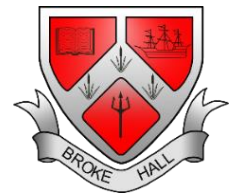


Broke Hall Primary School



Friday 24th October 2025

Newsletter 3

Message from Mrs. Fairs:

The first half term of this academic year is almost done and as usual, we have packed in the fun and learning. Our Reception children have settled very well to school life, all of Key Stage Two have either been out on a visit or enjoyed an enrichment experience in school and Key Stage One are developing their independence and positive learning behaviours. The calendar for the next half term is already filling up so make sure you note down those all-important dates. I hope you are have an enjoyable half term break.

Mrs. Fairs

Heritage Harbour Project

Year 5 have been combining their learning about rivers and river systems in geography with learning more about the importance of the wet dock to the town over many hundreds of years. The Ipswich Maritime Trust took the children on a walking tour of the wet dock, exploring how the buildings have changed their use over time, looked at maps and nautical charts inside the Old Customs House (as well as hauling their teachers around on sail sacks using blocks and pulleys) and cruised around the dock on board the Orwell Lady. They also got to see the Thames sailing barge – The Victor - and were amazed to learn that such a huge boat, with a cargo of 140 tonnes could be crewed by one man, his apprentice and a dog!



West Stow and Sutton Hoo

Year 4 have had the opportunity to learn how historians and archaeologists use clues from the past to recreate what life may have been like for our ancestors. We had a visitor from Sutton Hoo who came to explain all about the dig, led by amateur archaeologist Basil Brown, which uncovered a Saxon burial ship. They followed this up with a journey to West Stow Anglo Saxon village to see homes from the time recreated in wonderful detail.



Playground Leaders

One of our core values at Broke Hall is that of Inclusion. To promote this value at lunchtimes, we have a trained team of Play Leaders from Year 5 who can facilitate games and activities, particularly for the younger children during the long lunch break. This helps keep everyone active, prevents children feeling bored or lonely and encourages teamwork and collaborative play. The leaders have undergone their training and practice sessions and will be hitting the playground very soon.

Athletic achievement

Last Thursday, Alfie and Emily from Year 6 competed in the School Games Suffolk Area Cross Country event at the Royal Hospital School. They were racing against Year 7s as well as Year 6s and both did very well. Alfie came across the finish line in first place and will go through to the second round to be held at Woodbridge School in January. Well done to both competitors.



HSA AGM

This was held on 14th October, thank you to those who attended. The presentation from the meeting can be found [here on the school website](#). You will see that over the last year, the HSA raised over £8,000, and gave a similar amount back to the school to fund school visits for all children, Christmas gifts, Leavers Year Books and other smaller projects. We have also just taken delivery of 10 new iPads funded by the HSA which will be in use in school after the half term holiday. Thank you to all involved.



Parent Consultations

Thank you to all of you who attended our parent consultation meetings last week. Working together with parents is very important to us. If you were unable to attend, please contact your child’s class teacher who will be happy to find a mutually convenient time to call or meet with you.

Allergies

We are already a nut free school but we have a pupil with a life threatening allergy starting with us and so following advice from the previous school and medical professionals from 10th November we are also asking parents **not to include popcorn or sweetcorn** in your child’s packed lunch or snacks. These items will also be removed from our school menus. Thank you for your support in this important matter.

Term dates for your diary	
Monday 3 rd November	Back to school. Food and Festivals Week begins
Tuesday 4 th November	Year 1 Phonics and Early Reading Information session for parents 2.30pm
Monday 10 th November	Anti-bullying week – wear odd socks today.
Tuesday 11 th November	Armistice Day. Reading Café for Yr 3 (2pm) – classes tbc
Thursday 13 th November	Reading Café for Yr 3 (2pm) – classes tbc Dentist in school for Reception and Years 1,2,3 and 4
Friday 14 th November	Non- uniform day for Children in Need
Friday 28 th November	Year 6 to Copleston Carol Concert
Wednesday 3 rd December	Nursery Christmas performance (am)
Thursday 4 th December	Reception Nativity performance (am)
Thursday 4 th December	Choir to the Corn Exchange for the CET Christmas Concert (pm and evening)
Friday 5 th December	HSA Donation Day
Friday 5 th December	Reception Nativity performance (pm)
Monday 8 th December	Year 1 Christmas performance (pm) Choir to St Augustine’s Hall
Tuesday 9 th December	Year 1 Christmas performance (am)
Wednesday 10 th December	Band Academy assemblies
Thursday 11 th December	HSA Christmas Fair after school
Monday 15 th December	Year Two performance to parents (pm)
Tuesday 16 th December	Year 3 performance to parents (pm) Year 1 trip to the panto
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas Day in school
Thursday 18 th December	EYFS Christmas Share event
Friday 19 th December	Last Day of term
22nd December to 5th January Christmas Holiday	
Tuesday 6 th January 2026	First day back for pupils