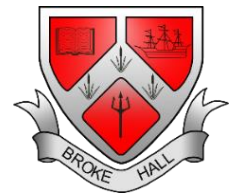


Broke Hall Primary School



Friday 23rd January 2026

Newsletter 8

Message from Mrs. Fairs:

Although it may be a little late to wish you all a Happy New Year, as this is the first full newsletter of 2026, it seems very appropriate. The children have returned to school well after the excitement of Christmas and I think at this time of year, we all crave a return to normality and routine; it is both grounding and reassuring. Our newest member of staff, Sally Mann has begun her role as Pupil Support Lead and has spent the first couple of weeks getting to know some of the children and their families. Welcome to the team, Sally – we are glad to have you with us. If you would like to make contact with Sally for support for your child or with parenting questions or concerns, she can be contacted through her direct email smann@brokehall.suffolk.sch.uk or by selecting option 4 when phoning the school office.

Mrs. Fairs

Sports

You may remember that last term we reported on Broke Hall children competing in the Schools' Cross Country competition at the Royal Hospital School and that Alfie from Year 6, succeeded in qualifying for the second round. That race took place earlier this month at Woodbridge School and we are thrilled that Alfie came in an impressive third place and has now been selected to represent Suffolk at the Anglian Championships in Northamptonshire on Saturday 31st January. This is a huge achievement; we are very proud of you, Alfie.

Although the athletics programme is generally quiet at this time of year, a group of 18 Year Six pupils went to an indoor event at Suffolk One with Mr Bradford. There were lots of other schools in attendance and as ever, they represented Broke Hall incredibly well.



Great Fire of London and Space Goggles

Years 2 and 5 have been travelling through time and space to enjoy immersive experiences surrounding The Great Fire of London and our solar system.

When it is physically impossible to take our children on a trip to enhance their learning, we bring the experience to them. The Year 2 children and staff came dressed in costumes from 1666 (thank you parents) and spent the morning becoming apprentices on the streets of London, learning skills common for workers of the era: leather working, metal working, and sewing. They learnt how the fire spread and what was done to stop it and finally how the process of rebuilding was started. This really brought the era to life. Year 5 children were able to explore the wonders of the solar system through virtual reality headsets without leaving planet Earth!

Trust Collaboration Litter Picking



We have taken part in a joint project with other schools in our Trust to litter pick around our school grounds. This week a group of children from 5JA collected six bags of rubbish from our playground and field. Representatives from each school met via Teams to discuss the outcome. **Broke Hall** shared that they had litter picking as a lunchtime activity for children every day – the litter pickers are very popular, and you must get out quick to get them. **Springfield Juniors** reported that they did not find too much on their playground (which they were very pleased about) but collected two full bin bags from around the school area. **Freeman Primary** litter picked around the school for over an hour and a half in groups of eight, they filled one very heavy bag. They are going to carry on litter picking around school following this.



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Trust Chess Tournament

Broke Hall children have also been flexing their mental agility, this time with a chess tournament against the seven other schools in the Trust. Teddy, Ayus, Jacob and Yasin played lots of matches against their peers to gain a place on the team. On the day, the boys travelled to **Combs Ford Primary School** where they played some very well-fought games, and the team came second overall, narrowly beaten by **Whitehouse**. Well done, future grand-masters!



Big Schools' Bird Watch 2026

The Eco-council, supported by 3C, have again taken part in the Big Schools' Bird Count this week. They saw lots of gulls, magpies, crows and pigeons but were also very excited to see a robin and a great tit.

We are hoping to attract more birds to our school grounds through our newly installed bird feeders. These were bought with the money raised by the eco-council last term through selling their homemade pinecone bird feeders. Many thanks to Mrs Collins for leading the Eco-council.



Young Carers

We are very pleased to be a Gold Young Carers School Award and so are supporting the Every Young Carers Matters campaign, which aims to ensure that Young Carers are heard, recognised and supported. You can show your support for the Young Carers Covenant online [here](#) or by sending a postcard to the Prime Minister. Children can collect a postcard from Sally's room in school. Thank you for your support.

Term dates for your diary	
Monday 9 th February	Year 6 to Copleston to watch their production
Wednesday 11 th February	Bowling Festival
Monday 16th Feb- Friday 20th Feb (inclusive) Half term break	
Tuesday 24 th February	HSA meeting at 6pm
Tuesday 3 rd March	Under 8 girls' football festival (pm)
Monday 9 th March	Under 10 girls' football festival (pm)
Wednesday 11 th March	Dentist to visit Reception, Year 1,2,3 and 4.
Monday 16 th March	Under 11 boys' futsal tournament (2:30-5:30)
Monday 23 rd March	Year 1 to Ipswich Transport Museum Under 11 girls' futsal tournament (2:30-5:30)
Tuesday 24 th March	EYFS Easter Share event Year 3 to the Food Museum
Wednesday 25 th March	HSA Easter hampers Parent Consultation evening
Thursday 26 th March	Parent Consultation evening
Friday 27 th March	End of term
Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April (inclusive) Easter Holiday	