



St Margaret Clitherow Catholic Primary School

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Newsletter 25th September 2026

A message from the Headteacher - Mrs Mulholland

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a truly fantastic start to the new school year! Our term began with a wonderful welcome Mass celebrated by Fr Danny. It was an absolute joy to have him with us to bless the start of our academic journey, and we extend a huge thank you to the many parents, grandparents, and governors who joined us for this special service.

We were also delighted by the incredible turnout for both our Meet the Teacher evening and the Phonics information session. Seeing the school hall so full is a wonderful reminder of how deeply invested our community is. We see how well you support the school through your attendance and active engagement, and we appreciate you wholeheartedly for it.

Our Brilliant Buddies

A special mention must go to our wonderful Year 6 students, who have been doing a phenomenal job helping to settle our brand-new Year R pupils. They have spent lots of dedicated "buddy time" together, and our oldest students have taken to their new responsibilities with maturity, kindness, and enthusiasm. Well done, Year 6!

Extra-Curricular Clubs: Expansion & Opportunities

We are delighted to be offering an expanded range of extra-curricular activities this term! Students can now participate in a variety of sports clubs, Maths Club, Spanish Club, and even a creative 3D Printing Club.

- Can you help? We are actively looking to expand our wrap-around provision. If you know of any reliable external providers who can offer high-quality before-school or after-school clubs, please ask them to contact the school office directly.

Enriched Learning: Upcoming Educational Visits

We are very much looking forward to launching our school trips next month, which serve as a wonderful way to enrich our curriculum:

- Year 6 Parliament Trip (22nd October): Our oldest students will be travelling to London to visit the Houses of Parliament. We are incredibly excited to announce that our local MP, Peter Swallow MP, has kindly accepted our invitation to join the students during their visit!
- Year 3 & Year 4 Museum Trip (22nd October): Our lower Key Stage 2 classes will be enjoying an immersive educational visit to the brilliant Chiltern Open Air Museum.

Important Notice Regarding Trip Funding: Please note that these educational visits can only go ahead if all places are paid for. The school unfortunately has no additional or contingency funds to subsidise these trips, meaning we rely entirely on parental contributions to make them viable. Thank you in advance for your support in ensuring these valuable experiences can take place.

Supporting MacMillan Cancer Support

Finally, we hope as many of you as possible were able to pop into the school hall on Friday to support our MacMillan Cake and Coffee afternoon. We are incredibly keen to raise as much money as possible for such a vital and worthy charity, and we will share the final fundraising total with you as soon as it is counted!

As always any worries, concerns or things to share either catch a member of the Leadership team on the gate, speak to your teacher on the door at the end of the day or send the secretary@smc-bracknell.com an email and we will see how we can support you.

Kind regards,

Mrs Mulholland



School Diary

OCTOBER

- 1** Year 6 Celebration of the Word 9am
School Census Day - please order a school lunch
- 2** Non-uniform Day for £1
CAFOD Family Fast Day - Harvest appeal for donations to Foodbank launches
- 6** PTA AGM 7pm - all invited. Zoom link: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79056722898?pwd=351DavX4oLqZ6WcWYDvEM726leUQdP.1>
- 8** Year 3 Celebration of the Word 9am
- 14** Year 6 Height & Weight Measurement
- 15** Year 3 Celebration of the Word 9am
- 16** Harvest Disco - Yrs R, 1 & 2: 5pm to 6pm
Yrs 3 - 6: 6:15pm - 7:30pm
- 20** School Photos - individual and siblings
Year 5 Celebration of the Word 9am
- 22** Year 6 Trip to Parliament
Years 3 & 4 Trip to Chiltern Open Air Museum
Year 5 Cake Sale 3:15pm
- 23** INSET Day - School Closed

NOVEMBER

- 2** Back to School - Gates open at 8:35am
- 3** Parents Appointments 1:30pm - 7pm
- 6** PTA Fireworks Spectacular! Gates open 6pm
- 11** Open Evening for Year R intake 2027 - 7pm - 8pm
- 12** Year 2 Celebration of the Word 9am
- 20** Pyjama Day for £1
Year 6 Cake Sale - 3:15pm
- 24** Open Morning for Year R intake 2027 - 9:30am - 10:30am





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Nursery

This month nursery has settled in really well to the new routine, they have done amazing. We have been learning about all about me and the colour monster. They have loved all the painting activities we have done, including using our hands and fingers to paint. The children have loved the use of the hairdressing tools making all their friends and teachers look pretty and done up as well as drawing self-portraits of ourselves. During the colour monster weeks, the children have loved the use of creating their own monsters with the playdough and playing with coloured half peas, using this activity to talk about colours, feelings as well as textures and sensory moments.





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Reception

What a fantastic start to the school year! We are so proud of how well the children have settled into Reception. They have quickly begun to learn our classroom routines and are growing in confidence every day. It has been wonderful to see new friendships forming as the children explore their new environment and become familiar with life at school.

The children have met their Year 6 buddies. Our buddies will be helping and supporting the Reception children at lunchtime and in the playground. The children were delighted to meet them and are already enjoying spending time together.



In our Personal, Social and Emotional Development learning, we have been exploring emotions through the story *The Colour Monster*. The children have enjoyed discussing different feelings, identifying emotions, and talking about times when they have experienced them. This has helped us begin to build a caring and supportive classroom community. In RE, we have started learning about God's wonderful creation. The children have been looking at the world around them and discussing the many beautiful things that God created. We have also begun our daily phonics sessions. The children have made an excellent start and are showing great enthusiasm for learning new sounds and letters. We are very impressed with their positive attitude and how hard they are working.



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Year 1

Year 1 have settled beautifully into their new year group and are approaching all the subjects with great enthusiasm. In Maths we have been looking at Place Value and consolidating our knowledge of the numbers 1-10. In English our special Author this term is Julia Donaldson. We have been using these stories to learn about story structure, and write lists, labels and captions. In RE we are learning about the story of Creation. We have been on a walk around school looking for items we heard about in the story. We have thought about the different things that God created, have made a collage and developed a class poem about Creation.

We are learning about maps in Geography. We used building blocks to represent our classroom and think about drawing from a 'bird's-eye' perspective. We have looked at a map of the United Kingdom and have learnt where Bracknell is on this map. In our Science lessons we have been investigating how to group and classify animals and looking at what different animals eat. In Art we are looking at Sculptures in preparation for making clay leaves just in time for Autumn. Watch this space!





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Year 2

What a fantastic start to the year for Year 2! Most children have settled into their new class routines very well and have shown enthusiasm and curiosity. Our old School councilors reflected on how they felt being a school councilor, after which the class had the opportunity to take the floor, and tell their peers why they should be voted in as a Year 2 School Council rep. Children then cast their vote on a paper, and placed it in the ballot box. Our new school councilors have been voted for and they will find out who they are next week.

In Maths, the children have been working hard to develop their understanding of place value, thinking more deeply about numbers and the value of each digit. They have been enjoying the challenge and demonstrating some excellent mathematical thinking.

Our Spelling lessons have been fantastic! The children have been learning about vowels and consonants, as well as developing their knowledge of alphabetical order. Their hard work and progress have been amazing to see.

In Science, the children have been learning new vocabulary and exploring its meaning as part of our topic, Living Things and Their Habitats. They have shown great curiosity and enthusiasm when learning about the world around them.



Our History topic has certainly captured the children's imagination! They have been exploring different images of technology from the past 60 years and trying to decipher what each item was used for. The computer was a particular favourite – especially when they discovered just how enormous computers used to be!

As the children have explored the different ways people have communicated and written throughout history, they have developed an even greater appreciation for the technology we have today and all the amazing things it allows us to do.

In Religious Education, the children have been growing in faith as they learn more about the Holy Bible. They have written their very own Psalms and have been exploring the deeper meaning of Creation and Covenant. It has been lovely to hear them express their thoughts of awe and wonder at the gift of Creation. Year 2 enjoyed learning all our class Saint, St Vincent de Paul who is the saint of Charity. They engaged so well in thinking of their own ways in which they serve others through loving God's Creation.

Well done, Year 2! Keep up the amazing work and continue to show your curiosity, enthusiasm and love of learning.



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Year 3



Year 3 have made a fantastic start to the new school year! The children have settled brilliantly into their new routines and have approached their learning with enthusiasm, curiosity, and a really positive attitude. It has been wonderful to see them growing in confidence and beginning to build strong relationships within the class.

In English, we have been revisiting some important grammar skills, focusing on nouns, verbs, and sentences. The children have been learning how to identify different word types and use them effectively to build clear and interesting sentences. They have made a great start and are already becoming more confident in talking about their choices as writers.

In Maths, we have begun our work on place value, exploring numbers up to 1,000. The children have been learning about hundreds, tens, and ones and developing their understanding of the value of each digit. They have enjoyed using practical resources and different representations to help them understand larger numbers.



Our Science topic, Animals Including Humans, has got off to a fantastic start. We have been learning all about the human skeleton, investigating the names and functions of different bones and thinking about how our skeleton helps to support and protect our bodies. We have measured and tested how our muscles work. We have also been incredibly lucky to have some wonderful X-rays shared by pupils, which have given us a fantastic opportunity to look closely at real human bones and make links with our learning. The children have been fascinated by them!

In French, we have been developing our pronunciation by exploring French phonics and the alphabet. The children have enjoyed practising the sounds and beginning to recognise how French pronunciation differs from English.

In RE, we began by finding out more about our class saint, St Abigail, and exploring her story and the symbolism connected with her. We have now started our new unit on Creation and Covenant, thinking about God's creation and what it means to have a covenant with God. The children have already shared some thoughtful ideas during our discussions.

It has been a wonderful start to Year 3, and we are incredibly proud of the way the children have settled in, embraced their new routines, and approached their learning. We are looking forward to all the exciting learning and experiences still to come!



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Year 4

What a fantastic start to the term we have had in Year 4! The children have settled into their new routines really well and it has been wonderful to see them embrace their learning with such enthusiasm and curiosity. We have been busy across all areas of the curriculum and the children have already made a great start to their Year 4 learning journey.

In English, we have been learning about the Place Value of Punctuation and Grammar. The children have been developing their understanding of sentence structure and exploring the purpose of different parts of a sentence, including nouns, verbs, pronouns and subjects. We have been thinking carefully about how these different elements work together to create clear and effective sentences.

This learning links nicely with our new Spelling unit. We have recapped vowels and consonants, revisited the alphabet and explored compound words. We are now beginning to introduce morphology, helping the children to understand how words are built from different parts and how this can support both their spelling and vocabulary. We also made the most of the beautiful sunshine on Monday by taking our lesson outside! The children thoroughly enjoyed learning in the fresh air and it was lovely to see them so engaged in their work while enjoying the sunshine. Lookout for information about our new Morphs spelling game which will be used to help children practise their spelling at home!



In Maths, our focus has been on Place Value. The children have been developing their understanding of how numbers are represented and partitioned, as well as using number lines to support their thinking. We have also been practising estimating and comparing numbers and finding one hundred, one ten and one more or less than a given number. The children have been working hard to explain their mathematical thinking and are becoming increasingly confident when working with larger numbers. There has also been huge excitement, as pupils have been getting logged on to work hard on TT Rockstars. We've created an in-class display to celebrate their achievements with photo ops featuring our inflatable guitars and trophies as they level up their rock star status. All this rockstar practice will build vital speed and confidence ahead of the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) at the end of the year. To support this, please ensure your child practices in Garage Mode for 3 minutes daily. Short daily sessions make all the difference!

We have been thoroughly enjoying our Science topic, Living Things and Their Habitats. We began by exploring the seven life processes and thinking about what makes something living. The children have also been investigating different ways that animals can be sorted and grouped. We have started to look closely at vertebrate animals, considering their characteristics and how they can be classified into different groups. It has been fantastic to see the children asking thoughtful questions and using scientific vocabulary as they explore the world around them.



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Year 4 (Continued)

In French, after recapping our French phonics sounds to perfect our pronunciation, we will be launching our first main topic: 'Je me présente' (Presenting Myself). Children will soon be introducing themselves, their ages, and key details in French!

Whilst in art, we are looking to get hands-on with clay! We are learning the art of rolling, layering, and joining clay coils to create our very own unique coil pots. We can't wait to share the finished products soon!

In RE, we began the term by learning about our school Mission Statement and our class saint, St Valentine. The children enjoyed exploring what our mission means to us as a school community and thinking about how we can live out these values in our everyday lives.

We have now started our new topic, Creation and Covenant, where we are exploring some important stories from the Book of Genesis. So far, we have learned about: The Call of Abram – Genesis 12:1–6, The Abrahamic Covenant – Genesis 15:1–6, Abraham and Sarah – Genesis 18:1–15 and 21:1–3. Through these stories, the children are beginning to explore themes of faith, trust, promises and God's relationship with His people.

We are incredibly proud of how well the children have settled into Year 4 and of the positive attitude they have shown towards their learning. It has been a pleasure to see their confidence develop already, and we are looking forward to all the exciting learning and experiences still to come this term!





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Year 5

What a busy and exciting time we have had in Year 5 in the first few weeks of the new school year! The children have shown wonderful enthusiasm across all areas of the curriculum and it has been lovely to see their confidence, curiosity and independence continuing to grow.

Our top highlights this month have been:

Science

In Science, we have been exploring the fascinating topic of Earth and Space, with a particular focus on the planets in our Solar System. This has certainly captured the children's imaginations! They have been incredibly engaged and enthusiastic, asking lots of thoughtful questions and enjoying opportunities to share what they already know. Their curiosity has led to some brilliant discussions, and it has been fantastic to see them so eager to find out more about the universe around us.

Art

Our Art lessons have seen us getting creative with watercolours. The children have been experimenting with different techniques and learning how water, paint and brush strokes can be used in different ways. We have particularly focused on how artists can create texture and different visual effects. The children have enjoyed experimenting, making choices and discovering what happens when they use their materials in different ways. We are looking forward to putting these developing skills into practice in our future artwork.



Religious Education

In RE, our learning has focused on the meaning of a covenant, our school mission and values. The children have considered the importance of promises and commitment and have contributed some very thoughtful ideas to our class discussions. We have been especially impressed with the maturity they have shown when listening to one another. The children have been respectful of different contributions and have demonstrated that thoughtful listening is just as important as sharing our own ideas.

French

In French, we have been busy developing both our pronunciation and understanding of grammar. The children are becoming increasingly confident in having a go at saying French words and phrases aloud. We are encouraging everyone to listen carefully, notice patterns in the language and remember that making mistakes is an important part of learning a new language!

Writing

In writing, we have explored the 'place value of punctuation', before focusing on nouns and verbs and the important jobs they do in our sentences. We then began looking at sentence structure, using fun games and activities to build sentences and strengthen our understanding. The children have really enjoyed getting involved and putting their grammar skills into practice!

We are extremely proud of the enthusiasm the children have shown so far. Well done, Year 5. Keep asking questions, sharing your ideas and approaching your learning with such positivity!

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Year 6

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school and see them return so motivated, enthusiastic and excited for the year ahead. It is an absolute pleasure to teach them again, and we are already looking forward to what promises to be a very special journey together.

One of the highlights of our start to Year 6 has been meeting our new Reception buddies! The children spent time in Reception, reading stories, playing games and getting to know their younger buddies. It was wonderful to see them demonstrate such maturity, patience and kindness as they helped their buddies understand the rules, encouraged them during play and supported them at lunchtime. They were fantastic role models, and we were incredibly proud to see them embracing this responsibility so positively.

In Maths, we began the year by exploring place value, working confidently with numbers up to 1,000,000. The children have shown excellent focus, resilience and determination, and we are incredibly proud of the positive start they have made. We have since moved on to exploring addition, subtraction and multiplication, before developing our understanding of factors, multiples and divisibility rules. The children have enjoyed using their mathematical knowledge to identify patterns, test possibilities and find efficient ways to solve problems. We are continuing to develop their reasoning skills and encourage them to explain and justify their answers, building both confidence and independence in Maths.

In Art, we have been exploring monochromatic art, analysing portraits and experimenting with different pencil tones to create shading, depth and detail. The children have produced some beautiful work, and it is clear that we have some aspiring young artists among us!



In English, we have been revisiting and securing our knowledge of punctuation and grammar. The children have worked hard to embed these important skills, which will provide a strong foundation as we move into our upcoming writing units. We are already seeing some fantastic attention to detail and look forward to watching their confidence and creativity develop further.

In RE, we have begun our new curriculum, 'Lighting the Path', starting with Creation and Covenant. We have explored the Genesis account of The Fall, considering the themes of temptation, forgiveness and free will. The children have engaged in thoughtful and mature discussions about the choices we make, the consequences of our actions and what it means to have the freedom to choose between right and wrong. They have also reflected on how forgiveness can help us to rebuild relationships and make positive choices in our own lives.



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Year 6 (Continued)

Year 6 have also been busy taking on some important leadership responsibilities. The children have voted for their School Council representatives, House Captains and Prayer Leaders, giving everyone the opportunity to have their voice heard and helping them understand the responsibility that comes with representing others.

B and I have been so proud of how beautifully the children have settled into the year. We know it is going to be a very special year, and we cannot wait to see each and every child continue to grow and flourish.





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Amazon Wish List

As it's a financially challenging time for schools, we'd be so grateful if you could support us by choosing an item from our Amazon Wish List:

<https://amzn.eu/1hzlgx8>.

Even the smallest contribution makes a big difference to the children's learning, helping us provide valuable resources and enhance educational experiences.

Many thanks from us all at St Margaret Clitherow for your generosity and continued support. Every item purchased makes a real impact on our school community and, most importantly, on the children.



Harvest Collection for Foodbank

Friday 2nd October is CAFOD Family Fast Day and our launch day for our Harvest collection.

Every Year we support our local community by donating an item to support our local Foodbank.

This year they have sent us this message:

We're incredibly grateful for all donations, but there are some items, such as baked beans, pasta and soup, that we currently have a good supply of. To help us make the very best use of your generosity, we would particularly appreciate:

- Tinned meat puddings
- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned ham
- Tinned fruit
- Hotdogs in jars or tins
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned meat pies
- Orange juice – 1 litre long-life cartons

*Please note: We can only accept unopened, long-life food that is within its best-before date

Please bring any donations to school during the week commencing Monday 5th October, ready for our special Harvest Assembly on Friday 9th October.

Thank you in advance for your kindness.





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Keep up to date with the PTA: Keep up to date with the PTA: Next PTA meeting: date tbc – Use zoom link below
<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/86033339450...>

Next PTA meeting: Thursday 8th October @7pm –PTA AGM all welcome: (Zoom link below)
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79056722898?pwd=351DavX4oLqZ6WcWYDvEM726leUQdP.1>



A Warm Welcome from the New PTA SMC Chair:

I'm delighted to have taken on the role of Chair of the PTA SMC, following in the footsteps of our amazing previous Chair, Chikku. A huge and heartfelt thank you to all the parents who supported the PTA SMC throughout the past school year — whether you volunteered your time, helped at events, shared ideas, or simply supported us along the way. Your time, generosity and support mean so much and make such a difference to our school community.

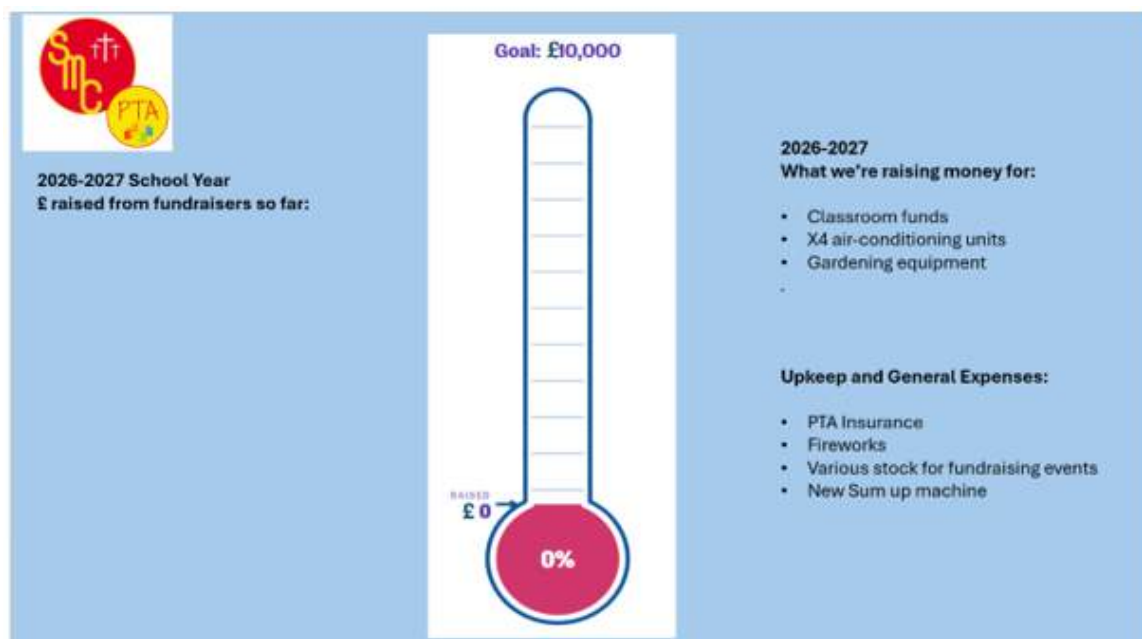
A special thank you to everyone who has volunteered to continue with us this year, and a very warm welcome to all the new parents who have joined the PTA SMC. We're so pleased to have you with us!

I'm really looking forward to the year ahead and to working together to make it a happy, fun and memorable one for all our children. ❤️

Diana Mermezan-Platona

Chair, PTA SMC

PROFIT RAISED YEAR-TO-DATE:





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How to help us raise funds:



Support local
good causes.
Win up to
£25,000

If you are into trying your luck and hoping to win a lottery, please support our school by buying your tickets through this link:

<https://www.bracknellforestlottery.co.uk/support/st-margaret-clitherow-catholic-primary-school->



easyfundraising partners with over 7,500 brands who will donate part of what you spend to a cause of your choice. It won't cost you any extra. The cost is covered by the brand.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmcpta>

Announcing:

WANTED:

PTA TREASURER

We need your help

We're looking for a volunteer to join our PTA as Treasurer.

You could help us with:

- Keeping our financial records up to date
- Managing cash floats for school events
- Assisting with event licence applications when required

No previous PTA experience is necessary, and support will be provided.

Interested?

We'd love to hear from you!

Please get in touch with the PTA : smc.pta.bracknell@gmail.com



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PTA events coming up:

Friday 2nd October Non-uniform Day



Thursday 2nd October Harvest Disco



Thursday 22nd October Year 5 Bake Sale



... & Deadline for orders....





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Friday 6th November: PTA Fireworks

ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW
PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION
PRESENTS
OUR 19TH ANNUAL
Fireworks
Night
FRIDAY, 6 NOV

GATES OPEN 6:00PM & FIREWORKS 7:30PM
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
BOOK AHEAD VIA SUMUP:
ADULT: £9.00 | CHILD: £6.50
UNDER 2S ARE FREE
{AT THE DOOR £10/£8}

LICENSED BAR + HOT FOOD + PIZZA VAN
REFRESHMENTS + GLOW PRODUCTS +
FUN FAIR RIDES + STALLS
NO SMOKING - NO SPARKLERS - NO PETS
ADDRESS: PEMBROKE, HANWORTH, BRACKNELL
RG12 7RD.
ENTRANCE THROUGH RINGMEAD.



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Other Information

Changes to Free School Meal and Pupil Premium Eligibility



What's new?
The Department for Education has updated its guidance on Free School Meals (FSM) and Pupil Premium.
From the start of the 2026/27 school year, transitional protections are due to end, and eligibility will need to be checked again. Families will need to re-apply so eligibility can be rechecked and your child (and school) don't miss out on support.

Why apply?

- Free, healthy meals for your child
- Extra funding for your child's school to support learning and improve outcomes
- Annual checks will now take place
- Apply now to make sure your child's entitlement is in place for September 2026

How to apply
Apply online today



For further information on the recent changes, eligibility criteria, and how the changes may affect you, please visit our website.

Live in Bracknell Forest?

Is your child aged 2 or 3?

Help protect them from flu this winter

Children aged 2 or 3 on 31 August 2026 are eligible for a free NHS flu vaccination (born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2024).



Quick • Painless • Free on the NHS
Most children are offered the nasal spray vaccine. A porcine free vaccine is also available.

Choose where to get your child vaccinated

GP surgery	Community pharmacy	Bracknell Forest community clinic
 Contact your child's GP surgery to book. You do not need to wait to be invited.	 Book at a participating NHS pharmacy.	 The School Age Immunisation Service is also offering flu vaccination to eligible 2 and 3 year olds at community clinics.
 Click here to book at a community pharmacy.	 Click here to complete a consent form using school code BK888882.	 Click here to complete a consent form using school code BK888882.
 Available from 1 September 2026.	 Appointments from 1 October 2026.	 Available from 1 September 2026.

Find out more about the children's flu vaccine at nhs.uk
Flu can make young children very unwell. The flu vaccine helps protect your child and also helps stop flu spreading to family and others.

Protect your child. Help protect vulnerable family members.

Flu. A healthier winter for a brighter tomorrow.



Year 6 To Year 7

Open for admissions 2027

It's time to apply for a secondary school place

Read the guide → Apply online → Receive your offer

The admission process to apply for Year 7, September 2027 is now open.

The application process is open from 12 September 2026 - 31 October 2026

Bracknell Forest residents only

For more info
www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/applyforsecondary



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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 1 st October 2026	9.30 – 11.30 am
Monday 16 th November 2026	6.30 – 8.30 pm
Monday 18 th January 2027	9.30 – 11.30 am
Thursday 25 th February 2027	6.30 - 8.30 pm
Tuesday 18 th May 2027	9.30 - 11.30 am
Wednesday 23 rd 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 5 th November 2026	6.30 – 8.30 pm
Monday 11 th January 2027	6.30 - 8.30 pm
Tuesday 23 rd February 2027	9.30 - 11.30 am
Thursday 13 th 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.	
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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	
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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 5 th 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 1 st 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 12 th 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.	
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Family Dynamics Family life comes in many forms for primary aged children. Session offers practical guidance navigating varying dynamics.	
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St Margaret Clitherow Catholic Primary School

We act with love, build our faith and grow as people
"Let all that you do be done in love" - 1 Corinthians 16:14

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Other Information

Raring to Go Autumn Magazine:

<https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/ascotbracknellandwokingham/autumn2026/>

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JUNIOR SESSIONS

FREE TRIAL SESSION

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WEEKLY TIMETABLE

Session	Time	Spots
Tuesdays (5-6 years)	4-5pm	8 spaces
Tuesdays (7-8 years)	5-6pm	8 spaces
Wednesdays (9-10 years)	5-6pm	4 spaces
Thursdays (9-11 years)	5-6pm	4 spaces
Thursdays (12 plus)	6-7pm	4 spaces
Friday junior club evening (13 years plus)	5-6pm	8 spaces
Saturdays (5-8 years)	1.30-3.30pm	8 spaces
Saturdays (9-11 years)	3.30-5.30pm	8 spaces
Saturdays (12 years Plus)	3.30-4.30pm	8 spaces

Groups are limited to 8 juniors.
Sessions will start from Monday 7th for 7 weeks £70

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Small Moves

1:1 AND SMALL GROUP BABY MASSAGE AND BABY YOGA SESSIONS IN BERKSHIRE

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- ✦ ENHANCE BONDING
- ✦ AID DIGESTION
- ✦ IMPROVE SLEEP
- ✦ SUPPORT COGNITIVE AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

Small Moves offers 1:1 and small group sessions for babies and young children. The sessions focus on enhancing bonding, aiding digestion, improving sleep, and supporting cognitive and physical development. The poster includes photos of babies and a QR code for more information.

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FUN | INCLUSIVE | EDUCATIONAL

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN DAYS

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

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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 Reusable Drink 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

GEMS Workshops

We're excited to announce that more GEMS workshops are now available to book for the autumn term!

Our latest additions include:

Our popular 3-Part Autism Course, covering:

- Understanding autism
- Sensory differences, anxiety and behaviour
- Practical strategies to support your child
- An overview of the assessment process
- Signposting to further support and resources

Sleep and Autism & ADHD, exploring:

- Children's sleep cycles and sleep needs
- Common reasons for difficulties settling and night waking
- Practical strategies to reduce stress around sleep
- Tips to help your child settle to sleep and stay asleep

You can view all of our upcoming workshops and book your place here:

<https://www.gems4health.com/workshops/>



Helpline : 0800 999 1342
(Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm)

Bracknell Chess Club Family and Children Chess Course.



Learn the moves, rules, basic techniques and tactics of chess each Thursday 6.15 pm - 7.15 pm from 1st October - 19th November 2026 at the Hanworth Community Centre, Hanworth Road, Bracknell RG12 7WX. Lessons are given by an ECF accredited Chess Coach. £40 per family for the 8-week course. Contact info@bracknellchessclub@btinternet.com for further information and to register for the course.