



Brockley Primary School Newsletter

Issue 8

Friday 7th November
2025



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***The Brockley Way –
‘Only my best is good
enough’***

Attendance Matters – Our Responsibilities

What YOU must do:

Telephone the school before 8.30am each day of your child's absence.

Tell the school in advance, of any medical appointments and bring in appointment cards/letters.

If you are not sure whether your child is well enough to attend school, send them in anyway as they often perk up on arrival.

If you and your child are experiencing difficulties with school attendance then talk to us as a first step so we can help!

What WE will do:

Check your child's attendance every day.

Phone home to discuss your child's attendance with you.

Invite you into school for attendance meetings if we are concerned.

If we cannot establish a reason for absence, then we may make a welfare home visit.

The national attendance target is 96%

Our school attendance this week is 91.63%

Attendance Band	Class Performance
Zebra	85.11%
Monkey	91.97%
Giraffe	94.48%
Elephant	91.94%
Lion	92.61%

Important Reminder

We cannot authorise holiday leave during term time. Any unauthorised absence over 10 sessions (5 days) will be referred to the Local Authority and may result in a fine.

School Contact Information



Report Absences or Ask Questions: 01246-823344

Website: <http://www.brockley.derbyshire.sch.uk>

General Enquiries: info@brockley.derbyshire.sch.uk

School Website: www.brockley.derbyshire.sch.uk

School Calendar: [Calendar - Brockley Primary School](#)

Headteacher:

headteacher@brockley.derbyshire.sch.uk

Safeguarding:

safeguarding@brockley.derbyshire.sch.uk

School Facebook Page: [Facebook](#)

Safeguarding Info: <https://www.ddscp.org.uk>



Dear Brockley Families,

Well, hasn't it been a lively term so far? We've had wonderful learning, plenty of laughter, and only a few incidents involving misplaced jumpers (we are only 5 days in though), spontaneous glitter explosions, and the occasional "creative" packed lunch.

But amid the hustle and bustle of school life, it feels like time for a gentle, slightly cheesy reminder about something that's as important as spellings, times tables and remembering to wear your PE kit on the correct day...

Yes, that's right good behaviour.

Not just from our children (who are generally marvellous), but from all of us, children, staff, and grown-ups alike. Because as lovely as we all are, even the best-behaved school community can get a little frayed round the edges if we forget our manners.

So, here it is The Brockley Way Guide to keeping school life running smoother than a freshly buttered crumpet.

The Kids Are Watching (Always!)

They see everything. The good, the bad, and the muttered under-the-breath-at-drop-off.

When they see calm, kind, polite adults who treat each other with respect even when drop off resembles the M1 on a Friday afternoon, they learn that's how grown-ups behave.

When they see shouting, sighing, or "creative hand gestures" well, they learn that too. Let's all be the sort of role models we'd actually like them to copy.

The Brockley Staff Are Brilliant — But Sadly Not Bionic

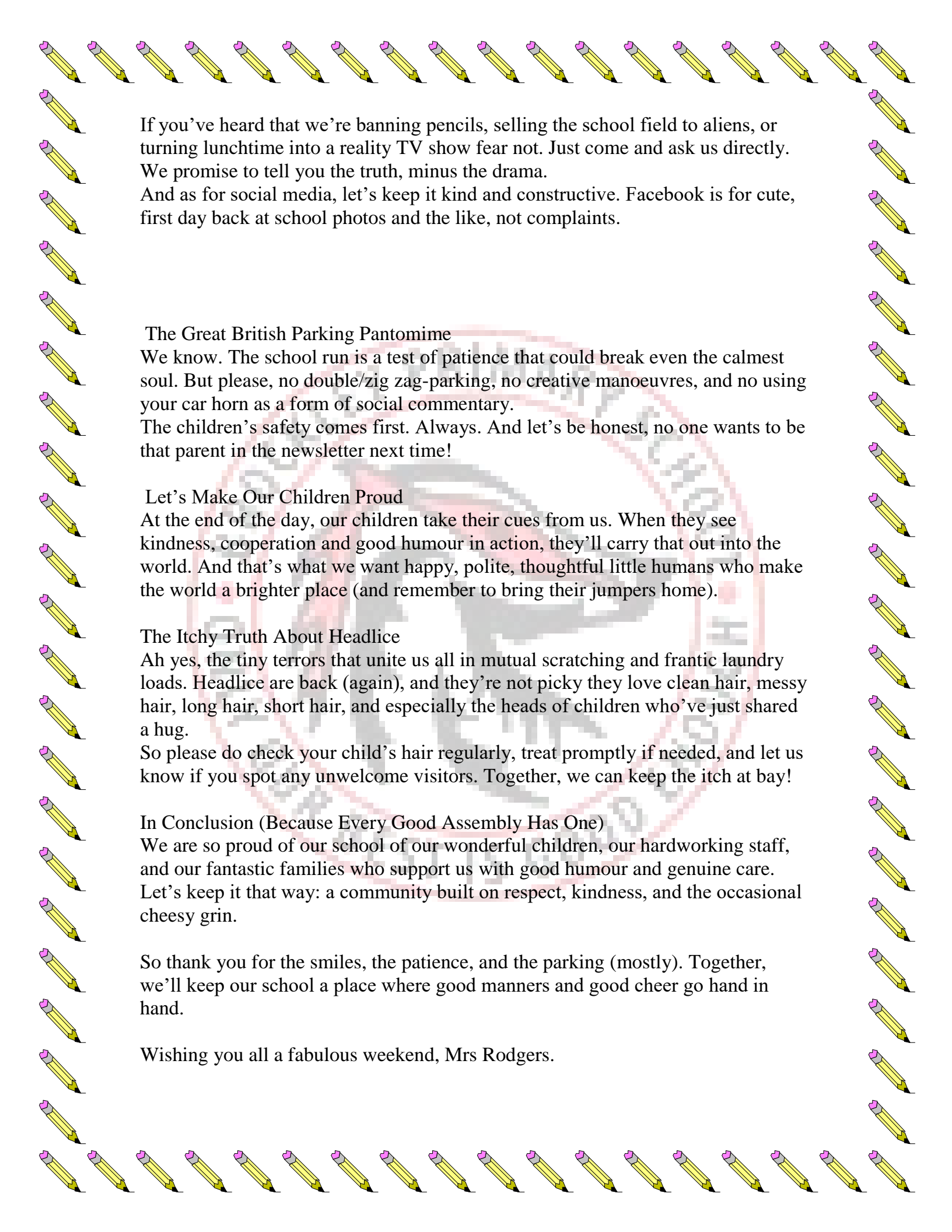
We'd love to say our teachers are magical beings who can mark books, plan lessons, answer emails and stop a football argument simultaneously but alas, they are human (albeit heroic ones).

If an email doesn't get a reply within ten minutes, it's not being ignored; it's just waiting patiently in a sea of phonics, maths and glue sticks.

A polite message and a pinch of patience go a long way. (And no, typing in all caps doesn't make it happen faster, it just makes it look shouty!)

The Playground Chat: Take with a Pinch of Salt

Ah, the school gate where information travels faster than light and accuracy is... negotiable.



If you've heard that we're banning pencils, selling the school field to aliens, or turning lunchtime into a reality TV show fear not. Just come and ask us directly. We promise to tell you the truth, minus the drama. And as for social media, let's keep it kind and constructive. Facebook is for cute, first day back at school photos and the like, not complaints.

The Great British Parking Pantomime
We know. The school run is a test of patience that could break even the calmest soul. But please, no double/zig zag-parking, no creative manoeuvres, and no using your car horn as a form of social commentary. The children's safety comes first. Always. And let's be honest, no one wants to be that parent in the newsletter next time!

Let's Make Our Children Proud
At the end of the day, our children take their cues from us. When they see kindness, cooperation and good humour in action, they'll carry that out into the world. And that's what we want happy, polite, thoughtful little humans who make the world a brighter place (and remember to bring their jumpers home).

The Itchy Truth About Headlice
Ah yes, the tiny terrors that unite us all in mutual scratching and frantic laundry loads. Headlice are back (again), and they're not picky they love clean hair, messy hair, long hair, short hair, and especially the heads of children who've just shared a hug. So please do check your child's hair regularly, treat promptly if needed, and let us know if you spot any unwelcome visitors. Together, we can keep the itch at bay!

In Conclusion (Because Every Good Assembly Has One)
We are so proud of our school of our wonderful children, our hardworking staff, and our fantastic families who support us with good humour and genuine care. Let's keep it that way: a community built on respect, kindness, and the occasional cheesy grin.

So thank you for the smiles, the patience, and the parking (mostly). Together, we'll keep our school a place where good manners and good cheer go hand in hand.

Wishing you all a fabulous weekend, Mrs Rodgers.



When parking near schools, it is crucial to adhere to the **Highway Code** and local parking regulations to ensure the safety of children and other road users.

Dangerous parking is an increasing issue around schools, putting the safety of children and others at risk. Parking on zig-zag lines or pedestrian crossings can cause visibility issues to both drivers and people walking on the pavements. As our parking signs indicate, drivers should not park near a school entrance.

Thank you for your cooperation, please refer to the following websites for further guidance:

[RoSPA- Road safety advice and information: Protect yourself and others on the road](#)
[Road safety, driving rules and penalties - GOV.UK](#)

School Office

If you need to speak to a member of staff at drop-off, then please note that the office will be unavailable between 8.30am and 8.40am. Please speak to a member of staff on either gate and they will be happy to help.

Thank you

Children In Need

Friday 14th November 2025

Brockley will be celebrating Children In Need in the following ways:

- Crazy hair day! If children wish to, they can come to school with crazy hair, the crazier the better, we can't wait to see them!



- Non-uniform for children
- Talent show in the afternoon – on this occasion it will be for the rest of the school only, parents will be invited to another talent show in the future



- Classes will be celebrating the 'Challenge Yourself to 25' in various ways, such as 25 star jumps or 25 laps of the playground

Donations can be made via the Children in Need Website [Fundraising Hub - BBC Children in Need](#)

Anti-Bullying Week Monday 10th – Friday 14th November 2025



ABA are official organisers of Anti-Bullying Week and Odd Socks Day in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Anti-Bullying Week 2025 will take place from Monday 10th - Friday 14th November, with the theme: Power for Good. The week will kick off with Odd Socks Day on Monday 10th, with adults and children being encouraged to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique.





Spreading Kindness on 13th November – Join Us!

On Wednesday 13th November, our school community will be setting a powerful example by celebrating Random Acts of Kindness Day. We believe that kindness is contagious—and we'd love everyone to take part: children, parents, carers, and staff alike!

Whether it's a small gesture or a big-hearted act, kindness has the power to brighten someone's day and build a stronger, more caring community. Let's show how thoughtful and generous our school family can be!



Ideas for Random Acts of Kindness

Here are some simple but meaningful ways you can get involved:

For Children:

- Make a card or picture for a friend or teacher.
- Invite someone new to play at break time.
- Help tidy up without being asked.
- Say something kind to three different people.

For Parents and Carers:

- Leave a positive note in your child's lunchbox.
- Compliment a fellow parent or school staff member.
- Donate a book or toy to a local charity.
- Share a kind message on social media about the school.

For Staff:

- Leave a thank-you note for a colleague.
- Offer a helping hand to someone who's having a busy day.
- Share a positive story or memory with your class.
- Celebrate a pupil's effort with a special postcard home.

Share the Kindness

We'd love to hear about the acts of kindness you carry out or receive! Feel free to send in photos, stories, or drawings so we can celebrate them together in our next newsletter or display them around school.

Let's make 13th November a day to remember, full of smiles, surprises, and the joy of giving!



Sleep & Anxiety – Online Workshop

Hosted by Derbyshire Parent Carer Voice (DPCV) with Nickie Sutton, Specialist Sleep Practitioner and Trainer

Date: Tuesday 9th December

Time: 10:00am (London time)

Location: Zoom




















What you'll learn:

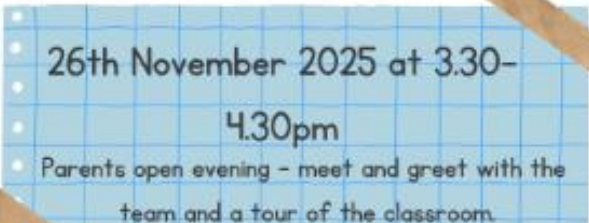
- How anxiety affects sleep
- Why children with additional needs struggle to settle
- Practical strategies to support better sleep

To book your place email:

info@derbyshireparentcarervoice.org

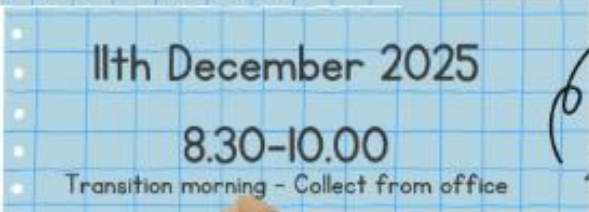


Brockley Primary and Nursery School
Nursery Transition



26th November 2025 at 3.30-
4.30pm

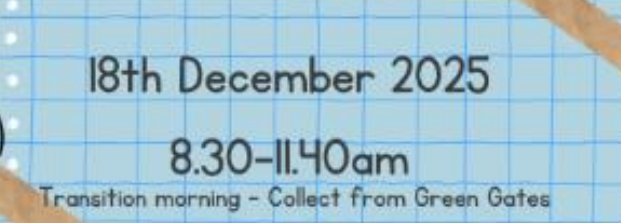
• Parents open evening - meet and greet with the
team and a tour of the classroom.



11th December 2025

8.30-10.00

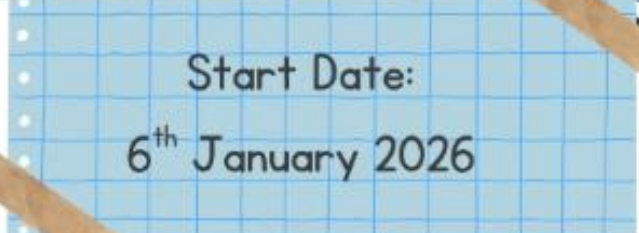
• Transition morning - Collect from office



18th December 2025

8.30-11.40am

• Transition morning - Collect from Green Gates



Start Date:

6th January 2026

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