

NEWSLETTER, May 2026



Dear Carers and Parents

It was so lovely to see so many of you at our Sports Day events today. The atmosphere was fantastic, and it was wonderful to share such an enjoyable event with you all. We hope that both you and your young person had a great time taking part and watching the activities. Our learners showed excellent enthusiasm, teamwork, and determination throughout the day, and we are very proud of them.

We will be sending out a special Sports Day supplement after the half term break, which will include a selection of photographs capturing some of the highlights of the day. Please do keep an eye out for this, we hope it will bring back some lovely memories.

Exams have now begun for some of our learners in Key Stages 4 and 5. This is an important time for them, and we would like to wish all of our learners the very best of luck. We are extremely proud of the effort they have put into their learning, including their revision.

As we reach the end of this ½ Term, we would like to thank you for your continued support. We hope you have a restful and enjoyable break.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 1st June, refreshed and ready for the last part of the academic year.

Best wishes

Jenny Baker
Headteacher

STEM Day

STEM day in the Woodlands Hub was all about exploring making and using electricity.



Chloe rubbed a balloon on a woollen cloth and used the static charge to pick up sugar granules. She repeated the action and showed anticipation of the effect.



Leighton worked with an adult to create a simple circuit using a potato and an orange to light a bulb. He assisted with holding components and observed the bulb lighting.

Riding for the Disabled

Jacob, Jonathan, Kaveer and Evan have all enjoyed horse-riding this half term. They have been learning to mount independently and trot with support from our RDA volunteers. The learners have been teaching the RDA volunteers the Makaton signs for 'horse riding', 'help', 'finish' and 'again'. In return, the RDA volunteers have been teaching us facts about horses and equestrian riding. Fun fact of this half term is that the horse's heartbeat matches the heartbeat of the person riding them!



Well done to all the learners who have shown their ability to be kind and, in turn, have formed a lovely relationship with their horse. Thank you as always to Cindi and all the RDA volunteers who give up their time for free in order for our learners to make use of this wonderful resource.

School Games



We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games Bronze Mark Award for the 2025/26 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

There were a huge amount of young people competing in local inter-school competitions this year and we are extremely proud of our learners for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible.

We look forward to applying once again in 2027!

14-19 Work Experience

An important part of the 14-19 curriculum includes opportunities for learners, where appropriate, to attend work experience placements. We have a number of organisations who kindly offer placements to our learners, one of which is Jeallots Hill Community Landshare. Learners can come along and pick up tips about how to grow vegetables. This helps them connect with nature and understand where food comes from.



Harry has been enjoying his work experience and was happy to continue working even in the wetter weather!

David Attenborough's 100th birthday

We celebrated Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday by learning about his remarkable life, his inspiring wildlife and natural history programmes, and the many awards he has received.



Learners enjoyed a range of hands-on activities, including placing animals within their natural habitats in a beautifully designed sensory room. There were also a variety of exciting wildlife-themed tuff tray activities, which encouraged exploration and creativity.

Sustainability Event



Our 14–19 IT/Science group kindly helped to set up the event, carefully folding and organising clothes by size. The event was a huge success! Well done to everyone who took part in reusing items and helping to prevent them from going to landfill 😊.

Mental Health Awareness Week

KLS proudly supported Mental Health Awareness Week, with learners taking part in a range of joint activities designed to promote wellbeing and connection. The week also marked the start of our Secondary KLS Community Football League, with all classes participating in a friendly and inclusive competition.



On Thursday, we came together as a whole school community by wearing green to show our support for Mental Health Awareness.



Formal Secondary classes recently had the opportunity to take part in the Bracknell Forest Youth Member of Parliament elections. During the process, learners explored the importance of democracy and the value of voting. They listened carefully to the candidates' manifestos before casting their votes, ensuring their voices were heard. See the flyer at the end of the newsletter for details of the Braccan Walk Youth Service Open Day on the 29th May.

Ruby's Ramblings



Ruby has been busy again this half term. Ryan has been braving the weather to play with Ruby on the field and do some tricks with her.



Parking

Following some residents' complaints, this is just a friendly reminder to take extra care when parking along Kennel Lane, being mindful of residents' driveways, junctions, pavements and double yellow lines. Thank you for your co-operation.



Dates for the Diary



Our term dates are also available on our website.

Monday 25th to Friday 29th May	HALF TERM	
Friday 26th June	Coffee Afternoon - "Safe response to big feelings" <i>Details to follow</i>	1.15pm – 2.15pm
Monday 6th to Friday 10th July	Enrichment Week	
Thursday 9th July	KS5 Prom	5.00pm – 7.00pm
Friday 17th July	End of Summer Term Primary & Woodlands Hub 12.45pm finish Secondary 1.00pm finish	



Braccan Walk Open Event **- Member of Youth Parliament** **election results to be announced.**

Open to young people
aged 11- 18 years.
(up to 25 years for SEND)

Friday 29th May 2026
1pm – 5pm.

Meet the Youth Workers, enjoy
the vibes, use the Wi-Fi.

Bring your friends.

For more details

Speak to a youth worker or other professional or
email: Youth.service@bracknell-forest.gov.uk

What's Happening?

Pizza Van
Affirmation Cards
Chelsie's Ink Lab
Scavenger Hunt
Pool and Table Tennis
Competitions with prizes
...And more



Where is the Youth Hub?

Ground Floor, Braccan Walk Car Park
The Ring, Bracknell

What3Words [moment.bonus.drill](https://www.what3words.com/moment.bonus.drill)

