

Broke Hall Primary School



Friday 24th April 2026 Newsletter 14

Message from Mrs. Fairs:

Welcome to the first newsletter of the last term of the school year and a huge welcome to spring, which is making its presence felt around the school grounds. The pond is simply teeming with tadpoles; gardening club are up to their eyes in seeds and watering, Year Six are proudly sporting their leavers' hoodies and the show garden has just been planted, meaning that it won't be long before it is time for the Suffolk Show.

Mr Bennet and Mr Fox are getting to grips with caring for our school site and Mrs Howlett is settling into teaching in 4C. This week we have wished Mrs Stebbings all the best as she takes her maternity leave and look forward to hearing news in the not too distant future.

Mrs. Fairs

Warmer weather



As the sun gets stronger, please ensure that your child has sunscreen applied before coming into school and that they have a hat to pop on at break, lunchtime and during PE lessons. The children will be outside as much as possible from now until the end of the year and it is important that they are protected from the sun's rays, even on more overcast days. Please make sure hats are clearly named.

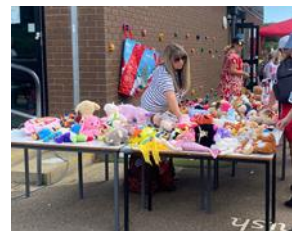
Year Six Assessments

The end of Key Stage Two assessments (commonly known as SATs) are approaching and as parents, you may be wondering how best to support your child through this. As with all things, balance is key. A consistent, positive mindset; ensuring wellbeing through plenty of sleep, healthy food, good hydration; keeping bodies active and maintaining open communication will all help reduce any anxiety they may be experiencing. If your child would like to do additional practice at home, short bursts in a quiet, organised space is preferable to extensive cramming or endless repetition. The children have been well prepared at school; they have been working hard in lessons and so they have every reason to feel confident.

Spotlight on the HSA

Our Home School Association (HSA) is a small band of parents who work very hard to raise funds for the school. Last year, they raised £8600 which was used to buy a set of iPads, subsidise school trips for every year group and provide leaver's gifts for all our Year 6 pupils. With some funds still in the bank, the next project that they are hoping to fund is new outdoor play equipment to replace the trim trail at the edge of the field which is nearing the end of its life.

Always on the lookout for new fund raising events, the HSA would like to hold a colour run on the school field on the last day of this half term to finish our sports days in style. This would be a sponsored event open to all pupils. There would be an entrance fee of £5 to cover the cost of the paint, and we would ask that children also raise some money



through sponsorship for completing the event. To gauge interest in this and/or other events, the HSA have a poll on their Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/brokehallhsa/>

Please visit their page to have your say.



The ever popular ice pole Fridays will be back in June – last year we were lucky enough to have a sponsor for this. If you or a business that you have connections to are able to help us out with sponsorship for the ice poles or to donate a prize for our Summer Fair, please get in touch with the HSA or the school. Finally, we are also happy to welcome new members so if you are able to give a few hours of your time, either to support the organisation of events, to seek out donations or prizes, or to be hands on at the various events that are run in school, please contact us. brokehallhsa@outlook.com

Little Woodlands Heights Project

A group of Year 5 children are taking part in this new programme of interactive music-making sessions exploring connections between forest ecology and music. This programme has been delivered in schools in Ireland and Ukraine, and we are lucky to be involved in one of the first projects in the UK.

The project nurtures listening and notation skills, creativity in music and science, awareness of the environment, understanding of importance of trees in nature and culture and connection between Science & Arts.

Over the course of the project, the children will learn about biodiversity and the crossover with composition. This week, the children have visited Rendlesham Forest, to find inspiration for their compositions and take sound recordings. At the end of the programme, we look forward to watching the children will perform their compositions alongside planting new trees within our school grounds.

Year 2 visit to Hollow Tree Farm

This term, Year 2 children are studying living things and their habitats and yesterday they visited Hollow Trees Farm. The children spent the day as ‘farmers’ and took part in a range of activities on the farm. They fed the animals (pigs, cows and rabbits) and learnt about their habitats. They planted bean seeds, picked rhubarb, harvested leeks and learnt about the seasons with farming crops.

The children also learnt how farmers make bread and butter and the children grinded the wheat and milked a cow (not a real one). It was a great day out and all the children thoroughly enjoyed the day, especially riding on the back of the tractor.



Please note the dates for Sports Day below – exact times to be confirmed.

Term dates for your diary	
Thursday 30 th April/Friday 1 st May	Book Fair in school
Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday – school closed
Tues 5 th May/Weds 6 th May	Year 5 to Christchurch Mansion
Monday 11 th May	Year 6 SATs week
Thursday 14 th May	Year 6 cake sale
Wednesday 20 th May	Sports Day (Yrs 1 and 2 – morning, EYFS – afternoon)
Thursday 21 st May	Sports day (Yrs 5 and 6 – morning, Yrs 3 and 4 – afternoon)
Thursday 21 st May	HSA “Colour Run” event after school (event to be confirmed)
Friday 22 nd May	PD Day – school closed to pupils
Monday 25 th May-Friday 29 th May Half Term (come and see our garden at the Suffolk Show)	
Monday 1 st June	Term begins for pupils
Thursday 2 nd July	Summer Fayre 3.30pm
Wednesday 8 th July 2.45pm	Little Red Riding Hood and the Wolf – Yr 1 to Yr 6 outdoor singing performance
Wednesday 8 th July 3.30-4.30pm	Open evening - all families invited to visit classes across the school, including the current year group and to visit the classrooms for the next year.