

# Brunswick Park Primary School

## e-Newsletter

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**Brunswick Park**  
Primary School

Friday 12 May 2023

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Dear Parents and Carers

May's Focus Value is **DEMOCRACY**

It's hard to know if we're coming or going after so many Bank Holidays – the additional one for the King's Coronation even changed the dates of the Year 6 SATs; something that has never happened before – but as far as is possible all is now back to normal. On this newsletter are details of next week's Walk to School Week, led by Year 6 teacher Evie MacDonnell, the BPA's International Day on Tuesday 23 May and activities in which your children can get involved, including the Dynamos Cricket for 8-11-year-olds. Don't forget the Daily Mile on Wednesdays! Now the weather is improving there is even more reason to join in.

Please note that the date of our class photographs has changed, and they will now be taken in May, before Half Term. Key dates are below on this page and on the website.

If you are a positive, pro-active and organised person who is motivated by working and interacting with children, we have a Lunchtime Play Leader role available to start as soon as possible. Further details, including how to apply, are on the next page.

And finally, these fireworks are helping us celebrate the end of Key Stage 2 SATs that finished today: 4 mornings of tests of reading, maths and spelling, punctuation and grammar that are taken by the majority of our Year 6 pupils. I and the staff team are incredibly proud of them: their positive can-do attitude, cheerfulness and work ethic have been fantastic. They are a credit to you, and I thank all the parents and carers of our Year 6 children for supporting and encouraging them. They have done their absolute best, which is all we can ask for. As we know, children are infinitely more than a set of test results, which to them in a few years' time will be but a memory. Supported by a good education, their personal qualities will carry them through, which include the positivity and resilience they have all shown this week. They are off to the park this afternoon to have some well-deserved fun, as should we all this weekend.

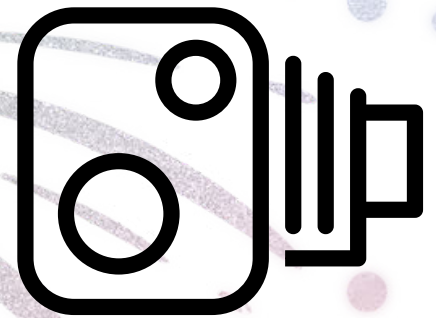
With best wishes for a peaceful fortnight ahead

Susannah Bellingham

Head Teacher

**BE AWARE:**

**SCHOOL STREET TRAFFIC CAMERAS  
ARE ACTIVE BETWEEN**



**08:30 - 09:15 and 15:00 - 16:00**

**YEAR 2 SATs: 2 - 31 MAY**

**WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK: 15 - 19 MAY**

**INTERNATIONAL DAY: TUESDAY 23 MAY**

**CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS: THURSDAY 25 MAY**

**HALF TERM BREAK: 29 MAY - 2 JUNE**

**YEAR 1 PHONICS SCREENING CHECK 12 - 16 JUNE**

**YEAR 4 MULTIPLICATION TABLES CHECK: 5 - 16 JUNE**

**TERM DATES ARE ALWAYS ON THE NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE: NOW AVAILABLE FOR 2023-24**





Come and join us on **Wednesdays at 08:40** in the Key Stage 2 Playground for a warm-up jog/run before learning begins at 08:55. *Physical activity builds learning power!* Open to all BPPS children - and their parents/carers.

## CHANGE OF DATE:

## CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS RESCHEDULED TO THURSDAY 25 MAY



Children should be in full school uniform, not PE kit. Thank you.



## Lunchtime Play Leader Vacancy

*Can you spare 10 hours per week to work at the school?*

We have a role for a Lunchtime Play Leader, to start as soon as possible.

Our Lunchtime Play Leaders support the children at lunchtime, organising activities and playing games with them to keep their lunchtimes fun, active, positive and safe.

The working hours are Monday-Friday 12.00 - 2.00pm in term time.

Interested?

To discuss the role in more detail, including pay and how to apply, please contact Dena Dada via the school office on 020 7525 9033 or

[office@brunswickpark.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:office@brunswickpark.southwark.sch.uk)

We look forward to hearing from you.

LIVING

STREETS!

LET'S  
WALK TO  
SCHOOL

WALK with WILDLIFE

FIVE-DAY WALKING challenge

## Brunswick Park Primary School

Is taking part in the

### Walk to School Week Challenge

(15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> May)

Travel to school sustainably to improve your health and help the environment!

Walk, scoot, cycle, park and stride to school everyday to earn stickers and certificates!

Be part of the change!

Challenge: What wild life can you spot while travelling to school?

JOIN THE FUN

Walk to School Week, 15-19 May.



**Dear Parent/Guardian,**

Surrey Cricket Foundation, England Cricket Board and Southwark Council would like to offer your Child an opportunity to be a part of a bespoke Dynamos cricket programme this summer.

The Peckham Rye Park - Dynamos cricket programme is **fully funded** by Surrey Cricket Foundation & supported by Southwark Council and as such will be **FREE** to all participants.

**Important – Use the DISCOUNT PROMO CODE from the link below.**

The Dynamos Cricket is an entry level national programme aimed at 8-11 year olds. The sessions run every **Wednesdays** between 5.00pm – 6.00pm at the Peckham Rye Park, SE15 3UA for 8 weeks from 17 May until the 13<sup>th</sup> July.

Each child signed up for Dynamos will receive a personalised t-shirt.

The sessions are fun with lots of batting, bowling, throwing and catching, run by Coaches from the Surrey Cricket Foundation and local volunteers with children involved in the programme.

To register click one of the links below and use the **DISCOUNT PROMO CODE** when booking your place.

It is important you do not share this link with people who wouldn't be suitable for the FREE funded places as there are only a select number of opportunities available.

Girls - <https://ecb.clubspark.uk/Dynamos/Course/6904b201-7b14-4da5-b58a-d5e8010dddfd>

Boys - <https://ecb.clubspark.uk/Dynamos/Course/8bb335a0-629a-4f1d-b572-9e1f58759e07>

**DYNAMOS PROMO CODE TO USE UPON SIGN UP – ZF8UEZ**

Yours Sincerely,

Kim Price - [allstars@surreycricket.com](mailto:allstars@surreycricket.com) / 07500950517

Surrey Cricket Foundation,  
Kia Oval, London, SE11 5SS



**SURREY  
CRICKET  
FOUNDATION**  
England's No. 1 Club





**BRUNSWICK PARK  
FAMILIES ASSOCIATION**  
presents

# International Day

A celebration of the school's cultural and ethnic diversity, with music, food and more!

**Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023**  
**3:30 to 5pm • KS2 Playground**

Would you like to help? Contact  
[brunswickparkfamilies@gmail.com](mailto:brunswickparkfamilies@gmail.com).



All fundraising will benefit the Brunswick Park Families Association, raising funds in aid of



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Primary School

# BPFA International Day 23 May 2023



To celebrate the children's cultural and ethnic diversity, the school is organising an International Day, which will be held on Tuesday 24 May. The BPFA is part of the celebrations, and needs your support!

## **How can you help?**

Cook and donate a dish or dessert representing your heritage, origin, history or tradition.

We kindly ask any food you donate be labelled with its ingredients and brought to school on Tuesday 24 May, at 15:00.

Donated food will be sold after school, and all funds raised will support the BPFA;

Get involved with story telling sessions. We are looking for parents/carers who are willing to come in to school on the day to share stories of their heritage with individual classes.

Interested? Please email Andrew Osborne, Chair of the BPFA, at [brunswickparkfamilies@gmail.com](mailto:brunswickparkfamilies@gmail.com) and include your name and phone number.

**Thank you!**

Best wishes  
The BPFA  
Brunswick Park Families Association

# 10 top tips for safely using SMARTWATCHES

Kids love gadgets, and smartwatches – available to buy from as little as £20 online – make a tempting gift. As with any type of mobile technology, though, smartwatches can pose risks to children unless they're used safely. Receiving unwanted calls, cyber-stalking and distracting a young person when they're crossing the road are all known risks associated with smartwatches. However, these devices can bring plenty of benefits for children and parents alike – so let's examine the pros and cons of smartwatches.

## AVOID CHEAP OPTIONS

A quick search online yields a torrent of cheap smartwatches for kids, costing as little as £20. It's wise to avoid this bargain basement tech: it tends to deliver a poor experience with inferior battery life, and it's hard to have faith in the software's safety. There have been cases of smartwatches being hacked to track or contact children; stick to known brands who have a reputation to protect.

## CONTROL CALLING

Many smartwatches have the facility to make or take calls. As with a phone, you may want to restrict who your child can call – or be called by. On Apple Watches, you can select trusted contacts who are allowed to ring your child, while other watches' controls vary hugely. Some need to connect to a linked phone for calls, so you may be able to block unknown contacts via that device instead.

## BEWARE HIDDEN COSTS

For a smartwatch to allow calls independently (that is, without being connected to a phone via Bluetooth), it will need its own mobile data plan. This might take the form of a tiny SIM card that you slot into the watch – or an eSIM, where the physical card is replaced by software settings. Either way, this will incur an additional monthly cost that you'll need to factor into any buying decision.

## ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Apple Watches aren't cheap, but they do offer superb safety features – allowing parents to control calls, messages and emails on the device, as well as a location tracking system that can send alerts if kids wander beyond pre-set boundaries. Their SOS function enables children to contact emergency services instantly if they're in trouble, which simultaneously also alerts parents and carers.

## MAKE THEM COOL FOR SCHOOL

Some schools have banned smartwatches, as pupils have been using them as substitute phones. If your child's school does permit them, some devices can be set to prevent distractions in class. For example, Apple's Schooltime feature turns their watches into ordinary time-keeping devices during school hours. The display changes in this mode, showing teachers that it isn't being used for other purposes.

## TRACK ITS LOCATION

Both Apple and Android devices have apps which allow you to track a smartwatch's location. They can also initiate an audio alert – avoiding those cushion-hurling panics when a treasured device can't be found at home. If you're planning to track your child's location via their watch, make them aware of that in advance. You could even make it a condition of them getting the watch in the first place.

## THINK 'SAFETY FIRST'

Smartwatches are often worth hundreds of pounds, which can make young people wearing one a target for thieves. Advise your child to keep the watch hidden in public (when possible) and not to resist if muggers demand their watch. If you manage to track a stolen device, pass that information to the police: location data isn't always accurate, so you could end up wrongly accusing someone.

## STORE MEDICAL INFO

Devices including the Samsung Galaxy Watch and Apple Watch can store the owner's medical details (such as their blood group and any pre-existing medical conditions), potentially giving emergency services access to vital information in a crisis. These devices also have 'hard fall' detection, which sends a text message to selected contacts along with a map showing the wearer's location.

## USE THEM AS MOTIVATION

If you're worried your child's spending too much time slumped on the sofa staring at screens, smartwatches are great fitness trackers and can be a powerful incentive to get moving. Some devices will alert the wearer if they've been inactive for a long time and encourage them to do some exercise. Many watches record the user's daily step count and measure other health metrics.

## BE MINDFUL OF BEDTIME

Many smartwatches offer sleep tracking, which some (usually older) children use to justify wearing them to bed. However, that also presents a temptation to message friends or check social media late at night, even if their phone is downstairs. Unless there's a valid reason not to, you could encourage your child to remove the watch in the evenings and ensure the charger stays in a different room.

## Meet Our Expert

Barry Collins has been a technology journalist and editor for more than 20 years, working for titles such as the *Sunday Times*, *Which?*, *PC Pro* and *Computeractive*. He's appeared regularly as a technology pundit on television and radio, including on *BBC Newsnight*, *Radio 5 Live* and the *ITV News at Ten*. He has two children and writes regularly about internet safety issues.



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#WakeUpWednesday



**May Half-Term**  
**Tues 30th**  
**Wed 31th**

**FUN ACTIVITIES SUCH AS:**

- Art & Craft
- Music
- Drama
- Fitness
- Story Telling
- Board Games
- Cooking

**OUR ACTIVITIES ARE  
ONLINE AND IN PERSON**



**Parents are required to stay with their children during the activities**

**OUR CENTERS**

**ST GEORGE'S CoFE PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
Coleman Rd, SE5 7TF

**ST GILES**  
St Giles Parish Hall,  
161 Benhill Road. SE5 7LL

**SPECIAL NEEDS & DISABILITIES (SEND)  
PROGRAMME**  
Camberwell College of Arts Foundation -  
Modular Building, 1 Wilson Rd, SE5 8LU

**TEENS CENTRE @ UNITED REFORMED CHURCH**  
Love Walk, Camberwell, SE5 8AE (ages 11 to 16  
**ONLY**)

**THE CLUB ROOM**  
Samuel Lewis Trust Estate,  
Warner Road, SE5 9NE

**ST PAUL'S CHURCH HALL**  
Lorrimore Square,  
Lorrimore Rd, SE17 3QU

**DAWSON HEIGHTS ESTATE**  
Community Centre  
Overhill Road, SE22 0PW

**FREE FOR  
AGES 0-16**

**For enquiries send email to [holidayclub@springcommunityhub.org.uk](mailto:holidayclub@springcommunityhub.org.uk)**



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**11-16 years**



**FOR NEW FAMILIES  
USE THE QR TO  
COMPLETE YOUR  
REGISTRATION**

**0-10years**







GET RID OF AND  
—DONATE—



# OPEN HOUSE

FREE CLOTHING, HOUSEHOLD,  
TOYS & BOOKS

Come and choose what you need.  
All items are FREE.

## When?

Every Monday 10am - 11:30am  
Open House - Coffee Morning's  
No items will be available outside of  
these times or on other days

## Where?

St Faith's Community Centre  
Red Post Hill Dulwich  
London SE24 9JQ

**Train:** North Dulwich Station

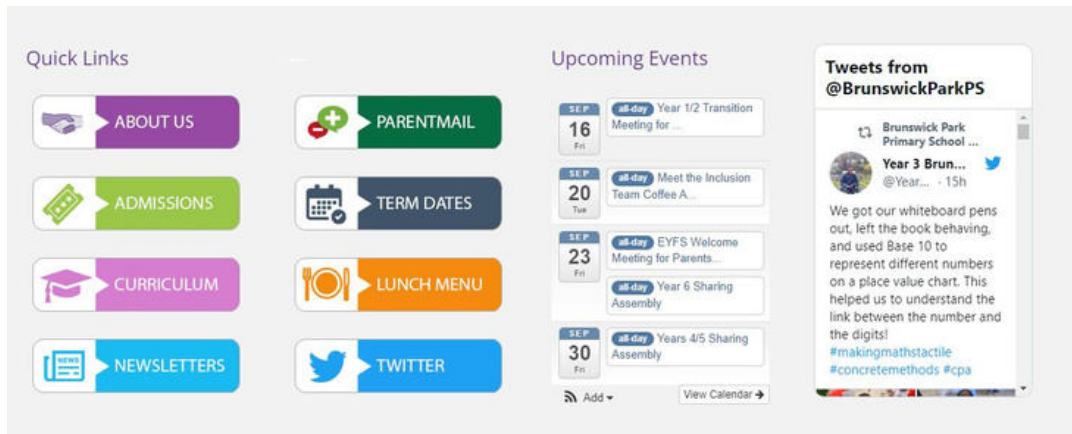
**Bus:** 37 or P4

Contact us

07944 102 112

[www.getridofit-donate.com](http://www.getridofit-donate.com)





On the Homepage of Brunswick's website there is the Events Diary, our Twitter Feed and Quick Links to all the information you need. Please use it to stay up to date; it is there to help you.

## Uniform

Sweatshirts, cardigans, bookbags and swimming hats are available to buy or collect from the School Office on **Wednesdays from 3.30–4.00pm**. If you choose to pay in cash, please bring the right money as we cannot give change. If you choose to pay online via ParentMail, please pay for your item/s before coming to collect them.

**Age 13 - adult sweatshirts = £10.00**

**All other sweatshirts = £8.00**

**Age 13 - adult cardigans = £13.00**

**All other cardigans = £11.00**

**Book Bags = £4.00**

**Swimming Hats = £1.00**

**Clothing with the old shoulder logo is available at the reduced price of £5.50**



### Making payments for goods and services at school

Payments for uniform, trips, Breakfast Club, top-up fees and Nursery After School Club can all be made either in cash at the School Office, or online, via ParentMail.

To pay for uniform online using ParentMail, you need to log in to your account and pay for the item/s before you collect them from the School on Wednesdays.

To pay for all other services – trips, Breakfast Club, top-up fees and Nursery After School Club – make sure your ParentMail account is registered to pay for the services you need, then you can pay for them online.

If you need support to register, please see the School Office Staff.

**WE HOPE THIS HELPS!**

# Follow us on Twitter and Instagram

Classes and Year Groups Tweet regularly throughout the week to keep parents and carers up to date with what the children are learning and doing. Here are this year's Twitter usernames:



Resource Base  
@ResourceBaseBP



EYFS  
@EyfsBPPS



Years 1 and 2  
@Years1and2BPPS



Year 3  
@Year3BPPS



Years 4 and 5  
@Years4and5BPPS



Year 6  
@Year6BPPS



You can follow Brunswick  
Park on Instagram on  
[brunswickparkps](https://www.instagram.com/brunswickparkps)



## The Play Shelter After School Club @ Brunswick Park

**£55 per week**

**£20 per day**

**3.30 - 6.00pm Monday - Friday**

To register your child, contact the Centre Manager on **07905 007964**  
or visit the After School Club in the Dining Hall.

email: [admin@theplayselter.co.uk](mailto:admin@theplayselter.co.uk)

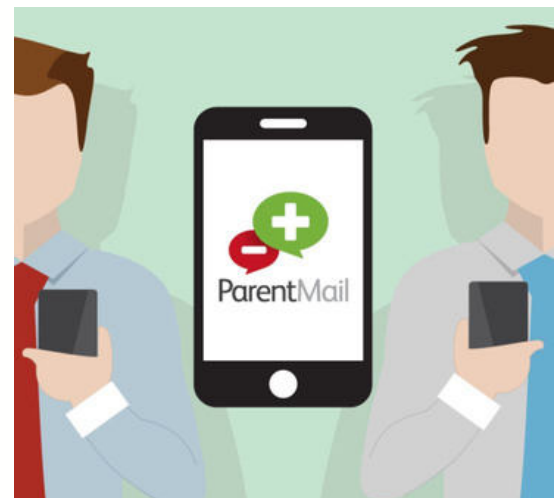
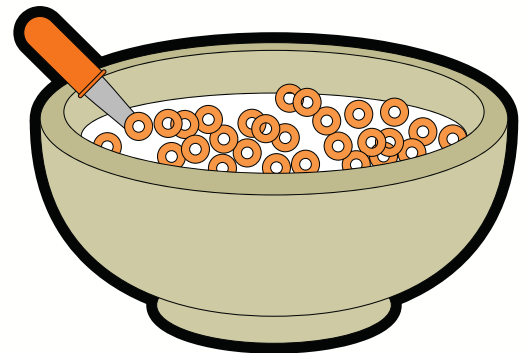
website: [www.theplayselter.co.uk](http://www.theplayselter.co.uk)

## Brunswick Park Breakfast Club

**Reception - Year 6**

**£12 per week**

regardless of the number of days children attend,  
payable a week in advance at the School Office  
and online via ParentMail.



**7.45am until the start of the school day, Monday - Friday**

In the Dining Hall, run by Brunswick's own staff: Mikaela, Linda and Karen  
Nursery Breakfast Club details available from the School Office

# Term Dates 2022/2023

## ACADEMIC YEAR 2022-2023

**DO NOT BOOK HOLIDAY IN TERM TIME  
CHILDREN ARE ENTITLED TO 190 DAYS' EDUCATION PER YEAR**

### Autumn Term

**HALF TERM 1:** Thursday 1 September 2022 to Friday 21 October 2022

**INSET DAYS ON THURSDAY 1 SEPTEMBER AND FRIDAY 2 SEPTEMBER -  
CHILDREN RETURN ON MONDAY 5 SEPTEMBER**

**HALF TERM BREAK:** Monday 24 October 2022 to Friday 28 October 2022

**HALF TERM 2:** Monday 31 October 2022 to Friday 16 December 2022

**INSET DAY MONDAY 31 OCTOBER - CHILDREN RETURN ON TUESDAY 1 NOVEMBER**

### Spring Term

**HALF TERM 3:** Tuesday 3 January 2023 to Friday 10 February 2023

**INSET DAY ON TUESDAY 3 JANUARY - CHILDREN RETURN ON WEDNESDAY 4 JANUARY**

**HALF TERM BREAK:** Monday 13 February 2023 to Friday 17 February 2023

**HALF TERM 4:** Monday 20 February 2023 to Friday 31 March 2023

### Summer Term

**HALF TERM 5:** Monday 17 April 2023 to Friday 26 May 2023

(May Day bank holiday will be taken on 1 May)

**HALF TERM BREAK:** Monday 29 May 2023 to Friday 2 June 2023

**HALF TERM 6:** Monday 5 June 2023 to Friday 21 July 2023

**INSET DAY MONDAY 5 JUNE - CHILDREN RETURN ON TUESDAY 6 JUNE**

**Children finish at 2.00pm on 16 December 2022, 31 March 2023 and 21 July 2023**

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### Autumn Term

**HALF TERM 1:** Monday 4 September 2023 to Friday 20 October 2023

**INSET DAY ON MONDAY 4 SEPTEMBER**

**CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 5 SEPTEMBER**

**HALF TERM BREAK:** Monday 23 October 2023 to Friday 27 October 2023

**HALF TERM 2:** Monday 30 October 2022 to Wednesday 20 December 2023

### Spring Term

**HALF TERM 3:** Monday 8 January 2024 to Friday 9 February 2024

**HALF TERM BREAK:** Monday 12 February 2024 to Friday 16 February 2024

**HALF TERM 4:** Monday 19 February 2024 to Thursday 28 March 2024

### Summer Term

**HALF TERM 5:** Monday 15 April 2024 to Friday 24 May 2024

(May Day bank holiday will be taken on 6 May)

**HALF TERM BREAK:** Monday 27 May 2024 to Friday 31 May 2024

**HALF TERM 6:** Monday 3 June 2024 to Thursday 25 July 2024

**INSET DAYS MONDAY 22, TUESDAY 23, WEDNESDAY 24, THURSDAY 25 JULY**

**LAST DAY IN SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN IS FRIDAY 19 JULY 2024**

**Children finish at 2.00pm on 20 December 2023, 28 March 2024 and 19 July 2024**

### Public Holidays:

Monday 25 December 2023:	Christmas Day Holiday
Tuesday 26 December 2023:	Boxing Day Holiday
Monday 1 January 2024:	New Year Holiday
Friday 29 March 2024:	Good Friday
Monday 1 April 2024:	Easter Monday
Monday 6 May 2024:	May Day Bank Holiday
Monday 27 May 2024:	Spring Bank Holiday
Monday 26 August 2024:	Summer Bank Holiday

## Reminders to all Parents and Carers

### Correct School Uniform:

Please ensure your child comes to school in the correct uniform. All children must wear black shoes or plain black trainers, black or grey school trousers or skirts and socks and Hijabs should be plain white, black or grey. Grey or black shorts or purple checked summer dresses can be worn in warm weather.

### Punctuality:

Please ensure your child arrives to school on time every day; arriving late is embarrassing and missed learning time affects achievement and stops your child from reaching his or her potential.

### Parking:

Picton Street is now monitored by Council cameras from 08:30 - 09:15 and 15:00 - 16:00. If you arrive by car please factor this in, as you will need to park elsewhere and walk into Picton Street, or risk a warning/fine.

## Safeguarding Information

The designated team for Safeguarding at Brunswick Park Primary is  
Susannah Bellingham  
Caroline Campion and  
Thomas Moudiotis.

If you have any concerns about any child, please contact us.

We are committed to Safeguarding all children and members of our school community and take all concerns seriously.

For your information, key school policies are available on request from the School Office and can be downloaded from the school Website under the 'Our School' tab.

Please check the website and Twitter for further details about what children have been doing and learning in school.

Missed a newsletter? All newsletters are available for download from the School Website under the 'News' tab.

<http://www.brunswickparkprimary.co.uk>

## Attendance Update

Highest attendance of the fortnight is Year 6 with 100%

Lowest attendance of the fortnight is Class 1/2C

Class with the most lateness is Class 1/2B

Whole school attendance of the fortnight is 95.68%

If your child needs to be absent from school for exceptional reasons, you need to complete an Exceptional Leave Request Form in good time beforehand, available on the website and from the School Office.

*Remember - don't book holiday in term time - even if the tickets are cheaper - as it cannot be authorised.*

*Children are entitled to 190 days' education per year.*

## Whole School Attendance Target: 97%

### Right to Reply:

12/05/23: Please email the address below to give us constructive suggestions or comments, including your name and your child's class.

Thank you.

[office@brunswickpark.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:office@brunswickpark.southwark.sch.uk)