



**Whole School Information**

**Family Support:**

**Umbrella Activities Calendar and event booking -**

[Activities & Events Calendar – Umbrella](#)



**Goose Fair 2024** – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September – Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October, SEND sessions will take place on Sundays from 12-1pm with reduced lighting and music. For more information visit [Goose Fair - Visit Nottinghamshire \(visit-nottinghamshire.co.uk\)](#)



**Save the Date** – Our next Coffee Morning will be held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2024 in the school hall from 9.30am - 11am. Mrs Preece and Miss Holdway will be joining us to discuss RHSE and members of family support will be there to ask any questions.

**Attendance**

Here at Brackenfield School we strive to improve the attendance of our students. Each minute of the school day provides opportunities for learning, including social development and skills to prepare pupils for adulthood. It is important that our pupils have a routine and structure to their week and missing days of school can impact this. Thank you for all your help and support in making sure your child attends school. Please [CLICK HERE](#) for the attendance policy guidance for parents/carers.

As you may be aware changes have been made to the government guidance around attendance and there is a new national threshold for penalty notices. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to see the poster for an overview of these changes and how they may affect you.

**Sign of the week:**

This week's sign are 'Help' - [To Help \(makaton.org\)](#) and 'To Know' [To Know \(makaton.org\)](#)

**Upcoming dates from the school calendar**

**School Holidays:**

We break up on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024** until **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024**. School reopens to pupils on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024**.

[Please click here](#) for a copy of the **2024-2025** school holidays – Please note the change in inset days from 6<sup>th</sup> May 2025 to **28<sup>th</sup> April 2025**.

**Partial School closures to support staff training:**

23<sup>rd</sup> Oct 2024 – school will be closed to Hazel; Pine; Rowan; Willow; Mulberry; Laurel; Cherry; Beech classes

24<sup>th</sup> Oct 2024 – school will be closed to Conkers; Hickory; Elm; Maple; Sycamore classes

25<sup>th</sup> Oct 2024 – school will be closed to Poplar; Spruce; Ash; Oak; Acorns; Cedar classes

[Please here for Derbyshire Council Councils Spring & Summer Menu 2024.](#)

**The class inbox email addresses:**

Acorns	<a href="mailto:Acorns@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk">Acorns@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>	Willow	<a href="mailto:Willow@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk">Willow@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>
Maple	<a href="mailto:Maple@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk">Maple@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>	Hickory	<a href="mailto:Hickory@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk">Hickory@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>
Rowan	<a href="mailto:Rowan@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk">Rowan@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>	Conkers	<a href="mailto:Conkers@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk">Conkers@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>
Sycamore	<a href="mailto:Sycamore@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk">Sycamore@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>	Spruce	<a href="mailto:Spruce@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk">Spruce@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>
Pine	<a href="mailto:Pine@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk">Pine@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>	Elm	<a href="mailto:Elm@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk">Elm@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>
Oak	<a href="mailto:Oak@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk">Oak@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>	Cedar	<a href="mailto:Cedar@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk">Cedar@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>
Ash	<a href="mailto:Ash@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk">Ash@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>	Poplar	<a href="mailto:Poplar@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk">Poplar@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>
Beech	<a href="mailto:Beech@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk">Beech@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>	Laurel	<a href="mailto:Laurel@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk">Laurel@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>
Mulberry	<a href="mailto:Mulberry@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk">Mulberry@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>	Hazel	<a href="mailto:Hazel@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk">Hazel@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>
Cherry	<a href="mailto:cherry@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk">cherry@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>		

We want you to feel supported and effectively communicated with, so if you feel anything has been missed please email [headteacher@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk) and a senior leader will follow up your query.

It is also important you can access posts on BOOP, for your child and your child's class. If you are having issues with accessing this, please email [pupiladmin@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:pupiladmin@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk). Our pupil admin team can talk you through how to access and help rectify any issues.



### PE Kits

A reminder please that pupils must have PE kits in school. This is so that class teams can support with developing independence when getting dressed and undressed. Please ensure all items are named and stored in a named bag, which will be kept in school. If you have any further queries, please contact your class teams.



### Wow Moments

We love to hear about amazing things our pupils are doing at home! Please send in pictures or let us know what great things they are doing, and we can upload these to each pupils BOOP profile. You can also download templates to put your WOW moments on from our school website. Please send them to [parents@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:parents@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk)

### School Uniform



Please visit: [www.schooluniformnottingham.co.uk](http://www.schooluniformnottingham.co.uk) to place orders. You will then be sent an invoice for payment, and once payment has been received the order will be processed and you will receive a notification when your order is ready to collect. Payments are made via bank transfer using their order name and invoice number (important) as payment reference.

**Container Self-Storage - Simply First Ltd**

**The Embroidery Pod, Unit 13, Block B, Ind Estate, Mark St, Sandiacre, Nottingham NG10 5AD.**

### Our School Day

Please be reminded of the school times.

Student Arrival and Registration	8.55 – 9.05 – Taxi drop off 9.00 – 9.10 – Parent drop off
Morning Session	09.10 – 11.40
Lunch Session (30 minutes within this time)	11.40 – 13.10
Afternoon Session	13.10 – 14.20
Pupil Departure and Pastoral Time	14.20 – 14.35 – Taxi collection 14.30 – 14.40 – Parent collection

# Amber Valley Parent/Carer Support Group

St Margaret Clitherow | Hall Farm Road  
Duffield | DE56 4FS

Thursday  
10th October



10am - 12pm

Parent/Carer  
Experience sharing.



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# Evening Carers Group

Annie's Place | Bedford Close | Derby | DE22 4HQ

Monday 21st October

From 7pm



Information session:

Nurturing a healthy  
relationship with food.

For further information  
please contact:  
[familysupport@umbrella.uk.net](mailto:familysupport@umbrella.uk.net)



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# Parent/Carers & Boys Group

Long Eaton Community Garden  
Norfolk Road | Long Eaton | NG10 2BB

Friday 27th September

5pm - 7pm

£6 per child

Forest School session  
run by Little Foresters

To book please use  
our website.



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# Derby City Parent/Carer Support Group

Annie's Place | Bedford Close | Derby | DE22 3HQ

Wednesday  
2nd October

10am - 12pm

Come and join us for  
a well earned cup of  
tea.

Information from:  
Preparing for  
adulthood team.



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# SEND Drop in Service

Cotmanhay Children's Centre (People's Centre)  
Beauvale Drive | Ilkeston | Derbyshire | DE7 8RU

Wednesday  
16th October

10am - 12pm



Come and find out  
how Umbrella can  
support your family



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# Erewash Parent/Carer Support Group

Long Eaton Family Centre | Lime Terrace  
Long Eaton | NG10 4LF

Thursday 24th October

10am - 12pm



Information from:  
Will Garvey Trust



**WTF!** Why Talking Fixes  
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