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Communication with school

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November 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

Mon 2nd November 2026	Primary Application Online System Opens
Thu 5th November 2026	Parent Partnership Meeting
Fri 13th November 2026, 2:45pm - 3:15pm	Year 4 Class Assembly
Mon 16th November 2026 2.30-4.30pm	Year 5 Team - Dodgeball Event
Tue 17th November 2026	Y5 at Cineworld to see A Beautiful Planet IMAX
Fri 20th November 2026, 2:45pm - 3:15pm	Year 3 Class Assembly
Wed 25th November 2026	Y1 to Y4 at Cineworld to see Dora: Magic Mermaid
Fri 27th November 2026	Decoration Day
Fri 4th December 2026, 5:00pm - 6:30pm	Family Disco
Thu 10th December 2026, 11:00am - 11:55am	Nursery Songs with Parents/Carers
Thu 10th December 2026, 2:00pm - 3:00pm	Reception to Year 2 Nativity to Parents/Carers
Tue 15th December 2026	Nursery & Reception Class Party
Tue 15th December 2026	Nursery Last Day
Wed 16th December 2026	Nursery Closed
Wed 16th December 2026	Y1-Y6 Class Parties
Wed 16th December 2026, 9:30am - 10:30am	Year 3-6 Carol Service at Church to Parents/Carers
Wed 16th December 2026, 11:30am - 1:30pm	Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day
Thu 17th December 2026, 10:00am - 12:45pm	Snow White Pantomime
Fri 18th December 2026	Inset Day - school closed to pupils
Sat 19th December 2026 - Mon 4th January 2027	Christmas Break
Tue 5th January 2027	Children return to school

Dates

We have an event filled term coming up. Please ensure you stay up to date with the latest information on events and dates by checking our website regularly;



Broom Barns Primary School » Dates

Trips will appear in the Trip section on Arbor. Please ensure you also complete the online form that goes with trips. Links for each online form are on the trip letters.

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to share an important update regarding the leadership structure of our school from January.

After Christmas, I will be reducing my working week to three days. This decision has been made after careful consideration and will allow me to achieve a better balance between my professional and personal commitments while continuing to serve our school community.

To ensure continuity and maintain the high standards of leadership, support and care that our children, staff and families expect, Mrs Phillips and I will work together as Co-Heads. Mrs Phillips will take on the role of Co-Headteacher alongside me, and we will continue to provide strategic leadership for the school and oversee its ongoing development. As part of this new structure, Mrs Hogan will become Deputy Headteacher, taking over the role currently held by Mrs Phillips.

We are fortunate to have such a strong leadership team in place. Mrs Phillips, Mrs Hogan and I share the same commitment to providing the very best education and opportunities for every child. We are confident that these changes will ensure continuity, stability and strong leadership across the school.

There will be no disruption to the day-to-day running of the school, and we will continue to work closely with staff, governors and families to support our children in achieving their full potential.

I would like to thank you for your continued support and look forward to working with you all in this new arrangement.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Currant
Headteacher

WELCOME BACK!

We hope everyone had a peaceful and enjoyable half-term break and that you have had the opportunity to rest and recharge, ready for another exciting and successful term ahead.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back and hearing all about your half-term adventures. Welcome back!

New Governors



We are delighted to welcome Mrs Charlton and Mr Pearce as new Governors at Broom Barns Primary School. We look forward to working with them and benefiting from their support, experience, and commitment to our school community.



We would also like to thank the other two parents, Ms Nana Gyasi and Mr Iskandar Meilian, who put themselves forward for the role of Governor. We greatly appreciate their willingness to support the school and their interest in contributing to the continued success of our school community.

New Staff



We would also like to welcome Mrs Martin our new Year 6 teacher. Mrs Martin is an experienced teacher and has worked across a range of primary year groups during her career. Mrs Martin is looking forward to getting to know the children and building positive relationships with both pupils and families.

Year 5 Assembly

Year 5's assembly last month was all about 'Properties of Materials!'

We hope you enjoyed all of their fun science facts they learnt through their exciting learning.



African Dance Day



During Black History Month, the school welcomed an African Dance Company to deliver an exciting workshop for all pupils. The company demonstrated traditional African dance and taught the children how to move and dance to the sounds of African drums and rhythms. Through this engaging experience, pupils explored the power of music, rhythm, and movement while learning about African culture and heritage in a fun and interactive way.



During Black History Month, the children had dedicated assemblies, art activities, books, films and class discussions to help deepen their understanding of Black history and celebrate the achievements of Black people. They learned about significant events and influential Black Britons, including:

- **Medicine & Science:** Maggie Aderin-Pocock / Dame Elizabeth Nneka Anionwu
- **Sport:** Walter Tull / Nicola Adams / Jessica Ennis-Hill / Sir Lewis Hamilton / Sir Mo Farrah
- **Arts & Literature:** Benjamin Zephaniah / Malorie Blackman / John Agard / Yinka Shonibare
- **Entertainment:** Floella Benjamin / Sir Lenny Henry

Year 6 Trip to The Natural History Museum



In September, our Year 6 children enjoyed an exciting and educational trip to the Natural History Museum. They had the opportunity to explore the museum and learn all about the fascinating life and discoveries of Mary Anning.

The visit linked closely to our current Science topic, Evolution and Inheritance, helping the children to understand how fossils provide evidence of how living things have changed over time. The children thoroughly enjoyed discovering more about Mary Anning and her important contribution to the study of fossils and evolution.

It was a fantastic day of learning, exploration and discovery!

Indoor Rowing Event



Well done to our Year 5 rowing team, who took part in Stevenage Sporting Futures Rowing event last month.

The children worked incredibly hard, demonstrating excellent teamwork and determination throughout the competition. They showed fantastic team spirit by enthusiastically cheering on their teammates and supporting one another every step of the way.

We are especially proud that **Broom Barns was awarded the School Games Values Award for Teamwork**, recognising the children's positive attitudes, cooperation and encouragement of others. This achievement reflects the outstanding character and sportsmanship shown by our pupils.

Congratulations to all the children who took part. You represented the school brilliantly, and we are very proud of you all!

Year 2 Trip to Aldenham Park

Year 2 had a fantastic day out at Aldenham Country Park! The children thoroughly enjoyed exploring the park, spotting the animals and learning more about the natural environment. They took part in lots of exciting activities, showed great curiosity and worked brilliantly together. There were lots of smiles, laughter and wonderful memories made throughout the day. Well done, Year 2, for being such fantastic ambassadors for our school!





Clubs Including End Dates this Half Term

- Monday Y4-6 Archery – 2nd Nov to 14th Dec. NOT running 16.11.26.
- Tuesday Y1-2 Archery – 3rd Nov to 15th Dec
- Wednesday Y3-Y6 Team Games – 4th Nov to 9th Dec
- Wednesday Y4-6 Sketching - 11th Nov to 9th Dec

Please note - All children (including year 5 and 6) that attend a club after the October half term until February half term, must be collected by a known adult, as it will be getting dark earlier.

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Broom Barns Primary School

Our staff have the right to work in a happy, safe and respectful environment.

While staff are committed to resolving concerns professionally, they should not be expected to tolerate violent, aggressive, abusive or threatening behaviour.

We ask that all staff, parents, carers, visitors, contractors, volunteers, governors, trustees, external professionals, service providers and other third parties treat one another with courtesy and respect at all times, whether communicating in person, by telephone, email, social media, or at school events and activities.

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain a positive, respectful and safe school community.