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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](#)

Mon 3rd February 2025, 9:00am - 10:30am	Year 2 trip to the library - Free
Mon 3rd February 2025, 10:00am - 11:30am	Year 4 trip to the library - Free
Tue 4th February 2025, 9:00am - 10:30am	Year 3 trip to the library - Free
Tue 4th February 2025, 9:00am - 10:30am	Year 5 trip to the library - Free
Thu 6th February 2025, 1:30pm - 3:15pm	Year 6 trip to the library - Free
Fri 7th February 2025, 2:45pm	Year 4 Assembly
Wed 12th February 2025, 2:30pm - 3:15pm	Book Look Year 1 to Year 3
Thu 13th February 2025	Children Finish at 3.20pm for Half Term
Thu 13th February 2025, 2:30pm - 3:15pm	Book Look Y4-Y6
Fri 14th February 2025	Inset Day – School Closed to Pupils
Mon 17th February 2025 - Fri 21st February 2025	Half Term

Monday 24th February

Children return to school for registration at 8.50am



Due to the increase in the National Living, the National Insurance (NI) contribution increase and the reduction in the NI threshold represent a considerable increase in school meals costs. The new price from 31st March will be £3.02 per child.

To ensure your child receives the meal of their choice please book the meals before 8.30am every day, or a week in advance.

If you would like to follow us on Instagram, **please send you Instagram username into school via your Arbor App** messages, so we can confirm identity. Thank you. The school also has an Instagram account: Broombarnsprimary (Official). Please note we do not use the Instagram message section for communication.





Dear Parents and Carers,

As the vice chair of the governing body, I would like to introduce myself. I am Mrs Julie Ashley-Wren and I previously taught at Broom Barns, in Year 3 and the Nursery. I can hand on heart say that it is the best school I have ever taught in. After retiring, in July 2022, I made the decision to continue to be part of the school as a governor. As vice chair of the governing body, I remain committed to the school and the children.

It is hard to believe that we have already completed the first term of this school year, and what a term it has been. The Governing Body, throughout the Autumn term, have been busy working in Partnership with the Senior Leadership Team in reviewing available school performance data, managing strategic decisions and focusing on the key areas of the School Development Plan. I am extremely pleased to report that the school continues to strive for perfection in all areas with a team of highly committed staff.

An area of focus for the governing body is to improve school attendance. Regular school attendance means pupils attending school every day it is open, except in certain circumstances. Parents have a legal duty to ensure their child attends school regularly.

Being in school is important to your child's academic achievement, wellbeing, and wider development. There is evidence to suggest that regular school attendance is a key mechanism to support children and young people's educational, economic and social outcomes. Attendance at school is crucial to prepare young people for successful transition to adulthood, and to support their longer term economic and social participation in society.

As you are aware, the government have introduced fines for poor school attendance including holidays during term time. There are a number of measures in place to prevent a fixed penalty notice being issued and the school will work with you to utilise the support available with the aim of preventing fixed penalty notices being issued to parents. These measures will require us all to work together and parents to engage fully with the school.

I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible during the coming months and would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support to our school.

With best wishes

Mrs Julie Ashley-Wren

Vice Chair of Governors



Thank

Thank you for your understanding during the building work in the Haven area. Both canopies have been replaced and are looking good.

You

Children can now enter their classes through their classroom doors and pupils attending breakfast club or boosters through the dining room.

Breakfast Booster with Mrs Webb

ENDING - The Year 3 and Year 4 (Tue/Thu) and the Year 5 and Year 6 (Mon/Wed/Fri) morning breakfast maths boosters will both end at February half term.

Year 3 to Year 5 - From 24th February 2025, please do not send your child into school early unless they are booked into the paid for Breakfast Club. Thank you.

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STARTING - From Monday 24th February a new breakfast maths booster with Mrs Webb will be open to **YEAR 6 children only**, every morning (Monday to Friday) until Friday 16th May.

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CONTINUING - Mrs Haines' small group breakfast booster, for selected children, will continue until further notice.

All after school booster groups will continue until further notice.

Collection of Pupils

We would like to remind you that, for safety reasons, children under the age of 16 are not permitted to collect students from Broom Barns Primary. We kindly ask for your cooperation in ensuring that collections are made by an adult/16+. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Upcoming Events

Tue 4th March 2025 - Y5 Workshop with the police starts



Year 5 pupils will be joined by PCSOs from the Stevenage Neighbourhood Policing Team, for a special four-week mini police course.

Mini Police is a fun and interactive opportunity for children aged between 9 and 11, which allows them to learn about key issues. The programme aims to build trust with communities, promote responsible citizenship and help young people establish an interest and understanding in policing and community safety.



Safari Stu Workshops - paid for by the school

Safari Stu is passionate about animals and will be visiting us on 5th March. He will be bringing with him animals such as: snakes, tarantula, lizards, tortoises, skunks (de-scented) and a wide range of insects including a hissing cockroach! The children will be able to touch some of these animals too if they feel comfortable.



We are hoping that the children will learn about these animals from a dedicated and passionate animal handler. We are aiming to provide a different and valuable experience for the children to remember. Each class will have an hour with Safari Stu and his animals.



Thu 6th March 2025 - 'Long Time Ago' & 'Baby Dinosaur' - paid for by the school

The Life Long Ago fossil dig workshop brings prehistoric life to pupils. The children will locate and identify fossils from some of the most iconic dinosaurs of the past; Tyrannosaurus Rex, Stegosaurus, Triceratops and a few other surprises are all thrown in. The children will learn when each dinosaur lived, where they came from, what they ate and much more.



Pupils will meet an animatronic Parasauralophus and other young dinosaurs. Their expert dinosaur handler introduces the realistic hatchlings whilst explaining about their family, diet, habitat and what the era was like millions of years ago.



Fri 7th March 2025 - Silly Science Workshops - paid for by the school

Silly Science Workshops are hands-on experiential opportunities to get children excited about science and the world around them!



Mon 10th March 2025 - Beginner STEMbotics - paid for by the school

During the workshop pupils can build, from instructions, a range of different designs, or get creative and design and build their own robots.



Mon 17th March 2025 - St. Patrick's Irish Dance Day - paid for by the school

The Irish dance workshop brings the enthusiasm for Irish dance, music and storytelling. The professional dancer leads each class in Irish step-dancing to lively tempos. Everyone joins in with the unique style of rapid foot movements, precise steps and an upright body posture.



Thu 27th March 2025 - Big Foot Workshops - paid for by the school

The Story Tree Stories are Bigfoot's collection of exciting, interactive programmes for children. Each programme consists of a performance workshop, in which they will meet the Story tree tickler who looks after the tree and all its stories.



Mon 31st March 2025 - Y6 Knex Workshop - paid for by the school

K'NEX workshops are educational programs that use K'NEX construction kits to teach engineering, design, and problem-solving skills. K'NEX workshops can be offered to children of all ages and abilities.

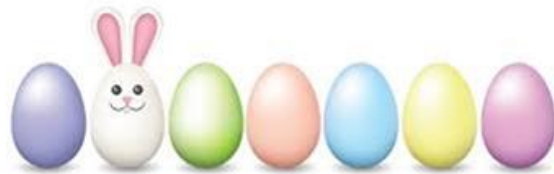
Easter Family Disco 2025



We will be holding a Family Easter Disco on Thursday 3rd April from 5pm-6.30pm. There will be a licensed bar, refreshments, raffle and some small stalls.

As this is a family disco, all children must be accompanied and supervised by an adult. This event has proved to be very popular in the past so we would encourage you to get your tickets early.

Tickets are £2 per person (adult or child), tickets can be purchase via your Arbor App or Portal and the closing date for tickets is midday on 2nd April 2025.



EASTER RAFFLE - TWO CHANCES TO WIN

We will be running an Easter raffle. Tickets are £1 per strip and will be on sale through your child's individual class or online.

1. The '**Class** Easter Raffle' will be drawn first.
2. Once each class raffle winner has been drawn, all tickets sold will be entered into a whole school draw for a grand prize.

The class raffles will be drawn in the morning on 3rd April. The ticket will then go to the whole school raffle, tickets will also be sold at the Easter family disco and will be drawn in the morning on Friday 4th April.