The Brackenbury BUZZ

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Friday 23rd October: What a fantastic first half term we have had at Brackenbury! Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined and engaged with our phase group workshops and our **Meet the Staff** event. It was lovely to see so many of you meeting your children's new teachers.

Our **Year 6 girls' and boys' Mayor's Cup teams** have made a great start in the Competition and are showing great focus and determination in training sessions! Congratulations to the **Y5/6 Boys** who reached the Quarter Finals in the Power League tournament, you represented the school brilliantly and showed great sportsmanship. Thank you to Mr Harding for leading the teams!

Our **Pupil Profit team** has held two successful *Reusable Rejects* shops this half term. Look out for more shops in the second half of the autumn term!

Our **School Council**, led by Ms Long, has been busy preparing for Children in Need and Parliament Week. Our **Eco-Committee** has also been meeting with Ms Dominguez to find more ways to recycle across the school. Well done to everyone for helping to make a difference!

A big thank you to our **PSA** for organising a brilliant Harvest Fair last Friday. The pumpkin competition was amazing! Congratulations to our three winners: Ibrahim (2Y), Leila (5/6M) and Diora (3/4N). Well done, too, to our runners-up: Edouard, Harley and Clover!

Finally, our **Year 3 and 4 pupils** took their History learning beyond the classroom. They enjoyed wonderful Stone Age workshops at Fulham Palace. What a great way to bring history to life!

Thank you to all our families and staff for making this such a positive start to the school year. We hope everyone enjoys a restful half-term break. We look forward to seeing you all again soon!

Autumn 2 dates: Please read the dates for all of our events in autumn two term. See at the end of the Buzz.

Year 5 Author visit at Ravenscourt Park Prep School: As part of an exciting, new link between Brackenbury and RPPS, our Year 5 classes were invited to hear the author Jack Mackay talk about his books.

Report from Davide 5KM;
On Thursday 15th October, Year 5 went Ravenscourt Park Preparatory School to see and listen to the author, Jack Mackay. He was talking about his second book called 'The Haunting of Old Splinter', which has just been published. It is about half brothers that live in the shadow of Old Splinter with their step-dad, who is trying to renovate their own house. All the while, their family is starting to have some cracks in it.
Jack is also the author of 'Gloam'. It was great fun to go out, meet an author and have the chance to ask questions to him.

The children impressed Jack with their enthusiasm and great questions and we have also had some copies of his books signed and given to the Year 5 classes.

School Council: This year School Council objectives are

- To improve the children's understanding of **British Values** through assemblies
- To organise **fundraising** (charity) and **advocacy** (awareness raising) **events**

Children in Need: Friday 13th November

Children in Need is an annual event organised by the BBC to raise money for disadvantaged children (children that need a little extra support) in the UK.

We have chosen to celebrate **Children in Need** on Friday 13th November by having a **non-uniform day** (to wear your own clothes).

The theme of Children in Need is **CHALLENGE YOURSELF**. During the week Monday 9th to Friday 13th November, we are asking all children at Brackenbury to **CHALLENGE YOURSELF** to support **Children in Need**. This links with our Learning Power – Excel. Children can hold the door every day, help a classmate, play with a new friend, challenge yourself to the challenges in lessons or EXCEL in another way!

To help Children in Need, we are asking for **£1 donation** from all the children at Brackenbury on Friday 13th November.

Congratulations to our new choir: We are so looking forward to your first performance.

Charlotte 3/4J	Vidhya 3/4J	Maryam 3/4J	Noura 3/4M	Nylah 3/4M
Chirah 3/4N	Derya 3/4N	Kaia 3/4N	Oshae 3/4N	Zahra 3/4N
Dima 5/6KM	Lena 5/6KM	Amlah 5/6KM	Abyan 5/6KM	Mia 5/6KM
Anaya 5/6M	Corey 5/6M	Jayden 5/6M	Maha 5/6M	Davide 5/6M
Ayuna 5/6M	Aaliyah 5/6Z	Ryleigh 5/6Z	Kyla-Rose 5/6Z	Sora 5/6Z
Aurora 5/6Z	Malik 5/6Z			

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 16th October				
Year 2	**Year 3**	**Year 4**	**Year 5**	**Year 6**
Nsoromma	Cianna	Osman	Artem	Leila
Clover	Tire	Seriyah	Abdullah	Daniel
Ayah	Kareem	Maryam	Freddie	Luciano
Reesan	Georgie	Veronika	Ruzgar	Mohammed

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	**Gabriella**	*Really engaging with all our learning and always making great contributions to the class*
2Y	**Yousif**	*Fantastic engagement across all lessons. Always contributing to class discussions and sharing wonderful ideas.*
5KM	**Freddie**	*Writing excellent sentences using relative clauses. Well done for working so hard – your writing is wonderful to read. That's Excel!*
5Z	**Jessica**	*Always demonstrating our learning power of 'Enrich' and asking deep and thoughtful questions.*
6M	**Lena**	*Showing real perseverance in her maths lesson on division. Lena kept going even when things got tricky – that's Empower!*
6F	**Aliyah**	*Showing excellent resilience and independence when learning a range of division methods in maths. Well done. That's Empower!*

Orchard 1	Orchard 2	RC	1L	2Y	3/4J	3/4N	3/4M	5/6M	5/6KM	5/6Z	Total
95.2%	96.3%	94.7%	93.4%	94.4%	97.3%	92.4%	98.8%	95.5%	93.8%	96.8%	95.4%

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 7th – 14th October: 3/4M

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8	0	6	3	10	6	10	4	9	8	6

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

Autumn 1 DATES: We have so many engaging, enriching and empowering events to look forward to, do mark them in your calendars:

Friday 23rd October	-	3/4N and 3/4M Fulham Palace visit
Friday 23rd October	**3.30pm**	**Half term. School finishes at 3.30pm**

Autumn 2 DATES: We have so many engaging, enriching and empowering events to look forward to, do mark them in your calendars:		
Monday 2nd November	**-**	**School Closed INSET training day for staff**
Tuesday 3rd November	**9.00am**	**First day back at school**
Wednesday 4th November	-	Year 3&4 Sports Hall event
Monday 9th November	-	NO CLUBS this week
Tuesday 10th November	3.30pm-6.30pm	Parents evening
Wednesday 11th November	-	2Y to ST Pauls Cathedral Visit
Thursday 12th November	3.30pm-6.30pm	Parents evening
Friday 13th November	All day	Children in Need-Non-Uniform Day
Monday 16th November	All day	Anti-Bullying Day Odd Socks Day
Monday 16th November	-	Year 5&6 Pantomime at the Lyric
Tuesday 17th November	-	Year 3&4 Dodgeball Tournament
Monday 23rd November – Friday 27th November	-	Parliament Week
Wednesday 25th November	-	Year 5&6 Dodgeball Tournament
Wednesday 2nd December	-	Year 3&4 Boys Football Powerleague
Thursday 3rd December	-	Year 3-6 Panathlon Tournament
Thursday 3rd December	10.30am-12.00pm	Choir singing at Mary Seacole Home
Friday 4th December	9.00am	Rocksteady Concert
Tuesday 8th December	9.00-4.00pm	Choir singing Kensington Town Hall
Wednesday 9th December	-	Year 3&4 Girls Football Powerleague
Thursday 10th December	-	Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 10th December	1.30pm	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Show (Nursery, Reception, Y1&Y2)
Friday 11th December	9.30am	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Show (Nursery, Reception, Y1&Y2)

Monday 14th December	-	Christmas Lunch Day
Tuesday 15th December	9.30am	KS2 Winter Concert (Y3-Y6)
Tuesday 15th December	-	EYFS (Nursery and Reception) Pantomime at the Lyric Theatre
Wednesday 16th December	2.00pm	KS2 Winter Concert (Y3-Y6)
Thursday 17th December	**1.30pm**	**Last day of term, School finishes 1.30pm**

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.