

# Broke Hall Primary School



Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Newsletter 3

## Message from Mrs. Fairs:

It was lovely to see so many of you at parents' evenings last week. It is very important to me that the school has plenty of opportunities to share the progress of your children. The new pupils have settled in nicely by now and the staff have got to know your children well. We have had lots of visitors to the school over the past few weeks, for many reasons, and I am always proud to show what a wonderful place this is.

As the skies grow ever darker, we have been celebrating our annual Food and Festivals Week, where the children look across the world and time to learn how feasting, celebrations and traditions bring light to the gloomiest times of the year. Look out for news of what they have been learning in the next newsletter. We are saying goodbye to Mrs Leek, a Learning Support Assistant in the nursery and after the holiday we will be welcoming Mrs Foster to the support staff team. We wish Mrs Leek all the best and hope that she enjoys the time spent with her family.

We have another busy half term coming up so have a cosy and restful holiday – see you on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

Mrs. Fairs

## Football news and sporting success



Last week the boys' and girls' football teams travelled to Whitton Sports Centre for a festival of football. It was chilly (we are reliably informed that is part of the fun) but the event was enjoyed by all. The format of sports festivals is that there is no overall winner – the children play for the fun and experience of doing so.

This week the boys and the girls football teams both played Whitehouse in a football friendly. Although they did not win, both teams played well and showed an excellent attitude and Mr Bradley was very proud of them all.



We are also very proud that one of our Year 6 pupils competed in the area finals of the cross country at the Royal Hospital school. Harry was the only Broke Hall representative and finished an amazing 123<sup>rd</sup> out of over 250 Year 5 and Year 6 pupils from schools across the region. Well done, Harry.



## Changes to lunch menus

As you will have seen from last week's Kitchen Chronicle newsletter, we are making some exciting changes to our school lunch provision to include more hot food options for your children – especially welcome as the days get chillier. Today we are sending a paper copy home with every child so that you can pin it to your fridge for easy reference!

Please study the menu carefully with your child to help and encourage them make an informed decision and avoid delays at registration. The new menus can also be found on the [school website](#).



## Focus on Upper Phase



This term Year 6 have been learning about the causes of crime, how it was punished, the justice system and how these things have changed over time. To enrich this learning, the children visited the Suffolk Archives in Ipswich, known as The Hold. During our visit, the children had the opportunity to study historical sources, maps, directories and census records, taking a hands-on approach in the education room. The Hold provided lots of activities that immersed the children in how Crime and Punishment was dealt with in Ipswich in the past as well as showing them how professional historians and archivists' work.



As part of the Year 5 geography units of study are around water and river systems, the children have visited Suffolk Wildlife Redgrave and Lopham Fen to study the River Waveney in real life. This visit allowed the children to learn first-hand about the water cycle and rivers, before carrying out measurements and observations at various locations along the river. This was a very enjoyable day for all the children.

Year 4 pupils have been designing a tasty fruit crumble in their food technology lessons. They were all able to take turns to prepare the fresh seasonal fruit, make the crumble and finally enjoy the tasting session. Reviews of the different crumble flavours were mixed – but apple and blackberry seemed to be the favourite!



## Parking banners

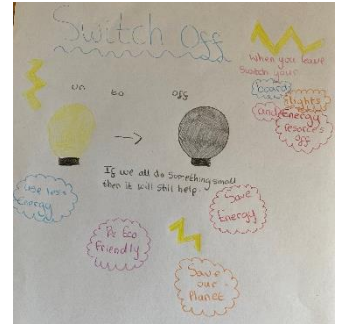
You may have noticed the new banners on our fence at the front of school. The message is clear: No Stopping, No parking, No Excuses. The yellow zigzags are there for a reason – parking on them blocks the view of the entrance to the school, endangering the lives of children wanting to cross the road on their way to and from the school. These restrictions are in place between 8am and 4.30pm and you can be fined for contravening this regulation.



## Pupil Voice



We are pleased that our School Council and Eco-council are up and running. This year, we have restructured both councils to a voluntary membership, encouraging those with a real passion to make a difference as well as those who have valuable experience gained in previous years. Both councils are very enthusiastic; the eco-council have already made posters to encourage energy saving around the school and the school council are currently conducting a survey on the colour of pen that children use for editing their work.



## Term dates for your diary

Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November: Half Term break	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Term begins
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	High School Application deadline for transfer in September 2025
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	First day back for pupils
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> /Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Final Bikeability course for some Year 5 children
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Year Five Day of Action with Suffolk Wildlife Trust Wilder Schools
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Pyjama Day for Children in Need Philosophy day in school
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	PTA Christmas Fair 3.30pm
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 Christmas performance (pm)
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 Christmas performance (am)
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery Christmas Performance (am) Reception Christmas performance (pm)
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Christmas performance (am)
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Trust Christmas Concert 6:30 pm at the Corn Exchange, Ipswich
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Day in school (wear a festive jumper)
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 2 assembly to parents (pm)
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 assembly to parents (am)
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December: Christmas Holiday	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	PD Day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	First day back for pupils

## Online Safety

Please see below the latest National Online Safety Wake Up Wednesday Guides for Parents. These guides, along with several more, can be found on the school website Online Safety page [here](#).

