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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](#)

Tue 4th March 2025	Y5 Workshop with the police starts
Wed 5th March 2025	Safari Stu Workshops – paid for by the school
Thu 6th March 2025	Long Time Ago & Baby Dinosaur – paid for by the
Fri 7th March 2025	Silly Science Workshops – paid for by the school
Mon 10th March 2025	Beginner STEMbotics – paid for by the school
Thu 13th March 2025, 2:45pm - 3:15pm	Year 2 Assembly – to Parents & Carers
Mon 17th March 2025	St. Patrick's Irish Dance Day – paid for by the school
Fri 21st March 2025, 2:45pm	Year 3 Assembly – to Parents & Carers
Thu 27th March 2025	Big Foot Workshops – paid for by the school
Fri 28th March 2025, 2:45pm	Reception Assembly – to Parents & Carers
Mon 31st March 2025	Y6 Knex Workshop
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
Tue 22nd April, 8.50am	Children return to school at 8.50am



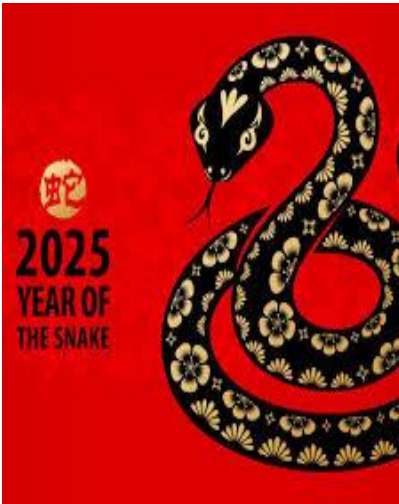
At the end of January, 26 of our Key Stage 2 children took part in the Young Voices extraordinary concert at the O2, the largest children's choir concert in the world! It was a fabulous day for everyone involved. Please look out for the highlights on YouTube.



Broom Barns Online Forms

Do you need one of our online forms for a trip?

If so, go to: [Broom Barns Primary School » Forms](#)



At the end of January, the children attended a Chinese New Year Dance Day, paid for by the school. The workshop celebrated the year of the snake and was colourful and energetic. The children had a fabulous experience and really enjoyed dancing with the props.

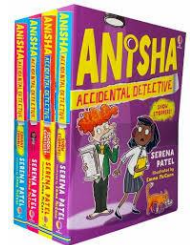




Serena Patel

Author Visit – Paid for by the school

The children took part in an assembly which was all about her journey to becoming an author, her inspirations for her books and what author life is like. She then run creative writing workshops with the children; some using real life as inspiration and others plotting a mystery.



The children were able to purchase pre-ordered signed copies of her books.

The visit was very inspiring and fun for the children, we hope they told you all about their day.



Thank you to everyone that registered Broom Barns on their Asda app!

Broom Barns Primary School raised £521.45 and should be receiving the money soon.



School Meal Reminder

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.



Easter Reminders

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.

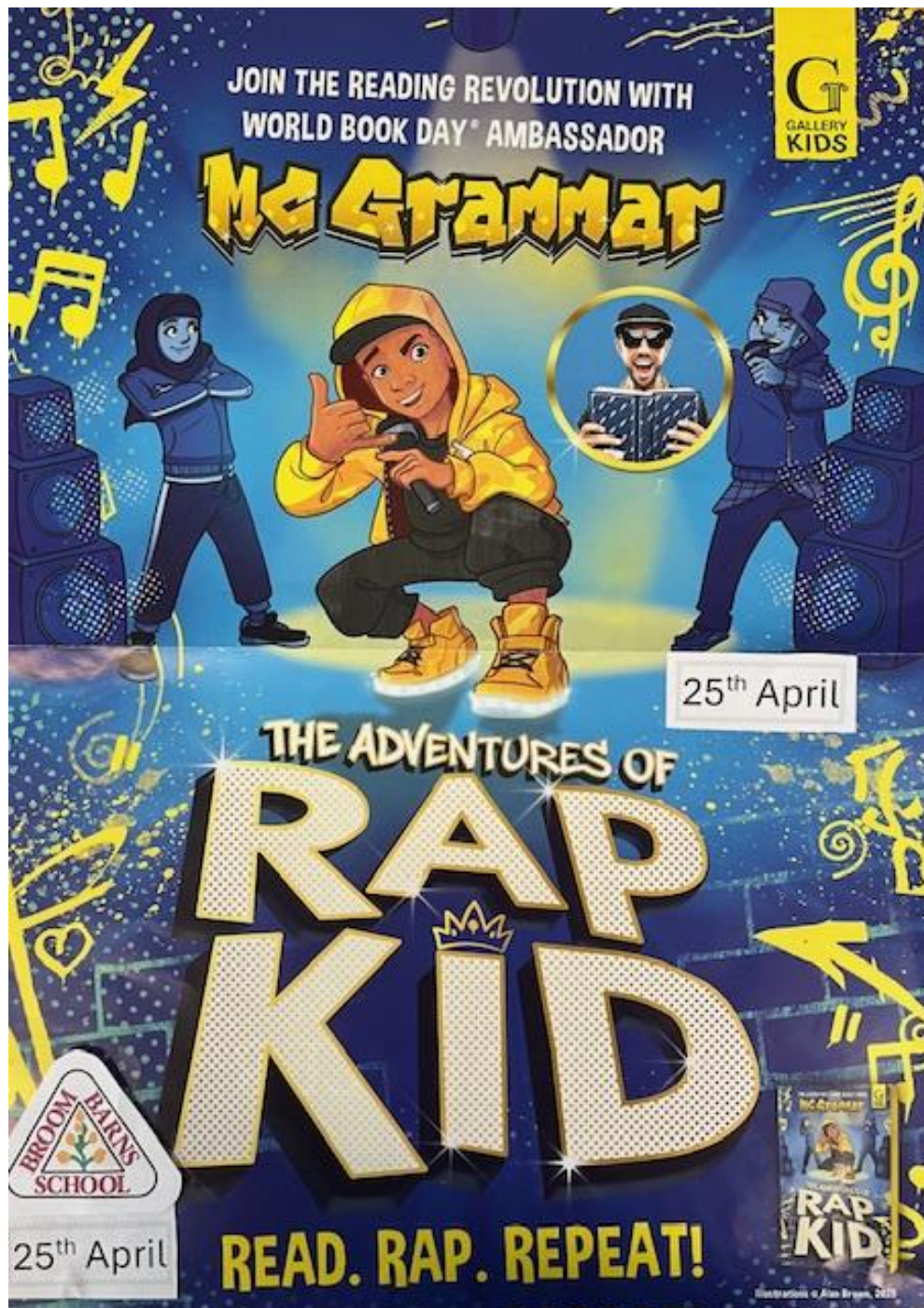
1. The '**Class** Easter Raffle' will be drawn first.
2. Once each class raffle winner has been drawn, all tickets sold will be entered into a whole school draw for a grand prize.

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.



We are really pleased to inform you MC Grammar will be visiting the children on 25th 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](#)



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New Payments on Parent App

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



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 22nd and 28th 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'**.

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SAFER INTERNET DAY - 2025



The annual Safer Internet Day is on **Tuesday, February 11th**. This year's theme is **'Too good to be true? Keeping yourself and others safe from scams online.'**

Internet Matters has created **Can you find the fake online?** an interactive game, that can be played at home to support recognition of fake information. You can select an age-appropriate quiz (under 11s, 11-13s, 14+) to play as a family (parents/carers versus children) to learn and test your knowledge on what fake news, disinformation and misinformation is and how to stop it from spreading.

You can access the game here; [Interactive tools - Internet Matters](#)

GUIDES AND TOOLKITS

There are some excellent guides and toolkits being produced for parents/carers on a whole host of areas of online safety and digital safeguarding. These are being highlighted as particularly useful:

Second hand phones and devices - Learn how to make the most of older devices to help children learn responsibility and find guidance on steps to take to keep them safe.

My Family's Digital Toolkit - A free personalised resource which gives age-specific advice, advice to deal with specific concerns, recommendations for digital tools to support children's interests and more.



Second-hand phones : [Tech guide to second hand phones and devices | Internet Matters](#)

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For the full 'Spring 2025 Term Parent/Carer Online Safety Newsletter' go to:
[SPRING 25 PARENTS NEWSLETTER 2.pdf](#)