

Broke Hall Primary School



Friday 13th February 2026

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Message from Mrs. Fairs:

Although at times it has felt that a boat may be the best mode of transport to come to school this month, I am cheered by the emergence snowdrops on the school field and roadside verges. These resilient little blooms are a sign that spring is on the way and have been full of symbolism for centuries. In Greek mythology, they represent Persephone's return from the underworld and in the Christian tradition, they have an alternative name of Candlemas bells, due to their appearance around the time of that festival. They are also associated with the Celtic goddess, Brigid and the festival of Imbolc. With St Valentine's Day, Lunar New Year, Shrove Tuesday and the start of Ramadan into the bargain, maybe dreary February has a bit more to celebrate than it seems! Have a lovely half term break.

Mrs. Fairs

Bowling brilliance

This Wednesday, Mr Bradford took a group of pupils to a ten-pin bowling tournament. This inclusive event allowed children to represent the school and to experience a team event outside of the more traditional school sports in a friendly, unpressured environment. We were thrilled when the team brought back the winner's trophy! Mr Bradford said they all played brilliantly with some excellent scores. Well done, bowlers!

Larch project

This week saw the close of a truly special project between Broke Hall and St Elizabeth's Hospice day unit. Small groups of our children were paired with patients who attend the hospice on a non-residential basis for an inter-generational, creative project. The children quickly found shared interests with the patients and planned unique ways to express these through art, craft and performance. Each week, the participants played games, sang songs and learned more about the work of the hospice through guest speakers including the centre's gardener and "Pets as Therapy" dog owners. Any preconceived ideas about what a hospice would be like were shattered as children learned that it is a place for living and full of love. As a community school, this project was a wonderful way to connect with others and share the joy that social interaction brings.



Inclusion and Belong Conference Trinity Park

On Friday 30th January, Noah and Albie from Year 6, joined children from the other seven schools in The Children's Endeavour Trust to travel to Trinity Park to speak at an Inclusion and Belonging Conference hosted by Suffolk County Council. Noah and Albie spoke with confidence about what belonging and inclusion feels like at Broke Hall. There was a large audience of adults from the education sector across Suffolk. They both did an amazing job and we were very proud of them.

Our School Our World Bronze Award

Did you know that it is estimated that by 2030, the world population of 7 billion will demand three times as many resources as the planet can supply?



**SUFFOLK
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We are pleased to announce that we have gained a Bronze Award for our work within the 'Our Schools, Our World' programme which aims to enable schools and communities to learn effectively about sustainability, climate change and the environment and to develop skills and understanding about how to address local and global challenges.

The assessor recognised the steps that we have taken as a school so far, which have included a whole staff shift in thinking and understanding around sustainability issues, the inclusion of environmental themes as contexts within existing curriculum plans and a shift in thinking behind purchasing decisions as we have stopped purchasing single-use glue sticks, have switched plastic pens for pencils and have removed single-use plastic from the school lunch delivery.

Inappropriate TV and internet viewing

February is Safer Internet Month and although our commitment to ensuring our children experience a safe, happy and appropriate online environment is year-round, it feels important to issue some reminders about how you can support this at home.

It has been brought to our attention that some children have been watching certain TV series that are unsuitable for their ages. This may be full episodes, or more likely in clip form on Tik-Tok or YouTube. These programmes are subject to aggressive media hype and so naturally, children are curious to see what the fuss is about or to be part of the conversation. Unfortunately, they may view content which is frightening and once seen, it cannot be unseen, leading to distress either immediately or later at bedtime. We ask that you are vigilant and that your parental controls on devices and Smart TVs are robust – children are very good at cracking our codes!

More information on parental controls, safer platforms etc can be found here.

<https://nationalcollege.com/parents> These guides are free, regularly updated and non-judgemental. Once you have registered for a free account, you can access a wealth of valuable resources.

Although these hints and tips will go a long way to keeping our children safe on the internet, nothing is failsafe and none are a substitute for adult supervision.



Site Staff update

There will be some changes to our site staff in the not too distant future as both Mr Dadswell and Mr Illott are hanging up their tools and retiring. Mr Dadswell's last day with us will be Friday 27th February and Mr Illott will be with us for the rest of the half term. We would like to thank them both for their hard work and commitment to ensuring our school is a safe, clean and well maintained environment for all our children, staff and visitors. Information about the job vacancies can be found on the [school website](#).

| Term dates for your diary | |
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| 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 | |