



Welcome back everyone to the start of 2026 and the start of the Spring term. I hope everyone enjoyed the festive break and has had a positive start to the new year. Our theme in school this half term is Dreams and Goals and in assembly and class we have been sharing what our big Dreams are and the goals we can set ourselves to help achieve them. We have also started to think about 2026 being the National Year of reading.

The theme is "Go all in" and we thought about books being our "reading fuel" which can help us reach each goal. We might read a biography about someone who has achieved the dream we are striving for, a "how to guide" to learn how to do something, stories of people who have persevered with their dreams to inspire us or perhaps just a story that gives us new ideas and develops our imagination. There will be various activities throughout the year in libraries, schools and the community linked to the National year of reading so we will keep you posted as events occur.



We have received our latest eco reward certificates from Bracknell Forest and these have been awarded to the children participating in the eco reward walk to school scheme. We have 5 new families who have now received the bronze award, one family has moved to silver and one family has moved to platinum! You can join the eco reward scheme at any point. More details are on page 2 of the newsletter.

Today a group of Year 6 children will be participating in a debating competition at Lambrook School. They have been busy preparing to put across their points for the given motion and we wish them the best of luck! Next week we will be taking a group of singers to Lambrook for singing workshops. We participated event last year and it was a fabulous event so we are very pleased to be invited back again this year. Next week our Reception children, Year 2 and Year 5 children are hoping for clear skies on Thursday as they will be coming back to school once it is dark to enjoy a star gazing evening.

FAHPS have two events coming up shortly. The first one is 'Dare to be Different' which is taking place on Friday 23rd January. A poster is on the last page with ideas of what rules can be broken for one day only!

Mrs Hayden - London marathon

We are very excited to share that our super fit Mrs Hayden will be running in the London Marathon on Sunday 26th April 2026! Mrs Hayden does an amazing job running our cross country and athletics club and we know this endeavour is going to really inspire our children. She has very kindly chosen Ascot Heath to be one of her charities she will be raising money for so if anyone would like to sponsor Mrs Hayden then you can make a donation online using School Gateway. We are hoping to get a place on the mini-marathon 2026 for our runners so watch this space...



POPPY APPEAL 2025

Thank you to those who purchased poppy appeal merchandise. We raised £286.03 in total which is fantastic! We have received a certificate to thank everybody for their donations, this is now on display in the office area.



Daisy's Dream

Our Christmas jumper day fundraising was to support Daisy's Dream this year who have supported a number of our children over recent years. Thank you to the families who donated their change. We raised £100.76 to send to the charity.



2026 DATES

JANUARY

Thursday 15th	Year 2 Parent Workshop
Friday 16th	Year 2 Parent Workshop
Friday 23rd	Dare to be different day (FAHPS event)
Friday 23rd	Perform workshops for Reception, Yr1 and Yr2
Wed 28th and Thurs 29th	Reception Height, Weight, Vision and Hearing



FEBRUARY

Tuesday 3rd February	Year 1 visit to Milestones Museum
Wednesday 4th—Friday 6th	Year 4 Residential Hindleap Warren
Monday 9th	Loose Change Challenge (FAHPS event) (further information to follow)
Wednesday 11th	Parents Evening
Monday 16th—Friday 20th	Half Term
Wednesday 25th	Parents Evening

MARCH

Monday 2nd—Friday 6th	Disco Years 1—6 (FAHPS event) (further information to follow)
Wednesday 4th March	Year 5 visit Winchester Science Museum
Tuesday 10th March	Penguins Class Assembly
Wednesday 11th March	Year 3 visit to Ufton Court
Wednesday 18th March	Kestrels Class Assembly
Thursday 19th March	Year 4 Spring Concert 9.30 and 2.30—please note change of date
Wednesday 25th March	Year 6 SATs and PGL information meeting
Friday 27th March	Last day of Term Finish 2.15 p.m
Mon 30th March—Fri 10th April	Easter Holidays

APRIL

Monday 13th	Summer Term Starts
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The term dates for 2025—2026 are available on our website. Please click on the link to view.
<https://www.ascotheathprimary.school/school-office/term-dates-1>

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- 1** Download our app & register to activate (select your organisation & group)
- 2** Scan QR codes from the app on your smartphone to report every active journey or self-report online
- 3** Watch your carbon savings grow! Get special discounts, prizes & cash-back rewards. Compete against other schools, businesses or communities!

Register once, then scan QR codes regularly to be entered into prize draws

www.ecorewards.co.uk/bracknell/active



50p per rule the children choose.

We are tearing up the rule book for one day only!

Choose which uniform rules you want to break.

DARE TO BE DIFFERENT DAY Thursday 23rd Jan

1. Wear nail varnish or temporary tattoos
2. Wear trainers or other non-school shoes
3. Wear colourful socks, odd socks, or colourful tights
4. Have crazy hair or wear a hat
5. Wear something inside out or back to front
6. Wear make-up or face paint

All proceeds go to FAHPS.  Charity number: 105510



Courses at Bracknell Learning Centre

'Grow your skills, nurture your wellbeing,' that's the strapline for community learning's new programme of courses for adults this spring.

More information about all courses on offer can be found at: www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/community-learning

With a host of courses from calligraphy to computing, first aid to fitness, there's something for everyone. [parenting courses](#) offer support for families with lots of useful tips and advice. Plus, [IT courses](#) are great for those parents looking to boost confidence or brush up their skills.



Who is your LOCAL HERO?

PRIDE OF BRACKNELL FOREST AWARDS 2026

The Pride of Bracknell Forest Awards celebrate the achievements of outstanding individuals and organisations in our community. We showcase those local heroes who make life in Bracknell Forest better.

Show your support by nominating someone today:

- Business of the Year
- Charity of the Year
- The John Nike Pride of Bracknell Forest Award (Adult & Young)
- Long-Standing Service to the Community Award
- School of the Year
- Sport & Achievement Award (Adult & Young)
- Teacher of the Year
- Team of the Year
- Young Person in Business

 prideofbracknell.com/nominate
 contact@prideofbracknell.com
 [Pride of Bracknell Forest Awards](https://www.facebook.com/PrideofBracknellForestAwards)
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Nominate Now! 

Please submit all nominations by Friday 20th February 2026

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The Pride of Bracknell Forest Awards have been celebrating the achievements of outstanding individuals in the local community since 2005. Growing stronger than ever, the Awards bring together education, business, sport and leisure, local government and the voluntary sector, to showcase the very best of our community. .

Get nominating now! We'd love to hear about the achievements and contributions of people in the Bracknell Forest community so that we can give them the recognition that they deserve.

Nomination closing date: 20th February 2026