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Good Afternoon,

It has been a shorter week with the bank holiday and it is clear that the children have all come back refreshed, showing amazing eagerness and commitment to their work across all classes!

Year 6 are well into business mode now, as we prepare for our SATs examinations and key information regarding SATs Week can be found in the Year 6 section of the newsletter today.

We had a very successful safeguarding audit from the local authority this week and a big thank you goes to Mrs Charles for her hard work and commitment, ensuring the safety and well-being of all our children and stakeholders at Bruche.

With regards to safeguarding, please could I make a polite request that any parents/carers of our Nursery children, who collect at 11:45, please park on the main car park in front of the school? You can then walk down to collect your children from the EYFS entrance.

We are intending to take part in Padgate Walking Day this year, which is on Saturday 21st June. Further information will be sent out shortly by the office.

As we move into the warmer, summer weather, please can I remind everyone of our high expecations regarding uniform? For clarity, I have included a link to our uniform website page below:

https://www.brucheprimary.co.uk/parents/school-uniform/

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Best Wishes,

Mr Gould

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Diary Dates

Summer Term 1

22.04.2025 School Opens

23.04.2025 Tempest class photographs (EYFS-Year 6)

24.04.2025 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)

w/c 12.05.2025 KS2 SATs

20.05.2025 Tempest Year 6 photograph

19.05.2025 Year 1 Trip to Chester Zoo

19.05.2025 - 21.05.2025 Scholastic Book Fair

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

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 am, KS1/KS2 pm)

12.06.2025 Year 5 Parent's Coffee Morning (straight from drop off)

17.06.2025 Sports Day back up day (Nursery – Year 6)

18.06.2025 - 20.06.2025 Robinwood Year 6

Sunday 22.06.2025 Bruche Summer Fair

25.06.2025 Super hero day! More details to follow

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

18.07.2025 Year 6 Leavers Assembly

18.07.2025 School closes for summer

Abcd = parents attendance

Abcd = PTA events

Abcd =Addition/ Change to the dates





Monday 19th, Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st 3.30 – 4.00pm after school for parents

We are excited to be holding another Scholastic Book Fair after school on Monday 19th, Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st 3.30 – 4.00pm.

This is an opportunity for children to read and purchase high quality books starting at £2.99 to encourage and promote a love of reading. Payment can be made by both cash or via a QR code on the day. The more books that are sold, the more money the school receives for school reading books!

For those families who are unable to come after school on those days, the children will visit the fair during the school day and create a 'wish list' of books they like. This can then be taken home with the QR code on so if you wish to purchase those books at home, it can be done so this way. We just request that those wish lists are returned to the school office by Thursday 22nd May so that we know which books have been paid for.

Children will also be taking part in a bookmark design competition during the school day and five winners will receive a £5 book voucher to spend at the Book Fair!

Special Mentions

Nursery – Zayden McMutrie-Scott has demonstrated a lovely understanding of the different parts of a flower this week. He was able to put his flower jigsaw back together to show the correct position of the roots, stem, leaves and flower. He was also able to describe what the roots do for the flower. Well Done Zayden!

Reception - Myla Bridgeman for having a lovely smile coming into school and for creating some beautiful art work.

- Year 1 All of Year 1 for making fantastic progress in phonics! I am so proud of you all!
- Year 2 Evelyn Roberts for her engagement and participation in all of our lessons this week
- Year 3 Hazel Chow for producing amazing work this first week back!
- **Year 4 Scarlett Taylor** for her excellent effort on her times tables
- Year 5 Stuart Greenfield for an amazing first week back!

Year 6 – Isaac Ip, Isla Pennington, Kyle Dobson and Areen Sheli for being great team players.

PE - Heather Tyer For her effort and enthusiasm.

Early Years News

Nursery

It has been so lovely to see you all this week after our Easter break.

The children have been sharing some lovely news about places they have been and activities they have done and have drawn some lovely pictures to show this.

We have been learning all about the different parts of a flower and the children have been completing flower jigsaws on paper and on large foam bricks to show the correct positioning of the roots, stem, leaves and the flower. They have also been creating button collages of flowers, drawing and labelling flowers and matching the correct number of flowers to each numbered plant pot.

In maths we have also been sorting and matching objects to the correct 3D solid shape as well as thinking about which 3D solids we might need to make out own junk models. The children have made some fantastic buses, robots, fairy houses and castles.

Next week we will be introducing the book Jasper's Beanstalk and the children will be planting their own magic beans as well as learning all about what plants need to grow. What a lovely first week back.

Have a lovely weekend, well done Nursery.

Mrs Wallace

Reception

This week we received a letter from Mr Grant asking us to add some colour to our school garden and plant some seeds in pots. We have been writing a list of all the things we need to be able to plant some sunflowers. Mr Grant also told us about his favourite book the Extraordinary Gardener. We drew pictures and wrote sentences to tell him which part of the book we liked too. We then read a non-fiction book called plant to seed to learn more facts about plants. We couldn't believe that our clothes can be made from cotton plants.

In Maths we have been learning about capacity, filling different sized pots using the vocabulary full, half full and empty. We also started to count the scoops to see how many scoops it took to fill the pots up.

In the creative area the children have been creating sunflower collages. They are absolutely beautiful and they are looking amazing on our wow wall.

The children have also loved our painting easel creating some of the most beautiful flowers and rainbows and butterflies.

In our phonics area the children have been reading labels for parts of a plant and attaching them to our sunflower.

A short but extremely busy week and we are looking forward to planting our seeds next week,

Mrs Fairhurst and Miss Taylor

Key Stage 1 News

Year 1

Welcome back everyone!

This week Year 1 have settled right back in class and took part in many creative and challenging activities.

In Maths we have looked at different numbers up to 50 and represented them in different ways. The whole class was confident to identify how many tens and ones are in a particular number and represent them in a part whole model. We are now confident showing how to partition a number into tens and ones and show the expanded form. Later on in the week we looked at different number lines. We filled in missing numbers, we found one more and

one less and even ten more and ten less. We placed lots of two digit numbers on a blank number line too!

In Writing, we reminded ourselves of the features of a postcard. We were surprised to receive a postcard from Beegu our friendly alien! We put ourselves in Beegu's position and discussed how he must have felt when his spaceship crashed. We shared our ideas and then wrote our own postcards back to Beegu's parents explaining his adventures here at Bruche.

In Science, we named lots of different animals and noticed that they all have things in common. We commented on their differences and realised we can put the animals into groups. We took part in an activity to classify the animals. We now know the following animal groups: Reptiles, fish, insects, Arachnids, Amphibians, Mammals. We are looking forward to finding out more!

In Geography, we looked at how to Recycle. We discussed how we can recycle different materials and objects and what they could potentially be remade into and used for. We took part in a sorting activity and really enjoyed this!

Miss Kerrigan

Year 2

Year 2 have had a fantastic first week back!

This week in Maths we have been exploring the link between multiplication and division. We have been working hard writing two multiplications and two divisions for a variety of arrays and fact triangles. We have also continued learning our 2,5, and 10 times tables and are becoming very confident with them!

For English, we have begun our new term by looking at suffixes. We learnt that we can change verbs into nouns by adding the suffix -er. We also took the time to go back and edit our recount from last term, making sure our tenses were consistent and our punctuation was used correctly.

In Computing we have been learning about pictograms. We discussed how pictograms can show information and had a go at interpreting some before making our own. First, we created a tally chart of our classmate's favourite fruit. We then went on the iPads and created a pictogram to represent this information.

In Science, we have continued our learning on microhabitats. We thought back to our minibeast and microhabitat walk before half term and discussed why the animals we found choose to live in certain habitats. We learnt that animals chose habitats for their food and water sources and the shelter they offer. We also discovered that animals and plants depend on each other in a habitat.

As part of our RE learning we reordered some images to retell the story of a Muslim going to prayer. We wrote sentences to explain each stage, including how Muslims visit the mosque,

remove their shoes and perform Wudu. We also explained how their prayer mats face Mecca, and that when they pray, they are showing respect and commitment to Allah.

We were very excited in DT to discover that we will be making berry banana splits! First, we looked at images of berry banana splits and thought about the different ingredients we could see and whether they were healthy or not. We then designed our own berry banana split, thinking about the different equipment we will need to use and the ingredients we would like to include. We can't wait to make them soon!

HomeworkFor our spelling homework this week we are practising some Year 2 common exception words that end in y. Our English homework focuses on comprehension questions whilst our maths homework revisits addition.

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Johnson & Mrs Floyd

Key Stage 2 News

Year 3

In English this week, we have looked at using subordinating conjunctions to create subordinating clauses, that we could use in our adventure story. We also relooked at adding inverted commas to speech and had a go at writing our own dialogue.

In maths we have moved onto our money topic. We have identified the UK coins and notes and have started to investigate totalling amounts together.

In science, we looked at the three different kinds of skeleton: hydrostatic skeletons, endoskeleton and exoskeletons. We looked at what these all mean and identified animals with each.

In history we started our new topic, Ancient Civilisations. We discussed the names of the civilisations we're looking at (Ancient Egypt, Indus Valley, Shang Dynasty and Ancient Sumer), and we placed them on a timeline. We learned that Ancient Egypt was the longest civilisation out of the four.

In geography we had a big recap on our topic of The UK and It's Regions and we reminded ourselves what a county is, what resources are, what regions are and what region/county we live in.

Homework:

LBQ Reading Plus TT Rockstars

Mrs Hogan

Year 4

For the first week back Year 4 have been starting lots of new topics,

In Maths, we have started to look at fractions, we reminded ourselves what fractions are. We thought about denominators and numerators are and the difference between unit and non-unit fractions. We then moved on to looking at the wholes and what makes a whole before looking at fractions on number lines.

In English, we have started our new literacy topic on The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane (which is Mrs Shone's favourite book). We have used our prediction and inference skills to try and work out what we can work out about the book from the front cover and the blurb. We have then been introduced to Edward and we have created roles on the wall about his appearance and personality.

In Geography, we have been retrieving our knowledge about Europe and continuing our current topic about Earthquakes.

Homework LBQ Reading Plus TT Rockstars

Mrs Shone

Year 5

This week in Year 5, we have multiplying fractions by whole numbers and mixed numbers. We had to multiply the numerator in our fraction first and then see if we were left with an improper fraction. Some of us challenged ourselves in changing the improper fraction to a mixed number!

In writing, we read a biography about Neil Armstrong, we linked back to our Year 2 knowledge to explain why he was an important figure in history. We will be writing a biography about another astronaut very soon. We also looked at photographs and illustrations from our new book 'The Darkest Dark' to predict what the story might be about.

In geography, we looked at the Ring of Fire - a string of volcanoes and earthquake sites around the Pacific Ocean. We looked at how the ring lies on the boundaries of the tectonic plates and used our knowledge from Year 4 to recall how plate boundaries cause volcano eruptions and earthquakes.

Finally, for our science topic, we examined a globe and looked at why it was tilted. We learnt that the Earth is on an axis and slightly tilted - we learnt how this was the reason behind our seasons as at some points in the year we are tilted towards the sun (e.g. Summer) and others we are tilted away (e.g. Winter). We learnt that the longest day of the year is called the summer solstice, whereas the shortest is the winter solstice.

Miss Ratcliffe

Year 6

In History and English, Year 6 have been preparing to write a balanced argument about whether or not the USA should have dropped nuclear bombs on Japan to bring an end to WW2.

In preparation for this, they have linked together related main clauses using colons, semicolons and dashes; they have also been creating statements and related questions to use in their introductions, so that they engage their reader.

In Maths, the children have been practising generating Nth term expressions to find any number in a linear sequence. They have also been substituting numbers into equations to solve problems and have been converting from miles to kilometres and vice versa.

In Science, we have been retrieving a variety of information from our learning in Year 6 and across KS2.

We have been carrying out a variety of mental arithmetic and reasoning practice sessions also this week in Maths.

Year 6 also got their first taste of Forest School this week with Mr Cooney, where they began to investigate minibeasts.

Reminder - Key Information for SATs week:

Below is a timetable of the exams for your reference:

Monday, May 12th: English Grammar, Punctuation, and Spelling papers

Tuesday, May 13th: English Reading.

Wednesday, May 14th: Mathematics Paper 1 (Arithmetic) and 2 (Reasoning).

Thursday, May 15th: Mathematics Paper 3 (Reasoning).

On the exam days, we invite the children to come and have a snack with us before the start of the day, which school will provide. We then do some revision, before starting the tests for that day.

Please could you ensure that your child arrives at school at 8:30 from Monday 12th May for the 4 days of the SATs exams? The children can come through the office entrance from Monday through to the Thursday.

On the Friday of SATs week, we will be having a celebration party day, where the children can watch a movie, play sports and do art and craft activities; Mr Cooney is also currently organising a number of competitive sporting activities for the children to look forward to over the coming months.

In the meantime, please can you ensure that your child completes all the homework set to be as prepared as possible?

Homework this week will be:

LBQ lessons in Maths and Grammar

Times Table Rockstars - with a focus on the 6,7,8,9 and 12 times tables

Mr Gould and Mrs Blackledge

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All of our KS2 activities have been based around attacking principles within invasion games, this is a difficult skill as it requires spatial awareness and control when moving with a ball. The skill of attacking has the same key principles across all of the invasion games this has enabled children access a number of sports.

In KS1 we have been working on finding space whilst dribbling or carrying a ball, this is used as an initial link to different sports that the children will experience over the course of the year.

Mr Cooney

<u>Lunch Menu w/c 28/04/2025</u> <u>Week 2</u>





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Term Dates 2024-2025

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

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

INSET 1	02.09.24
INSET 2	03.09.24
INSET 3	27.06.25
INSET 4	21.07.25
INSET 5	22.07.25

Holiday Dates		
October Half Term	18.10.24 – 03.11.24	
Christmas Holiday	20.12.24 – 05.01.25	
February Half Term	14.02.25 – 23.02.25	
Easter Holiday	11.04.25 – 21.04.25	
May Half Term (Whit)	23.05.25 – 01.06.25	
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	



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 www.earlynotesmusic.education



APRIL 28 & 29

16:00 - 18:00

Mental Health and Wellbeing Event 2025 is for anyone who wants to learn more about mental health, what support is available in Warrington and how to look after their wellbeing.

There will be stalls with a variety of organisations including CAMHS, BabyZone, Creative Remedies, The Living Well Hub and so many more.

Mindfulness activities will be available to try out on both evenings.

We hope to see you there!

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