The Brackenbury BUZZ

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Friday 2nd October: How are we in October already! Another fabulous week! Have a lovely weekend! October marks Black History Month, and we are delighted to share how we'll be celebrating this across our school community.

Individual and Sibling photos: Monday 5th Ocotber, all children in full school uniform.

Black History Month : We will be exploring different themes across our year groups:

· EYFS and Year 1 - Heroes Around Me (At Home, At School)

· Year 2 - Afro-Caribbean Celebrations in London and West London

· Year 3/4 - UK Black Heroes

· Year 5/6- Black Personalities in Culture and Sports

We would also like to emphasise that while Black History Month provides a special opportunity to celebrate and explore Black history, achievements and voices, this learning extends far beyond October. It is an important part of our diverse and inclusive curriculum throughout the year, helping every child to see themselves and others represented and valued.

We hope the month inspires curiosity, pride and meaningful conversations at school and at home, while encouraging our children to recognise the many people, stories and experiences that shape the world around them and the positive difference they too can make.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to a wonderful month of learning, reflection and celebration.

New Books! Thank you to the parents and children who completed the sponsored reads over the last school year. Ms Long received 2 fabulous boxes of new books for the library just before the summer holiday. Here is a sample of them!

Congratulations to our Star of the Week children! Children who follow school rules consistently and show good behaviour for learning are selected for a special treat as 'Star of the Week'. This will be announced weekly on Fridays in class and the special treat with Ms Ross in the afternoon. It was a wonderful treat! Well done children!

Friday 18th September							
1L	**2Y**	**3/4N**	**3/4J**	**3/4M**	**5/6KM**	**5/6M**	**5/6Z**
Jannah	Teoman	Elijah	Maryam	Aleemah	Dima	Amelia D	Ryleigh
Friday 25th September							
1L	**2Y**	**3/4N**	**3/4J**	**3/4M**	**5/6KM**	**5/6M**	**5/6Z**
Anna	Nori	Inez	Fatima	Zulaikha	Ebby	Anaya	Daniel
Friday 2nd October							
1L	**2Y**	**3/4N**	**3/4J**	**3/4M**	**5/6KM**	**5/6M**	**5/6Z**
Kazai	-	Copter	Louie	Francesca	Hana El J	Corey	Kyla-Rose

TTRS Times Tables Rockstars Update. Well done to all the children who have been completing their TTRS homework. Exciting new TTRS Update! Every Friday in assembly, the top four children in each year group who have spent the most time on TTR and learning their times tables will be announced in Friday assembly and they will have 15 minutes extra playtime on the following Monday. Congratulations children!

Friday 2nd October				
Year 2	**Year 3**	**Year 4**	**Year 5**	***Year 6***
Amira	Cianna	Aleemah	Artem	Leila
Shyheim	Tire	Chirah	Malik	Luca
Ayah	Robin	Seriyah	Maha	Luciano
Clover	Louisa	Osman	Jessica	Thomas

Reading Record Raffle: This morning, we had our reading record raffle for KS2 pupils who have brought in their reading records every day this week. We were thrilled to see so many names in the tins**! Keep on reading and being inspired by the magic of storytelling**! Congratulations to all our winners!

GOLD CERTIFICATES		
CLASS	**CHILDREN**	**ACHIEVEMENT**
1L	**Erik**	*Great use of phonics when writing sentences and for showing initiative by getting a sound card to help you! Keep it up!*
	Evie	*A great effort using her phonics when writing labels to describe characters. Well done, keep it up!*

2Y	**Aqilla**	*A fantastic start at Brackenbury! Aqilla is always engaged, eager to contribute to lessons and respectful. Well done, Aqilla!*
	Mia	*An excellent piece of writing including expanded noun phrases and adverbs to describe characters. Well done, Mia!*
3J	**Elijah**	*Excelling in your learning, particularly in maths and challenging yourself to use flexible partitioning to work confidently with 3-dgit numbers. Fantastic work!*
	Odin	*Being a valued member of 3J. Odin has been an ambitious and kind member of Brackenbury. He will be missed by everyone and we wish him the best of luck in his new school!*
3C	**Diora**	*Always putting 100% into her learning. I have been very impressed with Diora's contributions on the carpet.*
	Ben	*A fantastic effort in maths. Ben can order and compare numbers to 1000 and is explaining his answers.*
4N	**Kaia**	*Her engagement with class discussions and her empowered approach to retrieving information form the text during comprehension.*
	Adam	*Excelling at using an independent selection of adjectives and nouns describing the setting within his informal letter.*
4M	**Nylah**	*Having a positive attitude towards learning. Well done for persevering with maths and achieving your best!*
	Younis	*Always having high expectations for himself as a learner and taking on challenges in Maths!*
5KM	**Kiarna**	*Demonstrating excellent learning behaviour in all lessons and showing a high level of empowerment, well done!*
	Davide	*Showing excellent use of our success criteria for rounding numbers in maths and confidently applying his knowledge to a 'challenge' task! Well done!*
5Z	**Caedon**	*Always showing Brackenbury's learning powers and excellent engagement and focus.*
	Kion	*Beautiful imagery and detail in his writing: he writes with a clear and engaging style.*
6M	**Karim**	*Excellent engagement in lessons. Thank you for making such thoughtful contributions, sharing your ideas confidently and listening to others! Keep it up!*
	Hana	*Using her learning in her SWYK to write a creative, captivating and coherent informal letter. Well done!*
6F	**Dima**	*Excellent independence – you've taken responsibility for your learning – that's empower. Well done. A great start to Y6.*
	Zach	*Showing great curiosity in maths linked to a new method – 'box it' (subtractions). Well done – that's enrich! Amazing contributions to the learning.*

RC	1L	2Y	3/4J	3/4N	3/4M	5/6M	5/6KM	5/6Z	Total

97.6%	99.2%	95.8%	99.2%	96.3%	97.0%	98.2%	94.8%	99%	97.3%

GREEN (98%-100%) - Excellent Attendance
BLUE (95%-97.9%) - Good Attendance
AMBER (90%-94.9%) - Attendance levels being monitored
RED (below 90%) - Unacceptable attendance level that is likely to seriously impact on children's ability to make good progress.

Best attendance 24th – 30th Sept: 1L and 3/4J

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1	1	4	5	10	7	4	5	6

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:		
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
Friday 16th October	**3.30-5.30pm**	PSA Harvest Fair
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.