

BROOKBURN NEWS



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon 17 - Fri 21 Nov

Anti-Bullying Week

Tue 18 Nov 2025

Progress Evening 3.40-7pm
4-5.30pm Girls Football

Wed 19 Nov 2025

9.30am - School Tour
for Nursery/Reception 2026
5CS Progress Eve (Video)
Nursery, Rec, 1AS Progress Eve
(face to face)

Thu 20 Nov 2025

Children's Day
Progress Eve (video)

Mon 24 - Fri 28 Nov 2025

Road Safety Week

Mon 24 Nov 2025

Nursery Progress Meeting
(video)
7.30pm Online Safety
Workshop for Parents

Tue 25 Nov 2025

9.30am & 5pm - School Tour
for Nursery/Reception 2026

Wed 26 Nov 2025

Y5/6 Cinema Trip

Thu 27 Nov 2025

Inclusion Coffee Morning

Fri 28 Nov 2025

School Tour
for Nursery/Reception 2026

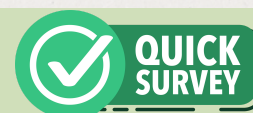
Progress Evenings

Don't forget that the progress evenings take place this week. If you have not yet booked an appointment, please get in touch with the school office on 0161 881 8880. Details are below:

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



Parent Survey



Your feedback is really important to us so please take a few moments to complete a questionnaire about our school. Please click <https://forms.gle/7EPgbCcNcTWKxAty5> to complete it online or pick up a paper copy from your child's teacher or the school office during progress evenings this week.

Thank you in advance.

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: 24th Nov
Time: 7:30–8:30pm

To Book:

CLICK HERE

Inclusion Coffee Morning

Date: 27th Nov
Time: 9:15am
Place: Training Room

Mrs Kay (SENDCo) will be hosting the inclusion coffee morning on Thursday 27th November at 9:15am in our training room.

Your child does not need to be on the SEND register for you to attend – ALL are welcome. Pop in, have a tea or coffee and a chat with Mrs Kay and other parents.

We hope to see you there.



Apply for your child's Reception Place NOW!



Don't leave it too late.

Apply for your child's primary school place by 15 January 2026.

manchester.gov.uk/admissions



The deadline to apply for your child's Reception place to start in September 2026 is fast approaching.

Make your application before the deadline of Thursday 15th January.

For more info and to make your application, visit manchester.gov.uk/admissions.

If you are not a Manchester resident, please contact the local authority in which you reside to apply.



Summer Reading Challenge Winners!

We are pleased to share that Brookburn is a Summer Reading Challenge Winner!

The Manchester Libraries competition was open to all schools whose children joined the Summer Reading Challenge and achieved more than 10% completers in their school.

Thanks to your support and our love of reading here at Brookburn, 64 children completed the challenge out of 96 who joined.

We are thrilled to say that our prize of a box of books, will be presented to us in a special assembly later this week.

Brookburn know how to 'Bike Right'

Over the last 2 weeks, most of our Year 5 children have been learning the essentials to safe cycling on the Bikeability course run by Bike Right.

The children passed with flying colours and the instructors made a point of sharing how focussed and polite the children were in each group. What fantastic feedback! Well done to you all!

TT Rockstars Top of the Rocks!



Week Ending	Top Score	Most Improved	Class of the Week
14.11.25	Harry 4KW	Jude 4KW	4KW

Is my child too ill for school?

It can sometimes be difficult for parents and carers to decide whether their child is well enough to attend school or whether they should stay home to stop the spread.

The NHS have a useful resource which can help.

Visit: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>



Christmas Cards



Thank you to everyone who ordered Christmas cards or gifts using the design created by their child in school.

All orders will be passed to your class teacher this week in plenty of time for Christmas.

Thanks to the PTA for all your support with this project.



Christmas Jumpers



Christmas Jumper Day will be on Friday 12th December and in preparation for this, the PTA are planning a second hand Christmas Jumper Sale. If you have any Christmas Jumpers that are too small, please feel free to drop them at the office to be used for the sale.

The sale will be 1-5th December.

What will my child be having for lunch next week?

This week we will follow week 2 of our school menu, next week will be week 3. 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 Burger 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 Whirl
Jacket Potato with Cheese & Baked Beans	Mozzarella & Prosciutto Pasta Bake with Garlic Bread	Tuna Mayo/maison 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 & Mince Vegetables	Chunky Chips, Garden Peas or Baked Beans
				Homemade Brookburn Soups

Menu for Week One: Beef, Pork, Pudding, Fish, Chicken & Chicken, M&S, Brioche

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 Wrap	Gloucester Sausage & Yorkshire Pudding	Quorn Biryani	Singapore Style Noodles with Oriental Vegetables
Tuna Mayo/maison 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, Mince Vegetables & Crusty Bread	Sausages	Creamed Potatoes, Carrots & Gravy	Pitta Bread & Brioche	Crusty Bread
				Homemade Kim's Cookies

Menu for Week Three: Beef, Pork, Pudding, Fish, Chicken & Chicken, M&S, Brioche

Brookburn Primary School - Week Two

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Dog in a Dress Roll	Lozaini Ai Forno	Chicken Sausage with Creamed Potatoes & Gravy	Southern Fried Chicken, Seasoned Potato Wedges, Peas & Sausages	Fish of the Day
Vegetarian Hot Dog in a Dress Roll	Kebab 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/maison Sandwich with Vegetable Salads	Jacket Potato with Cheese & Baked Beans
Seasoned Potato Wedges & Sausages	Garlic Bread & Brioche	Farmhouse Vegetables & Crusty Bread	Tofu Wrap	Chunky Chips, Peas or Baked Beans
				Fast Food Friday Pudding

Menu for Week Two: Beef, Pork, Pudding, Fish, Chicken & Chicken, M&S, Brioche

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about BEREAL

BeReal is the latest trending social media app. The concept is that people see others in their authentic day-to-day lives, sharing candid photos without editing or applying filters. Each day at a random time, users are simultaneously notified to take a picture of what they're doing at that exact moment. The two-minute window to submit an image means there's no time to select a particularly glamorous or exciting activity. BeReal shares two pictures: a selfie, and an image of the immediate surroundings. Users can only view and react to their friends' photos once they upload their own.

AGE RATING
13+
from the
App Store &
Google Play

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

CONTINUOUS NOTIFICATIONS

Like any social media app, BeReal's developers want users to be on it regularly and scrolling for long periods. BeReal only sends one notification to post a picture each day, but there are other alerts for events such as mentions, comments, friend requests and reactions to your photo. This can cause young users to feel pressure to open the app and respond, distracting them from other activities.

CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS

When someone signs up to BeReal, it highlights anyone in their phone's contacts list who already has the app – so users can connect with friends, or invite others from their contacts. The 'Discovery' feed, meanwhile, shows posts from strangers and gives users the option to add them as friends, too. This means your child could potentially connect with – and communicate with – a stranger.

PUBLIC SHARING

As well as sharing posts with friends in the moment, the app also allows posts to be shared publicly and public content to be viewed. Before a user can see this public content, they must post their own photo first. Unfortunately, there currently seems to be a lack of moderation on the content that's being uploaded, so a young user could be exposed to posts which aren't suitable for their age.

LIMIT NOTIFICATIONS

BeReal offers the option to turn off individual types of notification. Doing this will significantly reduce the number of times your child is tempted to open the app by incoming comments, uploads, friend requests and so on. Ironically, it will allow them to actually 'be real' by being present in the moment and their current environment as opposed to being engrossed on social media.

STOP AND THINK

BeReal's goal is for users to be authentic with friends, removing the pressure of that flawless photo or perfectly worded post. It's still vital, though, that children stop and think rather than uploading something risky just to meet the two-minute deadline. Point out to them what kind of information strangers could extract from an image: school crests, street names or local landmarks, for example.

EASY LOCATION

BeReal's default setting is to share the exact location of where a post was sent from. Given that images are usually shared within the two-minute window, anyone your child is friends with on the app will know exactly where they are (or at least, where they were two minutes earlier). As we've noted, this could include strangers who are intending to use this geographical information for malicious purposes.

VISIBLE PERSONAL DATA

As with any other form of social media, it's important that your child doesn't share too much personal information on their profile. BeReal allows for a photo, full name, approximate location and a short bio. It's safest to make sure that your child's profile doesn't display anything which could identify where they go to school or exactly where they live.

REPUTATIONAL DAMAGE

What your child says and does online – their digital footprint – shapes the way that other people see them. It's essential that young people understand that when they post something online, they are giving the app in question the right to do whatever they wish with that image or content, including sharing it elsewhere. This form of permission is explicitly referenced in BeReal's terms of use.

Advice for Parents & Carers

KEEP IT AMONG FRIENDS

Remind your child why adding strangers to their contacts isn't a good idea, and advise them to decline any friend requests from people they don't know in real life. If something your child sees on BeReal makes them feel uncomfortable, they can report it by clicking on the three dots in the top right. The reporting tool allows them to state the reason that they're flagging up the post.

CREATE A SAFE PROFILE

Remind your child to use an avatar as their profile pic (as opposed to a photo of themselves) and use a nickname or just their first name, not their full name. Any information they add to their bio (which is optional) should be kept vague, and personal details should remain private. It's also worth turning off the geolocation feature either through the device's settings or in BeReal itself.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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