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Newsletter



Brook Field School Newsletter



Welcome to Term 6

As we begin our final term of the academic year, there is so much to celebrate from a fantastic Term 5.

Firstly, congratulations to our Year 6 pupils, who approached SATs week with maturity, resilience and determination. We were incredibly proud of their positive attitude and the way they represented themselves and our school. Our thanks also go to the generous benefactor who provided breakfast each morning, helping the children start each day feeling calm and confident.

We also celebrate the success of our Year 4 residential to Braeside. The children embraced every challenge with enthusiasm and teamwork, creating memories that will last a lifetime. Thank you to the staff who gave up time with their own families to make this wonderful experience possible.

A huge well done also goes to our Year 5 Debate Team, who reached the final of the Blue Kite Schools Debate Competition - a fantastic achievement that reflects their confidence, teamwork and communication skills.

One of our biggest celebrations this year is the incredible fundraising success of FOBS, our parents, carers and children. Together, you have raised an amazing £10,000 to purchase new computers for the school. These new devices will enhance learning, develop vital digital skills and support our children both now and in the future. Thank you to everyone who attended events, volunteered, donated or supported fundraising in any way. This achievement truly demonstrates the power of our school community working together. As we look ahead to Term 6, our value of Teamwork feels especially appropriate. We have an exciting term ahead, including educational visits, the Year 6 residential and production, Sports Day and many other special events. Please keep an eye on the weekly bulletin for updates and reminders.

We begin the term by welcoming staff from Nationwide, who will be working with Key Stage 2 pupils on the important topic of money management and financial education.

Finally, thank you once again to FOBS, our families and our children for your continued support and generosity. Your partnership helps make Brook Field such a special place to learn and grow.

We look forward to sharing another fantastic term with you all. For more information, learning support and photos, please visit our class pages on the website:

<https://www.brookfieldprimary.org/classes>

Warm regards,

Mrs Rachel Taylor



Brook Field School Dates – Term 6

Thursday 18th June - FOBS Summer Disco
Friday 19th June - Early Years trip to Bristol Aquarium
Friday 19th June - Mr Dredge's Class Assembly
Friday 26th June - children to bring in donations for the FOBS Summer Fayre
Thursday 2nd July - French Day
Friday 3rd July - Mrs Foulser's Class Assembly
Friday 3rd July - FOBS Summer Fayre
Tuesday 7th July - Year 6 production
Wednesday 8th July - Year 6 production
Thursday 9th July - open afternoon for parents to visit their child's new class @
3.20pm
Friday 10th July - Sports Day
Monday 13th - Friday 17th July -Year 6 residential trip to Barton Hall
Tuesday 21st July - Leavers Assembly @2.15pm

Advance Notice – Staff Training Days (school closed to children)

Wednesday 22nd July 2026

Academic Year 2026/2027

Tuesday 1st September 2026
Monday 2nd November 2026
Monday 4th January 2027
Monday 22nd February 2027
Monday 7th June 2027

Tennis Success

Last weekend, Samridhi won the **National 9U Tennis Championship** at the prestigious LTA National Tennis Centre. This achievement is the result of many months of hard work and dedication, and we are incredibly proud of her accomplishment.



Preparing for the Next Step: Supporting a Smooth Transition

As we move towards the end of the academic year, one of our key priorities is ensuring that every child experiences a positive and successful transition into their new year group. We know that moving to a new class, teacher and classroom can be exciting for some children and a little daunting for others. Careful planning helps to ensure that all children feel confident, reassured and ready for the opportunities ahead.

Transition begins long before September. Staff spend considerable time working together to ensure that important information is shared between current and future teachers. Comprehensive transition notes are prepared for every child and include academic information, friendship groups, learning strengths, SEND and EHCP requirements, medical needs, mental health and wellbeing considerations, and any additional support that may be needed. We even consider details such as whether a child is left or right-handed to help ensure appropriate classroom seating and organisation, as well as reading book band information where relevant.

For some children, additional support is beneficial. During the final weeks of term, children who may have worries or anxieties about moving up will have opportunities to make extra visits to their new classroom and year group, helping them become familiar with their new environment and the adults who will be supporting them.

During the week beginning 6th July, children will find out who their new class teacher will be. Their teacher for the next academic year will visit their current classroom, introduce themselves and share a story with the class. On the same day, parents and carers will receive information confirming their child's new teacher.

The following afternoon, all children will visit their new classroom and spend time with their new teacher. During this session, they will take part in a "Getting to Know You" activity, explore their new learning environment and have the opportunity to ask any questions they may have about the year ahead.

We are also delighted to introduce a new transition event this year. Immediately after school on the transition day, we will be holding an Open Afternoon for parents and carers. Families will be invited to visit their child's new classroom together, meet the new class teacher and ask any questions about the forthcoming academic year. We hope this opportunity will provide additional reassurance and help strengthen the partnership between home and school as children prepare for their next exciting step.

By investing time and care into the transition process, we aim to ensure that every child feels happy, confident and ready to thrive from the very first day of the new school year.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns about your child's transition to their new year group, please do not hesitate to get in touch. We are always happy to discuss any worries, answer questions and work together to ensure that every child feels confident, supported and excited about the year ahead.

Every Day Counts!

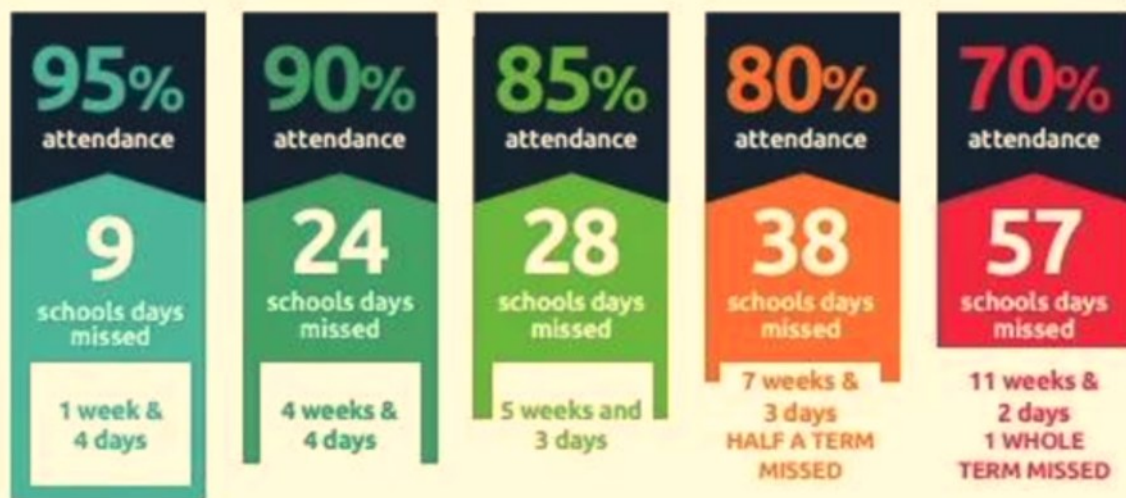
Good attendance gives children the best chance to succeed. Every day in school is an opportunity to learn something new, build friendships and develop confidence.

Attendance Facts

- ★ **100% attendance** = No learning missed
- ★ **95% attendance** = Around 10 days missed in a school year
- ★ **90% attendance** = Around 19 days missed in a school year
- ★ **5 minutes late every day** = Over 3 days of learning lost across the year

Thank you for supporting your child to attend school every day and arrive on time. Together, we can help every child make the most of every learning opportunity.

Every day in school counts...



and every minute counts...



Strategic Targets Update

To further develop effective metacognitive strategies that lead to increased independence and appropriate challenge for all children.

NACE Challenge Award Reaccreditation Success

We are delighted to share the wonderful news that Brook Field has successfully achieved reaccreditation for the NACE Challenge Award.

This nationally recognised award celebrates schools that provide high-quality challenge and opportunities for all learners, and we are incredibly proud that our assessor commented that we had not only met the criteria but had surpassed expectations for reaccreditation.

During the visit, the assessor was particularly impressed by our pupils. He commented on how articulate they were when talking about their learning and how clearly they understood the importance of challenge. Children described Brook Field as a school that is "fun, interesting and challenging" – a reflection of the engaging learning experiences that take place every day.

The assessor also highlighted that metacognition – helping children to think about and understand their own learning – is the bedrock of our teaching approach. This recognition is a testament to the dedication and expertise of our staff team.

We were equally proud to hear the positive feedback from parents. Those who met with the assessor described Brook Field as a nurturing and caring community and recognised the commitment and hard work of staff in supporting every child to thrive.

Perhaps the most memorable comment from the visit came during the final feedback session, when the assessor described Brook Field as a "beacon school for challenge." This is a tremendous accolade and one that reflects the collective efforts of our pupils, staff, governors and families.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to everyone who contributes to making Brook Field such a special place to learn and grow.

We look forward to sharing the full report with you soon and celebrating this fantastic achievement together.



Free School Meals are changing!

As you may have seen in the media, the Government are changing the criteria for Free School Meals (FSM) eligibility.

All children in Foundation, Year 1 & Year 2 will continue to be eligible for **Universal Infant** Free School Meals.

Anyone with a child in Key Stage 2 who is in receipt of universal credit can apply for **extended FSM**, which will entitle their children to free school meals.

Anyone with a child in either key stage whose household income is £7400 or lower can apply for **targeted FSM**. Eligible children will receive free school meals for 6 years after their household income increases beyond the eligibility threshold. The school will also receive funding (pupil premium) which we put towards staffing and supporting eligible pupils with the cost of residential trips in years 4 & 6.

We would encourage all parents to complete our Google form so that we can check eligibility and ensure that (a) as many children as possible benefit from free school meals and (b) the school receives the maximum possible income from the Government which we will use to support the children. Even if your child does not want to eat school meals, the school will receive income if their eligibility is recorded.

Please follow this link to the Google form so that we can check eligibility now in good time for the September start.

[Free School Meals Application Form June 2026 – Fill out form](#)

Safeguarding at Brook Field

At Brook Field, safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and remains our highest priority. We are committed to ensuring that every child feels safe, supported, valued and happy while they are in our care.



To maintain the highest standards of safeguarding, all staff receive regular safeguarding updates and training every term. These sessions ensure that staff remain up to date with current guidance, emerging risks and best practice, enabling them to identify concerns quickly and respond appropriately.

Our staff are vigilant at all times and work hard to create a positive environment where children feel confident to speak to a trusted adult if they have any worries. We know that children thrive when they feel safe, and safeguarding underpins everything we do as a school.

We also value the important partnership we have with parents and carers. If you ever have concerns about the safety or wellbeing of a child, please do not hesitate to contact a member of our safeguarding team.

Together, we can ensure that every child is safe, happy and able to achieve their very best.

Year 1 – Exciting Trip!

In term 6, our year 1 topic is 'Plants and animals'. The children have had a great start to their final term in year 1 exploring types of flowers in science, counting in 2s, 5s and 10s in maths and have created an animal fact file as part of their English learning. During the first week back, year 1 went to the Cotswold Wildlife Park and had the most amazing day! The children attended a workshop where they had the opportunity to explore animal artefacts and discuss the different groups to classify the animals into. They also enjoyed a train ride around the park and were able to see lots of the amazing animals that lived in the park such as zebras, giraffes, camels, rhinos, penguins, giant tortoises, reptiles, meerkats, monkeys and the red panda! It was a superb day and the children were all so engaged. We are looking forward to having a super term with lots more exciting learning opportunities!



Year 2 Trip to Aerospace, Bristol

Year 2 had a very exciting start to this term. On the first day back, we enjoyed a trip to Aerospace, Bristol. The children were very excited!

We mixed the two classes and split off into two groups. Mrs Bickell's group took part in the Mars Rover workshop first, while Mr Barlett's group had the chance to go and explore Concorde. The children discovered all sorts of facts related to our topic that we have covered throughout the year. We found Amelia Earhart's goggles and hat, replicas of biplanes and were even able to try on some of the clothing the pilots would have worn.



The Mars workshop was amazing! The children learnt how to programme a Mars robot. First, they needed to work out in which order the instructions should be, enabling the robot to reach its destination, avoiding the rocks on Mars so the robot was able to take samples from Mars. We could then program the I-pad, which would then move the robot. We even added lights and sounds at the end of the instructions!



Visiting Concorde was a highlight. The children had the opportunity to walk through the plane visiting the pilot's cockpit and looking at where the passengers would sit. The children were amazed when they were told that Concorde could fly from England to New York in 3 hours and 20 minutes! That's super fast!



We had a great time!

Year 4 - Braeside Residential

From 11th–13th May, our Year 4 pupils enjoyed an unforgettable residential visit to Braeside. Over the three days, the children embraced a wide range of exciting challenges and opportunities to develop their confidence, teamwork and independence.

Highlights of the trip included exploring Drews Pond Wood, where pupils investigated the natural environment and took part in outdoor learning activities. They also enjoyed the Devizes Town Trail, discovering local history and landmarks while working together to solve clues and navigate the route.

Back at Braeside, the children tested their courage and determination on the climbing wall and the thrilling Leap of Faith, encouraging one another to step outside their comfort zones and celebrate personal achievements.

For many children, staying away from home overnight was a significant milestone. Across the residential experience, pupils demonstrated resilience, responsibility and excellent behaviour, making staff incredibly proud. The trip provided wonderful memories, strengthened friendships and gave everyone the chance to experience new adventures together.



Last term, Year 5 enjoyed a range of engaging and informative sessions.

The visit from the West Swindon District Council helped the children understand the importance of caring for the environment and keeping our local community clean and tidy. We are now equipped with litter-picking resources kindly donated by the council, allowing us to continue litter picking at Brook Field too. The children have demonstrated great responsibility and enthusiasm while carrying out this role during break times and lunchtimes.



OnLine Safety Session for Year 5

Wiltshire Police delivered an excellent Online Safety session, giving children valuable advice on how to stay safe, respectful, and responsible when using the internet and social media.

Here are their top tips:

- * Never send private pictures to friends because they could share it without you knowing and be respectful if someone has sent you a picture.
- * Keep your personal information including your name, school and age safe by not sharing it with anyone.
- * On online chat platforms, do not talk to anyone that is not suited to your age rating and never talk to people you don't know.
- * Social Media including Tik Tok, Whatsapp and Snapchat are for over 13 years of age.



Debate Final

The term also ended on a high with the exciting Debating Final, where Bianca, James, Anoushey and Ruby represented Brook Field brilliantly sharing their ideas for the argument: 'Social media for young adults is doing more harm than good in our world.' They listened thoughtfully to the other teams, and demonstrated excellent speaking and teamwork skills; we are incredibly proud of them!



School Council

The School Council have had a very busy time preparing to raise some money for the 'Wiltshire Treehouse' charity which helps local children come to terms with the bereavement of a close family member. Last term the reps welcomed Sica Wheeler into our school and she carried out two assemblies explaining how this charity helps children cope with their feelings and emotions through the grieving process. The school council reps were inspired by Sica and discussed with Mrs Evans lots of different ideas regarding how we could create a whole school fundraiser which all of our children would enjoy. The reps came up with the idea of a sponsored event called '40 minutes of physical fun'! At the end of Term 5 the reps carried out the event and every rep looked after two different activities during the afternoon whilst the whole school rotated around four different activities. Children had the chance to score football goals, dribble a ball using hockey sticks, compete in egg and spoon, slalom and obstacle races, do non stop skipping or wake and shake routines. Everyone was active and had lots of fun!



Aston and Isla- May, our year six reps, are also part of the Blue Kite Trust's Pupil Parliament and at the start of this term they represented Brook Field School in the Swindon Council Chambers along with two reps from all of the other schools which belong to the Trust. They both shared all of the activities that our school council has participated in during this year and they were incredibly proud to share that as a result of fantastic team work Brook Field has raised an amazing amount of £2233.12!!! Aston and Isla-May also met the director of the charity, Kath Brownlee, who was incredibly grateful for everyone's efforts. A huge thank you to all who contributed!



Year Group Partner Meet – April 2026

We held our fifth Year Group Partner Meet on Friday 17th April enjoying the outdoor space at Brook Field.

Year 1 and 3, Year 2 and 5 and Year 4 and 6 each met to enjoy a range of playground games such as Pass the Hoop and Duck, Duck Goose.



The activities were a great success, with all the children enjoying the opportunity to work, learn and play together. For some they enjoyed being within their House Point groups as well.



It was wonderful to see the different year groups mixing, collaborating, and supporting one another, making this another memorable Year Group Partner event.

HOW TO KEEP YOUR KIDS SAFE ON THE INTERNET



Be aware of what your kids are looking at online. Even child friendly sites can be hacked.



Follow your child on any social media platform so you can see what they are exposed to.



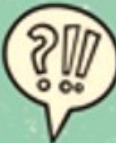
Get to know the social media platforms and what they are mainly used for.



Teach your children not to share any personal information or photos online at any time.



Know what sites your kids are on and sit with them when they are online to get a feel for the content.



Make them aware of cyber bullying and let them know to always come to you if someone is not nice to them on social media.



Regulate the amount of time kids are online outside of school requirements.



Have all online activity take place in a common area of the home where others are present.



Remember it is still important to be aware of your child's online activity when they become a teenager.



Apply parental controls where possible, but don't trust that they will catch all inappropriate content.

Check your child's browser history to see what sites they visit.



Ensure they never reply to a message or email from a stranger or upload any photos of people/your home.



Nationwide Assembly

KS2 took part in a Nationwide money assembly all about keeping our money safe. The children learnt how online banking can be useful, but also about the dangers that can come with it. We talked about scams and the many ways they can appear, such as a text message, an advert on a game or a suspicious email. The children discussed how to spot whether something is real or fake, and what to do if they receive one of these messages: ignore it! We also remembered that if something seems too good to be true, it probably is. Finally, we explored money mules and why this is a crime.

"I liked how they warned us about different types of scams" - Vedant A

"I liked how they told us how to stay safe online" - Fatima J

"I enjoyed learning about the money mules as I didn't know what they were before and the video was helpful" - Jeffrey A



Hi, I'm Matt Jeffery. I live and work in West Swindon, I'm a dad of two, and I run my own independent estate agency, Avocado Property.

Supporting local schools and community projects is something I feel strongly about. Brook Field Primary School holds a very special place for me, as it's the school I attended over 25 years ago. Being able to support the school now, as a local business owner and parent, feels like coming full circle. Schools are at the heart of our community, and I believe those of us who live and work locally should do what we can to give back and help them thrive.

It's a privilege to support Brook Field Primary School, and I'm proud to be part of a community that looks after its own.



We are delighted to share that Matt will be supporting funding new sets of high-quality books for Year 1 very soon! Thank you Matt!

Family SEAL sessions

We have recently begun our fourth set of Family SEAL sessions this academic year and are delighted to be getting to know a new group of families. Throughout the year, our enthusiastic Year 3 parents and their children have explored a variety of themes, including active listening, understanding and managing emotions, and developing empathy for others.

The sessions are always filled with fun, creativity, and meaningful opportunities for families to spend time together. We are especially pleased to receive such positive feedback from parents, including:

‘The activities prompted 1:1 time, listening to each other and spending quality time together.’

‘Best things about Family SEAL – time spent together exploring emotions and bringing the tools learnt back home.’

‘Best things about Family SEAL are time together in their world.’

We will soon be sending information about next year's Family SEAL programme for parents of children who will be in Year 3 during the 2026–2027 academic year. Please keep an eye out for a letter with details on how to sign up. We look forward to working with you and your children next year!

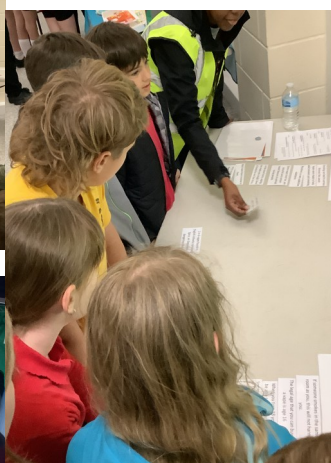
Mrs Marvell and Mrs Evans

Junior Good Citizen

Year Six attended the Junior Good Citizen event on Tuesday 9th June, where they participated in a series of informative and thoughtfully presented workshops. The sessions explored hate crime, relationships, rail safety, mental wellbeing, and the hazards associated with vaping and smoking.

Each section was led by experts in the relevant field, who communicated with clarity, sensitivity, and professionalism. The children particularly appreciated the engaging and enjoyable manner in which each topic was delivered, as this helped them to grasp important information.

The event provided a valuable opportunity for pupils to deepen their understanding of essential aspects of personal safety, respect, and wellbeing.



Year Group Author Focus

As part of our continuing drive to expose children to different books and foster a genuine passion for reading, we have decided to focus on a particular author each term.

This term, our year group authors are:

- FS - Eric Carle
- Y1 - Jill Murphy
- Y2 - Simon Bartram
- Y3 - Peter Bunzl
- Y4 - Jenny Broom
- Y5 - Sophie Anderson

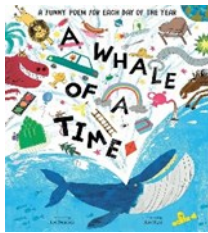


Summer Term 2 – Recommended Reads

As we enter our final term, our Recommended Reads are based on Poetry. In the words of the late Robin Williams (From 'Dead Poet's Society')

"We don't read and write poetry because it's cute. We read and write poetry because we are members of the human race. And the human race is filled with passion. So medicine, law, business, engineering...these are noble pursuits and necessary to sustain life. But poetry, beauty, romance, love...these are what we stay alive for."

This term the children will be asked to choose their favourite poem from one of the books below and perform it. These performances will be filmed and some will appear on each year group's page on the school website. So keep your eyes peeled and get ready to be blown away by the children's performances. We hope you enjoy them.



A Whale of a Time – A funny poem for every day of the year Selected by Lou Peacock.

A beautifully produced anthology of witty poems which are guaranteed to put a smile on your face. This brilliant collection of poems will bring you cheer and laughter everyday.

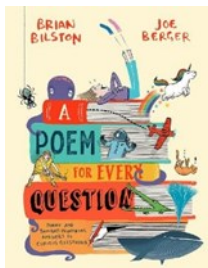
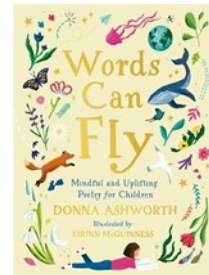
The Times Children's Book of the Year 2023

Shortlisted for Waterstones Book of the Year 2023

Words Can Fly – Mindful and Uplifting Poetry for Children by Donna Ashworth

A beautifully illustrated collection of poems for any parent to share with their child. Each poem explores what is important in young lives – family, friendship, school and the world around us. The heartfelt verses contained in this book inspire children to embrace their uniqueness, embrace curiosity and discover the transformative power of kindness and compassion.

THE SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLER



A Poem for Every Question by Brian Bilston

A new illustrated funny and fact-filled non-fiction children's poetry book for 2026. A collection of 100 poems based on subjects from Science and animals to unicorns, pyramids, technology and much more.

An unusual way of finding the answers to questions the children have about various subjects. Poems are also accompanied by a short paragraph explaining the answer to the question in non-poetry form.

Pick and Mix Poetry – Children's Verse chosen by Julia Donaldson

With each poem hand-selected by Julia Donaldson and filled with over 300 poems, including familiar favourites as well as exciting new voices. From unforgettable classics to contemporary works from around the world.



Sports Report Term 5 2026

The main sporting events that occurred over Term 5 was the culmination of the football season, the School Council Sponsored Active afternoon and trials for the athletes in Years 5 and 6 in preparation for the Blue Kite Games on Monday 8th June. We were also given more information about the future of the PE and School Sport Funding Grant and had a visit from a parent, Laurence Shahlaei, who won the 2016 Europe's Strongest Man competition for a Key Stage 2 Assembly at the start of Term 6. Further details about Sports Day on Friday 10th July will be sent out shortly.

Boys' Football

We are very proud of all those who have represented the football teams this year. We were so close to winning the West Swindon League and the SPSFA Shield double but ended up as runners-up in both these competitions.

West Swindon League

Our final two games of the regular league season were away against Shaw Ridge on Tuesday 28th April and home against Peatmoor on Thursday 28th April.

Shaw Ridge 2 – 3 Brook Field

Shaw scored first with several of our players caught out of position. They sliced through us like a knife through butter before a turn and shot and the ball whistled past Zack in goal. Our chances were limited to a long range free-kick from Albie and a shot that flew harmlessly wide from Benji. Otherwise, Shaw were on top but Brook Field was given a glimmer of hope on the stroke of half time came when Jimmy swung over a corner from our right. It missed everyone in the middle and came to Vedant at the back post. He just managed to get a touch before the defender (although they pretty much hit it at the same time) and it looped into the net with the goalie stranded on his line in the middle of the goal. 1 - 1. Brook Field made several changes at half time. Artie won the ball straight from the Shaw Ridge kick-off and fired a shot in that was saved for a corner which set the tone for the majority of the rest of the game. Quinn then settled some nerves with a dribble on the edge of the box before coming back inside on his left foot and bending the ball into the far left corner as Brook Field faced the goal. 2 - 1 became 3 - 1 when Quinn played in Benji who managed to toe-poke the ball home. Brook Field then hit the post twice and the ball rolled along the goal-line without going in on both occasions. With less than five minutes to go, we switched things around so we could look at different formations for the Shield final. Jimmy swivelled and hit a shot wide; Quinn shot wide before one of their players hit a long shot which Zack eventually saved without knowing too much about it as he parried the shot off the post and back onto his shoulder and out for a corner. Shaw then reduced the deficit to 3 - 2 when a Shaw player was put through, rounded Zack and slipped it into the back of the net. 3 - 2 and with only about 30 seconds to go. Brook field held on and let out a collective sigh of relief as the chance to win the league remained. Well done to: Zack, Hugo (capt), Albie, Benji, Jimmy, Clark, Vedant, Quinn, Luca and Artie. Thanks to the parents for their support and to all those at Shaw Ridge for refereeing and hosting so well.

Brook Field 5 – 2 Peatmoor

We were looking comfortable at 5 – 0 up with eight minutes to go but made some substitutions to try out different rotations for the Shield Final and then let two goals in. Max scored our first goal. Josh went down the right, slipped a pass through to Max who was beyond the last defender and he finished into the side-netting on the left-hand side of the goal as you face the Willow Whale. After 16 minutes, Billy came on for Josh and Artie came on for Max. A shot off the crossbar came back to Billy and he shot through a crowd of players, with a slight curl on the shot to bend it round and through the defenders and past the goalie into the bottom left-hand corner of the net as we faced the goal. In the second half, it became the Alfie V show with him scoring a hat-trick of identical goals. Each move leading to a goal went down the right through Luca or Billy with a cross over to Alfie who was standing on the edge or just outside the box and he fired into the left corner; one bounce and in. Both Peatmoor goals were scored when we left their players one-one-one with our goalkeeper, with their second goal scored with four minutes remaining. So, with all our games played, we went joint top with Tregoze and Robert le Kyng leaving us with a three-way play off to decide the West Swindon League. A special thank you and well done to Zack, who stood in at the last minute for Jimmy in goal and a big thank you to Mr Bartlett for refereeing and parents for their support. Alfie V was voted Man of the Match for his hat-trick and congratulations to: Zack, Billy, Hugo, Quinn (capt) Luca, Max, Albie, Artie, Alfie V and Josh.

West Swindon League Play-Offs Monday 18th May

The three-way play-off to decide the West Swindon League was full of drama. Brook Field beat Robert Le Kyng 3 – 0 in the first match with two goals from Alfie and one from Artie. Tregoze won 4 – 0 against Robert Le Kyng setting up a straight shoot out in the final game between Brook Field and Tregoze. Brook Field went 1 – 0 down and had a few half chances after half time. Brook Field continued to push for an equaliser but conceded a second goal late on. So, a 2 – 0 loss and another 2nd place finish. Mr Bartlett, who was with the team for the play-offs, said that the boys were faultless and showed respect to all throughout the whole evening. Well done to Jimmy, Billy, Alfie, Josh, Albie, Artie, Max, Luca, Quinn and Hugo (and also to the other eleven players who represented Brook Field in our League matches this season).

Chairman's Trophy Fair Play Points

Following on from Mr Bartlett's comment about the team showing "respect to all throughout the whole evening", we are very proud to say that Brook Field did very well in the new Swindon Primary Schools' "Fair Play" trophy. Swindon PSFA introduced a new "Fair Play" points system to its League competitions this season. This was designed to be an encouragement to all schools to complete their fixtures, especially if their team is not as strong as some of the other school teams and allow schools who finished towards the bottom half of their leagues to play in a tournament at the end of the season as a reward for keeping going even if they were losing most of their matches. Each school gave a rating out of 10 to their opponents at the end of each match.



Although we were runners-up (and therefore would not have been given a place in the tournament,

League / School	FP points / total
Eldene	90/90
Shaw Ridge	70/70
Westlea	70/70
Lainesmead	89/90
Wanborough	89/90
Gorse Hill	89/90
Badbury Park	88/90
Brook Field	68/70
Greenmeadow	85/90
Moredon	88/90

we still scored very highly with the Fair Play points, only dropping two points in all our seven games. In terms of league placings, we were by far and away the highest scoring "Fair Play" team out of all the winners and runners-up of the five leagues. We finished in third place in the West Swindon League in terms of "Fair Play" points with 68/70 (97%). The only two points we dropped was in the first game of the season when everyone was getting used to the new system! Overall, we finished in 8th place out of 54 schools, which shows that not only do we play well and successfully, Brook Field also plays in the "right way" with fairness and excellent sportsmanship. Again, congratulations to ALL our players for representing our school in such a fantastic way!

Shield Semi-Final Wednesday 22nd April v Liden

The semi-final was played at the Gerard Buxton Sports Ground in Royal Wootton Bassett during the first week back in Term 5. Jimmy was in goal, Hugo and Albie in defence, Josh, Quinn and Luca in midfield and Max as the forward. Artie, Alfie and Benji were our substitutes. Brook Field kicked off and began the game in a lively fashion with Max winning two corners before the Liden produced a fine save from Max when he was in one-on-one with him. On nine minutes, Brook Field made their first substitution with Artie coming on for Josh and being told to run into and exploit the acres of spaces Liden were leaving down the left-hand side of their defence. This paid dividends straight away with Max feeding the ball to Artie who beat their defender and then cut back inside into the space and fired past the goalie. 1 – 0. A similar move between Max and Artie ended with another great save by the Liden goalie. Max was up against their tallest defender (who was probably close to six foot tall!) and was showing him no respect at all, fearlessly tackling him and giving as he got in any physical battle. Luca cut back inside and his shot was saved for a corner. Quinn passed the ball back inside to Max but his shot came back off the post. Liden countered with a shot over the bar before a quick break from Artie and his cross over was deflected behind for another corner. Benji came on for Max to preserve his energy for later in the game and Artie moved to centre forward.

Again, this worked well as Luca shot down the left past two defenders, crossed over to Artie who was unmarked in the middle. Artie hit his shot back in the direction that the cross had come over, wrong-footing the goalie and into the bottom left-hand corner. 2 – 0.

At half time, Alfie replaced Hugo and Quinn moved back into defence. We knew Liden come out strongly from the kick-off but Brook Field held firm and restricted them to a few long-range attempts that never troubled our defence or Jimmy in goal. Artie had a chance when he was free but he couldn't make his shot count. Alfie gave a free-kick away close to the edge of the box. Liden scored direct from the free-kick as no-one for Brook Field was brave enough to get in the way of it and left it for someone else to block! Brook Field were determined though not to give the game away and they went up to the other end and Luca turned in the box and was pushed in the back at the same time as being tripped and the referee pointed straight to the spot. Liden were disappointed with the decision as they felt they should have had a penalty in the first half for a near identical challenge. Luca stepped up to take the spot-kick and made no mistake, smashing the ball home; 3 – 1. It became an end-to-end game as Liden went straight from the kick-off and helped by some soft defending and poor positional play, pulled another goal back and made it 3 – 2. In the remaining five minutes, Brook Field took Alfie, Benji and Artie off and put Josh, Max and Hugo back on to try and shore up the defence. It was a nervy end to the game as Liden were pushing hard for an equalizer. Jimmy pulled off a match-winning save when he saved with his legs when a Liden player was through one-on-one with him. Max had one last attempt that was saved before the final whistle blew and Brook Field were through to the Shield Final by the skin of their teeth!

**Swindon P.S.F.A. Finals Day Saturday 16th May 2026 @ Millbrook Primary School
Primary Schools' Shield Final: Brook Field vs Goddard Park k.o. 10.45 a.m.**

The second match of the day was played under threatening skies as the forecasted showers loomed ominously in the western sky. Goddard Park forced a good save from Brook Field's custodian before shooting over in the first five minutes. Brook Field riposted but no shot was forthcoming. Undeterred, the West Swindon side probed once again and this time the Goddard Park goalie had to make a fine save and clearance to prevent his team going behind. A shot by Luca was then saved to deny Brook Field the lead before a second effort a few minutes later met the same fate. Goddard Park replied with an attack of their own and won a corner but were unable to test Brook Field's goalie from the flag-kick. Brook Field continued to have the upper hand in terms of goal-scoring chances in the first quarter with three more attempts either being blocked by defenders or saved by the goalkeeper. Goddard Park were then awarded a free-kick but the shot went wide of the target. A second corner shortly after was cleared by the Brook Field defence who had another shot held from the resulting counter-attack. Play began to turn in Goddard Park's favour in the second quarter as they enjoyed greater amounts of possession and created more attacking opportunities. The first of these ended with Brook Field conceding a corner from the right which was cleared. Shortly after this they won another corner, this time from the left. There was a scramble for the ball inside the box before a cheeky back heeled shot from a Goddard Park player went narrowly wide. Further pressure from Goddard Park ended with a shot going wide. The deadlock was almost broken late in the half when an effort from Luca crashed against the crossbar before going out of play. The second stanza commenced in a similar vein to that of the first. Goddard Park had a shot pushed over the horizontal by Brook Field's goalie before some precise build-up play from Brook Field ended with a shot going wide. Goddard Park were then awarded a free-kick and the low left footed drive looked as if it would sneak between the goalkeeper and his right post but he managed to get down quickly to push the ball out for a corner. This was struck too hard and went out of play on the opposite side. A second corner for Goddard Park soon after this was also over-hit much to the relief of the defence. A kick-in from Brook Field was met on the volley but failed to trouble the Goddard Park goalkeeper. Two further efforts from Brook Field went wide of the goal frame. As the match went into its final quarter it looked increasingly likely that the outcome of the tie would be decided by penalty kicks. A pair of free-kicks followed, one for each side but both went wide in what was the last meaningful action of the game. Goddard Park elected to take the first spot-kick and this was duly dispatched. Brook Field's first penalty was parried over the bar. Goddard Park made it 2:0 with the second penalty which was fired into the bottom right corner. Brook Field's second was saved by the feet of the goalie before Goddard Park made it 3:0 with a fierce drive into the top right corner. Brook Field's third effort was saved to win the match for the Park North school.

Final score: 0 : 0 (Goddard Park win 3:0 on penalties)

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Lining up before kick-off



Waiting for penalties

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PE Influential Person KS2 Assembly 4th June 2026



For our Key Stage 2 Assembly that celebrated an “influential person in PE”, we had a visit from one of our parents and former Europe’s Strongest Man competition winner in 2016, Laurence Shahlaei. He had all the children gripped from the beginning and he told us about his career, his World records and what he does now. He currently trains and coaches the World’s Strongest Man and Woman. He let everyone have a go on some “gripper rings” to test hand strength. There were four different rings with blue being the “easiest” to crush and the black one being the most difficult. Laurence referred to our school values of teamwork and perseverance. Teamwork is so important as even though “Strongest Man” competitions are for individuals, each

competitor relies on a team around them – from nutritionists and physios as well as family and friends. Laurence also talked about how if you want to achieve something, you really have to put your mind to it and persevere and battle through any set-backs and difficulties and with a good team around you, you can have success. This is the case in sport but also with anything in life.



The children had some brilliant questions for him and we learnt how Laurence enjoyed lots of different sports when he was younger and had started off playing rugby to a high level in the Gloucester Rugby Academy and the heaviest object he

had ever pulled was a commercial aeroplane for a distance of 25m (the length of the Link Centre swimming pool)! Laurence also explained one of the scariest moments had been when his triceps had ripped mid-way through a lift.

The children (and teachers) were all very impressed and Laurence has a new legion of fans as he was so gracious, humble and respectful when talking to and answering questions from us all!



Blue Kite Games

Congratulations to all the children who took part and represented our school so well at the Blue Kite Games on Monday 8th June. They all did brilliantly with the new format - there were three heats for each event and the three fastest times for each heat were kept until the final heat when the final top three places could be decided. There were 23 Blue Kite Schools taking part. We won one medal but finished 4th or 5th in 6 out of the 15 races. It was frustrating to see them all do so well in their heats but miss out on a medal by hundredths of a second in some cases!

The atmosphere between the athletes from all schools was wonderful to see. It was competitive but very friendly and supportive. Our team cheered on everybody from our school but also their friends at other schools and anybody and everybody else who needed a cheer! It was also good to see the children congratulate each other from whichever school they came from while waiting in the "winners' enclosure". They all seemed so pleased for each other and their success and our athletes still seemed very satisfied with how they performed even if they were pipped at the post to a medal.

Brook Field came second in our Girls' Hurdles heat and 4th overall. Our boy hurdler came 4th in his heat of the hurdles so didn't quite make it into medal contention. Brook Field came second in the Girls' 80m heat of the sprint in 12.98 seconds and came 5th overall. Brook Field came second in the Boys' 80m sprint heat in a time of 12.39seconds and finished 5th overall.

In the Girls' 70m Skip, Brook Field came in 6th place mainly due to the rope getting caught round her ankles with about 15m to go - she was in roughly third place until then. Our Boy competitor in the 70m Skip came 1st in his heat in 12.25 seconds. He won the Silver medal overall but again by a very, very narrow margin to the 1st place. It looked as if our athlete was going to hang on to third place and the bronze medal from the first heat in the Girls' bean bag pick up until the very last heat where she eventually came in 6th. Our Boy athlete came fourth in his heat but nearly made it to third place.

Brook Field finished 4th in the Girls' 600m (just one race not three heats). She came round at 200m in 6th place; pushed on around the first bend and moved into 4th place down the back straight. On the bend at the start of the final 200m, she was being caught by the two athletes she'd overtaken and another burst by another athlete but finished really strongly on the final bend and into the home straight and finished a credible 4th. If the race had been over another 20m, she may have well moved into 3rd. In the Boys' 600m race Brook Field finished 4th. He ran a consistent race and was in 6th or 7th position throughout. He kept going to the finishing line; the Ruskin athlete some distance in front of him, slowed right down as he knew he was out of the placings, which gave Artie the opportunity to capitalise and drive to the line and overtake him into 4th place.

In the Girls' standing long jump, Brook Field finished in 4th with a jump of 1.7m. In the Boys' standing long jump, Brook Field was in 4th place for a long time before the second or third wave of jumpers overtook them. We're not sure where exactly our Girls' Nerf Thrower finished! Our Boys' thrower seemed to be in and around the leading places until the last moment where he was pushed down into 4th place.

The mixed relay race was the last event and came immediately after the 600m. The first leg was led off well before we absolutely stormed into the lead on the second leg by 5m or so but the baton change wasn't smooth and we lost all of our advantage in the third leg. Despite a valiant effort, we weren't able to make any inroads on the other schools and we finished 6th in our heat.

Thanks to all the parents and family members for their support and transport. Thanks also to Mrs Taylor, Mrs Marvell, Mrs Batcup, Miss Perry and Mr Bartlett who came along to encourage and support all our athletes and helped at the Blue Kite Games - enabling us to have a marquee up for our base, keep children safe and get athletes to the right place at the right time in the different events!



PE and Sports Premium Grant Update

There has been a recent announcement regarding the support for physical education and school sport in 2026/2027 and beyond. The PE Premium funding is to be stopped at the end of this academic year, and there will be a new School Sport Partnership network implemented. We are awaiting more details but this network will bring targeted support to schools, providing expert coaches from Governing Bodies, increased extra-curricular experiences and top up Swimming lessons. This network is to be implemented by Spring 2027. To help with the transition to the new network, primary schools will receive a transitional payment for 2026/2027. We think the amount will be approximately a third of the current PE premium amount.

The Youth Sports Trust press release said:

“Funding Confirmed for New PE and School Sport Partnerships Network

The Department for Culture, Media and Sport, and Department for Education, has confirmed investment of more than £1bn over the next three years in PE and school sport. The announcement sets out a package including:

- £166m for the second payment of the PE Premium for 2025/26, and funding for the School Games Organisers Network to the end of the 26/27 financial year
 - £200m in capital funding for facilities
 - £100m for transitional support for primary schools as a new approach is introduced
- £580m for the new PE and School Sport Partnerships Network, set to be fully up and running from Spring 2027

The announcement highlights an ambition to modernise the approach to PE and school sport which was so successful in the 2000s, with analysis by Ofsted finding School Sport Partnerships improved access, participation and school-club links.

Key Dates for Term 6

Tuesday 16th June – Year 5 Football Tournament – Foundation Park 1pm– 3pm

Tuesday 7th July – Swindon PSFA Rep Trials – RWBSA 3.45 pm – 5.45pm

Friday 10th July – Brook Field Sports Day

