



Mrs Sellar's Brownlow Bulletin 28.8.26



Dear families,

We have been absolutely delighted with how wonderfully the children have settled back into school. It has been so lovely to welcome everyone back and see the children arrive each morning with such enthusiasm and excitement.

We have also been delighted to welcome our new children and new members of staff to Brownlow Primary School. We are incredibly proud of how confidently the children have returned to their routines and of the independence skills they are demonstrating each day — skills that many of them began developing during Reception and are now continuing to build upon. A particular mention must go to our Year 1 children, who have made the exciting move into the main school building for the very first time. They have shown such confidence, maturity and independence, and we are incredibly proud of them.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to all of our parents and carers for supporting our new morning routine, with children being dropped off at the main red doors. This small change has made such a positive difference, helping us to keep our corridors clear for the children and allowing our staff to focus their attention on welcoming and supporting all of the children as they start their day. Thank you.

We are also very proud to have taken over the running of our own Before and After School Club, providing a welcoming and nurturing environment for our children before and after the school day.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation as we introduce these new routines and opportunities. It has been a fantastic start to the year, and we are incredibly excited for all that lies ahead.

Mrs Vicky Sellars
Headteacher





🎉 Congratulations to Ivy in 5/6F, who has received the first Gold Award of the year!
Ivy has shown incredible kindness and generosity by donating her hair to The Little Princess Trust, helping to raise an amazing £1,000.
What a wonderful achievement, Ivy — we are so proud of you! 🌟

A message from the Office...

Please use either the absence line OR MCAS absence to report an absence, there is no need to send an email, phone and send an absence notification.

Our office is very busy between 0830-1000, please only call the phone line if it is an emergency.



Healthy Snacks for Breaktime



Please send your child with a healthy snack for breaktime. For example;

Fresh Fruit: Apples, bananas, satsumas, or mixed berries are naturally packaged for on-the-go snacking.

Vegetables: Carrot, cucumber, or pepper sticks are great

Edamame: Keep a bag of frozen edamame in the freezer for a quick, protein-packed snack.

Crackers: Whole-wheat crackers or breadsticks.

Rice/Oat Cakes: Unsalted oat or rice cakes.

Crisps, chocolate bars and biscuits are not healthy snacks.

Please remember that we are nut free school.

Wrap around care

We are really pleased to offer our new school run wrap around care. Mrs Steggles, Miss Rudd and the team have some fantastic ideas for the club and have worked hard over the summer improving the resources and environment. Places can be booked via the MCAS app.

For specific wrap around care queries please use the following e-mail address:
wraparound@brownlowprimary.org

Breakfast is served between 7:30am and 8:10am
Cereal/toast/fruit/yogurt is available daily.

A light tea is served from 4:30pm, examples include hot dogs/pizza/beans on toast/fish finger sandwiches/chicken nugget tortilla wraps.
A rotation of deserts to include fruit/chocolate style biscuits/yogurts/cake.

Late collections will be charged at the higher rate.

We value your feedback:

[Wrap around care Feedback – Fill in form](#)



Session	Time	Details	Cost
BRWB – Breakfast Club	7:30 am – 8:30 am	Breakfast provided.	£4.50
BRW1 – After School Club	3:15 pm – 4:15 pm	After-school childcare.	£6.80
BRW2 – After School Club	3:15 pm – 5:15 pm	Includes a light meal.	£11.00
BRW3 – After School Club	3:15 pm – 5:45 pm	Includes a light meal.	£11.50
BRW4 – Late Session	4:15 pm – 5:45 pm	Includes a light meal (only for children attending a school-run club immediately beforehand).	£8.00

Important Information

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS

THESE CHANGES WILL TAKE EFFECT FROM THE START OF THE 2026/2027 ACADEMIC YEAR

THE CURRENT **£7,400** INCOME CAP FOR UNIVERSAL CREDIT CLAIMANTS WILL BE REMOVED, MEANING **ALL HOUSEHOLDS** RECEIVING UNIVERSAL CREDIT WILL BECOME ELIGIBLE. ADDITIONALLY, ALL PREVIOUS "TRANSITIONAL PROTECTIONS" WILL PERMANENTLY END.

TARGETED FSM

Children from households in receipt of Universal Credit with annual household earnings of **£7,400 or less** (the existing FSM threshold prior to expanding) will be eligible for Targeted FSM.

Pupils eligible under this category will continue to receive **free meals** and will also attract **Pupil Premium** and other disadvantage funding for their schools.

EXTRA SUPPORT FOR ELIGIBLE FAMILIES

Only children eligible for Targeted FSM will receive:

- Holiday Supermarket Vouchers
- Free access to Holiday clubs (Holiday Activities and Food (HAF))

IMPORTANT: Only children eligible for Targeted FSM will receive Holiday Supermarket Vouchers and free access to holiday clubs (HAF).

EXPANDED FSM (NEW CATEGORY)

Children from households in receipt of Universal Credit with annual household earnings **above £7,400** will be entitled to Expanded FSM.

This provides **meals only** and does not attract pupil premium funding.

Is your child currently on Free School Meals?

Could your child be eligible for Free School Meals?



This includes any products which contain nuts for example Nutella, Kinder Bueno and Snickers.

Health
for Kids!

NHS
Leicestershire Partnership
NHS Trust

Your School Nursing Service



Once your child turns 5, the school nurses will take over the care of your child from your health visitor.

The school nurses are responsible for looking after the health of your children whilst they are in school, from 5-19 years of age.

When your child is in reception and year 6, your child will be offered a growth measurement as part of the National Child Measurement Programme.



To speak to a school nurse call:

0300 300 3001*

*9am - 4.30pm on weekdays, excluding bank holidays



These are some of the things the school nurse can support you and your child with:

Behaviour

Continence

Physical Health

Emotional Health

Parenting Advice

Healthy Lifestyles

Healthy
Together

ChatHealth



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2026-2027 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
7th & 8th September	Y3/4 Cresswell Craggs
14th September	FOB AGM 6pm at Brownlow
18th September	2027 New Starter Open Event 1.30pm or 3.30pm
21st September	Flu Vaccination Day
2nd October	National Poetry Day
9th October	Hello Yellow Day
12th and 14th October	Parents Meetings 3.30pm-6.30pm
7th October	2027 New Starter Event 4.45pm
8th October	Y1/2 Toy Specialist Visitor to School
16th October	Last day before half-term
19th – 23rd	Half-term – School Closed
28th October	Children return to school
30th October	Whole School Photos
30th October	School Photographer
13th November	Children in Need
16th – 20th November	Anti-bullying Week
16th November	Odd Socks Day
20th November	FOB Disco
27th November	INSET DAY School Closed
1st December	Christmas Decorations Day
14th December	Cinema Visit Y3/4 am & Y5/6 pm
15th December	Cinema Visit Y3/4 am
16th December	Cinema Visit Y1/2 am & Y5/6 pm
17th December	Cinema Visit Y1/2 am
18th December	Last day before Christmas Holiday
21st – 1st January	Christmas Holiday – School Closed
4th and 5th January	INSET DAYS – School Closed
6th January	Children return to school