

ANOTHER GREAT WEEK!

Following on from our fantastic Ofsted report last week, we have had more GREAT news this week!



Our school has received formal recognition from Bridget Phillipson, Secretary of State for Education, for the outcomes achieved by our pupils at the end of the 2024/25 academic year.

In a letter to our Headteacher, Mr Ferris, the Secretary of State described the outcomes achieved by our school as placing it among the very best nationally. She recognised the dedication and professionalism of staff, alongside the hard work, persistence and commitment shown by our pupils.

This recognition reflects the consistent work taking place in classrooms every day, high expectations for all pupils, and the care taken to ensure children are supported to learn well and make strong progress over time.

It also acknowledges the importance of collaboration and sharing effective practice across the education system, helping to raise standards more widely.

We would like to congratulate our pupils and staff on this national recognition and to thank families for their continued support and partnership, which underpins this work. We would also like to acknowledge the support of colleagues across Maiden Erlegh Trust who have worked alongside the school during this journey.

Year 1-6 Parents' Evening

We hope you all managed to make an appointment to see your child's teacher this week for our Parents' Evenings. Both evenings were very well attended, with our PTA on hand selling uniform and also the school kitchen offering free samples of food from the menu for you to try. If you did not manage to make an appointment and would like to do so, please speak to your child's teacher about arranging a convenient time after school.



Reception Parents' Evening

The booking portal for Reception Parents' Evenings will open on Friday 13th February at 6.00pm. There will be a letter coming home early next week with all the information you will need to make your appointment.

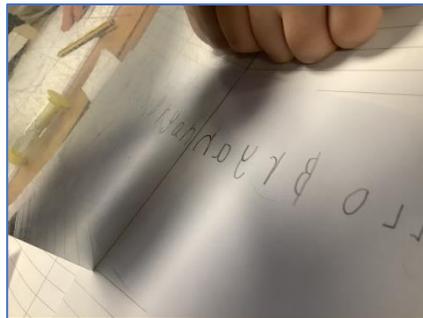
A Brilliant Time at Brooklands Museum!

The children in Hedgehogs class had a great day at Brooklands. They took part in a 'Journeys on Land' workshop where they explored the collection of old cars, bicycles, a Penny Farthing, and Formula One racing cars to find out just how varied the materials we use to build land transport can be. They also visited the Bus Museum and Aircraft Factory.



Exploring Reflections and Light in Year 3

Children in Falcons class have been learning about light during their Science lessons. They had to concentrate and use a lot of resilience to try to follow a zig-zag line using only a reflection from a mirror above them as a guide!



A Wonderful Visit to Windsor Castle!

Last week, children in Foxes and Badgers class went on their trip to Windsor Castle. They all really enjoyed discovering the state apartments and also seeing Queen Mary's doll's house and St. George's chapel. During the afternoon, they took part in a workshop and learned all about how to be a knight!





Our FRoGS Still Need You!

Thank you to those parents who have signed up to be class reps or helpers at our events! We do have some classes who do not have any class rep at all so we still need more volunteers. We all lead busy lives, but it really won't take up too much of your time, and it makes such a huge difference!

Please sign up using the online form if you'd like to join the PTA Class Reps team, each class needs representation in the PTA and we need to be able to continue to provide so many fun and rewarding events for our pupils and their families. [Link to Sign up Form for Class Rep](#)



A Lost Friend...

We found a lost friend on our playground this week, she was a little soggy, but she's all dried out now and waiting for her owner to come and collect her! If she's yours, she is waiting with Mrs Smith in the school office!

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

Richard Ferris
Headteacher



Attendance Stars

Classes with the highest attendance this week:

- 1st Place – Panthers – 98.6%
- 2nd Place – Tigers (96.1%)
- 3rd Place – Falcons (95.3%)



Diary Dates

FEBRUARY 2026	
Monday 16 th to Friday 20 th	HALF TERM BREAK
Friday 27 th	TRUST WIDE INSET DAY – pupils not in school
MARCH 2026	
Tuesday 3 rd	Family Learning Resilience Toolkit Workshop Session 1 – 1.00-3.00pm – to book your place please visit: https://tinyurl.com/resilienceGH2026
	Reception: Parents' Evening – 3.40-6.00pm
Thursday 5 th	Reception: Parents' Evening – 4.00-7.00pm

Monday 9 th	Year 5: Family Learning Science Workshop, 9.00-10.30am – more details to follow
Tuesday 10 th	Family Learning Resilience Toolkit Workshop Session 2 – 1.00-3.00pm
Friday 13 th	SEND Surgery: More information to follow
Tuesday 17 th	Family Learning Resilience Toolkit Workshop Session 3 – 1.00-3.00pm
Wednesday 18 th	Reception: NCMP Height, Weight, Vision and Hearing Screening – letter to follow
Friday 27th	Last Day of Spring Term
APRIL 2026	
Monday 13th	First Day of Summer Term
Wednesday 22 nd	Year 2: Family Learning English ‘Story Maps’ – 9.00-10.30am
Thursday 23 rd	Whole School: Class Photos and Year 6 Individual Photos
Wednesday 29 th	Year 1: Family Learning English ‘Story Sandwich’ – 9.00-10.30am
MAY 2026	
Wednesday 6 th	Year 3: Family Learning Maths ‘Kaboom’ Times Tables – 9.00-10.30am
Thursday 7 th	Year 4: Family Learning Maths Division – 9.00-10.30am
Monday 11th to Thursday 14th	Year 6: SATs Assessments Week
Friday 22 nd	Nursery: Family Learning English ‘Messy Writing’ – 9.00-10.30am
Monday 25th to Friday 29th	HALF TERM BREAK

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

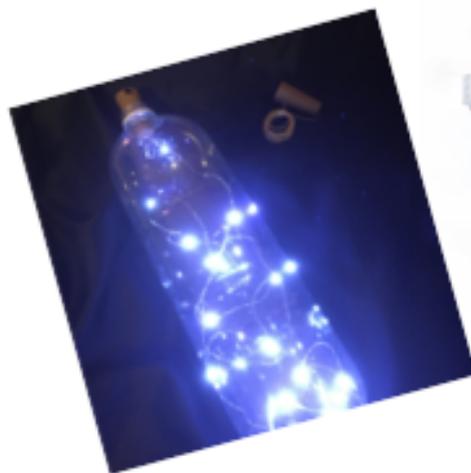


Resilience Toolkit

Helping our children to deal with challenge and change

A series of 3 sessions provided by Bracknell Family Learning Team to give parents/carers some great ideas and resources to use with their children

- Empowering children to make good choices
- Lots of ideas for boosting resilience and having a positive outlook
- "Make & Take" -each session will include helpful tools and techniques for you and your child



"YOU'VE GOT THIS!"



Try out different resources

A chance to chat and ask questions

Tuesday 3 rd March 2026 1-3pm	Tuesday 10 th March 2026 1-3pm	Tuesday 17 th March 2026 1-3pm
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Please speak to **Mrs Balza** (ghpsen@maidenerlegustrust.org) if you require further information. Please book your place on the course by **Tuesday 24th February** using this link: <https://tinyurl.com/resilienceGH2026>