



Message from the Headteacher:

Thank you for your patience this week with the snow closure on Tuesday. Though we were able to clear the site throughout the day many of our staff and pupils were not able to get to school from the surrounding areas. Thank you to parents/carers who posted photos of the children playing in the snow on BOOP.

Whole School Information

Family Support:

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.

Please see the bottom of this newsletter for information of local events in the coming weeks.

Parents Evening – Wednesday 4th December

Please use the [Parents Evening Appointment form](#) to request a slot to meet your class teacher. If you are unable to make a time via teams, phone call or face to face, there will be an opportunity for you to speak to your class teacher on another night during the week beginning 2nd December.

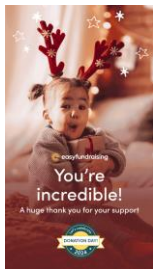


Work Experience Partnership

Ikea at Giltbrook have agreed to work in partnership with us to support our pupils in our career programme. This is really exciting news for our pupils and post 16!

Sign of the Week:

This weeks sign is 'Toast' - [Makaton sign for TOAST](#)



easyfundraising :

Thank you to our first supporters! We've received our first donations—£1.46. Every little helps. Please take a moment to sign up and join our community efforts.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/brackenfield-send-school>

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.

Holidays in term time. A reminder that holidays in term time will only be authorised with exceptional circumstances by the Headteacher. Any holidays that are not formally requested in writing will not be authorised. If you are faced with an unavoidable circumstance and need to request time off in term time, please complete the [Holiday Request Form](#).

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.



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.

Upcoming dates from the school calendar

School Holidays:

We break up on **Friday 20th December 2024 at 12pm** until **Monday 6th January 2025**. School reopens to pupils on **Monday 6th January 2025**.

[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](#)

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

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.

MESSY PLAY & CRAFTS

- 26th October
Halloween
- 14th December
Christmas

St Philips Community
Centre, Taddington Road,
Chaddsedon DE214JU

FREE

2pm - 4pm

Book & Register Here

email: tegans.butterflies@outlook.com

PARENT / CARER AND CHILD

BOWLING



SATURDAY 23RD NOVEMBER
FROM 10AM
£5 PER PERSON
PLEASE BOOK VIA OUR WEBSITE



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TEA TIME CLUB FOR CHILDREN

FITNESS AND SOCIAL GROUP FOR CHILDREN WITH SEND

A weekly sessions for
Children aged 8-16, to get
active, socialise and have
fun.

Monday 4:30-6:30, Spondon

Thursdays 4;15-6:15, Langley Mill

Friday 4:30-6:30, Borrowash

£10 per session including Tea.

CONTACT US

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SEN-FIT CIC CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CLUB

AGES
7-16

ACTIVITIES

THEMED DAYS - CHRISTMAS
PARTY, GAMES GALORE,
DISNEY, DOODLE, LETS BUILD
DAILY PHYSICAL ACTIVITY
SENSORY AREA
CRAFTS
COOKING

MUST BE
BOOKED

MOST CHILDREN ARE ELIGIBLE
FOR FREE SESSIONS AS PART OF
HAF EXCEPT TEEN ONLY SESSION

23RD & 27TH DECEMBER AT LANGLEY
MILL

2ND & 3RD JANUARY AT SPONDON
2ND & 3RD JANUARY AT BORROWASH
ALL SESSION 9-1

2ND JANUARY TEEN ONLY SESSION
LANGLEY MILL 2-6PM
£30 EACH



TO BOOK EMAIL INFO@SEN-FIT.CO.UK OR CALL 07734455806

Where to grab a 'free' hot drink

Greggs

Sign up to its app for a free regular-sized hot drink.

Waitrose - myWaitrose card (it's free to sign up!)

'Free' tea or coffee everyday (when you make a purchase and use your own reusable cup).

Morrisons Café

Unlimited free refills on hot drinks when you buy one to begin with, starting at £1.85.

Wetherspoons

Unlimited free refills on hot drinks – you just need to buy the first one, from £1.56.

Ikea Family card members (it's free to sign up!)

FREE tea or filter coffee from Monday to Friday.

Octopus Energy (smart meter customers)

One free drink per week in-store from Caffè Nero or Greggs.



SANTA OPENING TIMES AT SAWLEY

**PRIORITY QUEUE TO SEE SANTA
CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**

Sunday, 1st December at 3.30pm
Regular opening from 4pm - 7pm
at Sawley Community Centre

Promoted by Sawley Parish Council

Merry Christmas