG)  
 Baguette with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)  
 Chips, Peas, Baked Beans, Ketchup  
 Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread  
 Ginger Cookie (VG)  
 Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

### WEEK 3

Weeks starting:  
 5th May, 26th May  
 16th Jun, 7th Jul

Hand Stretched Margherita Pizza with Garlic Slice (V)  
 Spinach & Potato Curry & Rice (VG)  
 Sandwich with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)  
 Green Beans, Sweetcorn  
 Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread  
 Chocolate Crispy Cake (VG)  
 Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

The Dolce All Day Breakfast  
 The Dolce All Day Breakfast (V)  
 Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)  
 Hash Brown, Baked Beans, Peas  
 Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread  
 Fresh Fruit Salad (VG)  
 Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

Roast Chicken (GF)  
 Potatouille Pasta (VG)  
 Sandwich with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)  
 Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Savoy Cabbage, Gravy  
 Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread  
 Dairy Fruit Crunch (VG) ★  
 Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

Macaroni Cheese (V)  
 Chicken Katsu Curry & Steamed Rice  
 Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)  
 Green Beans, Sweetcorn  
 Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread  
 Jelly & Ice Cream (V) ★  
 Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

Breaded Fish Fingers  
 Fishless Fingers (VG) ★  
 Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)  
 Chips, Peas, Baked Beans, Ketchup  
 Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread  
 Apple Cake (V)  
 Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt



# Get the right help at the right time



early help, brighter futures

## Need advice and support for your family?

-  Relationship support
-  Parenting Advice & Courses
-  Emotional & Mental Health
-  Staying healthy
-  School attendance/anxiety
-  Money advice
-  Services for Young People
-  SEND Local Offer
-  Search local services
-  and much more



Visit Hertfordshire's Families First website:-  
[www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/familiesfirst](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/familiesfirst)

# After School Clubs

All clubs are charged in advance. Clubs are non-refundable if a child misses a session or drops out. If for any reason the school has to cancel a club you will be refunded for that session. **Please check individual clubs for the dates they will be running.**

## **Important please note:**

1. A Late Collection Fee will be charged if your child/ren are not collected from clubs. Please see our Failure to Collect a Child and Late Collection Policy.
2. All children must be collected and signed out of the clubs by a **known adult** between October half term and February half term. Year 5 and Year 6 pupil will only be allowed to walk home from clubs after February half term until October half term with written parental permission.
3. Children will only be offered a place at a club once payment has been received.
4. All clubs are charged in advance and are non-refundable if a child misses a session or drops out. If for any reason the school has to cancel a club you will be refunded for that session.
5. Any clubs run by outside agencies will charge their own fees as they are not set by the school.

# Statutory Attendance Support Team Penalty Notice Fines – Sept 2024



## Helping Parents understand Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance

From 19 August 2024, there is a National Framework for Penalty Notice Fines being issued for unauthorised absences recorded by schools.

### National Threshold

A single consistent national threshold for when a Penalty Notice **must** be considered by **ALL** schools in England, this is:

- 10 sessions (usually equivalent to 5 school days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10 school week period.
- These sessions do not have to be consecutive and can be made up of a combination of any type of unauthorised absence.
- For example, a 5-day unauthorised leave of absence would meet the national threshold.
- The 10-school week period can span different terms or school years.

### Who may be fined?

- Penalty Notice Fines are issued to each parent who allows their child to be absent without authorisation from school.
- For example, 3 siblings absent for unauthorised leave during term-time would result in each parent/carer receiving 3 separate fines.

### Definition of Parent

- Section 576 of the Education Act 1996 states that, in relation to a child or young person, a 'parent' includes any person who is not a parent (from which can be inferred 'biological parent') but who has parental responsibility for or care of the child.
- Parent refers to a person who typically has care of a child or young person if the child lives with them either full or part time and they look after them, irrespective of what their biological or legal relationship is with the child.

### First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence, the fine amount will be:

- £80 per parent, per child if paid **within 21 days**.
- If **not paid within 21 days**, the fine will increase to **£160 per parent, per child**, payable between the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> day.

### Second Offence (within 3 years)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence, a reduced rate is not available. The amount therefore will be:

- £160 per parent, per child – payable within 28 days.

### Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed, a Penalty Notice **WILL NOT** be issued, and the case will be presented **straight to the Magistrate's Court**:

- **Prosecution** can result in **criminal records** and **fines of up to £2,500**.
- Cases found **guilty** in a **Magistrates Court** can show on the parent's future DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) certificate (Disclosure and Barring Service) due to a **'failure to safeguard a child's education'**.

# Stevenage Cricket Club Juniors

HAVE A GO  
FOR FREE!

Starts 27th  
of April

Sunday mornings  
10-11:30

8-15 Year olds



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What you need to know about...

# FRIENDS & FOLLOWERS



## What are they?

### 'Friends & Followers'

What makes social media actually 'social' are the connections users make with other users on the platforms. Every social networking site handles these connections differently, calling them 'connections', 'friends' and 'followers', amongst others. Having friends and followers is how we find out what other people say and do. Your friends and followers are much more likely to see your online content than those outside of your network, which is why it's important to be mindful of who you connect with and what you share. On some platforms, if two accounts follow each other, this may allow additional communication channels such as private messaging.

**Ellie-May**  
FRIENDS ✓  
28 Followers

**Oscar**  
FRIENDS ✓  
147 Followers

**Kumail**  
FRIENDS ✓  
63 Followers

**Jada**  
FRIENDS ✓  
56 Followers

**Amelia**  
FRIENDS ✓  
45 Followers

## Know the Risks

### Access to private information

This may include your child's home address, school, date of birth, names of siblings or other relations, as well as seeing photos that inadvertently contain sensitive information. This is completely harmless information for genuine friends or family but could cause issues in the hands of a criminal.



### Catfishing

'Catfishing' is the common name given to an individual posing as someone else on social media. They do this to try and befriend typically young and vulnerable people who they look to then take advantage of. Unfortunately, there are many examples of this happening across the world that have had real-life consequences.

### Online bullying

Once a connection is made on social media, there is the potential to send private messages between individuals. It is difficult for social networks and other users to see what is being said between accounts. This provides an opportunity for bullies to victimise individuals and can create a dangerous spiral of online activity.

## Safety Tips

### Check privacy settings

Platforms such as Facebook allow users to modify their privacy settings, which means people who are not friends can't see all your profile information. It's also possible to hide this information for some or all of your connections. Always make sure your child's accounts are set to private.



### Talk about strangers

Make sure children understand that they should only connect with people that they know or can completely trust. They should be wary of anyone messaging them frequently who they don't know in real life or have never spoken to or actually seen online. Catfish will stick to text-based messaging only, to keep their identity secret.

### Delete old connections

Children should be mindful that everything they share will probably exist online forever and that they shouldn't share anything that gives too much information away. Every now and again, they should delete old connections that they no longer spend time with. Old accounts can easily be hacked, exposing personal information to strangers.

## Further Support

### Encourage an open dialogue

It's really important that your children know that they can speak to someone about anything they're not sure of online. It's crucial that they know they won't be judged or told off for anything they've done; it's far more important to know if they're in danger or worried about something.

### Seek additional guidance

If your child wants to spend a lot of time online and is displaying compulsive or addictive behaviour, is negative, struggles with schoolwork and reduces real-life interactions or has frequent changes in mood, they could be experiencing negative interactions online. Speak to them and seek support from their school or your local safeguarding team if you think your child has been affected.

## Our Expert

**Emma Davis**



Emma Davis is a cyber security expert and former ICT teacher. She delivers cyber awareness training to organisations nationally and has extensive knowledge and experience of managing how children access services and apps online.