



### **Bruche Primary School Academy**

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Good afternoon everyone,

Things don't slow down at Bruche!

We began the week with an after-school WPAT football tournament, where 3 of our Year 5/6 teams took on Penketh Primary. One of our teams reached the final and were narrowly defeated in a penalty shoot-out after dominating the game in normal time. Many thanks to Mrs Wallace, Mrs Floyd and Mrs Jones for their support with organising this great experience for the children.

On Tuesday, Miss Kerrigan organised another fantastic experience for our children (and our staff!), as she invited former Gladiator contestant and winner, Amanda Wah, who shared her experiences with the children and carried out workshops with each year group. She gave clear motivational messages about the importance of staying fit and keeping active; she stressed to the children the physical and mental benefits of exercise and why we should always endeavour to keep ourselves moving.

Friday saw us say goodbye to our marvellous Year 6, who performed so well in their Reunion Leavers' Assembly, where I was left the target for the majority of their ridicule.

After the assembly, the children had the opportunity to visit our local café at Lucy's, where the PTA provided them with milkshakes and strawberry lemonade. Many thanks to Mrs Ratcliffe, Mrs Melia, Mrs Senior, Mr Cooney and Mr Grant for your support with this.

While we're sad to see our Year 6 move on, we're also incredibly proud of the young people they have become - they've shown tremendous growth, both academically and personally, throughout their time here - they've worked so hard, supported each other and embraced the opportunities offered to them.

As the children move on to secondary school, I encourage them to be brave, be curious and be kind and to embrace new challenges, pursue passions, and never stop learning. The values they've gained at Bruche will serve them well, as they navigate the years ahead.

We will miss their laughter and their enthusiasm and we will never forget the progress they have made and the success they have achieved.

As mentioned last week, we are also losing two great members of staff in Mrs McHugh and Miss Gooch and we wish them well once again – one at the start of their teaching path and one ready for a well-earned rest in retirement - I will finish shortly with Year 6 special poem for Miss McHugh.

Finally, as we reach the end of the academic year, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on my few months as Head of School and express my sincere gratitude to all the Bruche community for your support. It has been a truly rewarding experience getting to know our school stakeholders on a wider scale and I am incredibly grateful for support I have received since taking the role at Christmas.

This year, we have seen great communication and collaboration between staff and parents and the success of the PTA continues to get stronger and stronger.

Our PTA engagement is invaluable to the school's success and I look forward to continuing this positive collaboration, helping support our children even further in 2025/2026.

Academic success has continued to blossom at each stage of the school and these accomplishments would not be possible without there being a great partnership between home and school, as we continue to successfully work together to provide the best possible learning environment for our students.

As we move into the summer break, I wish you all a restful and enjoyable time with your families. I look forward to seeing you again in September, refreshed and ready for another fantastic year at Bruche.

Thanks again and enjoy the poem from Year 6.

Mr Gould

#### Thanks Mrs McHugh – this poem is for you!

The time has come to say goodbye, And as your favourite, I take a giant sigh, You filled our days with joyful sound, And our knowledge grew on fertile ground, Always one of the first to arrive at school, So dedicated, so fun, so cool You made us safe and secure and filled us with praise You read us stories and we never lost gaze Our brains were filled with things you taught, You thrilled us all with the love you brought You saw the best in every one, Until our learning journey was done. You helped us grow - now big once small, And answered every question's call. You let us splash and make muddy mess, You cleaned our cuts and helped us dress.

Your leaving now but your spirit will stay
You taught us all in the Bruche School way
You taught us so much and the list would go on
To have a kind heart with everyone
You made adventures and to dream each chance we got
You cleaned up after us and wiped up our snot
You taught us to sing and how to rhyme
You uncovered our talents and gave us so much time
And now the time is all for you
As it's time for you to leave this school
There is no doubt how much you will be missed.
May your retirement fill you with complete bliss
The curtain is about to full down upon you.
We'll love you always Bruche's Mrs McCugh

#### **Diary Dates**

#### **Summer Term 1**

#### 22.04.2025 School Opens

23.04.2025 Tempest class photographs (EYFS Year 6)

24.94.2025 Year 2 Parent's Coffee Morning (straight from drop off)

30.04.2025 Year 3 and Year 5 Chester Zoo trip

**08.05.2025** Year 3 Parent's Coffee Morning (straight from drop off)

08.05.2025 Own clothes day (wear red, white, or blue) for VE day. No need to bring in £1

w/c 12.05.2025 KS2 SATs

16.05.2025 Year 4 trip to Liverpool World Museum

19.05.2025 Year 1 Trip to Chester Zoo

19.05.2025 - 21.05.2025 Scholastic Book Fair

20.05.2025 Tempest Year 6 photograph

22.05.2025 Year 4 Parent's Coffee Morning (straight from drop off)

23.05.2025 School closes for half term

#### **Summer Term 2**

**02.06.2025** School opens

06.06.2025 Own clothes day-bring a bottle (for the Summer Fair)

09.06.2025 Year 6 Road Safety Assembly
09.06.2025 Year 1 trip to Staircase House
10.06.2025 Year 3 Liverpool Museum

10.06.2025 Year 5/6 Wheelchair Rugby session

11.06.2025 Sports Day EYFS - Nursery - 9:15am - 10am 11.06.2025 Sports Day EYFS - Reception - 10am - 10:45am 11.06.2025 KS1/KS2 1.30

12.06.2025 Year 5 Parent's Coffee Morning (straight from drop off)
12.06.2025 EYFS - celebration for Father's Day @ 2pm Dads and doughnuts
13.06.2025 Own clothes day - bring sweets/ chocolate

18.06.2025 - 20.06.2025 Robinwood Year 6 21.06.2025 - Padgate Walking Day Sunday 22.06.2025 Bruche Summer Fair

25.06.2025 Super hero day! More details to follow
25.06.2025 Reception school trip to Smithills Farm
26.06.2025 Year 6 Parent's Coffee Morning (straight from drop off)
26.06.2025 Year 5 Jodrell Bank trip

W/C 07.07.2025 Bikability Year 6

07.07.2025 Transition to the new class — Reception to year 5
07.07.2025 Meet the Teacher drop in for parents at 3:30 — 4

15.07.2025 Amanda Wah Gladiators winner is visiting school — PTA funded
16.07.2025 Year 1 Special coffee afternoon

**18.07.2025** Year 6 Leavers Assembly at 9.15

18.07.2025 Year 6 visit to Lucy's Cafe for a milkshake – PTA funded
18.07.2025 School closes for summer

Abcd = Parents attendance Abcd = PTA events

Abcd =Addition/ Change to the dates

#### **Special Mentions**

**Nursery** – **All of the Nursery Class** – For your enthusiasm, dedication, determination and so many achievements both individually and collectively. For the recognition and support, you have shown one another and the lovely caring friendships you have formed.

You have been such a lovely class, well done to each and every one of you!

**Reception - Everyone** for having such an amazing year.

- **Year 1 All of Year 1** for such a brilliant year!
- Year 2 Millie Kindon for fantastic effort and behaviour all week.
- Year 3 The whole class for having such an amazing year and progressing so well!
- Year 4 All of Year 4 for being fantastic
- Year 5 Everyone for an amazing year in Year 5!
- **Year 6 George Ruck** for being a top-notch performance technician!

#### **Early Years News**

#### Nursery

What a fabulous year it has been, you have all added your own personal touch to so many wonderful memories and achievements that we have shared together.

This week we have celebrated the progress you have made not only in your learning but also in your own personal development. It has been so lovely to see how proud you have been of yourselves and each other as we have looked back on topics, activities and events.

Our final week has been one of excitement for the summer holidays but also one of sadness as we have shared in saying the warmest and fondest farewell to our very own, one in a million, Mrs. McHugh. We will all miss you so much but we wish you a very happy, relaxing and extremely well deserved early retirement.

We hope you all enjoy a safe and fun filled summer and we look forward to seeing you all again in September.

Our very best wishes and congratulations on such a fantastic year.

#### Mrs. Wallace, Mrs. McHugh and Mrs Bromwell

#### Reception

This week we have been talking about all the special memories we have had in Reception. We looked through our photo gallery and reminisced about everything we have done.

Some of our favourites were:

A visit from the police,

Santa's grotto,

Chinese New Year Celebrations,

Making kites,

Forest school,

Building boats and testing them in the water,

Going to the farm,

Watching our caterpillars turn into butterflies.

The children created a floral border using tissue paper and drew their favourite memory.

In Maths, the children have been helping to make number cards for the new reception children.

The children have also been doing some special jobs for Miss Kerrigan for their displays next year and they have all created a mini me.

Wishing you all a lovely Summer and don't forget us make sure you come and say hello in September.

### **Mrs Fairhurst and Miss Taylor**

#### **Key Stage 1 News**

#### Year 1

This week has been a very busy but creative week!

On Monday we completed some written activities including phonics and handwriting. We also took part in some practical maths, learning how we can measure different liquids and ended the day with our favourite thing, craft!

On Tuesday we had so much fun with a real life gladiator! Amanda Wah came into school and inspired us all with her journey on the Gladiators. She completed a fitness session with us and even gave us a signed picture of her! She was so cool! In class we designed our own obstacle courses making sure we included the travelator and we designed our own gladiator name and outfit. We had a brilliant day.

On Wednesday we got creative in the morning and we were lucky enough to watch the year 6 leaving assembly. In the afternoon we had our very own afternoon tea in the hall with our families and celebrated Miss Gooch. We sang her favourite song and gave her a flower each so she could make her own bouquet.

On Thursday we had a very creative day and took part in some more Maths activities. We investigated different units of meaure and did this practically and really enjoyed this. We looked at millilitres and litres, kilograms and grams, centimeters and metres.

On Friday it was our last day in Year 1. We cant believe how quick this year has gone. We played with our toys and enjoyed playing together all day.

Thank you so much for an amazing year.

#### Miss Kerrigan & Miss Gooch

#### Year 2

What a busy last week Year 2 has had!

We have finished our maths learning by looking at position and direction. We completed a range of problem-solving activities using positional language such as below, above, left and right. We then moved onto giving directions using the phrases quarter turn, half turn, three-quarter turn, clockwise and anticlockwise. We helped direct our friends to treasure we had hidden on our own treasure maps! Finally, we practised making patterns with 3D shapes.

In Geography we learnt how animals can live in different climates. We discovered that they have special adaptations that help them survive in the extreme hot or cold, and these can include differences in fur thickness, ear sizes and fur colouring.

Our RE learning focused on the importance of Shabbat in Judaism. We learnt how Jewish people celebrate their day of rest on Saturdays by praying and resting, before eating a special meal with their family.

On Tuesday we were very lucky to have a visit from Amanda Wah, winner of the Gladiators. We loved hearing her story of resilience and self-belief and really enjoyed playing different games and activities with her during our special PE session.

In DT this week we created our hand puppets. Using our designs from last week, we used a running stitch to sew two pieces of fabric together before decorating with felt, glitter glue and felt tips. We were very impressed with the children's perseverance when sewing and their creativity skills during decorating. Well done Year 2!

Thank you for all your support this year and have a lovely summer!

#### Miss Johnson and Mrs Floyd

### **Key Stage 2 News**

#### Year 3

We've been winding down in year 3 this week with lots of the children helping me sort my room out and doing super important jobs for me! However, we did spent the whole day on Wednesday making our sandwich for our DT topic on healthy eating. In the morning the children wrote their instructions out using imperative verbs and then followed them properly when they were making their sandwich. Everyone tries a small piece of the sandwich to help with their evaluation. All of them looked so good and the children worked so hard making them healthy, presentable and tasty!

I wish you all a wonderful summer holidays. Thank you for all your support this year, I have loved being apart of your childrens story!

#### **Mrs Hogan and Mrs Jones**

#### Year 4

This week has been a very busy week. We have been looking at what happened on that fateful day in August in 79ad when Pompeii was devastated by the vicious eruption of Mount Vesuvius. After working out lots about Boudicca we learnt about her life and why she is still important to the British today.

On Tuesday, we were very lucky to have a circuit training lesson from Amanda Wuh who was this years winner of the Gladiators for the women. She gave a brilliant assembly to the children on the importance of resilience and practise before putting them through their paces.

In Maths, we have been looking at how to identify angles before finishing the week looking at how to tell the time.

In English, we have learnt what Tranio and Livia's fate was as they escaped from Pompeii and we also came to the conclusion of Edward Tulane.

I am very sorry to see the children leave for the summer. I wish them a safe and happy holidays and all the best for year 5, we have had a lovely year together and I shall very much miss them.

#### **Mrs Shone**

#### Year 5

I cannot believe that we have concluded Year 5! What a year! I wish you all an amazing summer!

In maths, we have looked at reading timetables. We looked at a variety of train and bus timetables and answered questions about the time that we would need to hop on a bus/train from a certain place and how long the journey would be to another street.

In geography we researched fair trade. We looked at the logo which tells us that a product is fair trade and learnt the difference between a fairtrade and non-fairtrade item.

On Tuesday, we were incredibly lucky to have a visit from Amanda Wah - the very lady that defeated the Gladiators on the BBC TV show! She was extremely inspirational and put us to work in a fitness class.

We let out our creative side this week and experimented with using coffee to produce artwork. We created different shades of coffee by diluting the sachets with different amounts of water.

#### **Miss Ratcliffe**

#### Year 6

Year 6 – you have been an absolute delight to teach this year and you will all be sorely missed when we return in September. It's hard to believe this day has come!

It feels like just yesterday we were all settling into Year 6 and now you're ready to embark on a new and exciting chapter.

We're so incredibly proud of each and every one of you. You've shown so much growth, resilience, and kindness throughout the year and we've truly enjoyed being your teachers.

Remember all the hard work you've put in, the lessons you've learned, and the friendships you've made.

Don't be afraid to embrace the challenges that come your way in secondary school and keep up that resilience.

Come back and visit us when you can and know that you'll always be remembered fondly.

And most importantly, remember: kind thoughts, kind words and kind actions – always!

Good luck with whatever you decide is going to be your future and remember a class rock n roll poet once said – "You've got to make it happen and your destiny will keep you warm!"

Mr Gould and Mrs Blackledge

### Lunch Menu w/c 01.09.2025

## Week 1





## **BRUCHE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Term Dates 2024-2025

	Closing Date	Opening Date
Autumn		04.09.24
Autumn Half Term	<del>18.10.24</del>	04.11.24
Christmas	<del>20.12.24</del>	<del>06.01.25</del>
Spring Half Term	<del>14.02.25</del>	<del>24.02.25</del>
Easter	<del>11.04.25</del>	<del>22.04.25</del>
Bank Holidays (Good Friday and Easter Monday)	<del>18.04.25 and 21.04.25</del>	
Bank Holiday (May Day)	<del>05.05.25</del>	
Summer Half Term	<del>23.05.25</del>	<del>02.06.2025</del>
Summer	<del>18.07.25</del>	03.09.25

# **INSET** (Training days for staff – children not in school)

INSET 1	02.09.24
INSET 2	03.09.24
INSET 3	<del>27.06.25</del>
INSET 4	21.07.25
INSET 5	22.07.25

Holiday Dates		
October Half Term	<del>18.10.24 – 03.11.24</del>	
Christmas Holiday	<del>20.12.24 – 05.01.25</del>	
February Half Term	<del>14.02.25 – 23.02.25</del>	
Easter Holiday	<del>11.04.25 – 21.04.25</del>	
May Half Term (Whit)	<del>23.05.25 – 01.06.25</del>	
Summer Holiday	18.07.25- 03.09.25	



## **BRUCHE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Term Dates 2025-2026

	Closing Date	Opening Date
Autumn		03.09.25
Autumn Half Term	17.10.25	03.11.25
Christmas	19.12.25	05.01.26
Spring Half Term	13.02.26	23.02.26
Easter	02.04.26	13.04.26
Bank Holidays (Good Friday and Easter Monday)	03.04.26 and 06.04.26	
Bank Holiday (May Day)	04.05.26	
Summer Half Term	22.05.26	01.06.26
Summer	17.07.26	(TBC)

# **INSET** (Training days for staff – children not in school)

INSET 1	01.09.25
INSET 2	02.09.25
INSET 3	03.07.26
INSET 4	20.07.26
INSET 5	21.07.26

Holiday Dates		
October Half Term	20.10.25 - 31.10.25	
Christmas Holiday	22.12.25 – 02.01.26	
February Half Term	16.02.26 – 20.02.26	
Easter Holiday	03.04.26 - 10.04.26	
May Half Term (Whit)	25.05.26 – 29.05.26	
Summer Holiday	20.07.26 - TBC	

### **BRUCHE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Term Dates 2026-2027

	Closing Date	Opening Date
Autumn 2026		02.09.2026
Autumn Half Term	16.10.2025	02.11.2026
Christmas 2026	18.12.2026	04.01.2027
Spring Half Term 2026	12.02.2027	22.02.2027
Easter	25.03.2027	05.04.2027
Bank Holidays (Good Friday and Easter Monday)	26.03.2027 / 29.03.2027	
Bank Holiday (May Day)	03.05.2027	
Summer Half Term	28.05.2027	07.06.2027
Summer 2027	16.07.2027	(TBC)

# **INSET** (Training days for staff – children not in school)

INSET 1	01.09.2026
INSET 2	02.07.2027
INSET 3	19.07.2027
INSET 4	20.07.2027
INSET 5	21.07.2027

Holiday Dates		
October Half Term	19.10.2026 – 30.10.2026	
Christmas Holiday	21.12.2026 – 01.01.2027	
February Half Term	15.02.2026 – 19.02.2027	
Easter Holiday	26.03.2027 – 02.04.2027	
May Half Term (Whit)	31.05.2027 – 04.06.2027	
Summer Holiday	19.07.2027- TBC	



Music is a compulsory and important part of the National Curriculum. The national curriculum for music aims to ensure that all pupils: perform, listen to, review and evaluate music.

From September 2022 Early Notes Music Education will be able to offer support to students with small group and one to one instrumental tuition for the following...

Ukulele For KS1 & KS2 students

Guitar For KS2 students

Keyboard For KS1 & KS2 students (all students will learn to read notation)

Flute For KS2 students (all students will learn to read notation)

Recorder (all ranges) For KS2 students (all students will learn to read notation)

Violin For KS2 students (all students will learn to read notation)

Drum Kit For KS1 & KS2 students

Tuition prices start from £65 for 12 sessions, all lessons are held within school during lesson time. The 12 sessions will usually fit into a school term and lessons will be carried over should a term be less than 12 weeks.

For further information about Early Notes Music, details about specific instrumental lessons or to enroll for September, you can do this direct via our website <a href="https://www.earlynotesmusic.education">www.earlynotesmusic.education</a>

#### Right To Choose: letter from Miss Kerrigan

Dear Parent,

We are writing to inform you about an important option available to families seeking assessments for Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) or Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD): the NHS Right to Choose.

Under the NHS Constitution, all patients in England have the legal right to choose the provider for their first outpatient appointment, including assessments for neurodevelopmental conditions such as ADHD and ASD. This means that, instead of being limited to local NHS waiting lists (which can often be very long), you can request a referral to an alternative provider that may offer a much shorter waiting time.

#### What Is the Right to Choose?

Right to Choose allows you to select from a list of approved NHS providers in England, some of whom offer faster assessment pathways. These providers must be commissioned by the NHS and deliver services at no cost to you.

#### **How Do I Use Right to Choose?**

- 1. Visit your GP Request a referral for an ADHD or ASD assessment and state that you wish to use your Right to Choose.
- 2. Choose a provider You can research available providers who offer ADHD or ASD assessments via Right to Choose.
- 3. Ask for the referral Your GP must refer you directly to the chosen provider. They may need the provider's referral details, which can usually be found on the provider's website.
- 4. Wait to be contacted Once the referral is accepted, the provider will contact you to arrange an appointment.

#### **Shared Care Protocol**

Please note that if a diagnosis is made and medication is recommended as part of treatment (particularly for ADHD), the chosen provider may request that your GP participates in a 'shared care protocol'. This means the private or external provider remains responsible for the specialist oversight and recommendations, while your GP agrees to issue prescriptions and carry out routine monitoring. It is important to be aware that not all GPs may agree to this, so we advise discussing this with your GP before proceeding with the referral.

This route can only be used for first-time outpatient appointments (not follow-ups or second opinions) and your child must be registered with a GP in England for Right to Choose to apply.

If you would like further information, please don't hesitate to speak to our SENCo, Miss Kerrigan.

Yours sincerely, Miss H Kerrigan SENCo



