

Message from the Headteacher:

Dear parents/Carers,

We have been nominated for Primary age education provider of the year category, by 'lots for tots' please use the the following link if you would like yo vote for us: [//www.lotsfortots.co.uk/vote](http://www.lotsfortots.co.uk/vote) Voting closes 17th January 12pm.

In other news Pickerings, the company who installed our newest Modular building have kindly donated a number of toys for the children as part of our Christmas appeal to local businesses.



Wishing you all a lovely break over Christmas from all at Brackenfield.



Whole School Information

Please click this link to access our Christmas newsletter: [December 2024 Newsletter](#)

Sign of the week:

This weeks sign of the week is 'Weather' - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W2uLj1b23ZI>

Here are some signs for different types of weather: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0t9Tt_JIYd8

There are some good songs about weather with signing- here is an example -

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WP_F1jyDKII



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

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](#)

Safeguarding and Attendance

We safeguard all children first and foremost by seeing them at school. This is why attendance is so important. Children with additional needs are 3 times more vulnerable than their mainstream peers. We also know pupils with additional needs are more likely to have health and medical needs.

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.

Family Support:

If you need to make contact with the Family Support team over the Christmas Holidays, please email earlyhelp@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk

If you are worried that a child is suffering, or at risk of significant harm you can call Derbyshire on 01629 533190. In the case of emergency call 999 or 101.

Christmas can be a magical time, but for many autistic children, it can also be overwhelming. Caudwell Children has put together some tips to help make this season merry for everyone!

[An Inclusive and Joyful Christmas: Tips for an Autism-Friendly Celebration - Caudwell Children](#)



Save the date: Parent/Carer Coffee Morning on Wednesday 22nd January 2025 9.30am - 11am in the school hall. We will be joined by a member of the Oral Health Improvement Team from Derbyshire Community Health Services. Please come along for an informal chat and ask any question you might have.

Find your local Warm Welcome Space - [Find a Space](#) follow the link and click 'find a space' to find warm spaces offering free meals/snacks/hot drinks/device charging etc across the UK.

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

Contact Details for classes and Uniform Updates

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.

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.