The Brackenbury BUZZ

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Friday 11th September: What a wonderful start we have had to the new school year! It has been an absolute pleasure to welcome our children and families back after the summer break. The children have returned looking incredibly smart in their uniforms and, even more importantly, they have come into school looking happy, calm and excited to be back. Walking around the school this week, it has been lovely to see classrooms full of smiling faces and children already settling so positively into their new classes and routines. It has also been wonderful to welcome back so many familiar families, alongside all of the new children and families who are joining our school community for the first time – we hope you very quickly feel at home and part of our school family. I am really looking forward to everything the year ahead will bring and to another brilliant year of learning, growing, achieving and celebrating together.

Y6 Prefects (2026/27)

Congratulations to our twenty-eight Y6 prefects for this academic year who wrote some fantastic letters of application. The children have received their job descriptions and our supporting the everyday running of the school, including delivering messages and keeping the library tidy. All our Y6 prefects wear their badge with pride and are always willing to help and support others. We know they will be a great asset to Brackenbury.

Class 5/6 M	Class 5/6 KM	Class 5/6 Z
AmeliaD	Amari	Aaliyah
HanaL	Dima	AmeliaG
Karim	Ella	Chase
Marnie	HanaE	Daniel
Maya	Lena	Esha
Mazen	Lydia	Luca
Yusra	MiaB	Maisy
	Mohammed	MiaV
	Nuseba	Ryleigh
	Simon	Shadia
	Zach	

Staffing: Welcome to all of our new staff who have joined Brackenbury. We are thrilled to have you all here and I know that all our families will welcome them into our school community.

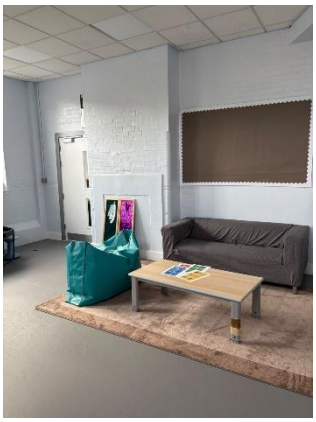
Ms Dominguez Orchard 2

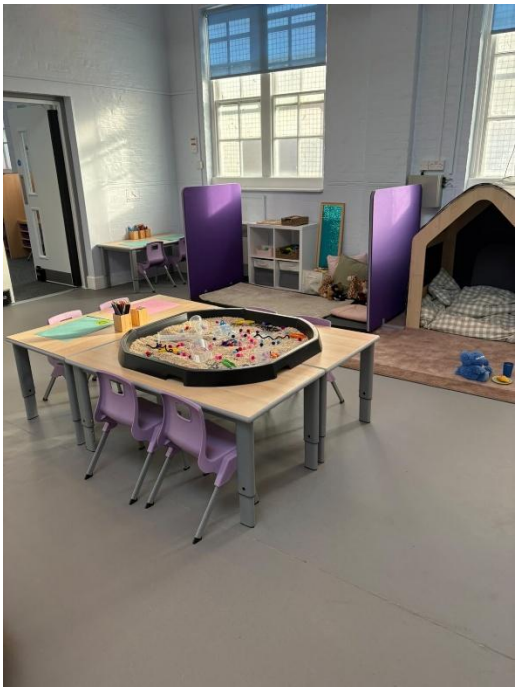
Ms North Orchard 1

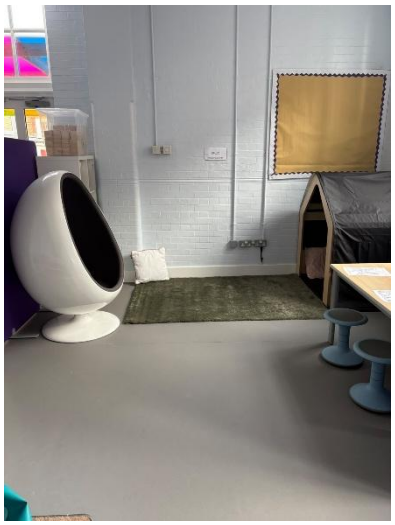
Ms Zalar 5/6Z

Welcome also to Mr Just, Ms Gregory, Ms Butt, Ms Opeodu, Ms Rheinberger, and Ms Owusu to our support staff and admin tea.

The Orchard: Welcome to our 16 new children in the Orchard. We have two classes in the Orchard led by Ms North and Ms Dominguez. I wanted to extend a warm welcome to our new families and children. The Orchard looks incredibel and the team have been busy getting ready and welcoming our children in last week. Have a look at a few photos of our new classrooms! They are incredbie!







Uniform expectations At Brackenbury, we believe the correct uniform and PE kit is important to promote equality, school pride, and a positive learning environment. **Please can I ask all parents of parents from Reception to Year 5 to ensure that they are aware of the up-to-date changes to the school uniform and expectations. Please read before you shop for uniform in the summer!**

https://www.brackenbury.lbhf.sch.uk/School-Uniform/

Brackenbury School Uniform

Years R - 6

Core Uniform

- Red school sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo
- White polo shirt
- Black or dark grey tailored school trousers, tailored shorts, pinafores or skirts (no jeans or tracksuit bottoms)
- Red/white gingham summer dresses or playsuits (optional in the summer term)
- Black, dark grey, red or white socks or tights
- Black shoes or completely black trainers (no other colours on trainers)

PE Kit

- Red T-shirt (plain)
- Black shorts appropriate for sport (no cycling shorts or tight-fitting fashion shorts)
- Plain black leggings or black tracksuit trousers (for colder weather, no logos or branding)
- Completely black trainers suitable for physical activity

Clarifications and Expectations

- Skirts, pinafores and dresses should be of an appropriate length (approximately knee-length) and allow for comfortable movement and active play
- Shorts must be tailored school shorts; sportswear (including cycling shorts, jersey shorts or tight-fitting fashion shorts) is not permitted
- Trousers and shorts must be formal schoolwear (no jeans, leggings or tracksuit bottoms)
- Footwear must be practical, safe and suitable for school activities (no open-toed sandals or high heels)

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Appearance and Personal Presentation

- Make-up, including nail varnish, is not permitted
- Hair should be neat and suitable for school; long hair must be tied back
- Headscarves (if worn) should be black, white or red without patterns or embellishments.
- Jewellery should be minimal (e.g. small stud earrings only; no hoops or necklaces unless for religious reasons)

Follow the QR Code to the unform section of school website.
Our website includes links to the MyClothing website where branded uniform can be purchased

Dates for your diary: The term dates for 2026/27 are listed below, which I hope is supportive of your planning and organisation: The 2026/27 term dates are also listed below to support planning.

Autumn 1 DATES: We have so many engaging, enriching and empowering events to look forward to, do mark them in your calendars:		
Wednesday 16th September	**9.20am-9.40am**	Meet the Staff Nursery- Y6
Tuesday 22nd September	**3.30-4.00pm**	Y1 & Y2 Parent Information Workshop in the lower hall. All parents to attend.
Thursday 24th September	**3.30-4.00pm**	Y5 & Y6 Parent Information Workshop in the lower hall. All parents to attend.
Monday 5th October	**-**	Individual & Sibling photos
Tuesday 6th October	**3.30-4.00pm**	EYFS (Nu & R) Parent Information Workshop in the lower hall. All parents to attend.
Thursday 8th October	**3.30-4.00pm**	Y3 & Y4 Parent Information Workshop in the lower hall. All parents to attend.
Friday 9th October	**9.15am**	5/6KM Class assembly
Friday 16th October	**9.15am**	3/4M Class assembly
Monday 19th October- Wednesday 21st October	**-**	Year 6 PGL Residential
Friday 23rd October	**3.30pm**	**Half term. School finishes at 3.30pm**

Term Dates 2026/2027

AUTUMN TERM 2026
INSET 1 Tuesday 1st September 2026
INSET 2 Wednesday 2nd September 2026
Autumn 1: Thursday 3rd September 2026 – Friday 23rd October 2026
Half term: Monday 26th October 2026 – Monday 2nd November 2026
INSET 3 Monday 2nd November 2026
Autumn 2: Tuesday 3rd November 2026 – Thursday 17th December 2026

HOLIDAY: Friday 18th December 2026 – Monday 4th January 2027

SPRING TERM 2027
INSET 4 Monday 4th January 2027
Spring 1: Tuesday 5th January 2027 – Friday 12th February 2027
Half term: Monday 15th February 2027 – Friday 19th February 2027
Spring 2: Monday 22nd February 2027 – Thursday 25th March 2027

HOLIDAY: Friday 26th March 2027- Friday 9th April 2027

SUMMER TERM 2027
INSET 5 Monday 12th April 2027
Summer 1: Tuesday 13th April 2027 – Friday 28th May 2027
Bank Holiday: Monday 3rd May 2027
Half term: Monday 31st May 2027 – Friday 4th June 2027
Summer 2: Monday 7th June 2027 – Thursday 22nd July 2027

In the event of local or national elections, Brackenbury and Kenmont Primary Schools may be used as polling stations and further information provided.