

News this week...

Parents' Evenings

Our Parents' Evenings will be taking place on **Tuesday 6th and Thursday 8th October**. As in previous years, these first meetings will be held online.

This is the perfect opportunity to discuss your child's progress and find out how they are settling into their new class and year group. Each appointment will last for 10 minutes.

Keep an eye out for the letter coming home very soon which will contain details of how to book your appointments.

ParentPay Lunch Ordering

Everyone should have now had their ParentPay login information. Please make sure you have activated the account, even if you don't need to order lunches, thank you!



Polite Reminders

As the new term begins, we would like to remind you of the following messages:

- There is no parking on the school site at any time. We've noticed breakfast club parents driving onto the site, which causes a danger to others using the walkways during this busy time. Please be mindful of others and use the large car parks nearby.



Diary Dates

Please look later in this newsletter for another update of diary dates for the coming months. We will try to give as much notice as possible when things are planned and will notify you if these plans need to change. We are only able to organise these events, trips and workshops with contributions from our parent community. Without your support, we would not be able to arrange such fun and enriching activities and visitors for the children.

We're looking forward to sharing lots of news about our GREAT learning in the coming weeks!

Thank you for your continued support and have a relaxing weekend!



Nicky York
Head of School



Attendance Stars

Classes with the highest attendance this week:

- 1st Place – Panthers (97.8%)
- 2nd Place – Badgers (97.1%)
- 3rd Place – Hawks (96.7%)



School Nurse Drop-in Sessions

We are delighted to again be able to host some parent sessions with the school nursing team on Thursday 1st October between 9.30am and 11.30am. These are 20-minute sessions are for parents to discuss any concerns on areas such as:

- help with sleep
- behaviour
- parenting
- healthy eating
- bedwetting
- dealing with medical conditions in school
- emotional health and wellbeing.

If you would like an appointment, please complete our online form using the link below, we will then email you to confirm your appointment time.

[School Nurse Drop-in Sessions - 1st October 2026 – Fill in form](#)

Community Learning at the Open Learning Centre

This autumn, the Community Learning Team will again be running a selection of adult learning courses which are open to adults over the age of 19 and will be held at Bracknell Open Learning Centre.

Courses include:

- **Paediatric first aid** – a concise course
- **Working in a school** – ideal for those considering a career in education
- **Plus a range of FREE parenting classes** – including managing behaviour, anxious thoughts and worries, sibling rivalry, family dynamics, encouraging children's sleep, resilience and more.

Courses can be booked online at: www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/community-learning or email them at: community.learning@bracknell-forest.gov.uk

Diary Dates

SEPTEMBER 2026

Monday 28 th	FRoGS PTA: Annual AGM meeting – 6.30-7.30pm, all welcome, please come in via the main school reception
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OCTOBER 2026

Thursday 1 st	School Nurse Drop-in Parent Appointments – booking is necessary, times are limited – 20 minute appointments available between 9.30-11.30am, booking form on link below: School Nurse Drop-in Sessions - 1st October 2026 – Fill in form
Friday 2 nd	Year 2: Great Fire of London Workshop – letter is available on the website - Great Fire of London Workshop Letter
Tuesday 6 th	Years R-6: Parents' Evening (online) – letter to follow
Thursday 8 th	Year 5&6: Family Learning 'STEM' – 9.00-10.30am Years R-6: Parents' Evening (online) – letter to follow
Friday 9 th	Open Event for parents of children starting Nursery or Reception in September 2027 - 9.15am, please complete our online form linked below to book your place GHPS Open Events - Autumn 2026 – Fill in form Reception: Newbury Show visit with Buttercup, Rasher and Clover (wooden animals) to learn about where foods come from
Thursday 22 nd	Reception: Harvest Performance: Gold Hall at 2.30pm
Friday 23 rd	Reception: Family Learning English 'Busy Bags' – 9.00-10.30am Selected Pupils: Climate Conference – details to follow
Monday 26th to Friday 30th	HALF TERM BREAK

NOVEMBER 2026

Monday 2nd	INSET DAY – pupils not in school
Wednesday 4 th	FRoGS PTA: Family Firework Display – more info to follow
Monday 16 th	Whole School: Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week
Wednesday 18 th	Open Event for parents of children starting Nursery or Reception in September 2027 – 6.00pm, please complete our online form linked below to book your place GHPS Open Events - Autumn 2026 – Fill in form

DECEMBER 2026

Thursday 3 rd	Open Event for parents of children starting Nursery or Reception in September 2027 – 9.15am, please complete our online form linked below to book your place GHPS Open Events - Autumn 2026 – Fill in form
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DECEMBER 2026	
Wednesday 9 th	Year 1&2: Nativity Performance (pm) – details to follow
Thursday 10 th	Year 1&2: Nativity Performance (pm) – details to follow
Monday 14 th	Years 1-6: Church Carol Singing – details to follow
Tuesday 15 th	Reception: Nativity Performance (pm) – details to follow
Wednesday 16 th	Whole School: Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day – details to follow
Friday 18th	Last day of term – school finishes at 2.15pm

These dates are subject to change, we will try to give as much notice as possible!



Thursdays, 17th Sep; 15th Oct; 19th Nov; 17th Dec 2026

Bracknell Community Support Group.

A support group for family members who have children/young people with additional needs living within the Community of Bracknell.

A safe and supportive space for sharing experiences and gaining support with the unique challenges faced by families of children with additional needs.

Some sessions will include an hour talk about a topic around being a parent of a child with additional needs. The remainder of the session will be for discussion of the topic and social support time.

Date & Time

Monthly, See above for details
12:30pm-2:30pm

Venue

Great Hollands Community Centre, The Square, Great Hollands, Bracknell, RG12 8UX
Front Hall

Cost

Free (Refreshments provided)

Further information

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Supporting Your Children Workshops 2026 / 27

To book a space email Inge.Taylor@bracknell-forest.gov.uk

Each course is a **standalone 2-hour session**, is universal (not specific for SEND), and is for the adults supporting **not** the children themselves so **please arrange childcare if needed**

Once you have completed an enrolment form your space will be confirmed

Please only book if you are going to be able to attend to avoid other parents missing out.

All sessions unless stated otherwise take place at The Bracknell Open Learning Centre

Supporting Children to Overcome Anxious Thoughts / Worries Exploring how anxiety affects primary aged children using simple, effective techniques to support them to overcome their Anxious Thoughts & Worries.	
Thursday 1st October 2026	9.30 – 11.30 am
Monday 16th November 2026	6.30 – 8.30 pm
Monday 18th January 2027	9.30 – 11.30 am
Thursday 25th February 2027	6.30 – 8.30 pm
Tuesday 18th May 2027	9.30 – 11.30 am
Wednesday 23rd June 2027	6.30 – 8.30 pm
Managing Behaviour in a Positive Way Supporting parents of primary aged children develop positive behaviour strategies and handle challenging behaviours with confidence and care.	
Thursday 5th November 2026	6.30 – 8.30 pm
Monday 11th January 2027	6.30 – 8.30 pm
Tuesday 23rd February 2027	9.30 – 11.30 am
Thursday 13th May 2027	6.30 – 8.30 pm
Parenting your pre / early-teens in a Positive Way (aged 10 – 13) An insight into parenting, looking at positive behaviour strategies, different ways to strengthen communication / connection with your pre-teen child.	
Let me know if you would like to be on the list for future dates	
Parenting your teen in a Positive Way (aged 13 – 16) A session focused on using positive approaches to guide teenage behaviour, building stronger communication and connection during the teen years.	
Let me know if you would like to be on the list for future dates	
Encouraging Resilience – Keep Calm and Bounce Back Gain practical tips, leaving you inspired and equipped to help primary aged children bounce back stronger; no matter what life throws their way	
Let me know if you would like to be on the list for future dates	
Transition to secondary school Gain practical tips, share experiences, and learn how to support your child through the exciting, sometimes challenging transition to secondary school.	
Monday 5th July 2027	6.30 – 8.30 pm
Transition: Reception to Year 1 and beyond The move from Yr R to 1 is a big step in your child's learning journey. Session helps parents understand what the transition involves and how to support.	
Thursday 1st July 2027	6.30 – 8.30 pm
A healthy night's sleep Support for parents of primary aged children to gain practical tips to help children build healthy, lasting sleep habits	
Monday 12th October 2026	6.30 – 8.30 pm
Reducing Sibling Rivalry A supportive session giving parents of primary aged children the tools to strengthen sibling bonds and create a calm, connected family environment.	
Let me know if you would like to be on the list for future dates	
Family Dynamics Family life comes in many forms for primary aged children. Session offers practical guidance navigating varying dynamics.	
Let me know if you would like to be on the list for future dates	

THE ULTIMATE FAMILY RACEDAY

Qatar Racing British Champions Day is the ultimate raceday for families at Ascot Racecourse. Our FREE Family Zone is action-packed with fun-filled family entertainment and educational activities.

£10 QUEEN ANNE TICKET FOR LOCAL SCHOOLS TO QATAR RACING BRITISH CHAMPIONS DAY 'BCDSCHOOLS26'

TICKETS ARE £10 PER ADULT AND UNDER 18S RACE FREE!

**BOOK AT: ASCOT.COM
TEL: 0344 346 3000**

SATURDAY 17TH OCTOBER

ACTS & CRAFTS
FAMILY FRIENDLY ENTERTAINMENT
FACE PAINTING
JOCKEY SIGNINGS
MEET A RACE HORSE
VIRTUAL REALITY EXPERIENCES



Let's play

FUN | INCLUSIVE | EDUCATIONAL

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN DAYS

SWIMMING, MULTI-SPORTS, SOFT PLAY, ARTS & CRAFTS, BOUNCY CASTLE, PERFORMING ARTS, GAMING, LASER TAG, NERF WARS, LEGO BUILDING & MUCH MORE!

OPEN EVERY SCHOOL HOLIDAY



Bracknell Leisure Centre
Bagshot Road, Bracknell, RG12 9SE
9.00am – 4.00pm
Early drop off from 8am, late pick-up until 5pm

OPEN TO CHILDREN AGED 5 (SCHOOL YEAR 1) - 12
FROM £29.50 PER DAY!
Discounts for siblings - please see booking page for details.

We accept Childcare Vouchers, Tax-Free Childcare & we are OFSTED registered!
Please bring: Lunch, Snacks, Waterproof Clothing & a Refillable Drinks Bottle.



Scan the QR code for more information, call 01344 508008 or email info@lets-play.org.uk
Book online: www.lets-play.org.uk

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Bracknell Forest Council



Help us understand your childcare needs!

Please share with us your childcare needs for any children aged from birth to 11 years old.

Complete the survey now, have your say, we value your input!

Scan the QR code or visit www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/consultations/early-years-and-childcare-needs-survey to participate and help shape our childcare offering within Bracknell Forest.



Berkshire Mini Maestros



Mini Maestros

Come and try a fun, live music class for ages 0-7 at Bracknell Music Centre, Ranelagh School, RG12 9DA

Saturdays (term-time only)

Reception - 8.55-9.25am
Year 1 & Year 2 - 10.05-10.45am



Free taster session available and a free Children's Choir place for any school-age child

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