

Broke Hall Primary School



Friday 9th May 2025 Newsletter 12

Message from Mrs. Fairs:

The lovely weather has been an excellent chance for the children to get out and enjoy our beautiful field. They may have come home and mentioned we have several zones where they can play with different equipment. This is part of a drive towards more active playtimes as the best experiences are where children have access to challenging, physical play to support their general health and mental wellbeing. We are gradually introducing more and more variety to our lunchtime offer and it is wonderful to see children of all ages playing together and sharing the fun. The latest additions have been some static bikes and a quieter area for the younger children to play.

Next week will see our Year Six children sitting the end of Key Stage Two SATs and we all wish them the best of luck. The children can give themselves the best chance of doing well by getting plenty of sleep, eating well and taking some exercise to boost their mood and calm any worries they may have. We are always very proud of all of our Year Six pupils and their positive attitude towards SATs week. It will all be over very soon and they can look forward to the pay off that the last few weeks of Primary School brings with it.

Mrs. Fairs

Dance delight!

A mixed group of Broke Hall Pupils took part in a dance competition organised and held at Ipswich High School in Woolverstone. Following weeks of learning the choreography, rehearsals and preparation, we are delighted to say that we won! Thank you to all involved, especially ex-pupil Lucy, an ex-pupil who runs a dance school, and Mrs Stark for their input and organisation.



Out and about

Last week, Year Three visited Colchester Castle to support their study of the Romans in Britain. This fascinating museum has many Roman and Celtic artefacts on display and gives them the chance to journey down into the undercroft to hear stories about Boudica and how she razed Colchester to the ground in protest over her treatment and that of her people.

Jimmy's Farm hosted the Year Two children as a lovely way to round off last term's work on Living things and their habitats – especially the ways animals have adapted to thrive in their environments.



School Uniform

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of our school uniform, in particular, that sports shorts and cycling shorts are **not** part of our school uniform and should not be worn to school (apart from PE lessons). Our uniform is back or grey school trousers, school shorts, skirt/pinafore/red and white checked or striped summer dress. Please also note that shoes should be black school shoes (if trainers these must be entirely black with no coloured/white soles or coloured logo).

The Uniform Policy can be found here on the school website: [School Uniform Policy](#)

Secondhand uniform can be purchased through the Home School Association: brokehallhsa@outlook.com

Finally please name all items – this will allow them to be returned to their owner. Thank you for your support.

Suncream and warm weather advice

The children are all excellent at wearing hats and drinking lots of water in the warmer weather. The children may also choose to protect their eyes with sunglasses while outside. This is fine but it is the children's responsibility to look after them. Suncream should be applied before school and not brought into school. Most suncreams suitable for children will last until lunchtime with a single application and many brands make a "once" variety. It can be very time-consuming, not to mention tricky for the children to apply the lotion correctly for themselves.

Walk to School Week

Walk to School Week is an annual event in the UK, taking place from May 19th to 23rd 2025. It encourages children and families to walk or cycle to school, promoting physical activity, healthy travel habits, and a more sustainable commute. This year's challenge is called "The Great Space Walk" and encourages daily active travel. We will be taking part and would encourage as many families as possible who currently drive to school, to use this week as an opportunity to explore more environmentally friendly and healthy options. The children will bring home more information next week.



Suffolk Family Cycling

Now that the weather has taken a positive turn, what better way to enjoy the sunshine than on your bicycles. Suffolk Road Safe offer free family cycling sessions designed to families who want to cycle more together. The team can work with you to refresh your riding skills and equip you with strategies for dealing with road situations you may encounter. For more information and to book your free session contact John Showell at CyclistTraining@suffolkhighways.org. **Please note that priority will be given to families who want to cycle with their children.**

Did you know that Suffolk County Council also have E-cargo bikes you can borrow to "try before you buy". Get in touch with them at <https://thewaytosuffolk.org.uk/cycling/e-cargo-bikes/>

Term dates for your diary

Monday 12 th – Thursday 15 th May	End of Key Stage 2 Assessments (SATs)
Friday 16 th May	Philosophy Day
Tuesday 20 th May	4LR visit to Lackford Lakes
Thursday 22 nd May	Sports Day am: Yrs 5 & 6 Parents invited from 10.30-11.30am Sports Day pm: Nursery and Reception Parents invited from 2.00 – 3.10pm
Friday 23 rd May	Sports Day am: Yrs 3 & 4 Parents invited from 10.30-11.30am Sports Day pm: Yrs 1 & 2 Parents invited from 2.10 – 3.10pm
26th – 30th May Half term holiday	
Monday 2 nd June	Return to school
Tuesday 3 rd June	4C and 4B visit to Lackford Lakes
Friday 6 th June	HSA Ice Pop Fridays returns
Tues 24 th /Wednesday 25 th June	Copleston Transition days
Wednesday 25 th June	Broke Hall move up day
Thursday 3 rd July	HSA Summer Fair 3.30pm
Wednesday 9 th July 3.30pm – 5.30pm	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.
Friday 11 th July	Reports out to parents
Friday 18 th July	Last day of the academic year.