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February 2026

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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

FRI 6TH FEBRUARY 2026, 2:45PM	Year 4 Assembly to Parents/Carers
WED 11TH FEBRUARY 2026, 2:30PM - 3:30PM	Y1 To Y3 Book Look
THU 12TH FEBRUARY 2026, 2:30PM - 3:30PM	Y4 To Y6 Book Look
FRI 13TH FEBRUARY 2026	Inset Day
MON 16TH FEBRUARY 2026 - FRI 20TH FEBRUARY	Half Term
FRI 27TH FEBRUARY 2026, 2:45PM	Year 5 Assembly to Parents/Carers
MON 2ND MARCH 2026	Secondary Allocation Day
MON 2ND MARCH 2026, 9:00AM - 12:00PM	Year 6 Knex
FRI 6TH MARCH 2026, 2:45PM	Reception Assembly to Parents/Carers
WED 11TH MARCH 2026	Night Owls Visiting (Inc Photos)
FRI 13TH MARCH 2026, 2:45PM	Year 3 Assembly to Parents/Carers
FRI 20TH MARCH 2026, 2:45AM	Year 2 Assembly to Parents/Carers
THU 26TH MARCH 2026, 5:00PM - 6:30PM	Children's Disco - tickets sold on Arbor
FRI 27TH MARCH 2026	Nursery Closed
FRI 27TH MARCH 2026, **1:30PM**	End Of Term
FRI 27TH MARCH 2026,	School Reports Go Out
MON 30TH MARCH 2026 - FRI 10TH APRIL 2026	Easter Break

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Policies can be found at - [Broom Barns Primary School » Policies]

Latest Policies Updated are:

1. Key Holder Policy
2. Attendance – including Government website links

Mr Martin has worked as a Teaching Assistant at Broom Barns since 2012 and has now made the decision to enjoy a well-earned retirement.

We would like to wish Mr Martin a wonderful retirement filled with joy and relaxation.

Mrs Ahmed has worked in many roles at the Broom Barns since 2013; Midday Supervisor Assistant, Teaching Assistant, Higher Level Teaching Assistant and Pastoral Care Worker.

Sadly, Mrs Ahmed has made the difficult decision to leave due to personal reasons. We would like to wish her well for the future.

We are excited to announce that Broom Barns School will be holding a Disco for children in Reception to Year 6 on: Thursday, 26th March from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM
(This event is for Broom Barns children only.)

Tickets: Will be available to purchase through your Arbor App at £2 per child. Only one ticket per child can be purchased under each child's own name in Arbor.

Collection: **All children must be collected by a known adult at 6:30 PM.**

Easter Raffle

Two Chances to Win!

We will also be running an Easter Raffle. Tickets are 20p each and will be sold through your child's individual class or online at £1 per strip (via Arbor).

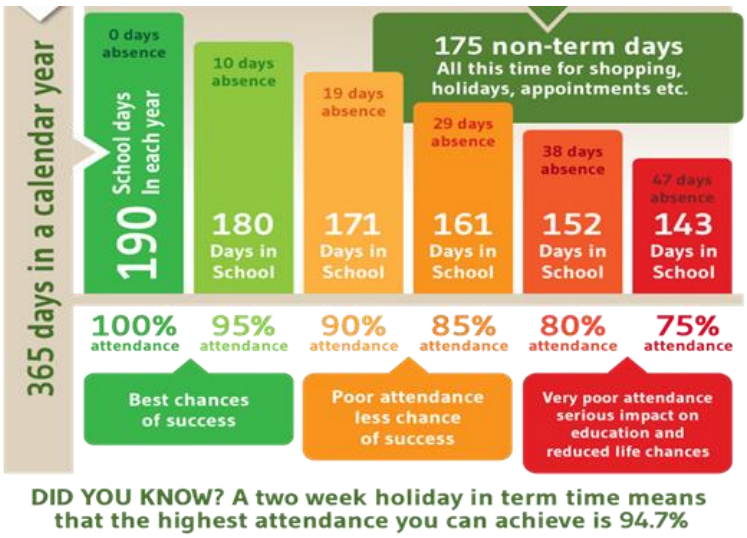
1. Each class will hold its own raffle first.
2. After the class winners are drawn, all tickets sold will be entered into a whole-school draw for a grand prize.

Attendance

Broom Barns Primary School promotes positive attendance and punctuality at school, and this remains a high priority. The school staff and Board of Governors, alongside the Local Authority, believe that it is essential for all pupils to attend school on time and regularly and avoid any unnecessary absences. Any loss of time at school can adversely affect a child's attainment and all pupils benefit from regular school attendance.

Sept to Jan

NUR	REC	1	2	3	4	5	6
84%	91.9%	94.7%	94.8%	95.4%	93.6%	95.2%	94.6%



Pupil School Reports

We would like to inform you that pupil school reports will be available to download by the end of the day on Friday, 27th March 2026.

Reports can be accessed through:

- Arbor App (on your phone or tablet)
- Arbor Portal (on a PC or laptop)
- Simple instruction can be found on Broom Barns Primary School » Payments & Communication in the 'Getting Started' section.

Please ensure you are able to log in to your Arbor account in advance. If you experience any difficulties, contact the school office for assistance

Young Voices 2026 – 30th Anniversary

Young Voices is the world's largest children's choir, organizing massive arena concerts across the UK where thousands of primary school children perform together as a single choir, supported by professional musicians and special guests, to build confidence and foster a love of music.

The children experienced the energy of the O2 and delighted in knowing the songs and being part of an 8,000-9,000 choir. We are incredibly proud of the hard work the children have put into learning the songs and routines and really enjoyed seeing them shine during the performance. It is an event that will stay with them for many years to come, and we are delighted they had the chance to be part of something so special.

Clubs This Half Term (Feb to Mar) available to book from 6th Feb

Y4 to Y6 Soft Tip Archery – Mondays – 23rd Feb to 23rd Mar (5 sessions)

Y1 & Y2 Rapid Fire Cricket – Tuesdays – 24th Feb to 24th Mar
(4 sessions – NOT running 17th March)

Y3 to Y6 Cricket– Wednesdays – 25th Feb to 25th Mar (5 sessions)

The afterschool clubs are available to book on your Arbor App. The clubs will run until February Half Term break - please see individual dates below. To avoid disappointment book soon as places are limited. Places are not held until payment has been made. 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.
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.

Our Year 1 class assembly was all about Everyday Materials.

The children had fun explaining their topic in their assembly last week.

In this unit 'Everyday Materials', children learnt how to distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made. They also learnt how to identify and name a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water and rock. They described the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials. At the end, they had fun designing and building structures strong enough to withstand wind, whilst considering the strength and stability of materials.

Reminder – The Year 4 assembly to parents and carers will be at 2.45pm on 6th February 2026

Government Free School Meals Update

We wanted to give you an update on Free School Meal claims and how the transitional protection will be ending at the end of this school year (July).

Transitional protection = Since 1 April 2018, all existing free school meals claimants have continued to receive free school meals whilst Universal Credit is rolled out. This applies regardless of any change in household circumstances, including if their earnings rise above the threshold during that time. Protections will remain in place until the end of the 2025/26 school year.

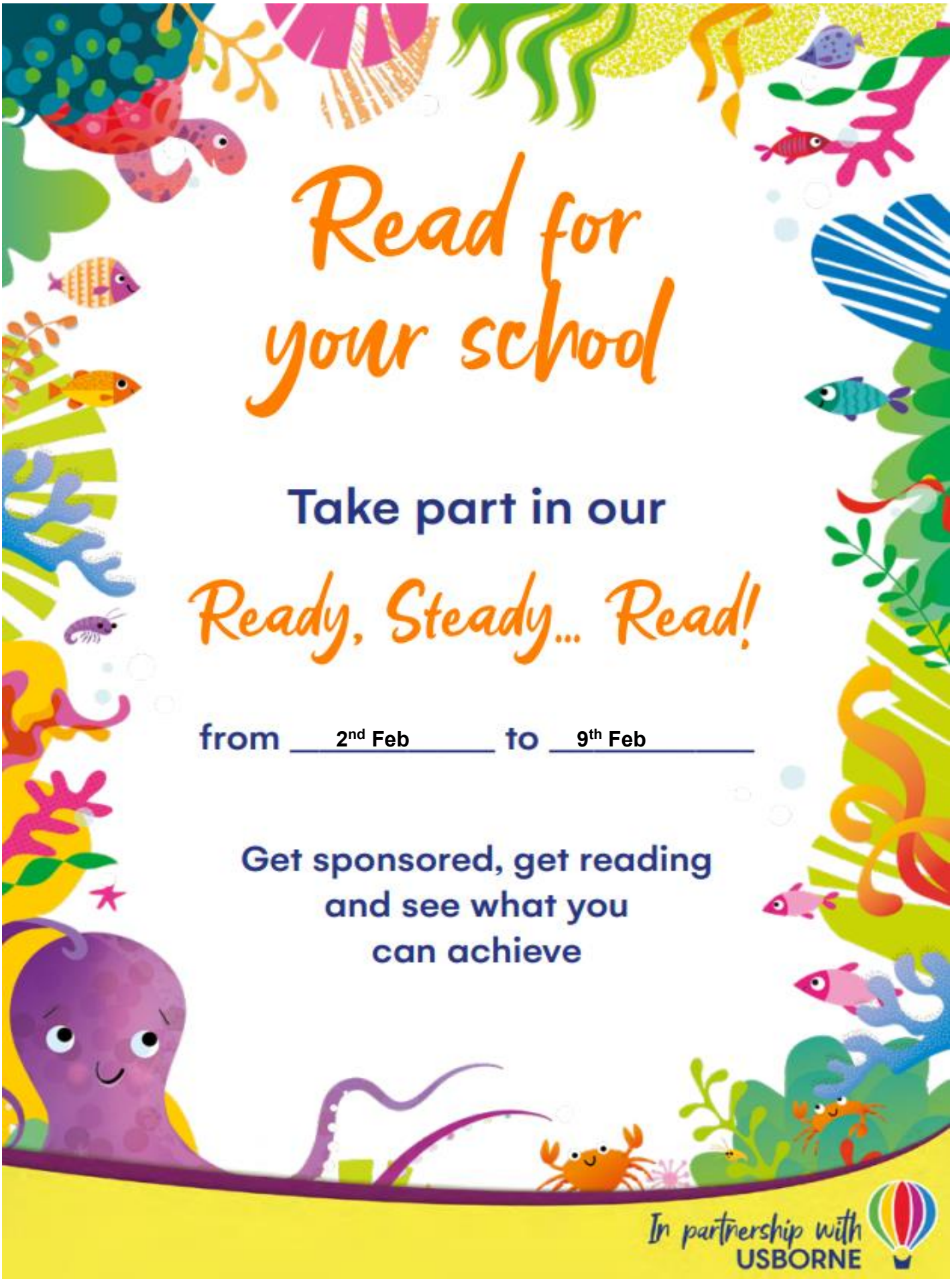
From the start of the 2026/27 school year (Sept 2026), the Department for Education will extend entitlement to free school meals to include all children from households in receipt of Universal Credit. It is their intention to end transitional protections alongside this change in threshold, with eligibility for all pupils reverting to whether they **meet the eligibility criteria,** regardless of whether they were previously protected.

At this point it looks likely parents and carers will need to apply for FSM every year and schools and local authorities will then need then to confirm eligibility for all pupils in receipt of free meals through a government website.

We have been told the Government will issue further guidance ahead of September 2026.

Price increase for school meals.

Dolce catering has notified us that there will be a price increase for school meals Effective from 28th March 2026, the new price will be £3.26 per meal per day.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