

NEWSLETTER, April 2026



Dear Carers and Parents

As you will have heard by now, we are delighted to have received the Gold Awards for School of the Year and for Sam Casella, Teacher of the Year at the Pride of Bracknell Awards 2026. We will be sharing photographs on a separate School Comms so please keep an eye out for that. Our whole school is incredibly proud and grateful for your nominations, it really does mean so much to us.

This month has been a busy one; we have celebrated Multicultural Day in Switzerland, Purple Up Day and lots of role play. You can read more about these below.

The Summer Term is always a busy and exciting period of learning and we are all looking forward to our **Enrichment Week** starting on Monday 6th July. As usual, we have a packed timetable including a visiting farm, reptiles, circus and more. Our KS5 Prom will also take place during this week. All of the activities will be documented on Earwig for you to enjoy and discuss with your learners at home.

As the weather warms up, learners are able to wear shorts to school if they wish, however, please ensure these are a suitable length for school. In addition, please apply/supply sun cream and send in a hat for breaktimes in the sunshine. Please label all items.

We are looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the upcoming Coffee Afternoons in Secondary and Woodlands Hub, and the Primary 'All Join In' event next week, and at Sports Day on the 20th May where the Friends of Kennel Lane School will be selling soft drinks and snacks to help raise funds for the school.

Finally, please continue to check the 'Dates for the Diary' section for any other events and end of term timings.

Best wishes

Jenny Baker
Headteacher

Purple Up Day



On Friday 24th April, we took part in Purple Up Day, a day which recognises and honours the young people and families from the armed forces. The day began with an assembly led by Emma (Corvus Service Pupil Support) who spoke to learners about the importance of showing appreciation and understanding for Service families.

The significance of the dandelion: The dandelion, with its ability to thrive in diverse environments and its capacity to grow despite difficulty, has become a symbol of resilience for military children. Like dandelions, they are often uprooted from familiar surroundings due to frequent moves dictated by their parents' military service. Yet, just as the dandelion spreads its seeds far and wide, these children learn to bloom wherever they are planted. Learners across the school created a wide range of dandelion artwork and written pieces reflecting creativity, empathy and growing awareness of the experiences of Service families.



We were also delighted to welcome two serving officers, who visited classes to read stories and spoke about their roles and answer learners' questions.

The day was a memorable and meaningful occasion, celebrating resilience, respect and community and our thanks go to everyone involved in making the day a success.

Multicultural Day



On Monday 27th April, we celebrated Multicultural Day with a wonderful Swiss-themed experience that truly brought Switzerland to life. Learners enjoyed cheese and chocolate tasting, played and created their own cow bells, explored traditional Swiss art and dance, and even took part in making delicious rösti. With the sun shining, we made the most of the outdoors, reflecting Switzerland's strong connection to nature and alpine life. It was a hands-on, joyful day filled with culture, creativity, and discovery.



KS2 Update



KS2 are enjoying our brand-new water wall, and with the warmer weather our learners have been busy practising turn-taking and co-operative play at this exciting new water station. Through water play, children are building thinking skills as they explore cause and effect, developing problem-solving skills as they experiment with making the water flow, and strengthening fine motor skills through pouring, pumping and turning. The activity also supports teamwork, encourages communication and provides a calming, engaging sensory experience – and most importantly, it is great fun, because happy, engaged children learn best through play!

Alongside this, our learners are learning all about supermarkets, including the shopping sequence and handling money, during independent learning. Our local Tesco stores kindly supported our role-play areas, providing a wonderful range of fresh, packaged and tinned items. Learners can shop using their own baskets, read price labels and practise paying with £1 and £2 coins – we even have donation bags they can choose to use. Watch out, parents and carers... you may have some highly trained shoppers at home soon! A huge thank you to Tesco for their wonderful support.



Real PE Bursts



Congratulations to Daniel from Hedgehog class who has completed 19 active minutes at home.

A reminder to all families that the BURST app can be downloaded from the invite sent to emails periodically.

Ruby's Ramblings

Ruby has been continuing her work with Robin class. We are really proud of Zayaan; he has worked really hard on his confidence around Ruby. A few months ago, Zayaan would throw Ruby some of her food from a distance with adult support. This half term he has held my arm while Ruby takes food from my hand.



Dates for the Diary

Our term dates are also available on our website.

Monday 4 th May	Early May Bank Holiday School closed	
Thursday 7 th May	Primary 'All Join In'	1.30pm
Thursday 7 th May	Woodlands Hub Coffee Afternoon	1.30pm
Friday 8 th May	Secondary Coffee Afternoon	1.30pm
Wednesday 20 th May	SPORTS DAY – all departments See timings on letters	
Monday 25 th to Friday 29 th May	HALF TERM	
Monday 6 th to Friday 10 th July	Enrichment Week	
Thursday 9 th July	KS5 Prom	5.00pm – 7.00pm
Friday 17 th July	End of Summer Term Primary & Woodlands Hub 12.45pm finish Secondary 13.00pm finish	