

Broke Hall Primary School



Friday 3rd October 2025 Newsletter 2

Message from Mrs. Fairs:

"I am firmly of the opinion that the school fully meets the standard required by the Inclusion Quality Mark to maintain its status as a Centre of Excellence." These are not my words but those of our IQM assessor who visited last week to check that we are keeping up with our excellent work. She went on to say, "The respectful behaviour, enthusiasm for learning and positive attitude of pupils seen throughout this assessment, is highly laudable. In lessons, pupils are active, vocal and compliant, keen to listen and participate." I couldn't have put it better myself and I am so proud of everyone. Working together as a school, a Trust, our pupil body and with you at home, we will continue to improve and strive to better our commitment to maximising the learning journey of every pupil ready for our next assessment in twelve months' time.



Mrs. Fairs

Year Six go on an adventure

Last week Year Six packed their bags and headed off to Norfolk Lakes for a couple of days to test their limits, have fun with their friends and perhaps escape those pesky siblings for a while. This annual trip is a great way to settle in to their final year of primary school and is the perfect chance to try things they have never done before. The staff give up their time (and precious sleep) to make this possible but it is always a worthwhile experience.



Maritime Trust



This week saw the launch of Broke Hall's involvement with the Ipswich Maritime Trust's Heritage Harbour Project. We were visited by Hannah Houghton, the education coordinator for the venture, who delivered a brilliant assembly which all began with a mystery duffel bag. She then led workshops

with our Year Five children ahead of their visit to the wet dock and voyage aboard The Victor. More on that next time.

Uniform

May we remind you of our policy regarding jewellery. One pair of small stud earrings may be worn but must not be worn for PE. If your child cannot remove them independently, please remove them at home. Wristwatches may be worn but should also be removed for PE – even if they are smartwatches which record activity. This is for the safety of all. No other jewellery, bracelets, wristbands, necklaces etc is permitted. For more information on uniform, please visit our website. Thank you for your support with this.

Stone Age visitors



Where possible, we like to take children to a location that helps to enrich their understanding of history but it turns out that not even we can arrange a trip to Stone Age Britain. But Stone Age Britain can and did come to us. Here are Year Three learning more about how people in Stone Age Britain survived and thrived.



Open Evening

Wednesday 8th October (4pm to 6pm) is our open evening. This is mainly aimed at families with pre-school children to help them make choices for Reception but anyone looking to change schools or those who are moving into the area are welcome to attend. There is no need to book. If you know anyone who may be interested, please let them know and we would be glad to welcome them in for a chat and a tour.

Kiln Farm

As part of our Food for Life journey with the Soil Association, the School Nutrition Action Group (SNAG) visited our friends at Kiln Farm this week. They learned more about where our food comes from and how many places and processes it goes through from farm to fork. We also learned how protecting wildlife helps support traditional farming practices. This helped us develop an understanding of how important the food industry is and how much it has changed in rural counties like Suffolk.



Deadline for High School applications approaching

If you have not already done so, please ensure your application for entry to high school (for September 2026) is completed by the deadline on Friday 31st October 2025. You can do this here: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-secondary-school-place> Please use the link to apply – do not apply directly to the schools.

It is **vital** that you apply for your place in time as if you are late applying, you risk not getting your first choice. Late applications are considered after all others should you choose to appeal. It is also **extremely important** (despite what anyone else may have told you) **that you state second and third choices**. Naming one school only does not guarantee that you will be successful and if your only choice is full, you will be allocated a place at **any other school**.

Term dates for your diary	
Monday 6 th October	Dock and barge trip for some Year Fives
Tuesday 7 th October	Dock and barge trip for remaining Year Fives
Wednesday 8th October	Open evening for new and prospective parents
Tuesday 14 th October	Parent consultation evening
Wednesday 15 th October	Parent consultation evening
Thursday 16 th October	Visit to Redgrave and Lopham Fen for some Year Fives
Friday 17 th October	Visit to Redgrave and Lopham Fen for remaining Year Fives
Wednesday 22 nd October	Visit from Suffolk Police for Years Five and Six
Friday 24 th October	Last Day of half term
Monday 27th Oct-Friday 31st Oct	Half term break – school closed to pupils
Friday 31 st October	Year Six High School application deadline.