

Brockley Primary School Newsletter

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The Brockley Way in Action

Over the past two weeks, we have been incredibly proud of how our children have embraced the new school year. Classrooms have been full of enthusiasm, curiosity and determination as children have settled quickly into their new routines and learning.

What has impressed us most is the way our pupils continue to demonstrate The Brockley Way every day. Across the school we have seen children showing kindness to new classmates, supporting one another during learning, taking responsibility for their actions and showing resilience when faced with challenges.

At Brockley, we believe that success is about much more than academic achievement. It is about developing confident, respectful and caring young people who contribute positively to their school and community. Whether helping a friend, trying something new, sharing an idea in class or simply offering a smile, our children demonstrate these values every day.

Thank you to our families for the continued support you provide. Together, we are creating a school community where every child feels valued, supported and able to flourish.

Respect

Resilience

Responsibility

The Brockley Way!



Pupil Leadership at Brockley

The children have been busy applying for a range of leadership roles across our school, and we could not be prouder of the enthusiasm, commitment and sense of responsibility they have shown. It has been wonderful to see so many children eager to make a positive difference to the lives of others and contribute to our school community.

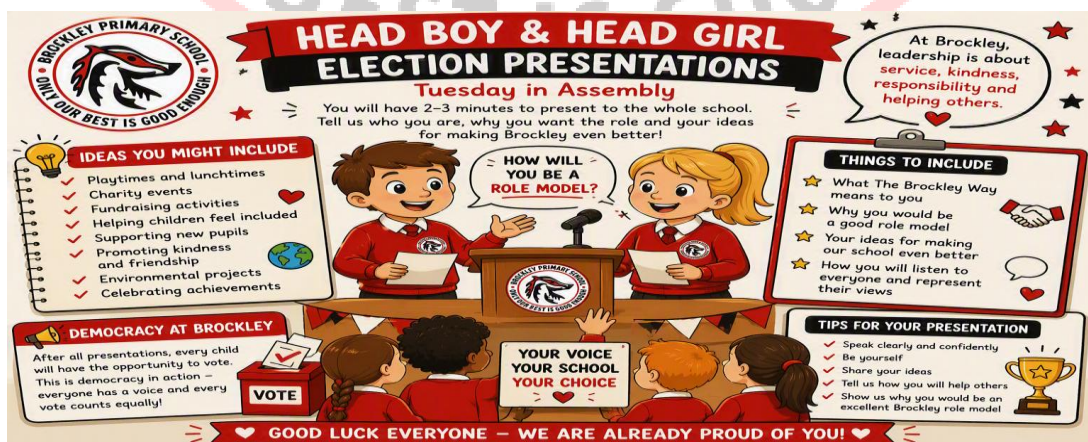
From Monday 21st September, children will begin to find out whether they have been successful in their applications. Our new School Council will begin working alongside Mrs Elliott, helping to share pupil voice and shape decisions that matter to children across the school.

Candidates for Head Boy and Head Girl will be presenting to the school, explaining why they should be elected and how they will act as role models for others. This is a fantastic opportunity for our children to experience democracy in action. Every child will have the opportunity to vote, ensuring the process is fair, inclusive and representative of the views of our school community. We are excited to see our pupils listening carefully to each candidate and making informed choices, just as they would in wider society.

Our Reading Ambassadors will begin training with Mrs Rodgers and Miss Wheeldon as they learn about the new reading approaches being introduced across school. They will play an important role in encouraging a love of reading, supporting younger children and helping us continue to develop our reading culture at Brockley.

Meanwhile, our Kindness Crew will be spending time with Mrs Rodgers, developing a plan for the year ahead. Together, they will explore how we can make our playgrounds and social times as happy, inclusive and enjoyable as possible for every child. Their work will help ensure that kindness, friendship and belonging remain at the heart of The Brockley Way.

At Brockley, we believe leadership is not about titles. It is about service, responsibility, kindness and being a positive role model for others. We are incredibly proud of every child who has put themselves forward and look forward to celebrating the many ways our young leaders will help our school continue to thrive.



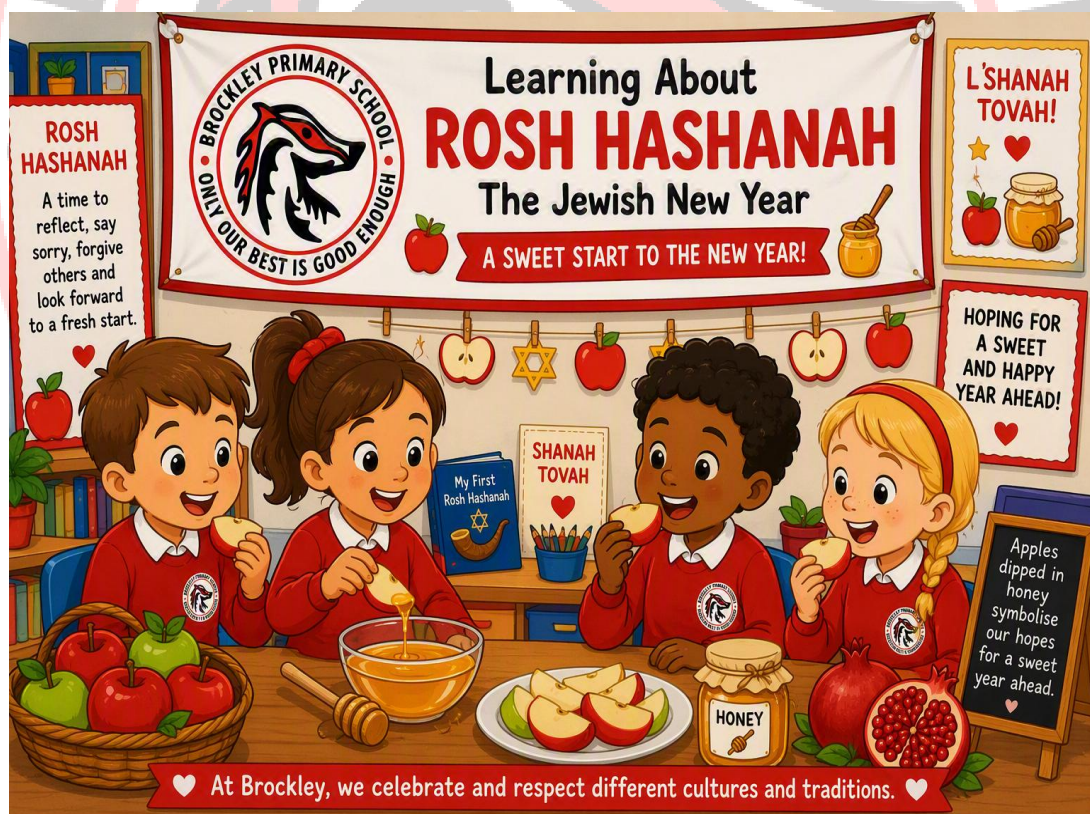
Learning About Rosh Hashanah

This week, children across Brockley have been learning about Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year. As part of their learning, they explored how this special celebration is a time for reflection, forgiveness, new beginnings and hope for the year ahead. Children discovered that many Jewish families celebrate by enjoying sweet foods, such as apples dipped in honey, which symbolise hopes for a sweet and happy new year.

To bring their learning to life, children were offered the opportunity to taste apples dipped in honey and thoroughly enjoyed taking part in this experience. It was wonderful to see children engaging so positively with different faiths, cultures and traditions, helping them to develop their understanding of the diverse world around them.

At Brockley, we are proud to celebrate and learn about a wide range of beliefs, cultures and traditions as part of our commitment to promoting respect, understanding and inclusion. Through these experiences, children learn about the values we all share, including kindness, forgiveness, community and hope.

L'Shanah Tovah (Happy New Year) to all those celebrating Rosh Hashanah.



Attendance Matters at Brockley

At Brockley Primary School, we know that excellent attendance is one of the most important factors in helping children achieve their full potential. Every lesson, every day and every learning experience makes a difference.

We are pleased to share that, from 1st September to 18th September 2026, our overall school attendance has been 94.3%. This represents a positive start to the academic year for our 124 pupils, and we would like to thank families for their ongoing support in ensuring children attend school regularly and arrive ready to learn.

Whilst this is encouraging, we are continuing to work together to reduce:

2.0% unauthorised absence

1.8% physical lateness

The most common reasons for absence so far this term have been illness, leave during term time (holidays) that cannot authorised, and exceptional circumstances leave.

We recognise that children will occasionally be unwell and should stay at home when necessary. However, regular attendance is essential for academic achievement, confidence, wellbeing and strong friendships. Missing just a few days can quickly add up and result in important learning being missed.

Why Attendance Matters

Attendance	Time Missed Across a School Year
100%	No learning missed
95%	Around 10 days
90%	Around 19 days
85%	Around 29 days

Children who attend school regularly are more likely to:

- Achieve their potential academically
- Feel connected to school life
- Develop friendships and social skills
- Build confidence and resilience
- Enjoy the wider opportunities school offers

If your family is experiencing any circumstances that may affect attendance, please do get in touch. We are committed to working alongside families and identifying support wherever possible.



FRIDAY 2ND OCTOBER

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Parents of Nursery, Reception
and Year 1 (Zebra and Monkey)
children are invited in at 9.00am

Parents of Year 2,3,4,5 and 6
(Giraffes, Elephants and Lions)
are invited in at 2.15pm.

The children will perform songs and
poems they've been learning in their
classes.

Please can children bring a non-
perishable food item which will be
donated to those in need. Thank
you!

Brockley Primary and Nursery School