

Broke Hall Primary School



Friday 20th March 2026 Newsletter 11

Message from Mrs. Fairs:

This term has whizzed past and we are now staring the summer term in the face. The change in the seasons (several times a day at the moment) has brought with it some changes to staffing in school as next week we say a fond farewell to Mrs. Stanford, our wonderful SENDCo. She is our longest standing member of Broke Hall staff and has been at the school for more than thirty years, working with children and families to get the very best outcomes. To Mrs. Rudland, whose care and expertise have helped children with developing their language and literacy for many years. To Miss Collins-Grant, who joined us as an HLTA and went on to take up her first teaching post with us. Mrs. Francis, who is taking up a new position as an HLTA at another school and to Mr. Ilott, our site manager and resident Pop Master who keeps the fabric of the building in tip-top condition. We wish them all a very happy future in their various pursuits and their absence will be greatly felt. It isn't all goodbyes though, as we welcome Mr. Bennett who will be taking up where Mr Ilott has left off and Mr. Fox who will be assisting him. Mrs. Howlett will be taking over the role of 4C's class teacher for the summer term.

Mrs. Fairs

Eid Mubarak!

Many of our Muslim pupils have been looking forward today as it is the start of Eid al Fitr – one of the most important festivals in the Islamic calendar. This celebration marks the end of the month of fasting and reflection known as Ramadan. Muslims across the world will mark the start of the celebration with group prayers and then have special meals with family and friends. Eid Mubarak to everyone who celebrates.

Sheep Week

This week we have been so lucky to be trusted with the care of two ewes. Suffolk is a rural county and in mediaeval times, towns such as Lavenham, Long Melford and Hadleigh were important centres for the wool trade, so sheep are an integral to the county's heritage. The Suffolk Agricultural Association, who organise the annual Suffolk Show also offer an extensive education programme, called Learning about Livestock, which we are fortunate enough to benefit from. The aim of the programme is to raise awareness of local agriculture and to encourage children to consider where their food comes from. Sian, from the Suffolk Agricultural Association, led assemblies for the children describing a year in the life of the ewes and lambs and sharing the many by products that are made from sheep's wool. Year Four, who have been in charge of feeding the ewes daily, have also had a visit from Shelia the shepherdess, who brought two lambs for the morning. The Year 4 children learned about livestock husbandry, lambing and animal welfare and have enjoyed the experience immensely. Children from across the school have enjoyed visiting the sheep (Suffolks) and we will be very sad to see them leave us to return to their flock on Friday.



Red Hat Reading Festival

The Ipswich Children's Book Group has been running since 1976 and aims to spread the joy of reading and books, and to bring authors, illustrators and children together. Each year, the group holds the Red Hat Reading Festival and Broke Hall have benefitted from visits from not one but two authors – Lisa Thompson (*Goldfish Boy* and *The Day I was Erased*) and Kate Rolfe (*Owl and Moon* and *Wiggling Words*). Thank you to Miss Varden for arranging these wonderful visits.



Squash Tournament

We entered a Year 3 and a Year 4 team into the Saxon Cup Inter Primary School Squash Competition which was held at Ipswich Sports Club. As a school we have been working with Ipswich Sports Club to provide our children with an introduction to squash. The Saxon Cup was designed to allow Primary School pupils to compete in a friendly fun competition playing squash on a real squash court. We are delighted that both our teams played very well and Year 4 came in second place and the Year 3 team came back with the winner's cup. Congratulations to all involved.

Year 2 Local Area walk



As part of their current geography unit, children in Year 2 have been studying our local area, looking at land use. This week they walked to the heath, water tower and local shops/amenities. The children located and sketched various landmarks that they had been discussing in class.



Parent Consultations

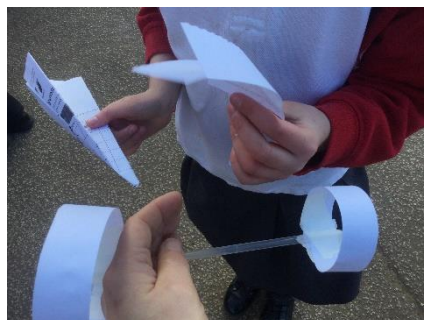
Thank you to parents who have signed up to meet with class teachers. These will be held next week on Wednesday and Thursday. There will be an opportunity for you to look at the children's learning in their books.

Lost Property

Our mountain of lost property will be outside the main entrance for the parent consultation evenings next week– please take anything that belongs to your child. Anything left on Thursday will be recycled or donated to the HSA's preloved uniform shop.

Science Week

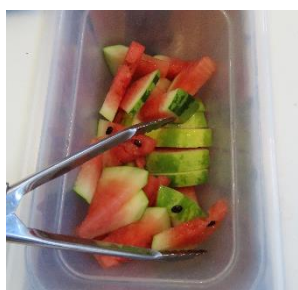
Science Week at Broke Hall was a vibrant and engaging celebration of this year's theme, curiosity. Throughout the week, children eagerly took part in a range of exciting activities designed to spark their interest and encourage questioning. They worked collaboratively in team-building challenges, investigated which paper airplane design travelled the fastest, and explored important discussions around challenging stereotypes in science. The children demonstrated great enthusiasm in every task.



A celebration of our delicious school meals.

Mrs Collins, our Lower Phase Leader has been talking to the children in assembly about how lucky we are to have such tasty school meals and, as part of our sustainability action plan, the importance of reducing our food waste.

As you are aware, all our school meals are cooked on site by our own kitchen team, using locally sourced, fresh ingredients where possible. Children can choose from a varied and healthy menu each day. We thought you may like to see some of the delicious offerings from our kitchen team this half term.



Red Nose Day

The children have been enjoying the non-uniform day today. The schools looks very different without all the red jumpers in the classrooms. We are very pleased that, at time of writing, your donations have raised £956 for this amazing charity – thank you! It is still not too late to donate via our Just Giving Page -

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Broke Hall Community Primary School's fundraiser for Comic Relief



Red Nose Day 2026 - Primary Schools
 Campaign by Comic Relief (RCN 35658)
 This Red Nose Day it's time to Take Yourself Funny for Money on Friday 20 March. Whatever you do to get a laugh, the money you raise will do serious good for

Term dates for your diary	
Friday 20 th March	Red Nose Day – non uniform day
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	
Monday 13 th April	Term begins for children
Tuesday 21 st April	HSA Spring Craft session after school
Thursday 23 rd April	Year 2 to Hollow Tree Farm
Tues 5 th May/Weds 6 th May	Year 5 to Christchurch Mansion
Monday 11 th May	Year 6 SATs week
Friday 22 nd May	PD Day – school closed to pupils
Monday 25th May-Friday 29th May Half Term	