

# Brunswick Park Primary School

## e-Newsletter



Brunswick Park  
Primary School

Friday 9 June 2023

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Dear Parents and Carers **June's Focus Values are PERSEVERANCE and COURAGE**

A warm welcome back after the Half Term Break, to what is, as you can see from the list of dates below, an action packed 7 weeks until the school year ends on 21 July. Some parents have asked me recently to clarify some aspects of school attendance expectations, which I share with you here:

Children are entitled to 190 days' education per academic year, and unless they are sick and too ill to attend, are expected to come to school every day. Attending school for 190 days = 100% attendance.

If your child is absent from school due to sickness and you provide sufficient evidence, the absence is authorised. This means that it is agreed that your child can be at home.

If your child is absent from school and no or insufficient reason is given, the absence is unauthorised. This means that it has not been agreed that your child can be at home. Unauthorised absence includes lateness when there is no or insufficient reason for it. Unauthorised absence also includes holiday; holidays must be taken outside term time in the 175 days available. Head Teachers cannot authorise holidays in term time.

Both authorised and unauthorised absence affect a child's attendance percentage; if a child is not in school for any reason, the percentage will drop. If absence is authorised it does not mean attendance stays at 100%, because the child is still not in school.

Children's attendance is reported annually to parents, including the number of authorised and unauthorised sessions of absence. Good attendance is 95%+; Excellent attendance is 98%+. The whole school attendance target is 97%. You will find this on your child's school report, sent to you at the end of June.

In other news, our Nursery is filling up for September, which is really encouraging. Please see the information below about how to apply for a place. And if you are interested in becoming a school governor, you have until Friday to let me know. Have a wonderful - very hot, it would appear - weekend. Take good care.

Wishing you a peaceful and enjoyable fortnight ahead.

Susannah Bellingham, Head Teacher

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

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

**SPORTS WEEK: 19 - 23 JUNE**

**ANNUAL REPORTS SENT TO PARENTS/CARERS: 30 JUNE**

**YEAR 1/2 SHARING ASSEMBLY: 23 JUNE**

**PARENTS' EVENINGS: 5 AND 6 JULY**

**CARNIVAL: 7 JULY**

**BPFA SUMMER FAIR: 8 JULY**

**YEAR 6 SATS RESULTS AVAILABLE FROM 11 JULY**

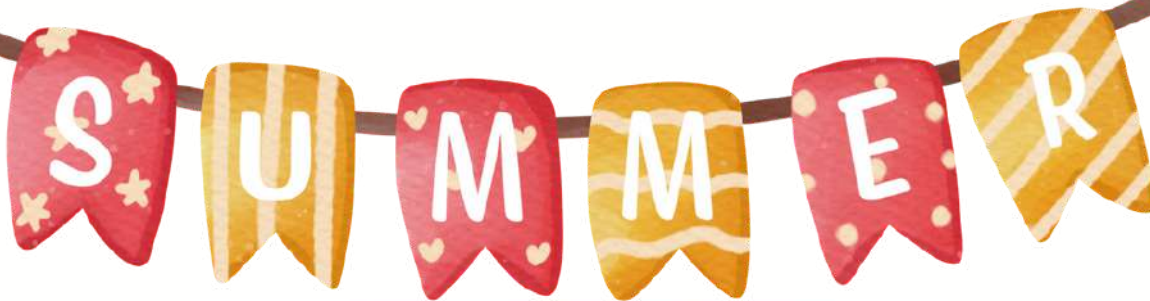
**SUMMER CONCERT: 12 AND 13 JULY**

**YEAR 6 TRIP TO ADVENTURE ISLAND SOUTHEND: 17 JULY**

**YEAR 6 GRADUATION: 21 JULY**

**TERM DATES ARE ALWAYS ON THE NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE**





**BRUNSWICK PARK  
FAMILIES ASSOCIATION  
SUMMER FAIR UPDATE**

It's now only a month until our Summer Fair on Saturday 8 July.  
This year promises to be even bigger than last year - providing you can help make it  
a success!

**We will have:**

***the Wiggly Wild Show animal zoo***

***a bouncy castle***

***a fire engine***

***loads of games***

***performances and dances***

***a cake stall***

***bar***

***hotdogs and shakes***

***uniform sale***

***toy and book sale***

***craft and small goods stalls***

**and lots more...but we do need your help.**

**Can you:**

**Allow us to place a publicity sign on the front of your home?**

This gives us publicity to promote the event locally and raise some revenue to hold  
the fair itself and help the school. For each sign we get £12!

**Our target is 40 signs.**

It would make such a difference to the event and the school!

If you can help with a sign or spend some time helping at the fair on the day, get in  
touch via [brunswickparkfamilies@gmail.com](mailto:brunswickparkfamilies@gmail.com)

**Can you sort out unwanted uniforms, toys and books?**

**These can be donated via the School Office.**

**Tell your friends, family and neighbours,**

**and come along on the day with the children to enjoy this amazing event!**



## to our NURSERY!

We are justly proud of Brunswick Park's Nursery provision, which is filling up quickly for September.

If you have a child who will turn 3 years old before 31 August 2023, s/he can start Nursery in September 2023.

Full-time and part-time places are still available.

Please come to the School Office to collect an application form.

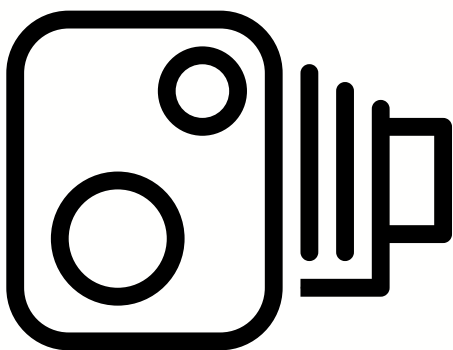


Marshall's Charity



Marshall's Charity has given Brunswick Park £1000 to spend on sports equipment for the children, which is great news!

Thanks to Mr Moudiotis for putting in a successful grant application, and we look forward to working with the children to replenish our stocks .



The cameras are working well, and we thank you for avoiding Picton Street in your cars from 08:30 to 09:15 and 15:00 to 16:00.

**This is for the children's safety; Picton Street is a School Street during those times, and is for pedestrians only.**



Imogen Moore-Shelley

Many of our parents and carers are involved with Southwark

**PACT: Parents And Communities Together.**

It provides valuable help, support, friendship and community.

Those of you who have involvement with PACT will know one of its founders, the much-loved and respected Imogen Moore-Shelley, who sadly died from brain cancer on 28 May at the age of 34.

Munira, a Brunswick parent and PACT Parent Organiser, has asked us to pass on this message on behalf of Southwark PACT:

***It breaks our heart to announce that Imogen Moore who funded the PACT project passed away last Sunday. It's devastating news for the PACT community as Imogen was an extraordinary person with her kindness and ability to care for others. Please take your time to process this terrible news. Sending love to all of you ♥♥. If anyone knew her please reach out to PACT staff.***

## Do you want to become a Parent Governor?

The Term of Office of one of our Parent Governors comes to an end in July, so soon there will be a vacancy on the Governing Body of Brunswick Park Primary School.

### What does a school governor do?

Governors are responsible for overseeing the management side of a school: strategy, policy, budgeting and staffing. They enable their school to run as effectively as possible, working alongside senior leaders and supporting teachers to provide excellent education to children. Being a school governor is a commitment to attending governing body meetings which consider issues such as setting the school vision, mitigating financial risk and scrutinising educational outcomes. They are also involved in the school community, acting as critical friends to the head teacher and senior leaders.

Governors bring a wide range of skills and expertise from their professional lives to the governing board and schools benefit greatly from working with skilled volunteers, for example anyone with experience of finance, law, premises management or human resources. For example, a governor with business know-how can transform the running of a school.

The organisation 'Governors for Schools' has more information about school governance, on

[governorsforschools.org.uk/volunteer/apply](https://governorsforschools.org.uk/volunteer/apply)

There is also information about our current Governing Body on the school website.

Brunswick Park's Governing Body meets monthly in term time at 6pm. Meetings typically last 2 hours. In addition, governors visit the school during the day to see it in operation, and report back to the board. If you would like to put yourself forward to be a parent governor, you need to be a parent of a child/children who currently attend Brunswick Park Primary School.

Please give your name and your child's class to Aujorie Delpratt in the School Office by Friday 16 June 2023 at 4pm. If more than one name is received, there will be an election in which all the school's parents and carers can vote.





**FREE**  
**YEAR 6**



**LITTLE FISH THEATRE**  
**SUMMER PROGRAMME**

**FOR SOUTHWARK CHILDREN**

**24TH JULY - 4TH AUG**  
**2023 (MON-FRI)**

**AT RYE OAK PRIMARY**  
**SCHOOL**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO**  
**BOOK A PLACE FOR YOUR CHILD**  
**EMAIL: [INFO@LITTLEFISHTHEATRE.CO.UK](mailto:INFO@LITTLEFISHTHEATRE.CO.UK)**

**[HTTPS://SHORTURL.AT/DIS17](https://shorturl.at/dis17)**

**"SCAN THE QR CODE"**



**DRAMA:** *Music*



# What is Southwark PACT?

## PACT – Parents and Communities Together

### Overview

PACT is a community-led social support project, set up by Citizens UK, where parents of 0-3s meet weekly to participate in different collaborative activities. The project adopts a community organising approach to bring parents together with community organisations, health professionals, statutory services, schools and children's centres to reduce social isolation, support the wellbeing of parents and to support children's developmental outcomes.

### Southwark PACT

#### Espacio Mama:

Wednesday 11am-1pm at St Matthews, Meadow Row, London SE1 6RG

Friday 12.30 – 2pm at Camberwell Salvation Army, 105 Lomond Grove, SE5 7HG

#### Mumspace:

Tuesday 1-3pm at St Michael's and All Angels, Wyndham Road, SE5 0UB

Fridays 10am-12noon at Camberwell Salvation Army, 105 Lomond Grove, SE5 7HG

#### Dadspace:

Every first Saturday of the month 11am-1pm (although this may vary, so dads need to check with Grace) Brandon Baptist Church, Redcar Street, Camberwell, London SE5 0NA.

## Magic Beans (serves about 8)

These are called 'Magic Beans' because it seems like magic that such a delicious dish can be made so easily!

### Ingredients:

1. 5 tbs of olive or vegetable oil
2. 2 tsp of cumin seeds
3. 1 medium sized onion
4. 1 stick of celery
5. 1 fat carrot
6. 4 cloves of garlic
7. 1 red chilli and 1 green chilli
8. 1 tsp of salt
9. 1 tsp of smoked paprika
10. 1 400g tin of kidney beans
11. 1 400g tin of flageolet beans
12. 1 400g tin of cannellini beans
13. 1 400g tin of chopped tomatoes

### Method:

1. Peel and finely chop the onion, carrot and garlic.
2. Finely chop the celery stick and both the chillies.
3. Heat the oil in a large, heavy bottomed pot.
4. When it's hot, add the cumin seeds.
5. When they pop, add all the chopped vegetables.
6. Add the salt and smoked paprika.
7. Stir and cook gently until everything is soft (about 10 minutes).
8. Add the tomatoes, beans and the water from the tins.
9. Cook very gently for about 15 minutes, stirring from time to time.

This nutritious dish is perfect with brown basmati rice.

*Bit of spare time this weekend for cooking with your children?  
Jonny, our Special Projects TA, shares the children's favourite recipe to cook with him in the House Kitchen.  
You may not believe it, but they eat tons of it, always ask for seconds and to take it home. You may have tried it.  
It's delicious!*



# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# ANIME

Anime, which originates from Japan, is currently one of the most popular sources of entertainment in the world. This style of animation goes back to the mid 20th century, with a broad audience ranging from children to adults. Known for its epic stories, anime often crosses over with video games and other avenues of pop culture via adaptations or spin-offs – such as *Cyberpunk: Edgerunners*, an anime web series based on the popular video game, *Cyberpunk 2077*. The most common intersect, however, is manga: a form of graphic novel from which most anime is adapted.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT



Some people assume that anime is safe for children purely because it's animation. However, a large amount is actually geared towards adults, often featuring swearing, graphic violence and nudity. Many anime series follow dark storylines, such as *Cyberpunk: Edgerunners*, which has swiftly become known for its extreme gore, sexual content and disturbing depictions of mental health conditions.

### COMMON CROSSOVERS

It's easy for children to get drawn into anime through its many crossovers into video games, such as *Fortnite* and *Call of Duty*, while anime art styles are often used for other products, due to its popularity. Titles like the RPG *Genshin Impact* may look quite cute and accessible, but its loot-box mechanics can introduce young players to behaviours that have much in common with gambling.

### DECEPTIVE APPEARANCE

It's easy to mistake anime graphics for a sign of harmless, child-friendly content. This style (big eyes, colourful hair and cute voices), however, can disguise some extremely adult themes. *Yandere Simulator*, for example, strongly resembles a child's game at face value, thanks to its art style, but in reality it features incredibly dark themes such as murder, kidnapping and torture.

### ROBLOX REPRODUCTIONS

There are hundreds of user-created Roblox games which take their inspiration from anime and manga. While many of these titles will be perfectly age appropriate, there are some that prefer to focus on the storylines of adult and horror anime. *Death Note*, for example (based on the manga and anime series of the same name) would probably be extremely disturbing for most younger players.

### MATURE MANGA



The majority of anime is adapted from manga: a form of Japanese comic book. Manga usually features an age rating on the back cover, and it's worth bearing in mind that just because it's a comic, that doesn't mean it's suitable for youngsters. In fact, most popular manga leans heavily towards darker subject matter, which is unquestionably aimed at an adult audience.

### ADULT THEMES



Hentai is a type of manga, anime and video game which revolves around characters engaging in explicit sexual encounters. While anime of this kind is usually only found on pornography sites, some gaming platforms – such as Steam – do allow the sale of these titles (referred to as 'H-Games' in the community) and even feature them on the front of their store page when sales are on.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### DO YOUR RESEARCH

Despite all the problematic content, there's still a lot of anime out there which is completely child friendly. *Pokémon* and *One Piece* are all long-running anime shows which have family-friendly stories and content. Make sure you check for age ratings and content warnings on streaming platforms when deciding if a particular anime series is suitable for your child.

### WATCH WITH YOUR CHILD

Anime covers a multitude of topics, so it's easy to find something that the whole family can enjoy. Anime shows typically involve action and adventure, superheroes, romance, comedy and much more. Watching this content alongside your child isn't only a way to spend quality time together – it will also help you to spot quite quickly if there's potential for any difficult topics to arise in the show.

### IT'S NOT JUST TV

Anime is most often in the format of a TV series, but it is also presented as films. Studio Ghibli is often referred to as 'the Japanese Disney' due to the quality and number of films they produce. Most of their movies are fine for children, though they often feature more mature subject matter than western animation. *Grave of the Fireflies*, for instance, is set in Japan during the Second World War.

### CHECK GAMES' FEATURES

Often, crossovers with video games simply involve using anime characters as 'skins' to modify the appearance of characters while playing (as in *Fortnite*, for example). If your child's interested in an anime-inspired game that you're unfamiliar with, however, look online at the game's features and for any content warnings to gain a clearer idea of what your child might be exposed to.

### Meet Our Expert

Daniel Upcombe is a writer specialising in technology, video gaming, virtual reality and Web3. He has also written 16 guidebooks for children, covering games such as *Fortnite*, *Apex Legends*, *Valorant*, *Roblox* and *Minecraft*. With work published by the likes of *PC Gamer*, *Kotaku*, *Pocket Gamer* and *VG247*, he has reviewed more than 80 games and products over the past year.



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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.

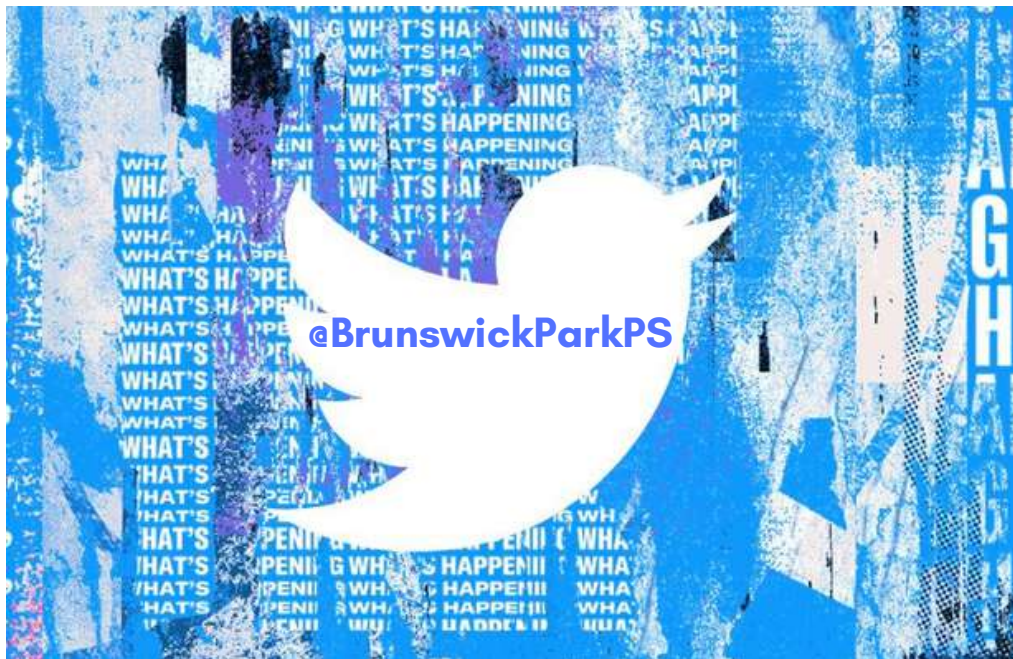
If you need support to register, please see the School Office Staff.

**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)

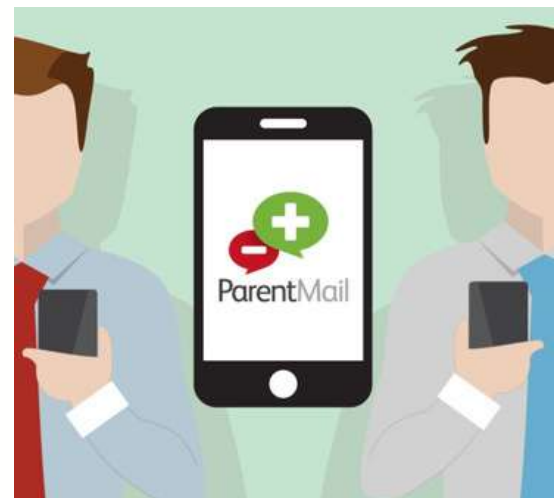
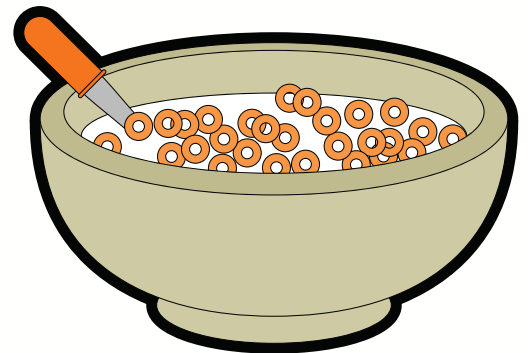
website: [www.theplayselter.co.uk](http://www.theplayselter.co.uk)

## 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**

# Term Dates 2023/2024

## ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-2024

**DO NOT BOOK HOLIDAY IN TERM TIME**

**CHILDREN ARE ENTITLED TO 190 DAYS' EDUCATION PER YEAR**

### 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 Champion 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

# Whole school attendance this week is 94.8%

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:

09/06/23: 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)