

# The Brockton Bulletin

26th December 2024



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## Brockton Nursery

We've been very interested in trains this week and have enjoyed reading our train stories and creating our own trains with the toys, the paint and even on our pet dragon!

We've got some lovely new plants to look after and have been busy setting up a new little garden area in the front of our nursery. We'd love some help with creating some larger activities in our outside area behind nursery so please let us know if you can help. See the flyer at the end of the newsletter.

Thank you!



## Spring Term Dates

### January

**Monday 29th January**

Author visit KS1 9.30 @ Church  
Preen

**Wednesday 31st January**

Multi Sports KS1 @ WBS

### February

**Monday 5th February**

Dance Festival Practice, WBS  
(TBC)

**Tuesday 6th February**

Dance Festival, WBS (TBC)

**Wednesday 7th February**

FOBs film night 15.30pm

**Wednesday 7th February**

Reception Vision Screening

### March

**Thursday 7th March**

World Book Day

**Tuesday 12th March**

Parent/Carer Meeting 3.20pm -  
6pm

**Wednesday 13th March**

Parent/Carer Meeting 3.20pm -  
5.30pm

**Thursday 21st March**

Yr3/4 Federation sports  
inclusion @ Church Preen, 9am

**Thursday 21st March**

Easter Service @ Bourton  
Church, 2pm

**Friday 22nd March**

Last day of term

# Fortnightly Message from

## Mrs Hunt



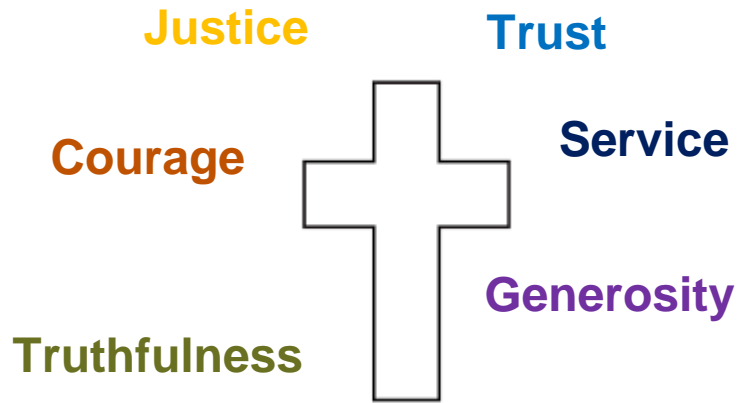
It has been great to see the return of some better weather towards the end of this week – the reappearance of the sun has certainly cheered everyone up!

I am delighted to be able to confirm that our new JAM (Jesus and Me) club is now taking place every Tuesday from 3:30-4:15pm. Led by Mrs Carver, the club will look at Bible stories and a creative response to them. Please book your child's place at this club (at a cost of £3 per session to include a biscuit and drink) on Schoolmoney. Football Club continues a Monday and After School Club (with a current focus on singing) on a Wednesday. Please remember that we are currently unable to offer after school clubs on a Thursday and Friday.

We are seeing some children being dropped off in the school playground very early each morning. Please remember that school staff are not responsible for supervising children (other than those who are attending Breakfast Club) before 8:45am. Thank you for your cooperation.

We have had a change around of staff here at school with Mrs Carver now taking on the leader role in the Nursery and Miss Martin moving to focus on working with the Reception children in Class 1. I am pleased to have such exceptional talent on our school team and to enable our staff to develop their interests and skills in different areas whilst still supporting all of our children to achieve so well.

### Our Christian Values



### This half of term our Christian value focus is

### Courage

'Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.'

Joshua 1.9

Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is the little voice at the end of the day that says I'll try again tomorrow.

(Mary Anne Radmacher)

Courage is not the absence of fear. It is acting in spite of it.

(Mark Twain)

Can you remember a time when you thought I've just got to keep trying?

If you have courage to begin, you have the courage to succeed.

(Mary Anne Radmacher)

A person cannot discover new oceans unless he has the courage to lose sight of the shore.

(Andre Gide)

Everyone feels scared sometimes. Have you ever overcome your fears and achieved something that you're proud of?

# Our School Menu

**WEEK 1** Fresh DINING

**MONDAY** Everyday favourites  
**TUESDAY** Mid-week roast  
**WEDNESDAY** Mid-week roast  
**THURSDAY** Mid-week roast  
**FRIDAY** Take-away day

**SAMMY SWEETCORN SAYS...**  
'Enjoy your lunch!'

<b>OPTION 1</b>	Pork Sausages & Gravy	BBQ Chicken	Roast Chicken with Stuffing & Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognese	Chicken Nuggets
<b>OPTION 2</b>	Jacket Potato with Cheese & Baked Beans v	Vegetarian Sausage Roll v	Cheese & Potato Pie v	Vegetable Goujons v	Pizza Selection v
<b>CARBS</b>	Mashed Potatoes or Crusty Bread	Pasta or Diced Potatoes	Roast & New Potatoes	Garlic & Herb Bread or Potato Wedges	Potato Crunchies or Pasta
<b>PUDDING</b>	Mousse	Waffle	Iced Cake	Cookies	<b>Fruity Friday</b> A selection of chilled, frozen & fresh fruit desserts

**ALL SERVED WITH** = A choice of two vegetables, baked beans, freshly prepared seasonal salads, crusty bread, fresh fruit salad & yoghurts

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**WEEK 2** Fresh DINING

**MONDAY** Everyday favourites  
**TUESDAY** Mid-week roast  
**WEDNESDAY** Mid-week roast  
**THURSDAY** Mid-week roast  
**FRIDAY** Take-away day

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<b>OPTION 1</b>	Fish Finger Fish Cake or Fish Shape	Breaded Chicken Steak	Roast Beef Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy	Chicken Tikka Masala	Pizza Selection
<b>OPTION 2</b>	Mac 'n' Cheese v	Quorn Bolognese v	Roasted Quorn Fillet & Gravy v	Jacket Potato with Cheese & Baked Beans v	Nacho Bites v
<b>CARBS</b>	Diced Potatoes or Crusty Bread	Potato Crunchies or Garlic & Herb Bread	Roast & Mashed Potatoes	Rice or Potato Wedges	Chips
<b>PUDDING</b>	Chocolate Crunch	Waffle	Ice-cream Tub	Toffee Apple Slice Custard	<b>Fruity Friday</b> A selection of chilled, frozen & fresh fruit desserts

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**WEEK 3** Fresh DINING

**MONDAY** Everyday favourites  
**TUESDAY** Mid-week roast  
**WEDNESDAY** Mid-week roast  
**THURSDAY** Mid-week roast  
**FRIDAY** Take-away day

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<b>OPTION 1</b>	Sweet & Sour Chicken	Beef Burger with tomato ketchup	Roast Pork Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy	Mac 'n' Cheese Chicken Bake	Shepherd's Pie
<b>OPTION 2</b>	BBQ Veggie Hot Dog v	Vegetable & Bean Burger v	Meat (free) Balls Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy v	Jacket Potato with Cheese & Baked Beans v	Pizza Selection v
<b>CARBS</b>	Pasta or Potato Crunchies	Diced Potatoes	Roast & New Potatoes	Potato Wedges or Garlic & Herb Bread	Chips
<b>PUDDING</b>	Flapjacks	Iced Cake	Waffle	Apple Puff Slice Custard	<b>Fruity Friday</b> A selection of chilled, frozen & fresh fruit desserts

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Polite reminder:

Please make sure your SCHOOL MONEY account is topped up to pay for school meals ordered.

To check if your child is eligible for free school meals and find out how to apply go to :

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/-free-school-meals>

# CLASS NEWS

## Class 1

**Class 1 have been pretending to be squirrels this week in literacy. They have been writing diary entries. Cyril the squirrel gets into all sorts of bother trying to get a pinecone for his winter stores. The children have been writing in the first person about Cyril's adventures. In maths we have been adding and taking away using money. We have been enjoying our new mastering number sessions. We have been on our travels around the world with Bob the class alien. So far we have visited Europe, Asia and Australia. In computing we have been instructing the beebots to travel around our classroom, we have learnt that changing the order of instructions results in a different journey. We have been identifying and sorting materials in our science lessons. A very busy fortnight!**

## Class 2

C2 are about to begin their non chronological report about cats. They will be researching facts and note taking. In maths, they are looking at formal addition and subtraction and how to use the facts they have learnt to solve problems. They are also having a focus with times tables on a Friday with Mrs Ross -Year 4 parents -please continue to make sure your children practise their times tables. In Science we have discussed parts of teeth, how to look after our teeth and we are moving onto setting up our experiment about what effects different drinks can have on our teeth, if we don't brush them! Watch this space for the results in a few weeks. In History, we have begun our unit on British history heroes, ask your child about William Wilberforce and why he is a hero?

## Class 3

Class 3 have been examining evidence in an attempt to authenticate the story of the Trojan Horse. As the oldest piece of evidence dates from around 600 years after the story originated, much discussion has been had. In gymnastics we have introduced vaulting to our sequences and the children have had the option of using the springboard. During maths we have tackled multi-step word problems involving addition and subtraction and have now moved on the multiplication and division. In computing we have looked at the 'repeat' command when programming shapes and in RE we have been exploring the Christian understanding of the terms 'Saviour' and 'Messiah'.

# Stars of the week



## Out of school super stars

Sienna Harris for achieving her Octopus 3 swimming award.

Please share your children's achievements with us in our weekly well done assemblies. All are welcome to join us every Friday afternoon at 2.45pm



Join us for  
**Freshly Baked  
Friday's**

After school this  
Friday FOBS will be  
selling Homemade  
Brownies for £1.00

*See you there!*

# Important parent information regarding the rise in cases of measles

Please read the information below

*Cases of measles are increasing in the UK, including in the West Midlands, and it's likely that there will be cases in Shropshire soon.*

*Measles is a viral illness that can be serious and sometimes fatal. Spending 15 minutes with someone with measles is enough to get the virus. Symptoms of measles include high fever, runny nose, cough, red and watery eyes, small red spots with a bluish-white centre inside the mouth. A rash can appear later, usually on the face, upper neck, hands and feet, fading after 5 to 6 days. If you've not been vaccinated against measles, you can be at risk, but it's most common in young children. Someone with measles can spread the virus up to 4 days before a rash appears, and up to 4 days after.*

*Measles can have serious and sometimes fatal consequences, so make sure you and your children are up to date with MMR vaccinations and ask your GP about catch-up jabs if needed. The MMR vaccine is highly effective at protecting against measles.*

*If you are unsure if your child is up to date with all their routine vaccinations, you can check their Red Book (personal child health record) in the first instance. If you are still not sure, or if you need to bring your child up to date with their vaccines, you should contact their GP practice to check and book an appointment.*

*If you are concerned that your child has measles, please call your GP in the first instance, to reduce the risk of passing the disease to others in the waiting room. More information on measles can be found [here](#) and information on the MMR vaccine can be found [here](#).*



The Nursery children need your help!

We need tyres digging into the bank and garden areas to make planting beds, sand pits, gravel pits and mud pits.

If you are able to help, could you please contact Mrs Lockley.

Thank you!!!





# NSPCC

## Online gaming and keeping children safe

**Do you know your whispers from your skins? Your Fortnite from your EA Sports FC 24?**

As part of the NSPCC Game Safe Festival, we're encouraging parents, carers and those working with children and families to have conversations about online gaming.

**GamCare will be sharing expert advice, and you'll hear directly from young people.**

**Our webinar will help you:**

- understand how young people game online.
- learn about tools and resources that support safe play.
- gain the knowledge you need to keep children safe.



**GAME SAFE  
FESTIVAL**

**7 February 2024, 7pm-8pm, via Zoom. Book your place via this link:**  
[nspcc.org.uk/gamesafe/tickets](https://nspcc.org.uk/gamesafe/tickets)

**EVERY CHILDHOOD IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR**

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