

Broke Hall Primary School

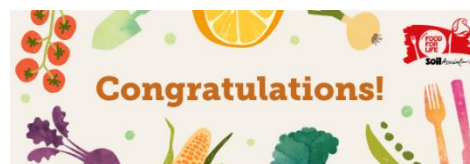


Friday 4th July 2025 Newsletter : 14

Message from Mrs. Fairs:

Today is American Independence Day and although it is not something we celebrate in the UK, *Independence* is one of our core values here at Broke Hall. The growing independence of our children can be a tricky thing to navigate. It is a fine balance between allowing children to struggle a little to manage something on their own for the first time and stepping in to do it for them. As educators we are lucky enough to see just how far our children come from small children in the nursery who are just developing their independence, to young people stepping out into high school as more confident eleven-year-olds. When they leave Broke Hall, it is our aim that our young people are independent learners, independent thinkers and individuals secure in their own worth. It is a journey we go along together with you and what a rewarding journey it is.

Mrs. Fairs



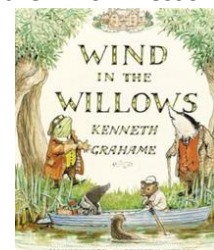
Kitchen congratulations!

We are delighted to announce that our school has been awarded the Soil Association Food For Life Award (Bronze Level) for its commitment to a positive school food culture. Mrs. Gale and her team, ably assisted by Mrs. Davey and the School Nutrition Action Group (SNAG) have worked hard to demonstrate how we mitigate food waste, source local and seasonal foods where possible and make small tweaks to recipes to boost their nutritional content. We are very proud of everyone who has contributed to this amazing award – Silver, here we come!

Performances

We are rightly proud of our music curriculum and the opportunities your children have to learn so many different instruments during their time with us. Mrs. Waldock, one of our music leads, works wonders with the children and they make tremendous progress from absolute beginners to producing recognisable tunes and practice pieces in a very short space of time. This week saw Year Four showcasing their learning on the ukuleles and Year Five showed how far they have come with their violin lessons. Well done everyone involved.

Year 6 are busy rehearsing in preparation for their performances next week and we would like to remind you that you are all invited to our singing performance of *The Wind in the Willows*. Come along on next Wednesday afternoon for an outdoor performance by children from Year 1 to Year 6. You are then welcome to stay for our Open School event and have a look at the work the children have completed this year as well as having the opportunity to visit classes for next year.



Year 1 visit to Felixstowe

Year 1 children made a most of the sunny weather on their visit to Felixstowe earlier this week. They were treated to a tour of the Spa Pavilion and spent time on the beach.

Move Up Day

The children spent an enjoyable day in their new classes last week getting to know their new teachers and classmates. There will be a chance for parents to meet the teachers during our Open event next week and at the Meet the Teacher sessions in September. We have updated the transition information for new Year groups in September on the school website. You can look at the information in the [Transition Photos](#) now or over the summer holidays to support a smooth transition in September.

Play at lunchtime

I hope that the children will have spoken to you about the wider range of play opportunities we have been developing at lunchtimes this term. This is something we plan to continue next year. The latest development has been to open up our forest school areas for imaginative play. This is very popular and children of all ages have been enjoying playing there - making camps and potions and preparing meals in the mud kitchen.



Stronger Starts – Tesco tokens

We are very pleased to have been accepted by Tesco for voting for funding for further improvements to our outdoor learning area for our Reception classes.

You will be able to pick up a token and vote for Broke Hall from the first week in July 2025 until the end of September 2025.

You will be able to vote in any of the following stores:

- Felixstowe Express
- Ipswich Kesgrave Superstore
- Martlesham Extra
- Tavern St Ipswich Express



The project with the highest number of votes across the region will receive £1,500 the second placed project £1,000, and the third placed project £500. Please pick up a token and add it to the Broke Hall box if you are visiting any of these stores.

HSA Summer Carnival

The Summer Fair last night was a great success. There was a super atmosphere, and it was lovely to see so many of our families having fun in the sun. Thank you to the small band of HSA volunteers and school staff who worked so hard to make this possible. As well all the games and stalls, we sold an amazing 80kg of chips. Early indications show that it has been our most successful fundraising event to date and we are on track to have raised over £3,000. The HSA have already agreed to purchase the school a new set of 10 ipads which we will have for the children to use in September. Thank you to everyone involved.

Term dates for your diary	
Monday 7 th July	Baseball PE enrichment for Years 5 and 6 Year 6 Performance to parents 1.45pm and 6.00pm
Wednesday 9 th July	Nursery to visit Christchurch Mansion
Wednesday 9 th July 2.45pm	Wind in the Willows – Yr 1 to Yr 6 outdoor singing performance.
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.
Thursday 10 th July	Year 4 Wilder schools
Thursday 10 th July 6.00pm	Year 6 Performance to parents
Friday 11 th July	End of Year Reports out
Wednesday 16 th July	End of year discos Year 6 Leavers BBQ
Friday 18 th July	Last day of term Breakfast Picnic 1.30pm Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Monday 21 st July Summer Holiday	
Monday 1 st /Tuesday 2 nd September	PD Day
Wednesday 3 rd September 2025	School begins for pupils