

Broke Hall Primary School



Friday 14th November 2025 Newsletter 5

Message from Mrs. Fairs:

This week was National Anti-Bullying week – something we are committed to all year round. Wearing our odd socks on Monday demonstrated our belief in the value of inclusion. No one should feel excluded, isolated, discriminated against or uncomfortable because of differences; that our uniqueness is to be celebrated loudly and proudly.



You may have noticed in the news that last week, the Secretary for Education announced plans to review the curriculum and introduce an “enrichment entitlement” for every child. She states, as we at Broke Hall already know, that access to music, sport, art and drama isn’t just nice to have – it is essential. That’s why we are so proud of our enrichment offer here. Trips, visitors, clubs, instrument tuition and performances are part and parcel of your child’s experience at Broke Hall and along with our drive for high standards in maths, English and science, we shine because of it.

Mrs. Fairs

Food and Festivals week

Last week saw our annual Food and Festivals week. This is always something to look forward to as the children get a taste of some little-known festivals from around the world and across time. Amongst others, Year Five learned about the Celtic festival of Samhain – a close cousin of Hallowe’en, Year Four explored the Thai festival of Loy Krathong and Year Three delved into the Chinese Moon festival. Many celebrations focus on bringing light during the darker half of the year; or give thanks for a bountiful harvest & express hope for a productive year ahead. It is wonderful for the children to learn that the same things are celebrated across all the peoples of the world and that these things, while slightly different, bring us all together. Pictured are some of our Nursery children trying out some produce at snack time from the book they shared “Grandpa’s garden,” which is about celebrating local harvests. Year Three made beautiful lanterns, a special part of the Moon festival in China.



Curiosity



Congratulations Ava!

We are enormously proud of all the children when they go out and represent the school in sporting events. Sometimes however, representing the school can lead to selection for other teams. Ava, one of our Year Six netballers has been selected to represent Suffolk. This is a very great achievement. Well done, Ava!

Visit to The Hold

Over the years we have developed a very positive working relationship with The Hold – the Suffolk archive where over eleven miles of shelving houses documents relating to nine hundred years of our county’s history. Each year our oldest pupils visit to examine genuine sources detailing crime and punishment from the past. They also get to look behind the scenes at the work of archivists, and this year were treated to a special temporary exhibition devoted to crime and punishment. The Hold is free to visit and open Tuesday to Saturday from 10:00am to 5:00pm (café hours differ).



Reading Cafes

We love reading at Broke Hall. The staff have their own lending library, KS1 have bedtime bags to share a book and cuddle up with a soft toy and upper phase compete ferociously for the coveted reading trophies each week. To share our love of reading with parents, Year Three held a Reading Café this week. Parents, grandparents and carers were invited in to share books, a cup of tea and a sweet treat baked in our kitchen – heaven! These events have proved popular since they were first introduced four years ago – look out for more opportunities for you and your child to share their learning in the future.

Online Safety

Please be cautious about information circulating on social media as this information may be inaccurate or misleading. This is also a great opportunity to model good online habits for your child. By showing them how to check information, think critically, and avoid sharing unverified posts, you help strengthen their understanding of online safety and responsible digital behaviour. Thank you for supporting a safe and informed school community.

Term dates for your diary	
Friday 28 th November	Year 6 to Copleston Carol Concert
Monday 1 st December– until the end of term	Bikeability courses begin for some Yr 5 children
Wednesday 3 rd December	Nursery Christmas performance 9.30am
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 2 performance to parents (pm)
Tuesday 16 th December	Year 3 performance to parents (pm) Year 1 trip to the pantomime
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas Day in school – wear a festive jumper
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