



**Message from the Headteacher:**



Sora

Dear parent/Carers,

We are pleased to announce that our new online Library is ready to launch!!

**Primary Ebooks Now** offers access to thousands of eBooks, and also has audiobooks and magazines that can be downloaded and enjoyed. These can be accessed via a web browser here

[Sora - Explore](#) or through the **Sora reading app** which can be downloaded from the Apple or Android store.

On your first sign in you will be able to explore the books, but in order to 'borrow' a book / magazine to read or listen to, you will be asked to input your child's login details (school email address and password). Your child's class team will be in touch with these shortly, if they haven't already. Happy reading!

**Whole School Information**

**Family Support:** Please see the **bottom of the newsletter for flyers for local events/support.**

Information request: If your child at Brackenfield receives support through an allocated social worker, Child in Need Plan (CHiN) or Team around the Family (TAF) meetings, please could you send a quick email to [earlyhelp@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:earlyhelp@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk) to let us know what support you are receiving. This helps us to keep our records up to date and makes sure that we are able to provide your family with the proper support. Many thanks.

**Parents Evening – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

**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](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.

### Upcoming dates from the school calendar

#### School Holidays:

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

[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**.

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	<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.




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 Friday, December 13th


 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM


 Blackwell Community centre DE55 5HH


Get ready for a festive night packed with fun!


 Indoor Snowball Games – Bring your energy!

 Christmas Crafts – Create your own festive craft


 Reindeer Food for Sale – Perfect for Santa's helpers!

 Hot Chocolate Cones – Take home a cozy treat.

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Thursday 12th December 2024 11am

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# WARM SPACE @

Draycott Methodist Church Hall

starting.....

14<sup>th</sup> November – Thursdays

Pop in anytime. We're open 10am to 2pm

We'll be having.....



- Tea, Coffee, Biscuits all day
- Soup and a roll at lunchtime
- Card, Dominoes and Board games or bring your own activity
- Books and magazines
- A warm welcome, friendship and chat

(Please note: We will be closed on 26<sup>th</sup> December and 2<sup>nd</sup> January)



Everyone is welcome