

BROOKBURN NEWS



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon 13 Oct 2025

Class 2SD Local Walk (pm)

Tue 14 Oct 2025

4pm Girls Football at
Chorlton High School

Thu 16 Oct 2025

Class 2SF Local Walk (pm)

Fri 17 Oct 2025

Flu Vaccines
Wear Red Day
PTA Drop-in 9.15am

Thu 23 Oct 2025

3:45-4:45pm
Halloween Disco for
Rec, Year 1, Year 2

5:15-6:30pm

Halloween Disco for
Year 3, Year 4, Year 5,
Year 6

Fri 24 Oct 2025

Break up for half term

Mon 27 - Fri 31 Oct 2025

Half term holiday

New Enrichment Clubs

We are pleased to share a number of new clubs which will start after half term, week commencing 3rd November until week commencing 8th December.

These clubs will be held by teachers and teaching assistants to provide children with a great range of enrichment opportunities.

You will be able to book your child's place via Parentpay from Monday 13th October from 4:30pm.

Club	Year Group	Day	Time	Led by	Cost	Duration
Book Club	Y6	Monday (fortnightly)	12:30- 1:00pm	Miss Taylor	50p	TBC
Science Club	Y2 Y3	Monday	3:30- 4:30pm	Mrs Dudgeon	£39.00	6 weeks
Girls Football	Y5 Y6	Tuesday	3:30- 4:30pm	Mrs Smith Dr Elderfield	£25.00	5 weeks
Art Club	Y2	Wednesday	3:30- 4:30pm	Miss Newall Miss Carroll	£39.00	6 weeks
Art Club	Y5 Y6	Thursday	3:30- 4:30pm	Miss Faulder Mrs Pereira	£32.50	5 weeks
Times Table Rock Stars	Y3 Y4	Thursday	3:30- 4:30pm	Mrs Deer	£25.00	5 weeks

Pirate Ship and playgrounds at the end of the day

Please can we ask that all children and parent/carers vacate the playground/pirate ship by 3:45pm Monday-Thursday.

The outdoor space is being used for after school clubs and to ensure everyone is safe, we need to lock the gates at 3:45pm.

Thank you for your understanding.

Swimming Academy

Hough End Leisure Centre are starting an academy aimed for those swimmers who can swim 200m plus.

This will take place on Mondays from 6.15-7.00pm and the cost is £33 per month plus a joining fee of £12.50.

If anybody is interested in this academy, please contact the Leisure Centre for more info.

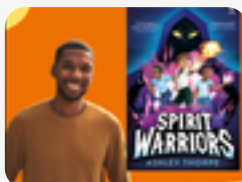
Secondary School Admissions September 2026

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

More info can be found [here](#)

Black History Month

Last week, Year 6 visited Chorlton Library to hear from author Ashley Thorpe, who spoke about his new fantasy book inspired by Jamaican folklore. The story follows brave characters battling evil spirits in a magical land.



The children loved hearing how Ashley used his culture and imagination to bring his story to life - and he signed a copy for each classroom too!

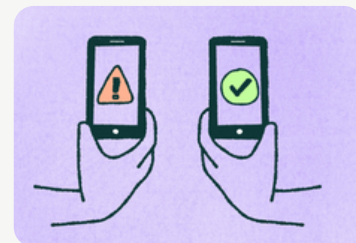
Join the conversation about smart phones

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 14th November at 9am.

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



Year 6 Workshop with OddArts

Year 6 recently took part in a powerful workshop with Odd Arts, exploring the theme of hate crime and understanding that hate is neither a normal, nor healthy feeling.

Pupils also learned the importance of speaking openly with trusted adults and friends, and how positive conversations can help promote kindness and respect.

Thank you Odd Arts for this opportunity.



We are inviting children to wear as much or as little red to school on Friday 17th October 2025 as we show our support for Show Racism the Red Card's Wear Red Day.

Mrs Owen will be holding assemblies on this day to give children an understanding of what being anti-racist means and what Wear Red Day is all about.

Show Racism the Red Card is the UK's leading educational anti-racism charity and if you wish to donate you can do so by following the link below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/charity/theredcard>

TT Rockstars Top of the Rocks!



Week Ending	Top Score	Most Improved	Class of the Week
26.9.25	Omar 5CS	Mariam 4MS	4MS
3.10.25	Kit 5AT	Morley 5AT	3MC

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



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 30th October.**

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



The PTA Halloween Disco is on 23rd October 2025.

THERE WILL BE 2 DISCOS:

3:45-4:45pm - Reception, Year 1, Year 2

5:15-6:30pm - Year 3-6

INCLUDED IN YOUR TICKET:

Entry to the disco, a hot dog, unlimited water and fruit squash

Please note each Reception pupil will need to have a parent accompanying them during the disco. A group of Year 1/2 pupils may attend with one supervising adult.

What will my child be having for lunch next week?

Next week we will follow week 1 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 Biryani	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 Slice
Jacket Potato with Cheese & Baked Beans	Mozzarella & Prosciutto Pasta Bake with Garlic Bread	Tuna Mayo/Onion Sandwich with Vegetable Salads	Jacket Potato with Cheese & Baked Beans	Quorn Slice Ham Sandwich with Vegetable Salads
Seasoned Potato Wedges & Sausages	Seasoned Potato Wedges, Peas & Sausages	Crusty Bread, Creamed Potatoes, Carrots & Gravy	Pitta Bread & Mixed Vegetables	Chunky Chips, Garden Peas or Baked Beans
				Homemade Brookburn Soups

Menu for Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6

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 Rice & Tofu Whip	Gloucester Sausage & Yorkshire Pudding	Quorn Biryani	Singapore Style Noodles with Oriental Vegetables
Tuna Mayo/Onion Sandwich with Vegetable Salads	Jacket Potato with Cheese & Baked Beans	Pasta in Tomato & Beef Sauce with Crusty Bread	Jacket Potato with Cheese & Baked Beans	Cheese Sandwich with Vegetable Salads
Seasoned Potato Wedges, Mixed Vegetables, & Crusty Bread	Sausages	Creamed Potatoes, Carrots & Gravy	Pitta Bread & Broccoli	Crusty Bread
				Homemade Kim's Cookies

Menu for Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6

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 & Sausages	Fish of the Day
Vegetarian Hot Dog in a Bread Roll	Katsu Style Quorn with Steamed Rice	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 Potato with Cheese & Baked Beans	Tuna Mayo/Onion Sandwich with Vegetable Salads	Jacket Potato with Cheese & Baked Beans
Seasoned Potato Wedges & Sausages	Garlic Bread & Broccoli	Farmhouse Vegetables & Crusty Bread	Tortilla Wrap	Chunky Chips, Peas or Baked Beans
				Fat Good Friday Pudding

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about EA SPORTS FC 26

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Our guide looks at the risks surrounding EA Sports FC 26 and our top tips to minimise them. This marks the third year since EA left the FIFA licence, and the game is mostly unchanged from last year. While Kick-Off mode is great for playing with friends and Career Mode allows players to fulfil long-term ambitions as a manager or player, Ultimate Team remains the main draw for many players – and it can get out of hand in terms of how much money players can invest.

AN ANNUAL RELEASE SCHEDULE

As was the case with the last two EA Sports FC games and the FIFA series before it, the franchise rolls out once a year with updated squads and new features. This can make it expensive to keep up with, particularly when so many dedicated players are keen to get their hands on the latest edition.

VOICE CHAT

Voice chat can be enabled across all platforms, meaning young people can speak to anyone they play with or against. While it can be switched off, some children will no doubt want to speak to their friends while they play. This also means they may encounter strangers much older than them, which can expose them to inappropriate language or behaviours.

IN-GAME PURCHASES THROUGH ULTIMATE TEAM

Ultimate Team is the big draw for EA Sports FC, letting players spend real money on packs that they can open to build a squad of the world's best players. They're not always easy to obtain, and new, improved versions of players will be regularly added as limited-time offerings. Young people could feel pressured into spending money and experience fear of missing out.

SCAMMERS IN ULTIMATE TEAM

Ultimate Team is managed by EA itself, but that hasn't stopped scammers from looking to dupe players out of money and in-game coins. Some scammers sell their accounts, which is a violation of EA's terms of service, while others will 'sell' coins – something the developer is still working to crack down on. Some try to gain access to others' accounts, potentially giving them access to payment information.

POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

While EA Sports FC is potentially addictive, thanks to its fast-paced gameplay and mirroring of the real-world skill and glamour of football, Ultimate Team's focus on limited-time rewards and the lottery of winning packs can make it feel closer to gambling than gaming, which may lead to addiction and impulsive spending of money.

Advice for Parents & Educators

PREPARE FOR ANOTHER GAME IN A YEAR

The annual-release cadence aligns with the return of the school year, and can be a great way to incentivise good behaviour at the start of term. If children are applying themselves and preparing for a new year of school, or were particularly well behaved in the summer, EA Sports FC 26 could make a great reward.

LIMIT SPENDING

If you're worried about children accidentally spending real money in Ultimate Team, whether in game or on the EA Sports FC companion app, don't link a payment card to their account. Reclaiming funds can be a mountain to climb, and the dopamine hit of opening flashy packs with slick animations means one purchase can lead to another very quickly. It's also worth adding a prepaid card if you'd prefer them to make their own choices with their budget.

MONITOR VOICE CHAT

As in-game chat is open, be sure to adjust the settings in EA Sports FC 26 to lock it down. If children want to chat with their friends while they play, consider setting up a safe space for them to call, to allow them to play without fear of outsiders.

BE VIGILANT

As with last year, there are ways to keep scammers at bay. Ensure passwords are locked down, and consider using a password manager application to keep them secure. EA will never contact players through the game itself, so be vigilant with incoming messages, and block and report suspected spam. EA will contact players by email if needed, but they will never ask for usernames or passwords. Players should also avoid buying in-game currency from unofficial websites – doing so can lead to accounts being banned and could cost players money in the process.

Meet Our Expert

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