



Mrs Sellar's Brownlow Bulletin 9.01.26



Dear Families,

Happy New Year and welcome back to what promises to be an exciting and positive term. I hope you all enjoyed a restful break and had time to celebrate with family and friends. As we begin a new year together, I would like to thank you for your continued support and commitment to our school community.

We start the year with good news and some exciting developments to share. Firstly, I would like to congratulate Mr Needham on his recent promotion to Trust Estates Director. While his role has changed, I am pleased to reassure everyone that we will still be seeing Mr Needham regularly around school, continuing to support Brownlow as part of his wider Trust responsibilities.

Our school is opening The Willows this term, our new Specialist Resource Base. This is an incredibly exciting development for Brownlow and reflects our ongoing commitment to inclusion and meeting the needs of all our pupils. We are proud to be able to offer this provision and look forward to seeing it flourish.

I am very pleased to extend a warm welcome to Mrs Emily Bryan, who joins us as the Leader of The Willows. Mrs Bryan brings valuable expertise and passion to this role, and we are thrilled to have her leading this important provision. We are delighted to also welcome new support staff who have joined the Brownlow team this term.

As always, the start of a new year brings fresh opportunities for learning, growth and success. We are excited about what lies ahead and look forward to working in partnership with you to ensure the very best outcomes for our children. Our focus this year remains on developing our children's Writing and Oracy skills.

Thank you for being part of the Brownlow community. I wish you all a happy, healthy and successful New Year.



KANPLA/Impact Foods

Thank you for registering your children on the new KANPLA App. Please make sure that all dinners are ordered on the App by 11.00pm the night before. If you are able, you can order in advance up to February half-term.

Census Day – 15th January

I would like to take a moment to highlight the importance of Census Day and, in particular, the role that school dinners play on this day.

Census Day is a key date in the school calendar when information is collected about our pupils, including how many children are having a school meal. This information is used by the government to help determine school funding. Quite simply, the number of children taking a school dinner on Census Day can have a direct impact on the level of funding our school receives.

For this reason, we strongly encourage all children, where possible, to enjoy a school dinner on Census Day, even if they usually bring a packed lunch. Our kitchen team works hard to provide nutritious, balanced and appealing meals, and Census Day menus are always designed with pupils in mind.

For families who are eligible for Free School Meals, it is especially important that children take up this entitlement, as this also brings additional funding to support learning and wellbeing across the school.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding. By choosing a school dinner on Census Day, you are helping to support the wider school community and the opportunities we can provide for all our pupils.

If you have any questions about Census Day or school meals, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Snow Closure

If we are closed due to snow, we will let you know via Dojo and MCAS by 7.30am.



2025-2026 AUTUMN DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please find below dates for this term. The information will be updated and added to the bulletin and placed on Dojo. **New dates will continue to be added in green.**

| Date | Event |
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| 7 th January | Children return to school |
| 12 th January | YR & Y6 Heights and Weights |
| 14 th January | Young Voices |
| 15 th January | CENSUS day School Dentist Visit |
| 9 th February | EYFS Dress Up Day – Traditional Tales |
| 16 th – 20 th February | HALF TERM – School Closed |
| 23 rd & 25 th February | Parents Meetings 3.30-6.30pm |
| 24 th & 25 th February | Y3/4 Saxon & Vikings Experience Day |
| 5 th March | World Book Day |
| 20 th March | Red Nose Day FOB Disco |
| 30 th March – 10 th April | EASTER – School Closed |
| 13 th April | Children return to school |
| 20 th & 27 th April | EYFS Balance Bikes |
| 1 st May | Colour Dash |
| 4 th May | BANK HOLIDAY – School Closed |
| 5 th May | EYFS Balance Bikes |
| 11 th - 14 th May | KS2 SATs |
| 25 th -29 th | HALF TERM – School Closed |
| 1 st – 5 th June | Y4 Multiplication Check |
| 12 th June | FOB Disco |
| 22 nd – 26 th June | Y6 Residential |
| 29 th – 30 th June | Transition Days for Y6 pupils to JFC & Longfield |
| 3 rd July | End of Year Reports to Parents EYFS-Y5 |
| 8 th July | End of Year Reports for Y6 |
| 9 th July | Last day of the Summer Term |
| 10 th July | INSET – School Closed |
| 13 th July – 21 st August | SUMMER HOLIDAY – School Closed |
| 24 th & 25 th | INSET – School Closed |
| 26 th August | Children return to school |