

# BROOKBURN NEWS



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Mon 3 Nov 2025

Y5 Bikeability  
Y2, 5 and 6 NSPCC Speak Out  
Stay Safe Workshop

### Tue 4 Nov 2025

Y5 Bikeability  
3:45pm Sports Hall Athletics  
at Loreto School

### Wed 5 Nov 2025

Y5 Bikeability  
Y2, 5 and 6 NSPCC Workshop

### Thu 6 Nov 2025

Y5 Bikeability  
Flu Vaccines Catch Up

### Fri 7 Nov 2025

Rec and Y6 Height and  
Weight Checks (am)

### Mon 10 Nov 2025

Y5 Bikeability  
Y6 Cross Country

### Tue 11 Nov 2025

Y5 Bikeability  
Y4 Chorlton Library Visit

### Wed 12 Nov 2025

Y5 Bikeability  
Boys football at CHS

### Thu 13 Nov 25

Y5 Bikeability

## A Super Half Term

It has been a wonderful half term here at Brookburn. Children have settled in well in their new school environment, it is hard to believe that our youngest pupils have only been in the school for 8 weeks, they are happy and confident in their surroundings and we are very proud of them.

It has been a busy half term! We have held 'Meet the Team' events and parent workshops. Children have attended sports fixtures like cross country and football, and have visited the local area as part of their Geography work. Year 5 braved the rain on their river trip whilst year 6 visited Chorlton library.

We have shown racism the red card by wearing red and have partied away at the Halloween Disco.

**THANK  
YOU**

A big thank you to parents and carers for your support whether that be helping on one of our walks, school trips or sports events, helping at the school disco, or being a 'mystery reader' in Year 1/2.

We know it is not easy juggling work and family life to support these events and we are very grateful.

Today school closes for the half term break and we return on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November for another busy term. We hope you have a lovely break.

**HAPPY  
HOLIDAYS**

## Thanks for your Feedback

Thank you to all the parents and carers that took the time to complete our survey and give feedback on ways we can better support our children and families.

We will share the findings and our plans to implement any changes after the half term break.

## Online Safety Workshop for Parents and Carers

Smoothwall are running a workshop dedicated to helping parents understand the risks their children face in their online lives and the practical things parents can do to help.

This hour-long workshop with Katherine Howard, Head of Engagement and Education at Smoothwall will provide you with lots of valuable insights and tools.

**Date: 24<sup>th</sup> Nov**  
**Time: 7:30-8:30pm**

**To Book:**

**CLICK HERE**

## Secondary School Applications Apply before 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025

A reminder for parents of year 6 children, that you need to apply for your child's secondary school place before the deadline - **31<sup>st</sup> October 2025**.

More info can be found [here](#).

## Admissions Consultation Urmston Grammar

Schools are required, under the School Admissions Code, to consult as widely as possible on their admission policy. Urmston Grammar have asked us to share their draft policy [here](#). Please contact [admissions@urmstongrammar.org.uk](mailto:admissions@urmstongrammar.org.uk) no later than Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

## How to keep children safe this Halloween



Halloween can be an exciting time of year for children, dressing up and going out after dark but, whilst Halloween is supposed to be spooky there are some horrors that families will want to avoid.

The Child Accident Prevention Trust have put together some top tips to give you and your family a Halloween to remember for all the right reasons!.

**For more info**



## Join the conversation about smart phones

**Would you like the opportunity to have a conversation about 'The Smart Phone Dilemma'?**

**Do you want to find out more about what other parents think and what the current research is?**

To join the conversation please pop into the Training room on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 9am.

The first meeting is aimed at parents/carers with children in Year 4-6 and will be facilitated by Jen Holden.



## Progress Evenings

Parent Progress Evenings will take place in November. These are an excellent opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their teacher and we encourage everyone to book an appointment. Full details including instructions how to book have been sent via ParentMail.

Tuesday 18th November	Face to Face	3.40-7pm	All classes <b>except</b> Nursery, Reception and 1AS
Wednesday 19th	Face to Face	3.40-7pm	Nursery, Reception and 1AS <b>only</b>
Wednesday 19th	Video Call	3.40-6pm	5CS <b>only</b>
Thursday 20th November	Video Call	3.40-6pm	All classes <b>except</b> 5CS
Monday 24th November	Video Call	8.30-11am	Nursery <b>only</b>

### Winning House!

Well Done to Blue House, who collected the most house points this half term and as a reward were able to wear their own clothes for school today.

Who will be the winning house next half term?

### Football Results

Our girls football team On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> attended a tournament October, our boys at Chorlton High School team took part in a football tournament at on 14<sup>th</sup> October. They were split into two teams. Excel team lost one, won two and drew three games in total - drew three games and won one, lost one and won one. Inspire team lost one, won one and drew three games. Well Done everyone!



### TT Rockstars Top of the Rocks!



Week Ending	Top Score	Most Improved	Class of the Week
10.10.25	Ruben 4KW	Nathan 4MS	3MC
17.10.25	Fletcher 4KW	Nathan 4MS	2SD

### Half Term Activities!

Manchester is offering thousands of **FREE** places for children's activities over the school holidays for families entitled to benefits related free school meals. In addition to the activities, each place booked will include a **FREE** meal during the day.

For more info visit:

<https://mcractive.com/haf/>





# PTA News



A reminder that if you wish to order any Christmas cards from the artwork the children brought home from school, you need to do this by the 30<sup>th</sup> October. Please see below for more info:

## Christmas Card Project

Your child will shortly bring home some wonderful Christmas artwork to be made into Christmas cards. Make some fab, personalised Christmas items and help the PTA raise a bit of extra money for the school.

**Step 1:** Scan or take a picture of your kids lovely Christmas art.

**Step 2:** Visit <https://mycardproject.com/pages/order> and enter the code: **MCP4SP**

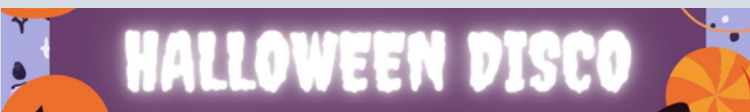
or

use the camera on your phone to follow the QR link below.



**Step 3:** Follow the instructions on the website to upload your art and place orders for cards, mugs etc. **Do this by the 30<sup>th</sup> October.**

**Step 4:** The orders will then be delivered to school and handed out to your child to bring home. **It is that easy!**



**A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to the PTA for organising another 'fangtastic' Halloween Disco.**

**To all of you that came early to set up, stayed late to clean up, helped to run a stall, cook hot dogs, bake cakes and of course, provide the all important tunes - thank you!**

**If you baked cakes, please don't forget to collect you cake box/tin from the school office .**

# What will my child be having for lunch next week?

After half term we will follow week 3 of our school menu. All three weeks can be found below or on our website: <https://brookburn.manchester.sch.uk/parents-carers/school-meals/>

Brookburn Primary School - Week One

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Butchers Beefburger in a Bun	Roast Chicken Dinner with Yorkshire Pudding	Chicken Bryan	Fish of the Day
Quorn Southern Style Burger in a Bun	Spanish Omelette with Garlic Bread	Quorn Sausage with Yorkshire Pudding	Macaroni-Cheese	Cheese & Onion Waffles
Jacket Potatoes with Cheese & Baked Beans	Mozzarella & Provençal Pasta Bake with Garlic Bread	Tuna Mayo/Onion Sandwich with Vegetable Salads	Jacket Potatoes with Cheese & Baked Beans	Quorn Slice Ham Sandwich with Vegetable Salads
Seasoned Potato Wedges & Sweetcorn	Seasoned Potato Wedges, Peas & Sweetcorn	Crusty Bread, Creamed Potatoes, Carrots & Gravy	Pitta Bread & Mixed Vegetables	Chunky Chips, Garden Peas or Baked Beans
				Homemade Brookburn Soups

Homemade soups based on: Beef, Pork, Fish, Turkey, Lamb, Chicken & Chicken, M&E, Beef

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Brookburn Primary School - Week Three

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cheese & Tomato Sub Melt	Spaghetti Bolognese & Garlic Bread	Roast Pork & Yorkshire Pudding	Sweet Chilli Chicken & Steamed Rice	Fish of the Day, Chunky Chips & Peas
Pasta in Tomato & Herb Sauce	Breaded Quorn Sausages with Steamed Peas & Lentils W/Pea	Glasgow Sausage & Yorkshire Pudding	Quorn Slices	Singapore Style Noodles with Oriental Vegetables
Tuna Mayo/Onion Sandwich with Vegetable Salads	Jacket Potatoes with Cheese & Baked Beans	Pasta in Tomato & Beef Sauce with Crusty Bread	Jacket Potatoes with Cheese & Baked Beans	Cheese Sandwich with Vegetable Salads
Seasoned Potato Wedges, Mixed Vegetables, & Crusty Bread	Beef/Onion	Creamed Potatoes, Carrots & Gravy	Pitta Bread & Broccoli	Crusty Bread
				Homemade Kim's Cookies

Homemade soups based on: Beef, Pork, Fish, Turkey, Lamb, Chicken & Chicken, M&E, Beef

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Brookburn Primary School - Week Two

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Dog in a Bread Roll	Lasagne Al Forno	Chicken Sausage with Creamed Potatoes & Gravy	Southern Fried Chicken, Seasoned Potato Wedges, Peas & Sweetcorn	Fish of the Day
Vegetarian Hot Dog in a Bread Roll	Katsu Style Quorn with Steamed Rice	Pasta Pasta with Tomato & Beef Sauce	Sweet Chilli Quorn, Noodles with Oriental Vegetables	Cheese & Tomato Sub Melt
Pasta Neapolitan with Crusty Bread	Cheese Sandwich with Vegetable Salads	Jacket Potatoes with Cheese & Baked Beans	Tuna Mayo/Onion Sandwich with Vegetable Salads	Jacket Potatoes with Cheese & Baked Beans
Seasoned Potato Wedges & Sweetcorn	Garlic Bread & Broccoli	Farmhouse Vegetables & Crusty Bread	Tortilla Wrap	Chunky Chips, Peas or Baked Beans
				Fast Food Friday Pappak

Homemade soups based on: Beef, Pork, Fish, Turkey, Lamb, Chicken & Chicken, M&E, Beef

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# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about FORTNITE



## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

With over 650 million registered users, Fortnite remains one of the most played and discussed online games globally. Known for its vibrant graphics, fast-paced gameplay, and cultural crossovers with everything from music artists to superhero franchises, the game continues to capture the attention of young people. This guide outlines the risks trusted adults need to know about, including game updates, and offers practical safety tips to help address them.

### ALWAYS ONLINE

There's no single-player, offline mode in Fortnite; it can only be played online. Internet access can sometimes be an issue when you're out and about, both in terms of connectivity and using up data. You may find that dedicated, young Fortnite players are often less enthusiastic about family time or trips away – such as days out and holidays – than you might expect.

### IN-GAME COSTS

Fortnite is free to download and play, but it does offer various additional purchases – limited-time cosmetic 'skins', music tracks, LEGO items, and battle passes. Children can feel pressured to spend money on V-Bucks – the in-game currency – to avoid missing out, particularly as exclusive items rotate frequently. Some items may not return to the store for years, while Battle Pass rewards are often "gone when they're gone".

### VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

There's no avoiding that Fortnite is about shooting other players to eliminate them from the contest. That said, there's no blood or gore. The violence is rendered in a cartoonish style, and there are frequent comical touches to lighten the mood, such as mini-games and emotes. Guns and other weapons often look and behave realistically, so discretion is advised. Past seasons have introduced characters and references from mature franchises like The Witcher and Halo.

### CROSSPLAY AND PARTY CHAT

Fortnite is popular with many gamers of various ages. Crossplay allows friends to play with each other, regardless of whether they're on an Xbox, PlayStation, Nintendo Switch or PC, while the Party Chat feature allows them to talk to each other during the game. This can put youngsters at risk of exposure to strangers, inappropriate language, and cyberbullying.

### FREQUENT UPDATES

Seasonal releases introduce new map changes, gameplay mechanics, and cosmetics. Ongoing updates can increase screen time and potential for obsession as children try to unlock rewards before the season ends. These regular renewals help to hold players' interest, but also give young gamers plenty of reasons to keep coming back. Seasons often change thematically.

### POP CULTURE REFERENCES

Part of Fortnite's appeal is its ongoing crossovers with other popular franchises, ranging from films and TV shows like Power Rangers and Avatar: The Last Airbender, to comic book characters including Batman. Other collaborations with series, artists, and influencers may expose children to music, language, or ideas that are more suitable for older audiences.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### DISCUSS SAFE SOCIAL INTERACTION

Talk with children about who they're playing with online. Coordinate play time with the child's friends for socialisation and safety in numbers. Encourage them to avoid private voice chats with strangers and remind them not to share personal information. Use real-life examples to explain potential risks, and remind them that if they see something concerning, they should tell a trusted adult.

### SET SPENDING LIMITS

Fortnite's rotating store is a not-so-subtle mechanism for coaxing players into buying sought-after items before they disappear for weeks or months. This could lead to surprise transactions on bank cards if children are tempted into an impulse purchase. Parents could consider getting a prepaid card for the child or ensuring that purchases require adult authorisation. This can be done through parental settings on a console or account settings in the Epic Games app on PC.

### ENJOY FORTNITE TOGETHER

Fortnite also offers split-screen gameplay, meaning that two people can play simultaneously on the same console or computer. This can be a good option for siblings or for when a child's friends visit, but it also offers an opportunity for parents to do something fun with their child, while making sure they're playing the game safely. Who knows? You might even teach them a thing or two!

### BE WARY OF SCAMS

The immense popularity of Fortnite with younger audiences – that are generally more trusting – means there's no shortage of scammers looking to fraudulently obtain passwords and other personal data through techniques like phishing. As the developers point out on many of Fortnite's loading screens, they never ask for a player's account password outside of the game. Make sure any young player knows this.

### Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is an experienced freelance writer and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for seven years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published at sites including IGN, TechRadar, and plenty more.

