



Message from the Headteacher:

Please [CLICK HERE](#) for a copy of the Autumn term Newsletter 2024/2025.

School returns on Monday 4th November.

Whole School Information

Online Safety:

Please remember to monitor your child's online activity, as this time of year brings online trends linked to horror themes and inappropriate content. You should check your filtering settings. If you need help with this, please email earlyhelp@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk

There is a free online safety workshop now available on the NSPCC website. To access this you will need to be able to access YouTube on a device and takes approximately 40 minutes. [Free online safety virtual workshop | NSPCC](#)

Family Support:



SAVE THE DATE: Marketplace Event - Our SEND Support Services & Post 16 Event is being held on Friday 15th November 2024 from 1.30pm-3pm in our school hall (please scroll to the bottom of the bulletin to view the poster)



Parent/carer Coffee Morning: Join us for our next coffee morning on Wednesday 27th November in the school hall from 9.30am - 11am. More information to follow on Boop soon.

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.

Reminder:

If your child is unable to attend school because they are too ill, please phone their absence **each day** that they are not in with the reason why they are off and when you are hoping they will return.

Please see the NHS guidance about sending your child to school when they are ill. [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

Please remember we have a large healthcare team who can support with looking after your child if they are feeling unwell or on medication.

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.

We are fast approaching the season where there will be lots of coughs and colds. Please continue to send your children to school and make your class team aware they are under the weather. We have additional ventilation, hand sanitiser and cleaning of areas to support this and your class team will be able to offer your child some additional TLC should they need it.

Upcoming dates from the school calendar

School Holidays:

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

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

Please use to the following link for the Derbyshire County Council lunch Menu: [Primary food explorers - Derbyshire Catering Service](#)


The class inbox email addresses:

Acorns	Acorns@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk	Willow	Willow@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk
Maple	Maple@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk	Hickory	Hickory@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk
Rowan	Rowan@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk	Conkers	Conkers@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk
Sycamore	Sycamore@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk	Spruce	Spruce@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk
Pine	Pine@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk	Elm	Elm@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk
Oak	Oak@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk	Cedar	Cedar@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk
Ash	Ash@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk	Poplar	Poplar@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk
Beech	Beech@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk	Laurel	Laurel@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk
Mulberry	Mulberry@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk	Hazel	Hazel@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk
Cherry	cherry@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk		

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 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. 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

School Uniform



Please visit: 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



DRAYCOTT PEER SUPPORT GROUP

A safe space for those who struggle with their mental wellbeing. Be seen, be heard and connect with others who may share your experiences and find a sense of belonging amongst friends.

MONDAY 6:30 PM 7:30 PM

DERBYSHIRE County Council

www.elephantrooms.co.uk

MESSY PLAY & CRAFTS

- 26th October Halloween
- 14th December Christmas

FREE

St Philips Community Centre, Taddington Road, Chaddsedon DE214JU

Book & Register Here

2pm - 4pm

email: tegans.butterflies@outlook.com

Which?

MONEY SAVING TIPS

Free kids workshops for October half-term

Pets at Home: My Pet Pal workshops run throughout the holidays, where kids can learn about animals, design pumpkin stencils, and more. **These run until Sunday 3 November.**

Dobbies Garden Centres: Little Seedlings holiday club offers **free activities for children aged 4-10**, with enchanted forest themes for October and November.

Apple: Free creative sessions like photography and music creation for kids, available by signing up online.

Hobbycraft: Running workshops **from £5**, including slime-making and Halloween-themed clay classes.





Brackenfield School SEND Support Services & Post 16 Marketplace Event



- ❖ All parents and carers welcome
- ❖ A community networking event to showcase provisions and organisations that work directly with young people in the East Midlands
- ❖ Come along and meet the providers to explore what is available to your family
- ❖ FREE Refreshments available

Where: School Hall
When: Friday 15th
November
At: 1.30pm - 3pm



- ✓ Broomfield College
- ✓ Horizons
- ✓ Derby College
- ✓ Sense, Loughborough
- ✓ School Nurse Team
- ✓ Compass

