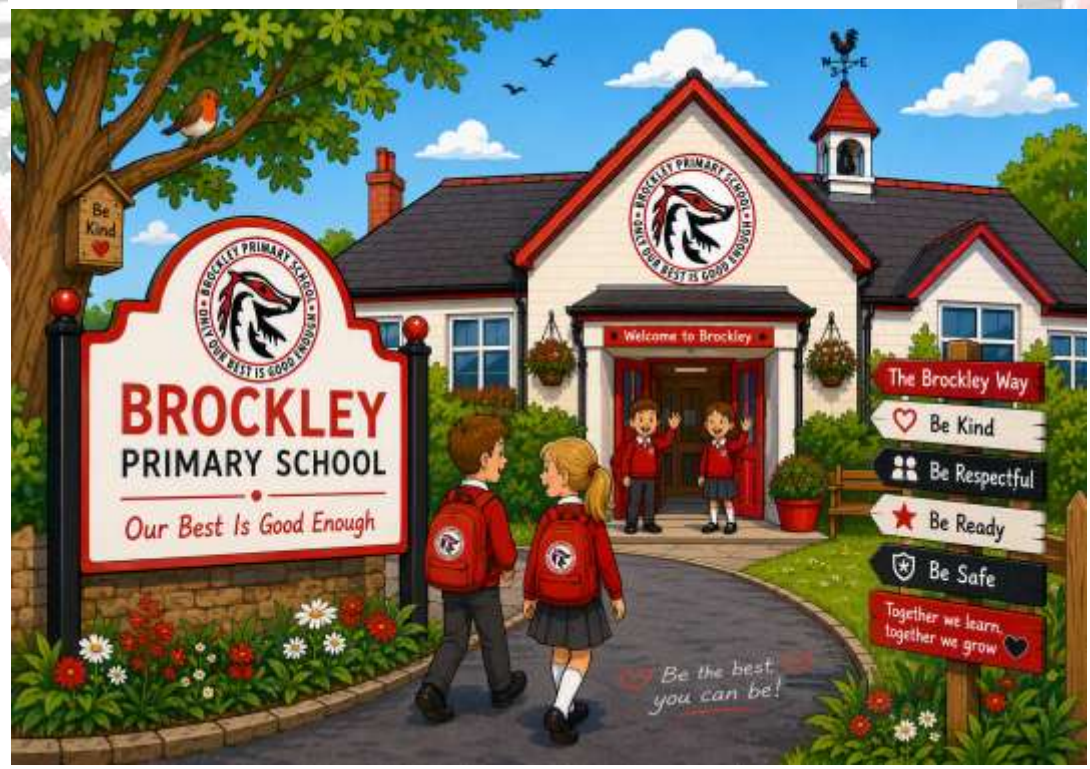
Brockley Primary School Newsletter

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Home + School: We're on the Same Team!

At Brockley, we like to think of ourselves as experts in many things... phonics, maths, muddy wellies, lost jumpers appearing from nowhere, and occasionally even convincing children that vegetables are not the enemy.

However, there is one thing we can never be experts in without your help: what is happening outside of school.

Sometimes a child arrives at school carrying much more than their book bag. They may be adjusting to a new medication, a different bedtime routine, changes in family circumstances, a difficult weekend, a new sibling, a poorly grandparent, or even just the disappointment of the family dog eating the last biscuit. To an adult, some of these things can seem small. To a child, they can feel enormous.

A change in medication can affect concentration, appetite, energy levels or emotions. A disrupted night's sleep can make a normally resilient child feel overwhelmed. Changes in family dynamics can leave children needing a little more reassurance, patience or emotional support than usual. When we know what is going on, we can respond appropriately. That doesn't mean we lower expectations or make excuses. What it does mean is that we can make sensible adjustments. A little extra check-in from a trusted adult, a quieter space, additional movement breaks, support with friendships, or simply understanding why a child may not quite seem themselves that day can make all the difference.

Our relational and restorative approach is built on understanding before reacting. We often remind children that behaviour is communication. The more information we have, the better we can understand the message behind the behaviour and support children successfully.

Quite simply, information helps us join the dots.

Often the conversation that starts with, "I thought I'd better let you know..." turns out to be the key piece of information that helps us turn a difficult day into a successful one.

So please keep talking to us. You do not need an appointment to share something important. A quick phone call, email, message through the office, or a chat with a member of the team on the gate can help us provide the right support at the right time.

We may not be able to solve every problem, but together we are much more likely to understand it.

After all, raising children is very much a team sport, and Brockley works best when home and school are playing on the same side.

The more we share, the more we understand. The more we understand, the better we can support.


Home + School
We're on the Same Team!
You know your child best... and we know school best!
When we share information, we can make the best possible support together.
The more we share... the more we can understand, adjust and support.
When adults work together I can have a brighter day!
Changes in sleep
Changes in diet
New medication
Changes in family dynamics
Big feelings or worries
Listen
Share
Understand
Make Adjustments
Brighter Days
Brockley Team
Families Our Partners
Home shares the jigsaw pieces
Together we join the dots
Children thrive!
Communication today can make the difference between a good day and a not so great one.
Brockley Primary School
Only my best is good enough
Different pieces. A brighter picture.
Brockley Primary School



Team Points Update!

The competition between our school teams is really starting to heat up, and it's fantastic to see so many children demonstrating The Brockley Way by earning points through kindness, effort, resilience, teamwork and making positive choices every day.

Here are the current standings:

🥇 Team Rose – 570 points
🥈 Team Buttercup – 525 points
🥉 Team Bluebell – 484 points
🌿 Team Fern – 220 points

A huge congratulations to Team Rose, who have raced into the lead with an impressive total of 570 points! 🏆

However, Team Buttercup are close behind on 525 points and are certainly keeping the pressure on. Team Bluebell remain firmly in the hunt with 484 points, meaning there is still everything to play for.

Whilst Team Fern may have some catching up to do, we know that points can soon add up when everyone pulls together. Every act of kindness, every piece of excellent work and every example of being ready to learn helps your team move forward.

Remember, the team competition isn't just about winning. It is about encouraging children to support one another, celebrate each other's successes and contribute positively to our school community. Every point earned reflects a child showing our values and living out our motto:

"Only my best is good enough."Keep up the fantastic work, Brockley. We can't wait to see where the teams stand in our next update!



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It is important that the results from this survey represent as many backgrounds as possible, which is why we are asking for your help to ensure that we reach as many people as possible for this consultation.

The survey questions cover feelings of safety, experiences of crime and anti-social behaviour, and opinions on local policing. It will take approximately 4 minutes to complete. The link for the survey is below:

The Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner, Nicolle Ndiweni-Roberts, would like to hear your views on crime and community safety in Derbyshire.

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Listening to You | Office of the Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner

We Want to Hear From You

DERBYSHIRE PARENT CARER VOICE

Derbyshire Parent Carer Voice Area SEND Survey 2026

Are you a parent carer of a child or young person aged 0-25 with SEND in Derbyshire?

You can respond whether your child has an EHCP, SEN Support, or no formal support.

Tell Us:

- What's working well
- What matters most to your family
- What could work better
- Where improvements are still needed

Why Take Part?

- Share parent carer experiences with Derbyshire decision-makers
- Highlight strengths and challenges in education, health and social care
- Influence future service improvements
- Ensure parent carer voices are heard

Derbyshire's Area SEND arrangements are being inspected by Ofsted and CQC, and emerging survey themes will be shared with inspectors. Please complete the survey soon.

Find Out More and Complete the Survey

Takes approximately 20-30 minutes.
Please complete a separate survey for each child or young person with SEND.

Survey closes: Monday 4th January 2027

Every Voice Matters

Together, we can make a difference.

Date for your Diaries



Friday 20th November 2027

Non-Uniform Day for a donation of chocolate for the Christmas Fayre Tombola

Friday 27th November

Non-Uniform Day for a donation of a bottle for Christmas Fayre Tombola

Friday 4th December

Christmas Fayre from 2pm