

Brockley Primary School
Newsletter

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

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Our Responsibilities as a Community

- 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%

Attendance Band	Class Performance
Zebra	96.41%
Monkey	93.45%
Giraffe	98.97%
Elephant	89.12%
Lion	94.78%

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

School Contact Information

Click the link below to access the person or 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>

Celebrating International Women's Day

Small Voices, Big Change



This week, our KS2 children took part in a special assembly led by Mrs Rodgers to mark International Women's Day, celebrated around the world on 8th March. The theme of the assembly was "*Small Voices, Big Change*" a reminder that everyone, no matter their age, can make a difference.

Mrs Rodgers began by explaining the importance of International Women's Day: a day to recognise the achievements of women and girls everywhere, and to reflect on the progress that has been made toward equality. Children learned that throughout history, women and girls were not always given the same opportunities as men they could not always vote, choose their careers, or even attend certain schools or universities. Thanks to brave individuals who spoke up for fairness, the world has become a more equal place, though there is still work to do.

A Story to Inspire: The Girl Who Asked Why

To bring this message to life, Mrs Rodgers shared the story of Amina, a young girl who loved asking questions especially questions about fairness. When Amina discovered that only the boys in her class were allowed to learn how to build bridges, she bravely asked a simple but powerful question: "Why only the boys?"

At first, her teacher replied, "That's just the way things have always been." But Amina didn't give up. She respectfully questioned the decision, reminding her teacher that girls could also solve problems, build things, and learn new skills.

Her courage encouraged other girls to raise their hands too, and by the end of the lesson, everyone, boys and girls was building bridges together. The strongest thing built that day wasn't the tallest tower but the understanding that one brave voice can make things fairer for everyone.

What We Learned

Children reflected on the story by thinking about questions such as:

- Why did Amina speak up?
- How might others have felt before she found her voice?
- What happens when unfairness is challenged kindly and confidently?

The key message was clear:

- Everyone deserves the same opportunities.
- Speaking up respectfully can create positive change.

Women Who Changed the World

The assembly also highlighted real women who have shaped history through courage and determination:

- **Malala Yousafzai**, who spoke up for every girl's right to education
- **Rosa Parks**, who challenged unfair laws and inspired a movement
- **Marie Curie**, a pioneering scientist who broke boundaries in science
- **Serena Williams**, a world-class athlete who inspires millions

These women, like Amina, proved that you don't have to be the loudest voice—just a brave one.

A Final Thought

Mrs Rodgers closed the assembly with a powerful reminder:

Our school, our community, and our world are stronger when everyone's voice is heard. No matter who we are, we can:

- Treat one another with respect
- Encourage each other's dreams
- Speak up for what is fair

Sometimes, as we learned from Amina's story, one brave question can build a bridge to a better world.

To find out more visit the following links: [International Women's Day: The truth behind the claims made on socials - BBC Bitesize](#)

[Women's History Month 2025 - Teaching Resources - BBC Teach](#)

Pi Day Is Tomorrow! Fun Maths Activities to Try at Home

Tomorrow is Pi Day Saturday 14th March, a day celebrated around the world to enjoy the magic of maths, especially anything linked to circles and the number π (pi). Pi Day is marked every year on 14/3 because the date represents the digits 3.14, the beginning of the number pi.

At school, our KS2 pupils will be exploring circles, puzzles, and STEM investigations but Pi Day is a great opportunity for families to join in too!

Below are some easy, fun activities you can do at home with children of all ages.

Activities for Younger Children (EYFS & KS1)

1. Circle Hunt Around the Home

Ask your child to find as many circular objects as possible plates, lids, clocks, wheels, coins.

Talk about what makes a shape a *circle* and compare sizes.

2. Circle Art

Using cups or bowls to draw around, children can create colourful circle patterns. Older KS1 children can compare which circles are bigger or smaller.

3. Playdough Circles

Roll playdough snakes and form them into circles, great for fine motor skills and shape recognition.

Activities for KS2 Children

1. Measure Like a Mathematician

Use string and a ruler to measure the circumference and diameter of round household items.

Ask: Do you notice a pattern when you divide circumference by diameter?

They'll be discovering π for themselves!

2. Pi Day Puzzle Challenge

Set a family challenge to solve logic puzzles, riddles, or even quick-fire mental maths problems.

3. STEM in Real Life

Talk with your child about where circles are important, wheels, clocks, sports equipment, engineering, and even the planets. Pi is used in many areas of science and design.

Activities for the Whole Family

1. Bake a Pi(e)!

Whether it's a fruit pie or a pizza "pi", cooking together is a tasty way to celebrate the day and talk about circles.

2. Pi Day Walk

Go on a walk and spot circular objects outdoors, manhole covers, signs, puddles, tyres.

3. Create a Pi Chain

Older children can write the digits of pi and decorate a paper chain. Younger siblings can join in with colouring or sticking.

Why Celebrate Pi Day?

Pi Day is a wonderful chance to make maths fun, creative, and hands-on at home.

Every activity, big or small helps children see maths not just as something in textbooks, but as something alive in the world around them.

Thank you for supporting your children's learning and making tomorrow's Pi Day extra special!



IMAGINATION
GAMING



THURSDAY 2ND
APRIL
10AM - 2PM

EASTER ACTIVITIES

BOLSOVER LIBRARY

Hop into a world of Easter fun and games!

Enjoy a brilliant mix of:

Fun and friendly games & group activities

Creative challenges and problem-solving

Plenty of laughter, learning and new friends

Learn to Play, Play to Learn!

We can't wait to welcome you
It's going to be egg-cellent fun!



FREE PLACES AVAILABLE
FOR CHILDREN AND
YOUNG PEOPLE ON
BENEFIT RELATED FREE
SCHOOL MEALS

LIMITED PAID PLACES ALSO
AVAILABLE FOR FAMILIES
NOT ELIGIBLE FOR FSM.
EARLY BOOKING
RECOMMENDED!

LUNCH INCLUDED



DERBYSHIRE
County Council

Department
for Education



REMINDERS

RED NOSE DAY

Red Nose Day – Do Something Funny for Money!

Friday 20th March is Red Nose Day, and we can't wait to celebrate with plenty of smiles, silliness, and shared laughter across school! This year, we're joining in with the national theme: "Do Something Funny for Money!" Children are invited to take part in a day filled with fun as we raise money for a fantastic cause.

Bring a Joke to School!

To spread as much joy as possible, we would love every child to bring in their best (school-appropriate!) joke to share with their class. Whether it's a knock-knock joke, a silly pun, or something they've made up themselves, we're looking forward to a giggle-filled morning!

Wear Something Silly! (Non-Uniform)

As part of the fun, children are invited to come to school wearing silly clothes, bright colours, mismatched items, funny accessories whatever makes them smile!

The sillier, the better (as long as it's still practical for a school day).

Reading Month – A Funny Photo Challenge!

March is also our Reading Month, and we're combining the celebrations with a special challenge:

Take a photo of your child reading a book in a funny or unusual place!

This could be:

- Reading upside down on the sofa
- Reading under a table
- Reading in a costume
- Reading in the garden, in a blanket den, or anywhere imaginative!

Please make sure photos are safe, appropriate, and do not reveal personal information such as house numbers or car registrations. Send your photos via Dojo to your child's teacher and we'll create a school display of all the brilliant and creative reading locations!

A Day of Smiles, Laughter and Kindness

Red Nose Day is all about having fun while helping others. Any donations, big or small, will go directly towards supporting vital projects through Comic Relief. Collection buckets will be available at the school gates or you can donate directly: [Donate | Comic Relief](#)

We'll host our traditional Cake Stall at playtime for the whole school – prices from 20p to £1 so please send your child into school with some pennies to spend. Any donations of cakes can be dropped off on the 19th March to the school office.

Thank you for helping us create a joyful day full of positivity, reading fun, and community spirit. We can't wait to see the jokes, the outfits, and those wonderfully funny reading photos!



Easter Bonnet Parade & Decorated Egg Competition

Wednesday 25th March



We are excited to celebrate Easter in school with two of our Brockley much-loved annual traditions: our Easter Bonnet Parade and our Decorated Easter Egg Competition!

Easter Bonnet Parade

On Wednesday 25th March, children are invited to come to school wearing their wonderful, creative Easter bonnets.

We can't wait to see the colourful hats, spring-themed designs, and imaginative creations as the children parade them proudly in school.

There's no pressure simple, handmade, or shop-bought decorations are all welcome. The aim is to have fun and celebrate together!

Decorated Easter Egg Competition

We will also be holding our annual Decorate an Easter Egg Competition on the same day.

Important information:

- Egg entries should be brought to the school office on the morning of Wednesday 25th March.
- Please do not send eggs into school before this date as we unfortunately do not have the space to store them safely.

- Eggs can be decorated in any theme funny, cute, artistic, or imaginative. We're always amazed by the creativity our children show each year!

The entries will be displayed in school, and winners will be announced later that week.

A Fun-Filled Spring Celebration

We look forward to a joyful day filled with colour, creativity, and Easter cheer and invite parents to join us from 2pm to see all the amazing creations in our parade and take a look at the fantastic entries for the decorate an egg competition.

Thank you for your support in making these traditions so special for our children.

Personal Items

We know how much children treasure their special personal belongings from home, whether it's a much-loved teddy, a comfort toy or something else they've proudly chosen to bring into school with their hard-earned dojos. These items often hold a great deal of emotional value, and it's lovely to see how important they are to the children.

However, bringing personal items into school can sometimes lead to upset. Things can easily be misplaced, damaged, or even taken by accident in a busy school environment, and when this happens it can cause real distress for the child involved.

To help keep everyone happy and to protect those precious belongings, we kindly ask that children do not bring personal toys or special items into school. If your child would like to celebrate success or spend their dojos, we encourage them to choose rewards that stay safely in school, or experiences rather than items brought from home. We're more than happy to help guide them towards alternatives that still feel exciting and meaningful.

Thank you so much for your understanding and continued support. By working together, we can ensure school remains a calm, safe, and positive space for everyone.

it's about me-

The HAF Club is available over the Easter Break and booking is essential (opens 9th March) whichever venue you choose.

Our school unique code is:

8302046DIAM2026

Please see below for information and booking guidance.

Full details and the booking form can also be accessed here:

https://selfservice.bolsover.gov.uk/service/Leisure_Services_Outreach_Consent_Form



BROCKLEY

HOLIDAY ACTIVITY PROGRAMME



WHAT'S ON:

Dodgeball, football, cricket, basketball, food preparation skills, arts and crafts, castleball and more!

Sessions are free and lunch is provided. 5–11 year olds only.

WHERE AND WHEN:

Brockley Primary School,
S44 6AF

Mon 30 March, Tue 31 March,
Tue 7 April, Wed 8 April

TO BOOK:

Please scan
this QR code
or visit:
bit.ly/leisure-consent-form



CONTACT US:

For more information or to
book/cancel a place, please call
01246 242364



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HOLIDAY CLUBS IN DERBYSHIRE

it's about me
Derbyshire's Holiday Activity and
Food Programme

2026

MORE INFORMATION

Did you know that, as well as free school meals during term time, your child can also access funded spaces at holiday clubs?

Through the Department for Education's Holiday Activity and Food Programme, known in Derbyshire as It's About Me, children can attend local holiday clubs packed with fun activities, learning opportunities and healthy meals—all at no cost to you.

If your child is aged 4–16 and eligible for benefits-related free school meals, they're entitled to funded places at It's About Me holiday clubs.*

Our clubs offer a wide variety of activities, including sports, arts and crafts, cooking, dance, music, and more—so there's something to suit everyone! Each session also includes a nutritious meal to keep children happy, healthy and energised throughout the day.

Every club runs its own unique programme depending on its location, meaning there's always something new to discover.

Not eligible? Many clubs also offer paid places, so every child can still get involved and enjoy the fun.

*See website for full eligibility criteria.



IMPORTANT DATES

SPRING

Bookings open: 9th March 2026
Holiday clubs open: 30th March 2026 - 10th April 2026

SUMMER

Bookings open: 29th June 2026
Holiday clubs open: 23rd July 2026 - 4th September 2026

WINTER

Bookings open: 30th November 2026
Holiday clubs open: 21st December 2026 - 31st December 2026

All dates exclude bank holidays and weekends.

HOW TO BOOK

- 1 Get your unique IAM/ HAF code from your child's school
- 2 Go to our website itsaboutmederbyshire.co.uk
- 3 Follow our handy How to Book Guide
- 4 Subscribe to the It's About Me Newsletter



MORE INFORMATION:
itsaboutmederbyshire.co.uk



HOW TO BOOK

it's about me

Derbyshire's Holiday Activity and Food Programme

GET YOUR CODE

1

Get your IAM code from your child's school. If you haven't received your code, but believe you are eligible for the programme, please contact your child's school.

CHOOSE YOUR CLUBS

2

Go to itsaboutmederbyshire.co.uk and click **BOOK NOW**

3

Enter your criteria E.g Location, participant age, date and click **SEARCH**

To view the session details click **MORE INFORMATION**

4

Once you've found a holiday club you like, click 'BOOK NOW' and choose a date and time that works for you.

5

Enter your child's details- you can add more than once child.

You may need to add 'Supplementary Information' Please write 'none' in any fields that do not apply.

6

Repeat to add more sessions.

Why not take a photo of these instructions?



CREATE A LOG-IN

7

Once you have chosen all your sessions, go to your cart and click **CHECKOUT**

8

To complete your booking, you will need to create a log-in. You can then view/ edit and add any additional bookings at any time by logging in.

Create a Log-in

- Add your details
- Sign up for session reminders
- Enter your child/ children's details
- Sign up for our It's About Me newsletter

COMPLETE BOOKING

Click **COMPLETE BOOKING**

MORE INFORMATION:
itsaboutmederbyshire.co.uk



STREET GAMES

DERBYSHIRE
County Council

Department
for Education

Wellbeing Session – Focusing on Anxiety



Join us for another Wellbeing session led by Nicole Woodcock (Hummingbird Hypnotherapy) A supportive and compassionate practitioner focused on parent/carer wellbeing.

What the Session Covers

- How anxiety is created,
- The role of brain chemistry and thought patterns,
- And how adopting a solution-focused mindset can help us navigate challenges more effectively.
- We'll finish with a soothing relaxation experience – so feel free to bring along your favourite cosy blanket and settle in comfortably.

Workshop Details

Date: Friday 20th March 2026

Time: 7:30pm – 9:00pm

Location: Online via Team

**For more information and to book please visit
<https://derbyshireparentforums.co.uk/>**