

Foundation Stage Newsletter

Friday 18th September 2026



Reception

So today brings us to the end of the children's first full week at Bromley Hills — they have had lots of fun, been super busy and are now definitely ready for a good rest over the weekend ready to do it all again next week! We are so proud of the way they are adapting to full days with new adults, new routines, new friends, new experiences — every day brings something new. They are taking it all in their stride and we couldn't be happier to see how they are settling — well done everyone! If your little one is getting upset before or after school, please be reassured that this is normal and that they settle quickly once in the classroom and have got stuck into another day of fun, play and learning! What a busy few weeks it has been so far — we have shared group times and story times, explored our new classroom inside and outside, we have visited our Library, had a visit from the Road Safety team who explained to us how to cross the road safely, we have started a few sessions of Phonics, played games, sung songs and so much more! I have sent a few photos of the first few weeks on the Evidence Me online journal which you should receive by the end of today. If you are new to Bromley Hills, you should have received an email invitation to access your child's journal last week. Please come and see me if you haven't. Look out for this week's home work challenges too!

The children are all coming to complete a few short tasks with me which forms Baseline Assessment as set out by the Government — if you would like to know more about this, please follow the link [Reception baseline assessment: information for parents](#)

PHONICS SESSION

Next Thursday (24th) @ 2.30pm you are invited to join us in the classroom to find out about how we will teach your child phonics. I will give you an overview of what our Phonics scheme looks like and we will join the children in a short phonics lesson! There will then be a few games for you to join in with and some ideas to take away to try at home. Come to the school office where I will come to meet you and bring you to the classroom — we can't wait to show you what we do!

LIBRARY BOOKS

The children were very excited to visit the Library on Monday and choose a book to bring home to share. Please return the book, in the plastic bag on MONDAY so that we can return it and choose a new story. The children have a library card in school where they can earn stamps and stickers for each time they return their book and they will also get a 'green point' on our 'Track it' traffic light behaviour chart! Unfortunately, we cannot lend books unless the book is returned.

KIT in SCHOOL

Please send in wellies and puddle suits if you have not already done so. Although the weather is forecast dry for the coming week, wellies help when there is lots of water play! Please also make sure that your child has a complete change of clothes in a bag that can stay at school, again this helps when we have soggy jumpers, trousers and T-shirts from water play, falling in the mud as well as toileting accidents — it goes without saying that EVERYTHING NEEDS TO BE NAMED!

End of the Day

Thank you for your patience at the end of the day when we are dismissing the children and extended thanks to family members who are being challenged for passwords if I don't recognise them — I will get there! We are trying to make sure the children bring out all of their belongings. If they need to go and fetch bags/ jumpers, please could wait until all of the children have been dismissed until they go back inside. If you need to speak to me at the end of the day, again please wait until all the children have been dismissed. You can also email me at

kburns@bromhills.dudley.sch.uk

HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND AND I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AGAIN ON MONDAY!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 24th September @2.30pm — phonics session

Tuesday 29th Sept and Thursday 1st October — parents' meetings

Thursday 15th October — School Autumn Fayre

Friday 23rd October — Autumn Story and Craft session (details to follow)

Friday 23rd October is also the last day of the half term!

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Pre-School

One full week done and again, well done to all the children. They are starting to settle and getting used to the rules and routine of Pre-School. It is extremely hard for the children, especially those staying for dinner as well however we are extremely proud of how they well they are all doing! Please just remember your child will settle so much quicker the quicker you leave them with us.

We are starting our weekly topics and this week we have touched upon "All About Me" The children have been using playdough to create faces with different resources. We have used mirrors to look at our features and how we are the same and different! For example, blue and brown eyes, blonde and brown hair. Please see our lovely All About Me board in the corridor where we have put all the amazing self-portraits! We have also been naming different parts of our bodies and learning new ones such as chin/elbows! On Monday we had the lovely Catherine in from Dudley Performing Arts who completed a music session with us. We started by telling her our names and tapping them to musical instruments! We have also started to learn new songs.

Please make sure you check your child's drawer as it will have moved and see what group they are in, and their key person is too.
Please bear with us when dismissing the children. We are learning all about the children as well as who comes to collect them. We are teaching them to sit on the carpet and not to get up until they are called by a teacher and walking to their parent/carer so thank you for your co-operation with regards to this! Please make sure you check your child's drawer daily.

REMINDERS –

- Please can you make sure your child has a coat, a bag of spare clothes and a pair of wellies in school as we go outside daily in all weathers!
- **Just a reminder** – please let a member of staff know if anyone else is collecting your child and make them aware of the password. Otherwise, we will not let them go unless a message has been received.
- We have a café for the children throughout the day where we provide milk/water and a variety of fruit and vegetables, so you don't need to bring any snacks or water bottle to school! (If they stay for dinner, a water bottle is then needed) Thank you.
- **Please name everything!** This includes spare clothes/shoes/wellies etc!
- In the main office on Granville Drive, there is our spare uniform, which is free to all parents/carers, so please just help yourselves!
- Don't forget to like our Facebook page to find out all the exciting things we do across school!
- Pre-School don't do a parents evening at the start of term. Ours will be in the Summer Term. Any questions or queries about your child, please just ask a member of staff and once all the children have been dismissed we are happy to answer any questions.

EvidenceMe – I hope you enjoyed seeing a couple of photos of your child on their first week! As we are starting our new topic of All About Me, can you please send in photos of who lives in your house! Include all adults and of course any pets!

We will be looking at these with the children early next week. Any questions or if you need support please just ask or email me on

epowis@bromhills.dudley.sch.uk

Many Thanks 😊

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 15th October – Autumn Fayre

Tuesday 20th October – Individual school photos

Friday 20th November – Children In Need

Tuesday 8th December – Pre-School Nativity at 10.30am

Break up for half term – Friday 23rd October

Back to school – Monday 2nd November

A Forest School letter will be sent out next week too so please keep an eye!

Christmas trip to be confirmed at a later date

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Important Information

- **From Public Health** – Please click on the link for nutrition guidance for healthy lunchboxes <https://www.dudleyhealthylunchbox.org.uk/>
- **From Public Health** – MMR / MMRV vaccination is vital because measles is highly infectious and can lead to serious complications, including pneumonia, meningitis and, in rare cases, long-term disability. Both vaccines are safe and the MMR provides effective protection against measles, mumps and rubella, and the MMRV vaccine also includes protection against chickenpox (varicella), helping to keep children, staff and the wider community safe.

From Lead For Childcare - It is always important for parents and carers to make sure that children stay up to date with all their routine vaccinations, as these offer important protection against infectious disease outbreaks. Parents and carers should also be aware and alert to the signs and symptoms of invasive meningococcal disease. For more information, visit the NHS website <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/meningitis/> or see the information available from two charities who offer free support via their websites and helplines [Meningitis B outbreak: what you need to know](#) – UK Health Security Agency

The Meningitis Research Foundation -

www.meningitis.org

Helpline UK 080 8800 3344

Meningitis Now www.meningitisnow.org

Helpline 0808 80 10 388 or

helpline@meningitisnow.org

UKHSA blog post



Types of MMRV vaccine

The MMRV vaccine contains weakened versions of living measles, mumps, rubella and chickenpox viruses. Because these viruses are weakened, they do not spread easily to other people.

There are 2 MMRV vaccines which work equally well: **ProQuad** and **Priorix Tetra**. ProQuad contains porcine gelatine (gelatine from pigs) and Priorix Tetra does not. If you want your child to have the vaccine without gelatine, talk to your practice nurse or GP.

Further information is available in the patient information leaflets.

ProQuad

www.medicines.org.uk/emc/product/101444/pil

Priorix Tetra

www.medicines.org.uk/emc/product/101321/pil

More information on vaccines and porcine gelatine is available on GOV.UK.

