

parents newsletter



Dear Parents

Each year as our children progress through their time at Brooklands they identify things that they would like to do before leaving us and this time of year is a great time for them to tick things off their list of '50 things to do before you leave Brooklands'. This year the list features growing strawberries, courgettes and onions and the children will also be able to tick off 'eating something they have grown'. Our children will 'discover what's in a pond' and 'hunt for bugs' in our science habitat area. Our long-awaited visits to the forest are planned and our children will have opportunities to 'use a rope swing', 'build a den' and 'climb a tree'. Meanwhile, our Year 5 and Year 6 children will be ticking off 'swim a length' with visits to Hadleigh swimming pool. Early Years will be heading off 'to the beach' when they visit Wrabness, whilst other year groups will be 'visiting an art gallery' to take part in artist led workshops. The summer term offers many new experiences for all our children. Exciting times as they try new things and make lasting happy memories of their time with us.

Christine Davy
Headteacher

Crouch or Crawl!

We are thrilled to have paralympian swimmer, Ryan Crouch teaching our children to swim this year. Ryan will be inspiring our Year 5 and Year 6 children as they take to the water at Hadleigh swimming pool this term.

From Little Acorns

Our woodland area has recently undergone a fantastic regeneration project with mown paths, new seating, log piles and the addition of some new creatures. Look out for the log carved newt. Our onsite woodland provides an unparalleled and fascinating opportunity for our children to explore varied habitats at school.



Artistic Inspiration

Over the Summer term many of our school trips will be to local art galleries including: Firstsite in Colchester; Flatford Mill and The Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge.

Our children will have the opportunity to tour the galleries and be inspired, taking part in artist led workshops and activities.

Who Are You Today?

We all recognise how our children learn from the examples they see around them and with this in mind our school leaders are encouraging teachers to look for opportunities to model good manners. From simple activities like holding a door open for each other or saying good morning.

Keep an eye out for our teachers modeling good behaviours throughout the school to help our children learn and embed these essential life skills. Greeting the children at the start of the day with 'good morning', modelling waiting for others to stop talking before they speak and smiling at other. We also have some great new posters around the school linked to this.

