



## NEWSLETTER: ISSUE 6

## \*WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL\* 3rd December 2025

### Welcome:

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

What a fabulous event the Winter Wonderland was. The PTA put on a true community event with children, staff and parents involved. An opportunity to have festive fun whilst raising funds. Nativities, music performances, Christingle and Carols Around the Tree are still to come so please do get involved if you can.

On a less happy note, due to financial pressures on schools the leadership structure, in consultation with the governors, has had to be restructured with the loss of our deputy - Mrs Edwards, who will be leaving us at the end of this term. Julie has been with the school for 13 years and has been my right hand and deputy/SENDCo for most of that. Her vision for education and inclusion is faultless and I know she has impacted on hundreds of children in her time with us. Her stories and reflections on family, travel and nature in her worships will be missed by everyone. The door will always be open for her to visit whenever she wants.

Mr Wilcox, who some of you will remember, will be joining the Y5 teaching team for the remainder of the academic year.

Best wishes

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### Reasons to Celebrate:

• Our children have enjoyed great sporting success over the last few weeks. At Priestlands Cross Country fixture, following great teamwork, both the Y3/4 and Y5/6 teams brought home gold medals. Alongside this our Year 2 boys individually achieved 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> in a field of 30 runners. We are very proud of our athletes – well done to all who took part!



• Following on from the cross country successes, our Y5/6 swim team also came first in their fixture last week. Another fantastic achievement; congratulations to all participants.

• We are proud to have won the "People's Choice" award at the Christmas Tree Festival in St Saviour's Church last weekend. Our theme was "Countries of the World"; each year group created handmade decorations inspired by different country and culture.



### School Notices

• We, along with many other schools in Hampshire will be changing **catering supplier** from January 2026. Our new supplier, **Chartwells** have now sent a 3-weekly menu which will come into effect after the Christmas holiday, this has three daily options and the menu can be found on our [website](#). We are pleased to let you know that as a result of the change in supplier, the revised daily cost of school lunch from January 2026 is £2.75 per day. If your child has a medical special diet, you should by now have received an email directly from Chartwells with details of their "Allergy Aware" menu.

• **Applications are now open for Year R 2026.** If your child turns 4 before 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026, they can start school in September 2026. For more information, go to [www.hants.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hants.gov.uk/admissions)  
**Closing date: 15th January 2026.**

• **Funded childcare eligibility codes:** Working parents can apply for funded childcare hours for children from 9 months to 4 years old. If you are eligible, you could receive up to 30 hours free childcare a week from the term after your child turns 9 months old. You will need to apply for this in advance. The deadline to apply for working parents funded childcare hours, for use from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026, is **31<sup>st</sup> December**. If you are already in receipt of an eligibility code, please ensure that you have checked your eligibility code expiry date and renewed your code if the expiry date falls before 31<sup>st</sup> December.

• **Y6 Bikeability** will be delivered on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> February. Your digital consent is required for your child to be able to take part. Further information and a QR code will be sent to Year 6 parents via email before the end of term.

### Calendar

Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Village Christmas Fun Evening 6-8pm
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Piano assembly 9am
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
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Y4 music and brass assembly 9am
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Guitar assembly 9am
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
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS2 Carols at St Saviour's 2pm
22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec-2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	Christmas holiday
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Children return to school
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Y2 swim course begins (10 weeks)
<b>Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>Year R 2026 application deadline</b>
16 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Half-term holiday
<b>23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Y6 Bikeability</b>
30 <sup>th</sup> March-10 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter holiday
15 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup> April	Y4 residential to Hooke Court
25 <sup>th</sup> - 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Half-term holiday
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Priestlands Intake Day
20 <sup>th</sup> - 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Inset Days
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Summer holiday begins

### Pause For Thought

The beautiful thing about learning is nobody can take it away from you — B.B. King