

BROOK INFANT SCHOOL AND NURSERY BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB NEWSLETTER



<https://brook.childcare-online-booking.co.uk/>

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Welcome Back Everyone

We had a great time last half term making, designing, playing games, eating and generally having fun. The children made some great hand print Polar Bears, some beautiful snowflakes and designed, decorated and coloured in their own ice skates.

We then had Chinese New Year where everyone took part in making Chinese Lanterns and decorating Chinese designs. We also made some heart shaped decorations with bendy arms and legs.

Pancake Day was also enjoyed by all where the children tried a variety of toppings.



What's coming up this half term?

There are lots of activities planned for this half term. Having the lighter evenings will give us the chance to maximise time outside.

Over the next week the children will be planting sunflower seeds and will have the opportunity to bring them home so they can take care of them. Will they grow taller than the children?

There will also be some more baking along the way leading up to Easter. There will be lots of Easter crafts to take part in along with our own special Easter Egg Hunt!

Home to School Communications

We are constantly reviewing our procedures in the light of our own observations and parental feedback and one area we want to strengthen is the home to school communication within our school and nursery.

Please can we ask that any important information that class teachers need to be aware of is communicated via emailing the school office on office@brookinfant.school. The staff greeting at the door for Breakfast Club only need messages pertaining to Club and the welfare of your child. If the message also needs to be shared with class teachers please still email this information to the School Office.

This new system will help us to ensure that nothing gets overlooked and all relevant staff are aware.

Breakfast and After School Club Fee Changes From April 2024

Breakfast Club	07:30 start	£5.50
	08:00 start	£3.30
	07:30 start with walking bus	£6.50
	08:00 start with walking bus	£4.30
After School Club	Until 17:00	£11.00
	Until 18:00	£19.50 (including a hot dinner)
	Until 17:00 with walking bus	£12.00
	Until 18:00 with walking bus	£20.50 (including a hot dinner)

THESE FEES ARE FOR SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN. NURSERY CHILDREN ARE CHARGED AT THE NURSERY RATE

As you will be aware, costs are increasing for all service providers. Here at the Brook Breakfast and After School Club we have dealt with high rises in staff and food costs which we have resisted passing on to our parents and carers that book with us. Up until now our prices have never increased. However, we have reached a point where we are not covering the costs and reluctantly, have to increase our charges starting from the summer term, 15th April 2024.

Breakfast Club

We will no longer offer the 07.45 drop off. Drop offs at 07.30 and 08.00 will remain.

After School Club

Currently we have been charging the same hourly rate for 17.00 - 18.00 and giving the hot meal for free. We are sadly unable to continue this as the cost of each meal is currently £2.97 to us and we incur the costs of the other food/snacks we supply. This charge will be added to the new costs as above.

Walking Bus

Currently the walking bus has been free. We cannot continue to supply this for free due to the increase in staffing costs. This will be automatically added to children who attend BFC and ASC if they attend Maidenbower Infant School or Maidenbower Junior School.

Summer Term Booking Dates

As the booking system will be changing because of the fees being increased from Monday 15th April the dates for booking your summer term sessions will be delayed until Thursday 28th March to allow for the changes to be implemented and testing to take place to ensure a smooth transition across for parents.

The booking system will not change visually but in order for the system to work please ensure that you have selected your child's current school they are attending in the school details under each child.

School Details

Name: *

Enter name if not in above list:

Enter the class your child is currently registered in. Please ensure these details are updated each year.

Class *

Terms and Conditions

Please ensure you have read our Terms and Conditions for both Breakfast and After School Club especially the section regarding the two week cancellation for After School Club bookings.

All cancellations can be made by logging onto the online booking system:

- For BFC there is a 24 hour cancellation period - credit will only be given for cancellations received online before 9am the day before the date being cancelled.
- For ASC there is a 14 days cancellation period - credit will only be given for cancellations received online before 7pm, 14 days before the date being cancelled

https://www.brookinfant.school/web/breakfast_and_after_school_club_terms_and_conditions/479984

Contacting Club

If you need to speak to us, please call the School Office on 01293 886521 and follow the instructions.



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Important Reminders - Please Read

Child Unwell - Please remember that if your child is off sick and booked into club, you need to phone us on 01293 886521 and let us know that we will not need to collect your child that day. We can then adjust our registers and this therefore avoids us not waiting for your child to join the walking bus.

Extending Club Hours - Please be aware that if you need to extend your After School Club hours from 5pm to 6pm you will need to contact us either via brookclubbookings@brookinfant.school or telephone the main School Office on 01293 886521. Unfortunately, this process cannot be undertaken by parents via the booking system because of you being charged twice.

Government Tax Free Payments - You can get up to £500 every 3 months (up to £2,000 a year) for each of your children to help with the costs of childcare. This goes up to £1,000 every 3 months if a child is disabled (up to £4,000 a year). For every £8 you pay into this account, the government will pay in £2 to use to pay your provider. Please visit <https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare> for more information.

If you are paying using Government Tax Free Childcare please email club with your reference number ending TFC. If we don't receive your TFC reference we are unable to add any payments to your account.

***Updated* Parking** - Please can we remind parents not to park across the main school gates for drop off/collection or on the pavement or corner opposite the school on zigzag or double yellow lines so that we can ensure the safety of all of our children.

In the mornings there are staff driving into the car park. Please can we ask you to ensure you are keeping over to one side nearest the wall whilst waiting for the doors to open so that we can keep everyone safe at this time.

Please could we also remind parents to not park in the school car park for drop off or collection as this is for staff use only.

Three day cut off for bookings - Please be reminded that there is a 3 day cut off for booking club. For example if you want to book a Monday session this will need to be booked by Thursday lunchtime. Please contact the School Office for any sessions you need at short notice.

Wet weather clothes - Please ensure that your child has suitable warm clothes, wellies and gloves on each day especially if they are on the walking bus now that we are into winter. The children will continue to play outside as much as the weather will allow. Sometimes our pathways are completely flooded and so wellies are essential.

Club Bookings

You can book your sessions for school aged children (Reception to Year 6) for both Breakfast and After School Club by visiting:

<https://brook.childcare-online-booking.co.uk/>

To book your nursery child, please email Jenny on brookclubbookings@brookinfant.school. Please note you cannot book nursery children through the online booking system. Nursery children will be invoiced as part of nursery hours.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact Jenny, our Breakfast and After School Club Manager, on brookclubbookings@brookinfant.school.

Dates for your diary

- Thursday 28th March 2024 - No After School Club as early finish at 13:00.
- Thursday 29th March 2024 - Dates for the Summer Term bookings to be released.
- Thursday 2nd May 2024 - Polling Day - No BFC and ASC due to closure for Polling
- Monday 3rd June 2024 - Inset Day - No BFC and ASC due to closure for Staff Training
- Tuesday 23rd July 2024 - No After School Club as early finish at 13:00.

Our Facebook Page

We have our own Facebook page which we would love our families to join to see lots of lovely photos and information of what we are doing each week in club.

You can find us by searching for Brook Infant Breakfast and After School Club and request to join.