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Headteacher: Mr K Medway

A Message from the Headteacher

As we cross the finish line of another incredible academic year, I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude to our entire school community. Looking through this final newsletter, I am filled with immense pride at what a vibrant, hardworking, and joyful place Broadmeadow continues to be. From our Nursery phonics superstars and Reception pupils tracking frog life cycles, to the culinary talents in Year 3, the brilliant ukulele recitals in Year 4, and the resilience shown during the recent heatwaves, the highlights of this term truly showcase the dedication of our children and staff.

This time of year naturally brings mixed emotions as we say goodbye to some truly special members of our Broadmeadow family.

I would like to extend a huge, heartfelt thank you to Mrs Norman and Mrs Ball, who are retiring at the end of this term. Together, they have given a combined 44 years of dedicated service to Broadmeadow. Their impact on generations of children is immeasurable, and while they will be deeply missed, we wish them both a wonderfully long, happy, and well-deserved retirement.

To our wonderful Year 6 pupils, thank you for being such fantastic role models. From your recent adventures at the Cosford RAF Museum and Airhop to a beautiful graduation ceremony, you have finished your primary journey in style. We are incredibly proud of you all and wish you the absolute best of luck as you take the leap into your new secondary schools this September.

Please be aware that extensive site improvements will be taking place over the summer holidays, with new gates and fencing being constructed to further enhance the security of our school.

Because these updates will alter our usual access routines, **parents and carers should keep a close eye out for a vital school communication towards the end of the summer holiday.** This update will outline exactly how drop-offs and pick-ups will work when we return in September.

Finally, for those who wish to purchase uniform with the new logo, it is available from Kids Essentials in Northfield. Uniform with the old logos are still acceptable within school as are unbranded supermarket jumpers and cardigans in bottle green.

Thank you once again for your unwavering partnership and support throughout the year. I hope you all have a safe, relaxing, and fun-filled summer break with your families.

Mr K Medway
Headteacher

Phase 1 - Nursery

As we reach the end of our final term, we want to say a massive **thank you** to all of our amazing parents and carers. Your unwavering support, encouragement, and partnership have made this year incredibly special. It has been an absolute privilege to watch your little ones grow, learn, and blossom into such confident individuals.

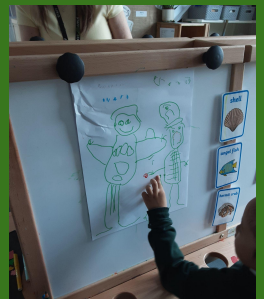
We have been incredibly busy concluding our learning and making sure we are 100% "Reception Ready!" Our children have become absolute phonics superstars—they have officially finalised their learning for the year and can now confidently identify initial sounds in words and love spotting when two words rhyme.

For many of our children, it is time to take the big leap into Reception—either here or at new schools. While we are sad to say goodbye, we are so proud of the independent learners they have become. We wish you all the luck in the world as you start your new adventures in September. You are going to shine!

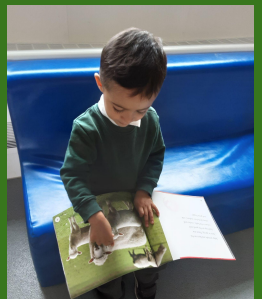
We hope you all have a fantastic, safe, and fun-filled summer holiday! Thank you for a truly unforgettable year.









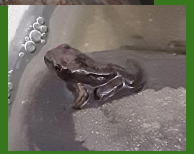


Phase 1 - Reception

As we come to the end of a fantastic year in Reception, we have been reflecting on just how much we have all grown and changed. Our final topic has been all about changes, and the children have loved exploring this in lots of different ways. We have been learning about how plants grow from tiny seeds into beautiful flowers and vegetables, discovering the fascinating life cycle of a frog, and talking about how humans change from babies into adults. The children have enjoyed comparing the different stages of growth and thinking about the changes that happen over time.

This has also been the perfect opportunity to reflect on our own Reception journey. Looking back and remembering our first days in school has helped us realise just how much we have grown–not just physically, but in our confidence, independence, friendships and learning. We are incredibly proud of everything the children have achieved this year. They have worked so hard, embraced every challenge with enthusiasm and made wonderful memories along the way.

It has been a truly fantastic year, and it has been a privilege to watch each and every child flourish. We would like to thank all of our families for your continued support throughout the year. We wish you all a wonderful, restful summer and look forward to hearing about the children's exciting adventures as they begin the next chapter in Year 1!







Phase 1 - Year 1

What a truly fantastic year it has been in Year 1! We are incredibly proud of the children and the amazing progress they have made across all areas. Their growth in reading, writing and maths has been wonderful to watch and they should all be very proud of their hard work. A special congratulations goes out for their fantastic Phonics Screening results–the children absolutely blew us away and have proven they are more than ready to take on the exciting challenges of Year 2!

Our final term was made extra special by our Cadbury World topic. The absolute highlight was our school trip, where we loved tasting delicious chocolate and learning all about the fascinating history of Cadbury. The children represented our school beautifully; their behavior was absolutely impeccable and the Year 1 staff were so impressed by their manners and enthusiasm. Thank you all for your wonderful support throughout the year. We wish you a fantastic, restful summer break!















Phase 2 - Year 2

This half term, Year 2 has thoroughly enjoyed diving into our exciting "World Explorers" topic, where we have been learning all about what life is like for communities in Mumbai. The children have engaged in some fantastic hands-on learning, which included tasting a variety of delicious breads from around the world and even making their very own chapatis! Alongside their culinary adventures, our young artists have been exploring colour mixing to design and create their own vibrant, beautiful rangoli patterns. It has been a wonderful half term full of creativity, exploration, and discovery!





Phase 2 - Year 3

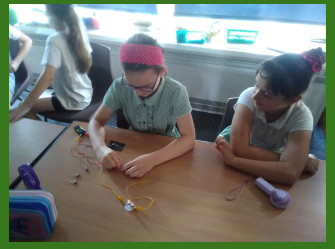
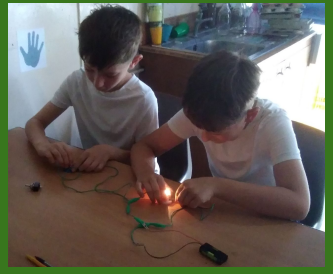
Year 3 baked cakes in Design & Technology. Unsurprisingly, our favourite part of the process was testing them to evaluate our efforts! In Science, we're learning about plants and pollination. In English, we're writing a non-chronological report about Blackwell Village, using everything we discovered during our fieldwork.



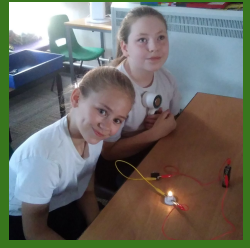
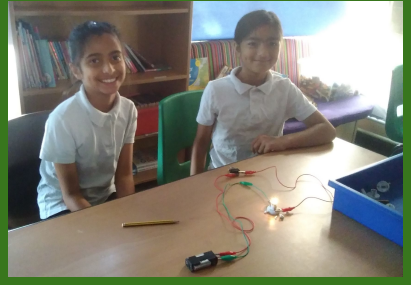



Phase 2 - Year 4

This final half term has been a wonderful end to Year 4. In science, the children have been learning about electricity and have enjoyed investigating circuits, which linked brilliantly to our DT project where they designed and made their own working torches. In art, the children developed their watercolour skills, exploring different brush techniques, tints, tones and shades before creating their own waterfall-inspired artwork. We were also incredibly proud to see a year of weekly ukulele lessons culminate in a fantastic recital for parents. The children showed great courage performing in front of an audience, especially as many were feeling nervous. Finally, we are so proud of every single child for their excellent MTC scores. They have worked so hard all year and should feel very proud of everything they have achieved. Thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support throughout the year. We hope you all have a lovely, restful summer holiday



Phase 3 - Year 5

This final half term has been a wonderful end to Year 5. In art, the children have thoroughly enjoyed exploring the work of Julian Opie, learning about his distinctive style and creating their own bold, simplified portraits inspired by his artwork. It has been fantastic to see their creativity and confidence develop throughout the project.

The children have also loved taking part in our World Cup activities, showing great teamwork, enthusiasm and sportsmanship while celebrating the excitement of the tournament. Despite the very hot weather, they have coped brilliantly during the recent heat wave, staying positive, looking after one another and making the most of every opportunity to learn and have fun.

We are incredibly proud of everything the children have achieved this year. They have worked hard, shown resilience and embraced every challenge with enthusiasm. Thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support throughout the year. We hope you all have a wonderful, restful summer holiday.







Phase 3 - Year 6

Starting with a fascinating visit to the Cosford RAF Museum, our amazing Year 6 pupils have had an absolutely incredible final half term wrapping up their primary school journey! The excitement only continued with high-flying fun at Airhop for their well-deserved leavers trip, giving everyone a chance to celebrate all their hard work together. Our sports stars also did us incredibly proud this half term, showcasing fantastic teamwork to secure both 2nd and 6th place in a thrilling netball competition, while a huge congratulations goes out to Ash for a spectacular performance to win our Year 6 Sports Day! As we neared the end of term, we came together for a wonderful graduation, an amazing leavers' assembly, and a fantastic party organised by our parents to celebrate each other and all of their incredible, individual achievements. We are so immensely proud of everything this year group has accomplished, and we wish them the absolute best of luck as they leap into their next big adventure in secondary school.









Summer Fair

The Summer Fair was a roaring success this year and it was truly wonderful to see so many members of the school community coming together to enjoy the sunshine, the stalls and the inflatables.

Thank you to everyone who came, who provided prizes and who helped to make it such a wonderful event.







iRock Band Assembly and Autumn Term Enrolment

We are delighted to announce that iRock will be returning to Broadmeadow to kick off the new school year with a fantastic, live musical experience for our pupils!

Save the Date: iRock Assembly

- **When:** Thursday 3 September at 10.00am
- **Who is taking part?** All children from Reception through to Year 6 will be attending the assembly. We are also looking forward to welcoming our Nursery children so they can see the instruments in action before they begin their own iRock journey later in the school year.

About iRock Band Lessons

iRock runs weekly, 30-minute rock and pop band lessons right here during the school day. Led by professional Band Coaches, children work together in their own bands, choosing from vocals, guitar, drums or keyboards.

Please note that sign-ups for the autumn term are initially open to children from Reception to Year 3. Should there be remaining spaces and sufficient interest, we may look at opening bands up to children in Years 4, 5 or 6 later in the term.

No previous musical experience is required and all instruments are provided. It is a fantastic way to build team-working skills, musical ability and personal confidence. Sessions contribute towards exam-free music qualifications offered by RSL Awards (an Ofqual-regulated global awarding body), and parents can track progress and photos through the iRock online portal. Early awareness is particularly helpful for our new Reception pupils, giving them the chance to start their musical journey from the very beginning of the term.

How to Enrol

Subscriptions run on a hassle-free, rolling monthly basis which can be cancelled at any time, and iRock offers a first-lesson money-back guarantee. A digital 'Concert Leaflet for Families' PDF is attached to this newsletter with full details.

To check pricing for our school and secure a spot for September, you can sign up directly online or contact the team:

- **Website:** www.irockschool.com/enrol
- **Phone:** 0330 174 2655
- **Email:** info@irockschool.com



Year 4 Music: Ukulele Lessons

All children in Year 4 will be receiving a block of ukulele lessons, delivered by specialist teachers from Birmingham Music Service.

This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to develop their rhythm, coordination and musical notation skills through a fun, hands-on instrument. All instruments will be provided by the service during the sessions, and we look forward to hearing their musical progress as the term goes on.

Year 5 and Year 6 Music Electives: Guitar

For our older students looking to continue their musical journey, our music electives for Year 5 and Year 6 will be changing next term.

These sessions, delivered by the specialist teachers from Birmingham Music Service, will now focus on the **guitar** (which replaces the ukulele lessons offered previously). If your child is interested in taking up this fantastic instrument as part of their music electives next term, please contact the school office as soon as possible to register your interest and find out more.



IMPORTANT: Big Changes to Free School Meals (September 2026)

Is Your Child Now Eligible?

From September 2026, the national rules for Free School Meals (FSM) are changing significantly. More than half a million additional children across England will now qualify for a free, nutritious school meal every day.

What is Changing?

- **The £7,400 Income Cap has Been Removed:** Previously, families on Universal Credit only qualified if their household income was under £7,400 a year.
- **New Universal Rule:** If your household receives Universal Credit, your child is now automatically entitled to free school meals, regardless of how much you earn.
- **Household Savings:** Registering under the new rules could save your family up to £495 per year per child.

Why You Should Register (Even if Your Child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2)

Even if your child is younger and already receives a meal under the Infant Universal scheme, it is absolutely essential that you still register under these new rules.

Every eligible registration provides Broadmeadow Schools with vital **Pupil Premium funding**. This extra money goes directly towards funding additional staff, support and learning resources that benefit all our pupils.

The application process is completely confidential, it is incredibly easy to complete and children receive their meals in the exact same discreet way as everyone else.

Check and Apply

We encourage all families who receive Universal Credit to check their eligibility immediately. You can check your status and apply online in just a few minutes by visiting the secure portal here:

apply.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/brdmedoi

Action Required: Securing Extra Funding to Support Your Child

We are reaching out to ensure our school is claiming all available government funding to support our children's learning, development and classroom resources. It only takes a few minutes

Our internal systems indicate that a number of families across Broadmeadow are fully eligible for extra support grants—but the required information and online submissions have not yet been completed. If your child fits into either of the two categories below, please take two minutes to fill out our secure form today so we can claim this vital funding to use directly for your child's education.

1. The Disability Access Fund (DAF) – Early Years

- **What it is:** A one-off annual payment of £938 given directly to our setting to purchase specialist equipment, resources or to fund specific staff training tailored to your child's needs.
- **Who qualifies:** Any child accessing early years funded childcare hours who is currently in receipt of Disability Living Allowance (DLA).

2. Previously Looked-After Status – All Year Groups (Nursery to Secondary)

- **What it is:** Extra school funding (worth up to £2,630 per year per child) that goes directly into school budgets to pay for targeted learning interventions, extra classroom staff and emotional/wellbeing support.
- **Who qualifies:** Any child in any year group who was previously in local authority care (for at least one day) and left care under a legal order—such as an Adoption Order, a Special Guardianship Order or a Child Arrangements Order.

What You Need to Do

Please use our quick, secure Google Form to confirm your details and upload a photo or scan of your supporting evidence (your DLA award letter or relevant legal order) for our required school files:

👉 [Click Here to Complete the Access & Inclusion Funding Form]



Premier Education Summer Holiday Clubs

We have attached the red and green flyers from Premier Education regarding their upcoming Summer Holiday Clubs at St Alban's Catholic Primary School. Please see below for two important updates not included on the flyers:

Free HAF Places Booking Code: If you are booking a free place through the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme (red flyer), you will be asked for a HAF code at the checkout. Please use our school's **DfE number** as your code to secure your free place.

Golden Tickets: Some children have been sent home with a physical 'Golden Ticket' this week. This is part of a national £1 million free place giveaway. If your child received one, you can claim a free standard holiday club place by visiting www.premier-education.com/1-million-summer to validate your unique code. Places are limited and filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Infants DfE No. 3302223
Juniors DfE No. 3302236







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PACT- Brandwood Ward neighbourhood Tasking meeting

Dear residents of the Brandwood Ward,

We welcome the community to join us at the next Brandwood Ward Neighbourhood Tasking meeting held in your area.

This meeting is an opportunity for local residents to tell us about their concerns, which may relate to anti-social behaviour, inconsiderate parking, fly tipping, graffiti or any other type of concern that the Police, or partner agencies may be able to help you with.

The next Brandwood Ward Neighbourhood Tasking meeting will be **on Wednesday 22nd July 2026 at 7.00pm.**

The location is :Brandwood Centre, 157 Allens Croft Road, Kings Heath, B14 6RP.

Regards

PCSO 30494 Mahmood

Brandwood Ward Police team

As our Year 5 students prepare for their final year at Broadmeadow, it is already time to start looking ahead to secondary school options. Christ Church Church of England Secondary Academy has announced its open events for the upcoming autumn term. See below.

We highly recommend visiting potential schools to help you and your child make informed decisions. For more details, you can scan the QR code on the attached flyer, visit **www.christchurchsecondary.org.uk** or call them directly on **0121 393 3678**.



Year 6 Parents: Secondary School Applications (September 2027 Entry)

If your child is currently in Year 6 (born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016), you should have recently received an important transition letter from Birmingham City Council regarding the secondary school admissions process.

Key details and reminders from the local authority include:

Application Window: The online portal opens on **1 September 2026** and closes firmly on **31 October 2026**. Late applications will significantly reduce your chances of securing a place at a preferred school.

Where to Apply: If you pay your council tax to Birmingham City Council, you must apply online at **www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions**. If you live outside Birmingham, you must apply through your own local council's website, even if you are listing Birmingham schools.

Maximise Your Choices: The admissions service strongly advises using all six preferences on your application form to give your child the best opportunity of securing a local school.

Changes and Resubmissions: You can amend your online application as many times as you like before 31 October 2026. However, if you make any changes, you **must** click "Submit" again, otherwise your new choices will not be recorded.

Address Verification: Your application will be processed using the home address currently held on our school database. If your address differs, you must provide proof (such as your 2026/2027 council tax bill) to the council by the October deadline.

*Please note: This process also applies to children whose chronological age is Year 5 but who are currently being taught out of their normal year group. National Offer Day will be on **1 March 2027**.*

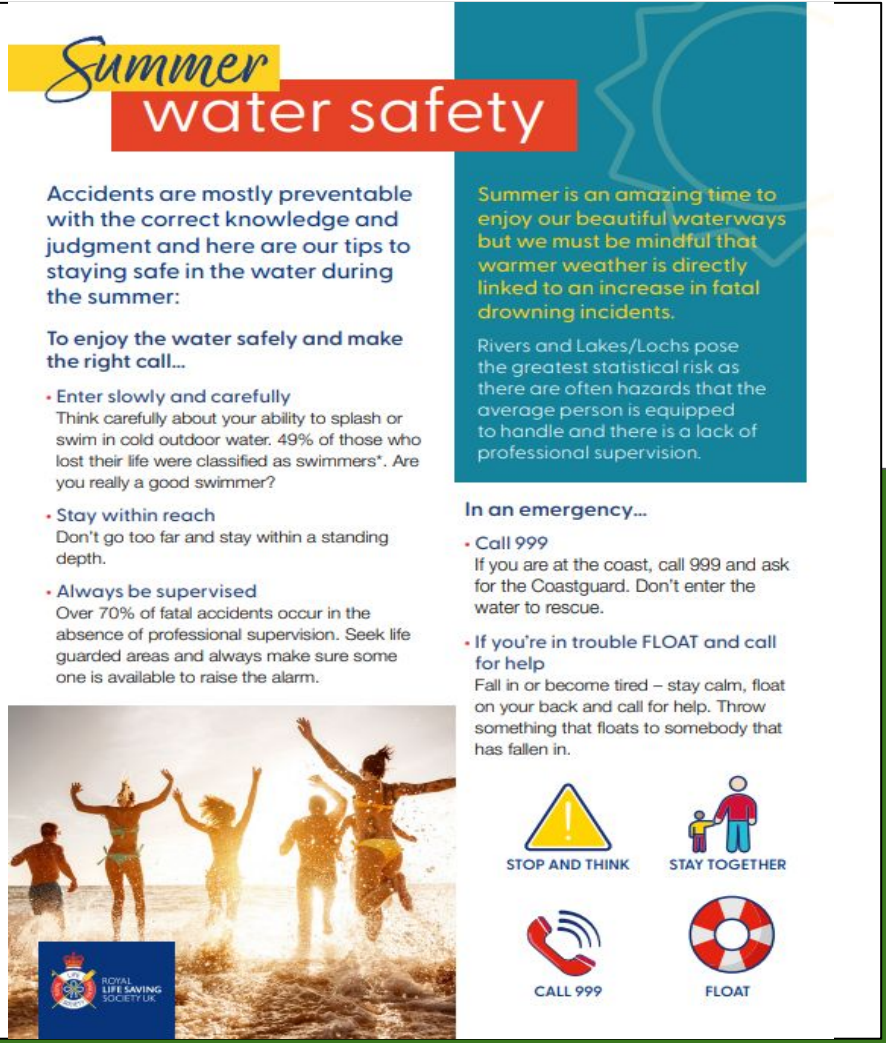
Key Dates for next term

Children back to school - Thursday 3rd September 2026
EYFS Home Visits - 3rd-9th September 2026
6D start swimming block - 7th September 2026
Reception Staggered Intakes 10th-11th September 2026
Reception - Normal Hours - 14th September 2026
Year 5 - Deposit for Year 6 Residential deadline - 18th Sept
No 6D Swimming Session - 28th September 2026
Final Swimming Session 6D - 19th October 2026
Term Ends - Thursday 22nd October 2026
Teacher Training Day - Friday 23rd October 2026

With so much happening at school, we want to make it as easy as possible for you to stay in the loop. You can find our live, up-to-date calendar here:

👉 **Broadmeadow School Calendar**

The Best Way to Stay Organised: Did you know you can **subscribe** to this calendar? By clicking the "Subscribe" or "Export" button on the page, you can link our school dates directly to your phone (iPhone, Android, or Outlook).



Term Dates

IF YOU ARE THINKING OF BOOKING A HOLIDAY, PLEASE SEE THE TERM DATES AS
HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME CANNOT BE AUTHORISED.

Training Days 2026-2027
Children not in school.

Tuesday 1st September 2026
Wednesday 2nd September 2026
Friday 23rd October 2026
Monday 4th January 2027
Friday 12th February 2027
Thursday 6th May 2027

For full dates, please see the school calendar on our website.

Autumn Term 2026

Term starts for children: Thursday 3rd September 2026
Half-term: Friday 23rd October 2026 to Friday 30th October 2026
Term ends: Friday 18 December 2026

Spring Term 2027

Term starts for children: Tuesday 5th January 2027
Half-term: Friday 12th February 2027 to Friday 19 February 2027
Term ends: Thursday 25 March 2027

Summer Term 2027

Term starts: Monday 12 April 2027
Training Day and polling: Thursday 6th May 2027 (Children Not in)
Year 6 SATs in 2027 are scheduled to take place from Monday 10 May and Thursday 13 May 2027
Half-term: Monday 31 May 2027 to Friday 4 June 2027
Term ends: Wednesday 21 July 2027
2027-28 Term starts: Monday 6th September 2027
(Training days 2nd and 3rd)