

# Broke Hall Primary School



Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2026 Newsletter 15

## Message from Mrs. Fairs:

Life is full of markers and milestones, and last week saw another cohort of Year Six children embark on their End of Key Stage 2 assessments. They approached these tests with the calm and assured attitude that comes with the right balance of core curriculum teaching and rounded personal development; a diet they have received since joining us as four-year-olds in 2019. We are all rightly proud of them as they prepare for the next leg of their exciting journey – but not before enjoying all that the final term of primary school brings with it. I extend my thanks to all the staff who have worked with these lovely children, and to you for your unwavering support.

This week has seen a very busy end to this half term, with our Sports Days. For those of you who were able to attend, I hope you enjoyed watching the field activities as well as the track races this year. The children certainly enjoyed showing you their sporting skills.

I hope that you all enjoy the half term break.

Mrs. Fairs

## Year Five visit Christchurch Mansion

Year Five recently visited the mansion to take part in “Art in a Day”. They explored the mansion and identified many varying artforms including some 250-year-old wallpaper, contemporary and period sculpture, portraiture and ceramics. They had the opportunity to create their own wallpaper and “grotesque” pots. They saw genuine Constable sketches and paintings up close, as well as regency costumes and work by Constable’s great, great, great, Granddaughter, Sasha Constable.



## Suffolk Show Schools’ Garden Competition

Many of you will have watched with interest as the large wooden container outside Mrs. Fairs’ window has transformed into a beautiful garden. The theme for the 2026 competition is ‘A Garden Showcasing a Flower Themed Song’. Our design is based around the song ‘Scarborough Fair’ This is a traditional ballad dating back to the Middle Ages. It features repetitive refrains—parsley, sage, rosemary, and thyme—which were traditionally associated with magical and symbolic meanings related to love, strength, and remembrance.



Thank you to Mrs Abbott and members of the gardening club for designing and planting up this garden. As well as the herbs mentioned in the song, it has a maypole as a centrepiece and is decorated with ribbons and musical notes.

The garden has now been collected to be transported to the Trinity Park for the Suffolk Show where it may hopefully win a prize, so if you are attending the show, please come along and look at the entries.



## Beekeeper Visit

Children in our reception classes were visited by a beekeeper this week. They have been learning about the importance of bees, how bees help us and ways we can help bees too. Helen, the bee keeper, shared a story book she has published about bees. Children have been busy with lots of bee related activities in class.

## Ducklings

Year 1 children (and staff from across the school) have been very excited watching five duck eggs hatch into baby ducklings this week. The children have taken turns to look after the ducklings and are using them as a stimulus for some amazing writing in class.



## Year 6 Cake Sale



Last Thursday saw Year 6 holding a cake sale after school. Despite the rainy weather, there was a long queue of people waiting to buy the delicious cakes and cookies. We are pleased to say that over £210 was raised. This money will go towards the charity James Team, who have given every child in Year 6 a copy of the book 'You are awesome' to support well being in our children. Next half term, all Year 5 children will be given a free copy. Thank you very much for your support.

## New classes in September

Staff have already started preparing for the transition to new classes in September. You may be aware, that we mix classes where we feel there is a benefit to be gained. For your information, this year, we are not planning to make any changes to the class groups. This does not mean that we will not do so in future academic years.

## Colour run and ice pole Friday

As I write this newsletter, the colour run has yet to take place, but I have my running shoes ready! It promises to be a colourful event and our just giving page shows we have already raised over £1200. Please pay any sponsor money to our just giving page or if you are not able to take part but would just like to donate – [Broke Hall Just Giving](#). Thank you very much.

A quick reminder that our ice pole Friday will start after half term on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June. Thank you to the HAS for organising both these events.

Term dates for your diary	
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	PD Day – school closed to pupils
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May-Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May Half Term (come and see our garden at the Suffolk Show)</b>	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Term begins for pupils
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Year 3 to visit the Heath
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Half Year 4 to Lackford Lakes
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June/Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Sun Safe Assemblies
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Class photos
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Half Year 4 to Lackford Lakes
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 to Life Exhibition
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Move Up Day
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	HSA Donation Day – non uniform in return for donations for the Summer Fair
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Summer Fayre 3.30pm
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Art Day
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Nursery to Christchurch Park and Mansion
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2.45pm	Little Red Riding Hood and the Wolf – Yr 1 to Yr 6 outdoor singing performance
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> 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.