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# Brill Church Of England School

## With the Wind in our Sails

### Half Termly Round Up Autumn Term 1 2022

It has been a busy half term, full of enriching opportunities for our children and I continue to be impressed by the quality and quantity of learning that has taken place across the school.

We have loved seeing many of you at the various events we have offered this half term and really feel that all stakeholders; pupils, parents and staff are beginning to live and breath our school's Christian vision, *With the wind in our Sails*, 'we shall live life in all its fullness' (John, 10,10). Many of you may still feel unsure as to what our vision actually means. In a Collective Worship session that I ran this half term, I asked what it meant to our pupils and one child replied 'it means taking every opportunity that you are given'. I couldn't have put it better myself! We are really embedding our Christian vision through our curriculum this year and hope together we can ensure that we all live, breath and model our Christian vision in everything that we do, so that we 'take every opportunity that we are given'.

#### Safeguarding

On the 4th October we invited the NSPCC in to school to deliver a "Speak Out Stay Safe" assembly to all year groups. They then delivered individual workshops to Yrs 5 and 6.

The assembly and workshops helped children:

- understand abuse in all its forms and recognise the signs of abuse
- understand that abuse is never a child's fault and they have the right to be safe
- know how to get help and the sources of help available to them, including our Childline service.

Both assemblies covered Children's Rights. The right of every child to:

- o Speak out and be heard
- o Be safe
- o Get help when they need it

They covered the different forms of abuse in child-friendly language, communicating the important message that abuse is never okay.

They talked about the importance of talking to a trusted grown up/adult and to Childline and encouraged children to keep speaking out until something changes.

The messages that were strongly threaded through these sessions align with our whole school 3 Golden Rules:

- To Be Ready
- To Be Respectful
- To Be Safe

[Click here to visit our Safeguarding Page](#)

#### Star of the Week Assemblies

It has been a pleasure having many parents in to our Star of the Week Assembly each Friday to share in the celebration of their child's achievements. Your presence as parents has increased the children's sense of pride and has been invaluable in terms of us all recognising the children's individual achievements. Well done to all of our stars this half term-you should very proud of yourself!

#### Our new Year R Pupils

We are incredibly proud of our Year R pupils and how they have joined us so confidently this half term and have settled well. They have had a wonderful start to their first year at Brill School and have already demonstrated huge progress in terms of establishing school routines. I am always amazed at how engaged and excited they are towards the learning opportunities that Mrs Salt provides them, both in their inside and outside environment!

#### Humanities Showcase

We were incredibly proud of all of our children, who showcased the incredible work they have completed this half term in their Humanities (History and Geography) lessons. It was lovely to see so many parents at this event and we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did! A big thank you to Miss Chenery (Year 3 teacher and Humanities Coordinator) who organised and lead the whole event. [Click here](#) to see the Humanities curriculum page, where there are photos of this event.

#### Junior Journalists

A group of children from Years 1-6, known as 'The Junior Journalists', have been working on a newsletter for this half term. The 'Brill School Brilliant Bulletin' includes highlights from the half term and gives you an insight into what children across the school have been up to. If you weren't able to buy a copy for yourself at the end of term then click here to view a copy on the Half-Termly Round-Up' page of our website. Well done and thank you to Woody (Yr1), Evie (Yr2), Addie (Yr3), Fleur (Yr 4), Mathilde (Yr 5), Charlie (Yr 6) and Mrs Ardley . We look forward to working with a different group of Junior Journalists next half term.

#### Harvest Festival

It was wonderful to see so many of you at the Church at our Harvest Festival service. We were very proud of our Year 4 pupils who demonstrated huge amounts of courage, which is one of our school value's, by performing in front of a large audience. We very much look forward to seeing you at the church for our Christmas service on Tuesday 20th December, 2-3pm.

# School News Continued

## Parent Update Evening

It was lovely to see many of you at the Parent Update Evening where we shared our vision and prioritised for this academic year.

We covered the following:

- Our vision, values and aims as a school and our priorities for the year.
- The driving forces within our curriculum.
- How we measure progress and communicate this with parents.
- How we utilise our environment to enhance learning opportunities, and planned updates.
- How parents can help and support at home.

For those of you unable to be there, please [click here](#) to visit the Parent Information Event page, which has the slides and resources that were shared at the event.

## Swimming Pool

We have been very fortunate to have the swimming pool open this half term, and all pupils from Yr1–Yr6 have made great use of it on a weekly basis. We have been incredibly impressed by the amount of progress that the children have made in their swimming this half term and it has been very evident how much all pupils have enjoyed utilising this wonderful resource.

Now that the weather is colder we will be closing the swimming pool and therefore the children's swimming session will become another PE session for them. Please ensure your pupils come dressed in their PE kit for both of the days they have PE on. This information is on the class pages of the school website.

# School Trips / Enrichment Days

This half term both our Yr 5 and Yr 6 classes have held topic enrichment days to support both their Mayan and Egyptian topics. It was lovely to see all the children and staff dressed up and having hands on experience of life as an Mayan and Egyptian. Please click the following links to see more details on the class webpage

[Year 5–Egyptian Day](#)

[Year 6–Mayan Day](#)

# Sport

As the end of the half term approached, we began the first few sports fixtures of the year. We attended a County Football competition, held at Haddenham Junior School. The Year 5/6 mixed team battled hard and after playing 5 matches, consisting of group games, a semi-final and a tense final. We came out on top and walked away with a trophy and medals but more importantly we walked away with pride, a great sense of achievement and a smile on our faces!

We had our first netball friendly against Long Crendon, where the Year 5/6 children worked well together, passed efficiently and listened to Mrs Tuffley and Miss Cruickshank's guidance! We are ever so proud of their courage and determination shown in the match! Well done Brill Netballers!

In the final week of this half term, we hosted Long Crendon in our first football league match. The sun came out for us and we played brilliantly. The mixed football team used what they had learnt from the Saturday competition, what went well and what needed work and came out with a 5-1 win! Well done to the mixed team and thanks to Craig for coaching!

We look forward for more opportunities for the children of Brill, to not only represent the school but to do it with pride and honour!

Mr Dickson

# Music Lessons

We have had several enquiries regarding music lessons at Brill School. We have two companies that provide peripatetic music lessons in school for children in Yrs 3–6, XYZ Music Academy or Bucks Music Trust and their web addresses are <https://www.xyzmusicacademy.com/> and <https://www.bucksmusic.org/> where you can find further information. Children in KS1 can have trial lessons in school time however if they wish to carry on with lessons these would have to take place as private lessons out of school time until they are in Yr 3 or above. Due to the nature of the music lessons, it is very hard for children in KS1 to catch up on any learning they may have missed due to a music lesson, together with the fact that they are not always physically able to play the instrument requested. We as a school know how important a rich and diverse curriculum is and the addition of learning music at school can be extremely beneficial which is why each year group has a class music lesson once a week with XYZ Music. See our [music page](#) on our website for information on music at Brill.

# Uniform

We have been aware of the ongoing issues with our uniform provider, M & S and as such we have been actively seeking a different supplier for our uniform. We have now finalised details with Bucks Schoolwear Plus who provide uniform to several other local primary schools. We have chosen Bucks Schoolwear Plus as they are a local company who can provide shorter delivery times and come with recommendations. Bucks Schoolwear Plus also have a shop in Aylesbury where you can try clothes on for sizing if you wish. Their online shop [https://bucksschoolwearplus.co.uk/school/brill\\_school/](https://bucksschoolwearplus.co.uk/school/brill_school/) is now live with our school jumpers / cardigans and over the coming weeks and months we will be extending the range of uniform that will be available to you, including ties, book bags, PE bags.

We have also been looking at our current PE uniform and we are now going to move to a more flexible athletic feel to our PE uniform. We will therefore be moving to a PE performance t-shirt together with a performance half zip top replacing the polo shirt and hoodie (see pictures). Whilst the new PE uniform will be introduced over the coming year, the old PE uniform can still be worn by all children until September 2023. Children will still need to wear blue shorts/skort/leggings/tracksuit bottoms on their bottom half. During colder months, children can wear blue/black base layers under their PE uniform. The new school PE uniform will be available from Bucksschoolwear Plus.

## New Brill PE School Uniform



# Brill School PTA

Please see the [PTA webpage](#) for up to date information from the PTA

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# Brill Benefice

For all the latest news from our Vicar Jemma Beesley, please visit the [Brill Church News](#) page on our website

# Information Booklet

Please note that the updated information booklet for September 2022 is available to download from the [newsletters page](#) of our website.



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# Wrap Around Care

# Term Dates 2021/22

Wrap around care is available at Brill School via S4A. They provide afterschool club Mon-Fri each week and breakfast club on Thursday mornings. The clubs offers endless fun and excitement in a safe and secure environment. They aim to provide a place where children can relax and enjoy creative and stimulating activities in a friendly, disciplined, safe and relaxed atmosphere, and we feel that their ethos marries well with our own school (and sports) values. Sessions can be booked on a regular basis or on an ad hoc basis through the [S4A website](#). For further details please visit our [Wrap Around Care](#) page of our website.

## Autumn Term 2

Mon 31st October – Tues 20th December

## Spring Term 1

Thurs 5th January – Fri 10th February

For all term dates for this academic year please visit the [calendar page](#) of our website

# S4A Holiday Club

We will be open at Brill CE School from 8.00am - 6.00pm on 24th to 27th October. To book your child a place on any of the days please [click here](#)

Don't forget all calendar dates are on our website

[www.brill.bucks.sch.uk](http://www.brill.bucks.sch.uk)

# After School Activities

We offer a wide range of sports clubs throughout the year such as: basketball, dance, gymnastics, netball, rounders, quicksticks hockey, tennis and athletics. In addition to sports clubs we offer various other creative and innovative clubs, such as: drama, music, choir, ICT, art and many more. These clubs are run by volunteers, teachers and highly qualified coaches from our local community.

Clubs running for Autumn term can be found on the [clubs page](#) on our website. For all clubs taking place on our return to school in September, please visit our clubs page for a timetable and booking window information.

# Menus for Autumn Term 2

Menu A

| Monday                               | Tuesday                                     | Wednesday                              | Thursday                                   | Friday                        |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|-------------------------------|
| Pork Savoury Mince, rice and carrots | Battered fish, roll and baked beans         | Spanish Chicken, pasta and pegg        | Tomato and cheese pasta bake and sweetcorn | Hot Dog and baked beans       |
| Quorn Mince, rice and carrots        | Quorn Breaded fingers, roll and baked beans | Spanish Vegetable Stew, pasta and pegg | As above                                   | Quorn Hot Dog and baked beans |
| Fruit Yogurt                         | Flapjack                                    | Mousse Cake                            | Jelly                                      | Sponge Cake                   |

Menu B

| Monday  | Tuesday                                     | Wednesday                                 | Thursday  | Friday  |
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| Chicken Kor-ma curry, rice, and sweetcorn         | Battered fish, roll and baked beans         | Jacket potato with cheese and baked beans | Roast Chicken & Gravy, Roast Potato, peas and sweetcorn | Battered Fish, chipped potatoes and baked beans         |
| Vegetable and chickpea curry, rice, and sweetcorn | Quorn Breaded fingers, roll and baked beans | As above                                  | Roast Quorn & Gravy, Roast Potato, peas and sweetcorn   | Breaded Quorn fingers, chipped potatoes and baked beans |
| Fruit Yogurt                                      | Flapjack                                    | Mousse Cake                               | Jelly   | Sponge Cake   |

**Full Allergen Advice is available on our [School Meals](#) page of our website.**

*Please remember to place your order on ParentPay no later than the Sunday of the week prior to the week you are booking for.*

# Notices

*In order to comply with GDPR you will find all posters/details regarding outside companies/ holiday clubs/ activities/events on our Newsletter page of our Website under [Downloadable Documents](#).*