



## NEWSLETTER: ISSUE 4

**\*WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL\* 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

### Welcome:

Dear Parents and Friends of Brockenhurst CE Primary, Pre-School and Nursery,

Thank you to those of you who made it to the PTA quiz night. Kryss and the PTA team, supported by quiz master Nick did an excellent job and lots of funds were raised.

It was also lovely to see and speak with so many of you at parent's evening. The parent relationship is important to us as we share the role of developing your children. A parent survey will be coming out after half term to help us in reviewing with governors how things are going and next steps.

After half term we will be making a subtle change to the start of the day to streamline staff and efficiency. The school gate will open at 8:30am not 8:25am and will close at 8:40am not 8:45am. This will ensure all children are settled in class for 8:45am registration and puts the start of the school day in sync with pre-school. Having monitored flow at the gate for years I know this will still work and thank you in advance for your support.

Have a lovely and restful half term before the festive fun commences.

Best wishes

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### Reasons to Celebrate:

• Well done to our Y5/6 and Y3/4 gymnastics teams who came second and third respectively in recent Priestlands sporting fixtures. The children worked hard, choreographing their routines. Y5/6 were only one point behind the winning team!

• A huge thank you to all parents and children who supported the Rotary Shoebox appeal. We are proud to say that we handed over 63 full boxes this week, to this very worthy cause.



**Recommended Reads  
for Y3 & Y4:**  
*The Creakers*  
by Tom Fletcher  
*The Land of Roar*  
by Jenny McLachlan

### School Notices

- The application process for children starting in Year R in September 2026 opens at midnight on **Saturday 1st November 2025**. Applications can be submitted [online](#) or parents can request a PDF version of the application form by emailing: admissions.team@hants.gov.uk. Closing date: 15th January 2026.
- We have a number of Poppy Appeal products available at the school office. Suggested donations for each product are available to view on the Poppy Appeal [website](#). If you would like your child to select a poppy or another product, please send them into school with cash in a named envelope.
- In support of Anti-bullying & Friendship week will be participating in "Odd Socks Day" On Monday 10th November. Children come to school wearing odd socks to encourage them to be proud of their differences. No donation required.
- The current school menu will continue until the end of December with the following changes taking place after the half-term holiday: There will no longer be a picnic bag option and the BBQ chicken pizza on Wednesday of Week 3 will now be Margherita pizza. The current menu is available on our school [website](#).
- May we politely remind you that the drop off time for Pre-School (Ladybirds and Hedgehogs) is 8.30am and collection times are: 1pm if collecting after the morning session and 3pm for full days. Should you require wrap-around care, you can book Badger's Rest breakfast and after-school sessions via your Scopay account. If you would like any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.
- For last minute Holiday Club bookings including inset day, please contact Emma Hodkin on: 07445 378433. As normal, holiday club will run from 8am to 5pm and children need to bring a packed lunch with them. The cost is £35 for the day, with a £10 discount for all additional siblings.

### Calendar

27 <sup>th</sup> -31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Half-term holiday
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Inset Day
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Wear odd socks: anti-bullying day
Thur 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Y3 trip to Southampton Art Gallery
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Shining Lights assembly 9am
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	PTA event: Wreath making workshop 7pm
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	PTA Xmas Winter Wonderland 3.15pm
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Village Christmas Fun Evening 6-8pm
<b>Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Piano assembly 9am</b>
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	YR & Pre-School Nativity 2pm
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS1 Nativity 2pm
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS1 Nativity 6.30pm
<b>Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Y4 music and brass assembly 9am</b>
<b>Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Guitar assembly 9am</b>
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS1 & YR Christingle at St Saviour's 2pm
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Crafts morning
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Lunch
Thur 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS2 Carols at St Saviour's 2pm
22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec-2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	Christmas holiday

### Pause For Thought

Love and compassion are necessities, not luxuries. Without them humanity cannot survive – Dalai Lama